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Icehouse to Rock Arafura Games

Legendary Australian band Icehouse are set to rock the 2011 Arafura Games as part of the spectacular Games Opening Ceremony at TIO Stadium on May 7.

Icehouse will join Territory singing sensation Jessica Mauboy as part of the 2011 Opening Ceremony, along with hundreds of NT students who will be part of the night.

Sports Minister Karl Hampton said it was another reason for Territorians to get involved in the showpiece event.

"The Arafura Games is renowned across Australia and the region as a top class sporting event," Mr Hampton said.

"However it isn't just for sport lovers; with Icehouse, Jessica Mauboy and more big name acts and entertainment still to be announced, the 2011 Opening Ceremony is fast becoming the must see event on the Territory's 2011 entertainment calendar as well.

"Icehouse are legends of the Australian music scene who very rarely play live, and will add to the growing anticipation of what could be the best games yet."

With iconic songs such as *Great Southern Land*, *Crazy* and *Electric Blue*, which are just part of a catalogue of more than 140 tracks, Icehouse are truly one of the greats of the Australian music industry.

To secure Icehouse for the Opening Ceremony is a major coup for organisers given the rarity with which the band, fronted by Iva Davies, perform live.

Opening Ceremony producer Thea Jeanes-Cochrane said that Icehouse are a perfect fit as part of the Opening Ceremony.

"Because we involve so many young Territorians in the Opening Ceremony we wanted to engage acts, such as Icehouse, that would also appeal to the mums and dads who come along to watch their children take part in what is a truly a whole community event," Ms Jeanes-Cochrane said.

The Arafura Games Opening Ceremony will be held at TIO Stadium on May 7.

The 2011 games run until May 14 and feature competitors from all over Australia, South East Asia and the world competing in 20 different sports.

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