Festival of Small Halls tours the best of the
Woodford Folk Festival to Mitchell
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Get a taste of the internationally renowned Woodford Folk Festival when its off-shoot touring programme, the Festival of Small Halls, passes through the Mitchell Hall on Sunday December 8th.

The one-off show features two of the best artists to perform at both the Woodford Folk and Mullumbimby Music Festivals, award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter Rose Cousins (in her first Australian shows), and folk troubadour Jordie Lane. Both artists are at the top of their game musically, and have been chosen for the tour not only for this, but for their personalities, and the odd or hilarious anecdotes that they tell between songs. Rose’s folk/roots music is characterized by its dramatic, often sparse beauty, and has been chosen for a host of dramatic scenes in well-known TV shows such as Grey’s Anatomy and Drop Dead Diva, while Jordie’s country-tinged banjo and guitar-driven songs feature subject matter such as fornicating dogs, hocked diamond rings, Clancy of the Overflow's great granddaughter and aspirin.

Rose and Jordie spent time together in Canada earlier this year at the International Folk Alliance in Toronto, and are looking forward to cramming into a tour van and seeing a different side of Australia – its Small Halls. The tour takes place uniquely in small country towns (with a couple of seaside locations thrown in for good measure and added tourism) throughout Western Queensland. Mitchell will be particularly significant for Lane, whose musical partner, vocalist Clare Reynolds will be flying/Greyhounding her way into town to join the tour, and may or may not make it onto the stage to join him in Mitchell!

The Festival has joined with the local community to provide a supper and run a bar on the night. With tickets priced at only $20 and accompanied children 13 and under getting in free, the Festival of Small Halls is perfect for getting a group of friends or family together for a great pre-Christmas night out.
This is the first of a huge series of tours planned by the Woodford Folk Festival under the Small Halls banner, and the artists are a perfect indication of the quality and caliber of the shows Queensland can expect in future.

For more information or tickets go to www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

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