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Big Rivers Community Festival – Katherine NT, 15 August

CAAMA MUSIC presents...
BIG RIVERS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
BLEKBALA MUJIK
+ SPECIAL GUESTS
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CAAMA Music, Australia's first Aboriginal record label, turns 35 this year and to celebrate its long history of recording, supporting and promoting Aboriginal musicians it will host a music festival in Katherine on 15 August for emerging Aboriginal artists.

The Big Rivers Community Festival will be headlined by Blekbala Mujik, Aboriginal rock legends and one of the first successes recorded by the CAAMA Music label. Recently Blekbala Mujik received the Hall of Fame Award at the National Indigenous Music Awards for their contribution to the Australian music scene over their long 30 year career.

"I always enjoy passing on the skills I've learned during my musical career, for the young bands coming through today" says Apaak Jupurrula Miller, founder and lead singer of Blekbala Mujik, who will be mentoring the emerging bands at the Big Rivers Festival.

The bands will also receive two days of mentoring by representatives of CAAMA Music, APRA, MusicNT, CAAMA Radio and ArtbackNT in matters of music business, rights and royalties, stage craft and media interviews.

Confirmed bands include Bininj (Croker Island), Mambali (Numbulwar), Wakal Bengkunh (Wadeye), NT Express (Numbulwar), Grant Thompson (Ngukurr) and Lazy Late Boys (Daguragu & Kalkaringi).

"CAAMA Music has had a long tradition of supporting bands from all around the NT, and are excited to now be uncovering a new crop of talent from the Top End", says Micheal 'Miko' Smith, Manager of CAAMA Music.

Big Rivers Community Festival will be broadcast live by CAAMA Radio and held at 4pm on 15 August at the Old Tick Markets in Katherine (Lindsay St). Entry by gold coin donation.

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CAAMA MUSIC is Australia's oldest Aboriginal record label. Based in Alice Springs, it has been recording, supporting and promoting Aboriginal music for 35 years. It is part of the **Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association**, Australia's leading Aboriginal owned and controlled media organisation delivering culturally relevant content that helps preserve and maintain indigenous culture.