

Friends of Pedro **World Party Groove Band**

Performance summary

Friends of Pedro are an innovative group of musicians specialising in vibrant, exotic party rhythms. Since 2003, *Friends of Pedro* have received critical acclaim for performances at various regional festivals and venues around Mackay. The group are influenced by musical styles from across the globe, with vocal harmony, Spanish guitar, bass and various percussion instruments, this innovative band have created a repertoire bursting with world music flavours.

Friends of Pedro performances move through delicious vocal and finely crafted instrumentals to funky dance grooves with an array of styles in between. Influenced by Latin, funk and flamenco, *Friends of Pedro* play music from Brazil, Cuba, Spain, Mexico and French Arabic and African countries and have a wide selection of well known dance favourites.

Performance details

Friends of Pedro create an atmosphere which is both intimate and animated as they perform an eclectic variety of musical styles from around the globe. The band is dedicated to showcasing and sharing with audiences their diverse repertoire as a world music band with a mix of Latin, Cuban and Gypsy rhythms. *Friends of Pedro* performances are always interesting as well as engaging so whether you're up for a dance or want to relax and listen, their repertoire is sure to cater for your tastes.

Locally, *Friends of Pedro* are able to be booked from a solo act through to a 5 piece. For the purposes of the Queensland Arts Council Creative In Communities Program *Friends of Pedro* are offering themselves in trio format. If a community is interested in hiring the artists in 4 or 5 piece format it would be a matter of discussing performance options with the artists directly.

The members of *Friends of Pedro - In Trio* come from a variety of musical backgrounds which blend well together with Glenn Gospel, a creative and talented multi-instrumentalist who provides the foundation for the band. He is complemented by Fiona Bishop on bass and vocals, together with Matthew Bloor on percussion completing the lineup.

Suitable for

Adults, families, secondary school students, community events, festivals, multicultural exchange events, Latin, Flamenco and world music enthusiasts.

Length

Friends of Pedro perform from 1 to 3 sets of up to 45 minutes each alternated with a 15 minute break.

Fact Sheet

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| Bump-in | 1 hour |
| Performance | 45mins |
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| Bump-out | 1 hour |

Venue requirements

Space requirements for performance 6m x 4m (approx)

Audience seating: Suited to smaller venues with an intimate setting or concert style for larger community events. Cabaret style, relaxed atmosphere. Please discuss style of event with the artists directly.

Number of people in touring party 3

Cost \$ 800 performance
Travel costs, accommodation & living away from home allowance LAHA is on top of the performance fee.

Home Base Mackay

Contact Fiona Bishop
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Travel Requirements

Vehicle If the travel distance requires a hire vehicle, a Tarago will need to be booked and provided by the client

Accommodation 3 x single rooms

Equipment *Friends of Pedro are self sufficient if travelling by road
If air travel is required then equipment which will need to be provided is as follows:*

Sound equipment
PA head with at least 2 x DI inputs plus 4 to 5 mic inputs
2 x DI's – for one guitar and one bass guitar
2 vocal mics
2 percussion mics - for congas and cahoun
1 x instrument mic – Spanish flamenco guitar
Mic stands to match mics
1x music stand
1 x bass amp for fold back
2 x front of house speakers
1 x foldback speaker
Equipment venue needs to provide
Power
3 x stools
2 x small tables for percussion and PA head