



**THE STAR**  
GOLD COAST

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### **THE STAR GOLD COAST CALLS IN MUSIC LEGENDS FOR NIGHT OF ROCK THIS AUSTRALIA DAY EVE**

The Star Gold Coast is bringing a legendary line-up of Aussie music icons to The Theatre stage this Australia Day Eve for a stellar night of rock and reminiscing that celebrates the hits of the 70's and 80's era.

Famed rock band Dragon will headline the Friday January 25 show along with Brian Mannix from Uncanny X-Men, Kids in the Kitchen's Scott Carne and Dale Ryder from Boom Crash Opera.

The first set of the evening will see Mannix, Carne and Ryder join forces to warm up the audience, performing smash hits from their respective bands before Dragon takes over the stage.

The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland, Geoff Hogg, says securing four idols of the Australian music scene for one jam-packed night promises to take guests on a trip down memory lane as they escape to the iconic sounds of the 70's and 80's.

"We have seen an impressive host of acclaimed performers from across the globe take to The Theatre stage since its state-of-the-art revamp, but there's something extra special about welcoming homegrown talent to the space to celebrate the Australia Day weekend," Mr Hogg said.

"The concert will round out a fantastic line-up of celebrations, events and entertainment we have planned for guests over the December / January period, to soak up all the sun and fun of the holiday season, as we gear up for our biggest summer on record."

After forming more than 40 years ago fronted by the legendary Mark Williams and selling more than 2 million albums, rock band Dragon has returned for its third stint together, sounding better than ever.

Inducted into the Australian Hall Of Fame in 2008, Dragon is famed for anthems like *April Sun In Cuba*, *Are You Old Enough*, *Rain*, *Speak No Evil*, *Young Years*, *This Time*, *Sunshine*, *Celebrate* and *Dreams of Ordinary Men*.

The Theatre dancefloor will open up to the audience as 70's chart-topping Dragon will rock its way through a set list of iconic tunes that form part of the national estate.

Dragon's new live show evolves from an intimate beginning to a spirited, electric finale, mashing up 30 years of Australasian music history into one contemporary sound, undoubtedly doing justice to an impressive collection of timeless songs.

While extroverted front-man Brian Mannix is former lead singer of Uncanny X-Men, one of Australia's most popular 80's rock bands with hits *The Party*, *50 Years*, *How Do You Get Your Kicks*, *Still Waiting* and *Everybody Wants to Work*.



Mannix is famed for his cheeky, funny and energetic stage presence, recently starring in *We Will Rock You* on stage and writing and directing projects such as *Countdown - A Musical Comedy*.

Scott Carne has been entertaining audiences for more than three decades, best known as lead singer of Kids in the Kitchen that stood squarely within the New Romantic movement that dominated mid-1980s pop.

The band's Platinum-selling debut album *Shine* yielded five Top 10 singles, including *Current Stand*, *Something That You Said*, *Change in Mood* and *Bitter Desire*.

Best known for his ability to get the crowd in the palm of his hands, Dale Ryder was lead singer of Australian rock band Boom Crash Opera for more than a decade, famous for tunes such as *Great Wall*, *Onion Skin* and *Dancing in the Storm*.

Reaching No. 5 on the ARIA Chart with debut single *Great Wall*, the album went Gold with their second album spending more than 12 months in the Top 40 with a string of Top 10 Singles.

Tickets to the Australia Day Eve Concert are available now for \$69.90 and can be purchased through Ticketek at [ticketek.com.au](http://ticketek.com.au), on 07 5592 8303 or from The Star Gold Coast Box Office.

**Date:** Friday 25 January, 2019

**Time:** Doors open at 7pm; show starts at 8pm

**Venue:** The Theatre, The Star Gold Coast

**Price:** Tickets are \$69.90 per person. Purchase via [ticketek.com.au](http://ticketek.com.au), 07 5592 8303 or from the Box Office.

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## **ABOUT THE STAR GOLD COAST**

Eleven food and beverage offerings, 596 refurbished hotel rooms and a luxury poolside experience are among the already completed elements of The Star Gold Coast's redevelopment project, with new luxury suite hotel The Darling and rooftop venue Nineteen at The Star forming the centrepiece, which opened in late March 2018.

The Star Gold Coast has recently broken ground on its new development, a \$400 million mixed-use hotel and residential tower, which will see the internationally acclaimed Dorsett hotel brand introduced to Australia in 2022.

Additional food and beverage experiences will also feature in the next phase of the iconic property's transformation, further cementing its status as a world-class integrated resort.

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