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## The TOO SOLID Music Festival features at 2010 Skyworks

Perth's only Aboriginal Radio station and WA's leading Indigenous music academy have joined forces with the City of Perth to present the inaugural TOO SOLID Music Festival on Australia Day, 26 January.

Noongar Radio and Abmusic, in association with the City of Perth, will host a major celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music in the Supreme Court gardens.

Noongar Radio CEO Michelle White said Perth's new Noongar community radio station was proud to be a part of the festival.

"Noongar Radio will broadcast live from the festival throughout the day, showcasing the amazing Indigenous talent we have in Western Australia," Ms White said.

Abmusic event coordinator, Jade Masters said he hoped the event would attract all Australians and tourists.

"This is a celebration of our culture but it is celebration for everyone because after all, we are all Australian," Mr Masters said.

The day will feature a strong line-up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists performing music across a range of genres including hip-hop, soul, contemporary, funk and traditional Aboriginal dance.

Headlining the TOO SOLID Music Festival will be Contemporary Indigenous act, The Yabu Band and WA hip-hop crew Downsyde.

More acts will be announced closer to the date of the Festival.

### **ABOUT THE YABU BAND** 'Most Promising New Talent in Music' – Deadly Awards 2009!

Since beginning at the age of five, multi-talented brothers, Delson and Boyd Stokes, known today as 'The Yabu Band', have created a powerful, unique sound aptly described as Desert Rock/Reggae. The brothers are originally from Kalgoorlie, the Goldfields town bordered by the Western Desert from where they draw their heritage, culture and inspiration. 'Yabu' means Rock/Gold in their language, Wongatha.

### **ABOUT DOWNSYDE**

Downsyde are an Australian hip hop group from Perth, Western Australia. Forming in 1996 the band have enjoyed critical and commercial success and have shared the stage with Black Eyed Peas, Jurassic 5, Cypress Hill and Grandmaster Flash to name a few. They have also graced the stage at some of Australia's biggest festivals including Big Day out, Homebake and Splendour in the Grass.

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