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National Exposure for Tjintu Desert Band

Central Australia's local favourites, **Tjintu Desert Band**, are about to reach new audiences with the release of their new album, 'Tjamuku Ngurra', released on 7 March by CAAMA Music. It will be distributed nationally by MGM and promoted by AUM PR - a company that has worked extensively promoting Indigenous artists into the mainstream, including Gurrumul, Dan Sultan, Shellie Morris and East Journey.

"We can't wait to share our songs and stories with the rest of the country", saying Jeffrey Zimran, lead guitarist for the band.



Photo credit: Ian Dunn

With national review coverage following in the next few weeks, the sound of Central Australia's unique 'desert reggae' will soon be coming from radios all over the country. On 10 March at 10am CAAMA Music Manager Micheal 'Miko' Smith and Sound Engineer Tim Cole will be interviewed from the Alice Springs ABC studios to talk about the new sound coming from the desert for the 'Bush Telegraph' program, aired across the country on ABC Radio National on 10 March at 10am (Central Standard Time).

This is a definitive album release for the next chapter in the evolution of Alice Springs' own Aboriginal record label. *"This release signals a new phase for CAAMA Music and Aboriginal musicians from the Centre. It raises the bar for Australia's unique Central Desert sound, Australia's real alternative music scene. Music lovers can expect a lot more new music coming out of the desert over the next few years."* Micheal 'Miko' Smith - General Manager CAAMA Music.

The new album 'Tjamuku Ngura' (meaning 'Grandfather's Country') features a sixteen page booklet of lyrics in Luritja and their English translations, along with impressive panoramic photos taken of the band's home community, Ikuntji/Haasts Bluff. Through their music the band hopes to share their culture and connection to the land, which they explain within the album:

"Ikuntji is so much more than the town itself – it's the rocky hills, the red earth, the country of our Dreaming, our grandfathers' country. This land is our connection to everything; our language, our dances, our stories, our bodies and our music. It holds all those stories from our past and guides us into the future.

This is tjamuku ngurra, or 'grandfather's country'. This land, with all its teachings and history, has been passed down through the generations. It is now our responsibility to care for the land, to remember the stories of our grandfathers and to re-tell those stories to our children and our children's children."

The album is available for sale from the CAAMA Music shop on Todd Street from 7 March, as well as through digital outlets such as iTunes.

EXTRAS NEEDED FOR MUSIC VIDEO!

Local fans and residents of Alice Springs are invited to take part as extras in the filming of the music video for the first single to be released from the band's new album, Tjamuku Ngurra.

A big crowd of extras are required for the filming, which will take place at the Alice Springs Markets on 16 March. Where possible, extras are asked to bring headphones and their portable music players for the shots required, and to meet on the grass in front of the church in Todd Mall at 10am on 16 March.

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