

Perth teenager joins The Triffids

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A PERTH teenager joined a line-up of Australian greats performing with The Triffids at their first show in WA for 20 years.



PERTH TREAT: The Triffids play at Beck's Music Box. Picture: **Stewart Allen**

The seminal post-punk band returned to their native WA to pay homage to the band's late singer and songwriter, David McComb, as part of the Perth International Arts Festival.

The show, entitled A Secret In The Shape Of A Song, fell on the 10th anniversary of McComb's death.

In a celebration of his music The Triffids shared the stage with musicians from Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, The Black Eyed Susans, The Church, Brian Jonestown Massacre, Youth Group and Perth band The Kill Devil Hills.

Amongst the respected Australian musicians was 18-year-old singer and songwriter Adrian Hoffman.

The Triffids' steel guitarist Graham (Evil) Lee said McComb would have appreciated Hoffman's part in the show.

“He is singing one of the earlier Triffids songs and he is amazing,” he says.

“I really like that an 18 year-old can actually find the music relevant and become a

big fan because that's also what we want to do is introduce people to the music if they have never heard it before.

``Adrian is a big, big fan and he's a very talented musician as well.

``I think Dave would appreciate that kind of a connection being made ... it's a very emotional evening for us on stage and it's also I'm sure for the people in the audience.

``We make it very clear what we are actually doing which is remembering Dave through his music."`