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Brisbane Powerhouse presents//Planet

Alesa Lajana : Secret Garden Album Launch

Surrender to the enchanting sounds of Australia's own Celtic gypsy princess, **Alesa Lajana**, as the talented guitarist, singer and composer joins forces with the award-winning electric string quartet, FourPlay as her string section to launch her new album, *Secret Garden*, on **Sat 17 July** as part of the Brisbane Powerhouse *Planet* Series

Having released her debut album with ABC, Alesa Lajana is an artist of remarkable talent. She blends intricate guitar skills with soaring vocals, enchanting audiences with her original world-music-inspired compositions and the traditional music of Scotland and Ireland.

Alesa's new album, *Secret Garden*, was co-composed by both herself and virtuoso multi-instrumentalist, Shenton Gregory, from Fourplay and to help celebrate this release, her ensemble will not only include Fourplay but also Dheeraj Shrestha on Indian tabla and Danny Doyle on didgeridoo.

Alesa's enthusiasm for music was sparked after listening to folk artists such as Bela Fleck, Bob Dylan, Jeff Lang, Lunasa, Tony McManus and Ani DiFranco. This led her to explore the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Eastern Europe and Spain as well as Jazz and Bluegrass. She also has a deep love of both Western and Indian Classical music and enjoys playing in a wide range of concert scenarios both in Australia and overseas.

This event is presented as part of the Brisbane Powerhouse world music and dance program, *Planet*, an initiative supported by Arts Queensland, and will include FREE post-show entertainment on the Turbine Platform co-presented with BEMAC.

For more information call 07 3358 8600 or go to brisbanepowerhouse.org

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Date	Saturday 17 July
Time	7.30pm
Venue	Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets	Full \$32, Concession \$26,
Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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