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New music event showcases young, diverse sounds

Culture Waves will see a killer line-up of young artists from diverse backgrounds perform at Federation Square on Saturday 25 March from 7:00 pm.

The free Cultural Diversity Week event will feature charismatic hip hop wordsmith REMI emotive electronic artist Yeo, and the fusion blend of Billy Davis and the Good Lords.

One of the fastest-rising hip hop acts in Australia, REMI will get the crowd into a frenzy with his honest and progressive rhymes alongside musical collaborator Sensible J.

Electronic artist and impressive multi-instrumentalist Yeo will serve up a mix of sounds from upbeat and eclectic to deep and emotive..

Kicking off the night is keyboardist and composer Billy Davis with the Good Lords who will jam out his blend of hip hop, jazz, funk, gospel, R&B, piano and Rhodes.

These soulful acts will be supported by spoken word artist and passionate member of the Sikh community, Sukhjit Kaur Kalsa, who will keep the crowd hyped as MC.

Culture Waves exclusively showcases young artists from diverse backgrounds to close Victoria's Multicultural Festival, the major music festival of Cultural Diversity Week.

This alcohol-free event promises to transform Federation Square with fresh sounds to celebrate what diversity has done for local music.

Culture Waves

Saturday 25 March, 7pm- 10pm

Federation Square

Free entry

Website: <https://culturaldiversityweek.vic.gov.au/whats-on/culture-waves/>

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Artist bios

REMI

"REMI is a consummate performer...He knows how to whip the crowd into a frenzy. There's nowhere for this young artist to go but up."- *Themusic.com.au*

"Remi Kolawole might just be the artist to prove Australia is more than a one hip-hop wonder. The charismatic 23-year-old MC (he performs as Remi) is one of Australia's hottest properties right now, and that's no hype" – *Billboard US*

As well as performing his own sold-out headline tours and at world-class European and Australian festivals, REMI has shared the stage with performers such as Danny Brown, Vic Mensa, De La Soul, Joey Bada\$\$, Blackalicious, Hiatus Kaiyote and was invited to perform Gorillaz tracks with Damon Albarn on each of his Australian Tour shows. The Culture Waves stage will hear the sound of REMI's second album 'Divas & Demons'.

Yeo

Yeo's mix of sad-fi and curvy R&B produces a sharp rhythm of youth. Last year saw the release of Yeo's album Ganbaru, which featured three singles. The first, Quiet Achiever, surpassed 1 million Spotify streams. This year will see the release of a new studio album accompanied by a national tour.

Billy Davis and the Good Lords

Billy Davis is a keyboardist and composer whose music combines the sounds of hip hop, RnB and gospel with contemporary jazz and funk to produce a smooth and vibrant beat. Boasting collaborations with Silent Jay, Jace XL, Amin Payne and more, Billy Davis brings together Melbourne best musicians for an incredible live performance. Culture Waves will see Davis joined by the Good Lords.

Following the success of his first EP which gained radio support from Triple J, PBS, RRR, The Interns, and SYN, Billy Davis is back with his new single 'No Longer Lovers' taken from his upcoming EP to be released on Australian label *Good Manners*.