

## Lifestyle

SUNNYBANK



# THE SOUND OF JOY

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MOVE over The Wiggles, there's a new children's band in town.

Brisbane-based band, The Fabulous Lemon Drops are ready to share their new lineup of colourful, toe-tapping songs.

Band members Dez and Vanessa Staunton are planning to release their third album during the school holidays, to best cater for their target audience.

The album *Dance!* will feature 15 new tracks, including *I Jump*, which was a recent finalist in the Australian Songwriting Contest.

Singer Dez said singing children's songs wasn't about simplifying the sound.

"When we started out, we wanted to play to the kids, but we didn't want to play kids' music," he said.

"You don't have to simplify your sound to enable children to appreciate your music."

The band said they believed music was a crucial ingredient in the development of young people.

"Children are receptive to a much more sophisticated style than you might think."

Having formed back in 2007, they have performed with the likes of Hi-5 and Justine Clarke.

The band is holding a concert at Sunnybank Hall on September 21 from 10am. For more information, visit [fabulouslemondrops.com.au](http://fabulouslemondrops.com.au).

Dez and Vanessa Staunton from The Fabulous Lemon Drops, a Brisbane based kids band, are due to release a new album.

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