

## Montaigne to headline 2019 Bleach\* Festival music program line-up at Burleigh

Dust off your dancing shoes and prepare to be dazzled when Bleach\* Festival raises the curtain on a brand-new entertainment hub in 2019 and invites ARIA-winning songstress *Montaigne* to join the party.

*Montaigne* will close out the Gold Coast's 12-day arts and culture festival with a free concert at the *Bleach\* at Burleigh* stage; back by popular demand as a 2019 entertainment hub.

The talented 23-year-old is the first major music act announced for the eighth annual Bleach\* Festival, returning 17 – 28 April, which follows the announcement of concert epic *Verdi's Requiem* as the 2019 centerpiece event at HOTA.

*Montaigne* will headline the ultimate Sunday session at the new oceanfront Bleach\* at Burleigh entertainment precinct as part of a national tour; her first since 2017's sold out Glorious Heights tour.

Bleach\* Festival Artistic Director and CEO **Louise Bezzina** said the free evening concert by "one of Australia's most outspoken and captivating young lyricists" would provide a soaring end to the annual Festival.

"This year we are showcasing female musicians and *Montaigne* is just the first artist announced as part of this program. We still have a large gender gap in artistic leadership and this is our way of putting incredible Australian women at the forefront." Ms Bezzina said.

"Bleach\* Festival celebrates the city's most dynamic and adventurous artists so it's fitting we welcome the wonderful talent that is *Montaigne* to join us in April."

Bleach\* Festival spotlights works across several genres including dance, theatre, contemporary music, opera, installations, circus and major public events and has attracted more than 470,000 people since it launched in 2012.

The Gold Coast's famed natural landscapes provide both the backdrop and the stage for unforgettable arts and cultural experiences.

*Montaigne* will headline Bleach\* at Burleigh on Sunday 28 April from 6pm. Her support acts will be announced when Bleached Arts launches the full Bleach\* Festival program in February 2019.

Bleach\* - The Gold Coast Festival is proudly supported by the City of Gold Coast; the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of Environment and Science; and Tourism and Events Queensland.

This is a free, all ages concert. For more visit [facebook.com.au/bleachfestival](https://facebook.com.au/bleachfestival)

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## MONTAIGNE

Presented by Bleach\* City of Gold Coast, Griffith University and WOW Australia.  
Supported by Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Australian Federal Government through Australia Council for the Arts.

FREE EVENT – [bleachfestival.com.au](http://bleachfestival.com.au)

One night only at 24 – 28 April 2019 at Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

Performance times:

Ella Fence	3:00 – 4:00pm
Pink Matter	4:30 – 5:30pm
Farewell	5:45 – 6:00pm
Montaigne	6:00 – 7:00pm

## ABOUT MONTAIGNE

Montaigne is a Sydney-based singer-songwriter who debuted on Australia's music scene in 2012 as a finalist in Triple J's Unearthed High. She released her *Life of Montaigne* EP in 2014 with the single *I'm a Fantastic Wreck* on high rotation on independent radio stations. She supported San Cisco and Megan Washington in concert before headlining her first tour in 2015. She released her debut studio album *Glorious Heights* in 2016 and performed a string of sold out shows across the country. She won an ARIA Award for Breakthrough Artist the same year and reached number two on the ARIA chart for her collaboration with Hilltop Hoods, *1955*. That song reached number four on Triple J's Hottest 100 of 2016 and her single, *Because I Love You*, came in at 25.

## ABOUT BLEACH\* FESTIVAL | <https://www.bleachfestival.com.au>

Bleach\* Festival is the Gold Coast Festival, taking place annually across the City in April. The program is one of Australia's leading and most exciting site-specific contemporary arts programs. Quintessentially Gold Coast, Bleach\* Festival celebrates the city's most dynamic and adventurous artists, welcomes renowned Australian and international collaborators and engages a broad audience through a range of events.

Utilising the Gold Coast's world-famous natural landscape as unconventional venues, Bleach\* Festival aims to deliver incredible arts and cultural experiences that challenge expectations, change perceptions and provide a unique and authentic sense of place, inspiring both locals and visitors alike.

Bleach\* Festival has attracted more than 470,000 people since its inaugural year in 2012. The program features work across all genres including dance, theatre, contemporary music, opera, installations, circus and major public events.

*"The city's largest cultural event [Bleach\* Festival] reflects the growth in the glitter strip's arts and culture scene..."* – The Australian

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*"Bezzina has made the annual Bleach\* Festival the heart and soul of the party, and this year's program is the best yet..."* – The Courier-Mail

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