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The first ever Queer Folk Festival in the southern hemisphere wraps up Brisbane Pride Festival 2012. The Forbidden Fruits Queer Folk Festival is an inaugural event this September and is the only all-inclusive event of its kind.

A Brisbane based collective, made up of active members and veterans of the queer community have come together to create this multi-faceted festival. The four-day event will run from the 28th September to the 1st October at a lakeside location in Coominya, one hour west of Brisbane City. The long weekend will showcase an array of South East Queensland's bands, DJs and performers, as well as special guest artists from across the country. The festival will also play host to family-friendly activities, open mics and discussion forums to encourage, celebrate and bring solidarity to a far-reaching and diverse community.

Brisbane Pride Festival highlights the active and accepting community South East Queenslanders are able to experience and participate in. The creators of The Forbidden Fruits Queer Folk Festival, wanted to keep the momentum of all this positive action moving forward and thus set about creating an all-inclusive event that would be queer-friendly, family-friendly and welcoming to all.

A founding member of Angel Heart, the collective charged with producing Forbidden Fruits, had this to say when asked what inspired her to put on the festival:

"It's always been a dream of mine to create something as meaningful as this. A moment in time where we can celebrate all aspects of what being a real person is. People don't just fit into little pigeonholes or categories; I'm a woman, I'm queer, I'm a humanitarian, I'm an equal rights advocate, I have Indigenous heritage, and I'm a lesbian. But I'm also a person, with friends and family and people who love me and I love back. I think the fact that we're all a combination of so many things is what makes us all unique, and that's what this festival is all about."

Another host of the event will be Tricky BoomBang, noted drag king, winner of the 6th annual kings ball of 2009 and star of his very own Wicked Camper Van. Tricky will be hosting the SpeakEasy Salon which will be showcasing Burlesque Performances, midnight movies and open mic sessions for anyone has something to share.

The main stage will have live music throughout the day and special evening shows. Saturday night is dedicated to the Glow Ball and Sunday, the Fire Ball. Both evenings are outdoor dance events with live performances and BYO alcohol.

The ticket price includes camping but there are also a limited number of cabins available to book and a special deal with Wicked Campers for those attending the festival. Further information about the acts, performances and ticket outlets can be found at [Forbidden Fruits Folk Festival Events Page](#).

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