

# Vibe

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MUSICAL GATHERING: Deb Tapfield and Stephen Salvi of local band The Teahouse Fire  
Picture: Luke Hemer



## Folks follow the beat

By Jessica Whiting

LOCAL and international folk, acoustic and blues and roots acts will converge on Willunga later this month for the annual Fleurieu Folk Festival.

The three day event is expected to attract more than 8000 music lovers to the region, with this years' program maintaining a focus on introducing younger audiences to the folk genre.

Coordinator Peter Thornton said the festival was becoming a well recognised event, with more interstate bands signing on to play.

"A lot of them have international touring experience and are well recognised performers," he said.

Feature acts include Melbourne's Damien Howard and

The Ploughboys, Brisbane's Cloudstreet and local band Goldstein, which won most outstanding CD at the 2009 SA Folk Awards.

Highlights for children and youth include band Ticklish Allsorts and a young talent showcase run each night of the festival, from Friday October 23, to Sunday, October 25.

Mr Thornton said it was important to attract children and families to the event so young people could realise folk was a "valuable music genre".

"Like everything else you want to pass on the traditions and you want to keep the genre of music alive. You can't do that if there is no interest from the younger generation," he said.

Willunga local Deb Tapfield's band The Teahouse Fire

will have their debut at the festival, performing on Friday and Saturday night in the Village Marquee.

The quartet, which Ms Tapfield said plays a blend of country, blues and folk, will be performing tracks from their upcoming CD.

"I went down (to the festival) last year and that was the first time I have been down to watch, and I was surprised by the quality of the musicians," she said.

The Fleurieu Folk Festival will be held at the Willunga Recreation Grounds with acts also performing at other locations around the township. Camping is available at \$5 per person per night.

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