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## **Bunbury Fringe Turns 10: A Massive Birthday Festival Kicks Off This Friday**

Bunbury Fringe Festival bursts into its 10th birthday celebrations this Friday, marking a decade of bold, brilliant, and delightfully unpredictable arts in the South West.

Running 23–31 January 2026, this milestone year promises one of the festival's biggest and most vibrant programs yet, transforming the Bunbury CBD into a buzzing playground of theatre, music, dance, comedy, circus, poetry and more.

To honour the anniversary, Bunbury Fringe is throwing an extra-special Opening Night Birthday Party.

Hosted by Fringe icon Famous Sharron, the celebration will feature live music, party games, giveaways, and a one-time-only reunion of the iconic band Marmalade Mama, performing together for the first time since 2018. This rare performance is expected to be a festival highlight and possibly the band's final appearance.

Adding to the festivities, the festival will unveil Bunbury's first, on-trend vinyl listening lounge, curated and led by DJ Charlie Bucket, bringing a nostalgic, soulful soundtrack to the Alcoa Big Top alongside aerial performances overhead.

The 10th anniversary program is stacked with acclaimed new works, returning favourites, and standout performances from celebrated Australian and International artists. Festival highlights include:

- **Skinny** — cabaret powerhouse Michelle Pearson's newest work
- **Mayakeniny with Maatakitj** — a stirring Noongar-led cultural experience
- **ORPHEUS** — the latest creation from internationally acclaimed storytellers Wright & Grainger
- **Smile: The Story of Charlie Chaplin** — a dazzling one-man homage to the silent film legend
- **You & I by Casus Creations** — an intimate, high-flying celebration of queer love
- **YUCK Circus: Naughties** — a throwback acrobatic riot celebrating all things Y2K

Media outlets are invited to arrange interviews with featured artists or the Festival Director. The full program is live at [www.bunburyfringe.com](http://www.bunburyfringe.com), with tickets selling fast.

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