



# Camden Haven Music Festival

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### **Two Exciting Cabaret Shows next Month**

In an exciting extension into cabaret-type shows, this year's Camden Haven Music Festival program includes two very different and highly nostalgic shows, in the final weekend of the ten-day festival.

For great entertainment with music and laughter, you can't go past "The Carpenters from Kempsey", at the Laurieton United Servicemen's Club on Friday 2 May.

If you loved The Carpenters music of the 1970's, you can take a nostalgic and hilarious ride back in time with Sharon and Darren Carpenter, who realise their likeness to those other famous Carpenters. Longing to get off the farm outside Kempsey, when they sing they pay homage to the beautiful sounds of *Close To You*, *Yesterday Once More*, *Ticket to Ride*, *Top Of The World*, *There's a Kind Of Hush*, and all those other wonderful Carpenters hits.

"The Carpenters from Kempsey" are Darren Mapes, who plays Darren Carpenter and helps to write the script. Mapes is a graduate of the University of New England with a Performance Major in his BA degree. Sharon Carpenter is played by Lisa Adam, who is co-script writer with Darren and a graduate of West Australian Academy of Performing Arts, and their director is Linda Nagle, an established performer and writer with extensive theatre credits to her name.

"With the musical talent to do justice to the sounds of the original Carpenters, and the banter and lightning fast rapport between the performers, this show has a biting incisiveness that you will appreciate, and you can enjoy a great sing-along" as well, says Festival Coordinator Alvena Ferguson.

Just returned from the Adelaide Festival, Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen blur the boundaries of theatre, cabaret and concert, in an unusual theatrical experience, not for the faint-hearted.

They are a quintet of guitar, accordion, double bass, violin and clarinet, in which each brings his own unique flavour to the mix. Together The Gentlemen all openly and willingly support their front man, Mikelangelo's formidable persona, Mikel Simic.

Bound by strong musicianship and a genuine sense of improvisation, the Gentlemen radiate a lust for life. From the moment they enter the stage to the final encore there is a striking sense of humanity, and a liveliness of gypsy music with generous lashing of silliness. The Mikelangelo show is the product of a unique arts production company, formed around the burning desire to push ideas and to create art of substantial and lasting worth. Based in Tasmania, they tour shows nationally and internationally, their success reflected in the

positive public, critical and industry appraisal of their creative output, and in their ability to foster genuine debate about art and ideas.

Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen are appearing at the North Haven Bowling Club on Saturday 3 May. You can buy a package ticket to these two stunning cabaret experiences, entering into the exciting atmosphere of a very different Camden Haven Music Festival. Tickets are on sale now, order forms and brochures are available in visitor centres, galleries and libraries, or download from the website [www.chmf.org.au](http://www.chmf.org.au). Enquiries to the Coordinator on 02 6556.9622 or [chmf@tsn.cc](mailto:chmf@tsn.cc)

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