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'WARU' – the debut single by **APAKATJAH**

Released by CAAMA Music on Friday 23 Sept 2016

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Emerging from the deserts of Central Australia is the unique sound of **Apakatjah** who combine intricate guitar work with ancient languages, stirring harmonies and traditional instruments.

Their debut single '**Waru**' is written about the elements which Dion explains, "*It's about fire and water, and we are guitar guns (or so we think) so we thought it would be great to mix the three.*"

Apakatjah (pronounced uppa-cut-ja) is a duo consisting of **Dion Forrester** and **Jonathan**

Lindsay-Tjapaltjarri Hermawan who through their performances weave together a reflection of their blended cultures and wide musical influences such as Aboriginal desert reggae like Tjupi Band, old school metal like Iron Maiden and guitar master, Tommy Emmanuel.

Their debut album, recorded at the CAAMA Music studios and produced by **Dave Crowe** is due for release early 2017. Originally going in to record an acoustic album, it quickly turned into a full band affair.

"Most of the songs on the album have never been recorded or played live as a full band before. Some of the songs were just ideas sitting in the back of our heads for over a decade before we finally tapped into each other's brains to write and record the songs we have on the album. Most of these songs have been played at gigs for over 3 years as an acoustic duet, so it's great to hear the songs as a full band" – **Dion Forrester** on their forthcoming album 'In Between'

Through its two band members Apakatjah combines the cultures of Aboriginal Australia (Pintupi-Luritja, Pitjantjatjara, Pertame Central Arrernte, Alywarre, Kayitj and Islander), as well as heritage from European, Indonesian, Irish, Welsh and Dutch migrants. The word 'apakatjah' is a Luritja kriol word for a person of mixed race heritage, which the duo have reclaimed to demonstrate the pride they have in their identity and to draw strength from their culture.

"We want our performances to be an experience that touches people as much by the lyrics and music, as by the story behind it" – **Jonathan**



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