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## FIRST LOOK AT UPCOMING FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

### PJ Harvey and Hania Rani announced as first two artists for Perth Festival 2025



*PJ Harvey (credit Steve Gullick) and Hania Rani (credit Martyna Galla)*

**Perth Festival Artistic Director, Anna Reece** shares a teaser of her first program, revealing two international music artists ahead of the full program announcement on **Wednesday 6 November**.

UK's undisputed queen of cool, **PJ Harvey** will kick off her Australian national tour in Perth, performing for one night only at Kings Park & Botanic Garden on **Tuesday 4 March**, whilst Polish pianist and composer, **Hania Rani** is set to bring her atmospheric compositions to Walyalup | Fremantle Arts Centre on **Sunday 23 February**.

Tickets for both shows **go on sale today**, alongside the popular 2025 Festival Club membership. For \$49 a year, members can enjoy priority booking to secure the best seats, up to 15% off tickets, and exclusive access to behind-the-scenes events.

Perth Festival Artistic Director Anna Reece said: "I am so thrilled to offer this sneak peek into the Festival program and announce two absolute powerhouse women in music as a part of our 2025 lineup.

We know she rarely tours so to have PJ Harvey stop off first in Perth is a dream come true. An undeniable rockstar, poet and performer, her artistry transcends music. A night out and under the stars with PJ Harvey within the stunning setting of Kings Park is core to what this festival is about – bold, transformative and euphoric experiences that could only happen here.

An evening at Fremantle Arts Centre with Hania Rani will be completely mesmerising. As a pianist she blurs the lines between ambient, classic and house music, with dramatic waves of sounds that will leave you captivated."

Fresh from a string of headline performances at 2024 European summer festivals and a major tour of the US, **PJ Harvey** brings her five-star reviewed show to Perth. Prepare to be spellbound, as the UK's reigning alternative queen rarely tours — but when she does, it's an unmissable experience.

More than a typical music gig, PJ Harvey's show offers a theatrical performance filled with meticulously crafted, gorgeously intricate, and jaw-droppingly intimate alt-rock songs. Audiences can expect to hear tracks from PJ's Grammy-nominated tenth studio album, *I Inside the Old Year Dying*, alongside hits from her extensive back catalogue. An evening with the iconic PJ Harvey promises to be personal and euphoric—a true showcase of musical experimentation and artistic authenticity.

As one of the world's most transcendent modern pianists, **Hania Rani** is best known for her contemporary classical compositions, sound installations, and award-winning film scores. Conservatory trained, she brings a unique blend of classical elegance and modern influences that continue to radically transform tradition.

Captivating audiences with her enchanting and ethereal sound, Rani effortlessly blurs the lines between ambient, minimalism, and house, layering rhythmic pulses, ripples of piano, cascading melodies, and her delicate voice. Regularly performing in concert halls across Europe, Rani's mesmerising live performances have gained her recognition world-wide, including her highly streamed 2022 performance at Les Invalides in Paris (garnering over six million views) and January's compelling performance on NPR's Tiny Desk Concert.

Tickets are on sale on today via [perthfestival.com.au](http://perthfestival.com.au).

**WHAT:** PJ Harvey

**WHEN:** Tue 4 Mar, 5pm gates open

**WHERE:** Kings Park & Botanic Garden / Kaata Koomba / Perth CBD

**WHAT:** Hania Rani

**WHEN:** Sun 23 Feb, 6pm gates open, 8pm performance

**WHERE:** Walyalup | Fremantle Arts Centre

The full 2025 Perth Festival program will be announced on Wednesday 6 November with tickets on sale on Monday 11 November.

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