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Press Release: German Cultural Day returns to Woollahra on Saturday 18 October 2025, 1-9pm

– for immediate release –

The German Cultural Day is back, and this year, it happens in springtime! Join us for this free-entry, family-friendly community festival celebrating German culture in all its diversity: a vibrant mix of food, drinks, music, language, information, and activities for kids. A whole day of fun and learning, encounters and conversations brought to you by the Goethe-Institut and a wide variety of top-class German institutions and companies – proudly supported by Woollahra Municipal Council.

“I am looking forward to the German Cultural Day! It’s always such a fun event with great music, delicious food and drinks and activities. Woollahra Council is once again proud to be supporting this event and the Goethe-Institut as it opens its doors for a family-friendly celebration of German culture and language,” **Councillor Sarah Dixon, Mayor of Woollahra**, said. “We are excited to once again meet our friends, neighbours and the whole community to share German culture, food and hospitality and celebrate the many connections that link our two countries,” added **Christoph Mücher, director, Goethe-Institut Australia**.

Festival highlights include:

A roaming performance from **larger-than-life brass collective** *Hot Potato Band* will transform the whole festival area into an exhilarating dance party. Come early to witness this multi-headed brass bash!

Having just returned from Berlin, **electronic heavyweight** *Deepchild* will bring the evening to a close with a bouncy set showing why a Sydney artist gets booked to play at Berghain and Tresor, as well as in Detroit and Tokyo.

Innovative songwriter *Brian Campeau* will demonstrate why a Canadian who lives in Melbourne integrates traditional **yodelling** vocal techniques into his original **indie-pop** songs.

A special **classical music segment** will focus on promising young artists: violinist Violeta Shopova’s trio will play works by Clara Schumann, and Opera Australia hand-picked Chelsea Burns and Lachlann Lawton to sing a *lieder* program.

Bilingual festival favourites *The Beez* will present their German-Australian smorgasbord of biting satirical, eminently danceable and creative songs – a sublime pastiche of music and comedy.

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Fluxus-inspired **DJ and entertainer** *Peter Bäcker* will play a rapid-fire sequence of 1980s bangers, not shying away from Neue Deutsche Welle hits and even a Schlager here or there – better get ready to sing along!

For SBS radio German, Benjamin Kanthak will present his *Lauschzeit* radio program, featuring a **live-to-air broadcast** of the latest popular music from Germany, ranging from indie-rock to hip hop and everything in between.

And as if that's not enough, we will have a **bouncing castle**, a major **raffle**, a breathtaking **fire performance**, eco-friendly **face-painting**, a **children's choir**, a **table-tennis room**, wild **trivia sessions**, fun German **lessons** and a **VR experience** with our language teachers, a **book and craft** corner by Woollahra Council Library... and lots and lots of **FOOD AND DRINK**.

Market stalls will include Berliner Bakery, Berlin Food Bunker, Beste Beer Bar, Cult Hero Designs, Dippin' Dots, German Grill Haus, Knuckles2you, Master Gozleme, Organic Bread Bar, Pop's Cornshack, Taste Drinks, That Ginger Place, Tornado Potatoes, Volkswurst, Wine Window, Wish Toys, and more.

The Festival brings together a **wide variety of top-class German companies and institutions**: The German Consulate General, the German-Australian Chamber of Commerce, DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), German International School (GISS), Friends of Goethe, German-Australian Business Women Association, Beiersdorf, Jungheinrich, Macquarie University, Melitta, SBS German, NSW School of Languages, University of NSW, University of Sydney, Froebel Kindergarten, Wilkhahn, Zeiss and more.

Presented by the Goethe-Institut with support from Woollahra Municipal Council.

- Date: **Saturday, 18th of October 2025**
- Time: **1 pm – 9 pm**
- Address: **Goethe-Institut, 90 Ocean Street, Woollahra NSW 2025**
- Entry: **Free, all welcome**
- Info: **goethe.de/germanday**

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