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Rock finale for Carclew's *Off the Couch*

Over the past few months, live music fans have had the opportunity to see some of South Australia's best aspiring bands and musicians at free, all ages, live music shows held around Adelaide City.

The gigs have been part of Carclew's 2011 ***Off the Couch*** program and the final in the series – a showcase of rock bands – will be held at **The Producers Bar** on **Friday, May 20**.

Some of the state's top emerging rock bands will take to the stage for the final showcase presented by Carclew Youth Arts' ***Off the Couch*** program. Doors open from 8pm and the line up includes **The Breakaways**, **Bitch Spawn** and **Queen Jealousy**, with **Semi-Normal** headlining.

"After 15 successful years, *Off the Couch* has helped numerous young South Australian musicians, bands and event producers make a start in the music industry," said *Off the Couch* Project Officer Tara Lynch.

"Adelaide boasts a huge amount of unknown talented, young musicians and we're encouraging everyone to come along to our final gig and support these emerging rock bands."

Off the Couch is a program that is run by young people for young people with the assistance of industry professionals. It was developed to address the lack of performance opportunities for young musicians in South Australia and expanded to provide opportunities for young people to learn hands-on about the performance industry through sound engineering, marketing, promotions, stage management and much more.

More than 700 bands and musicians have pounded the boards at *Off the Couch* events in the past 15 years, showcasing to a total audience of more than 70,000 at some of Adelaide's most popular venues.

What's On & Social Photography Opportunity

WHAT: *Off The Couch* – Rock

WHEN: Friday, May 20. From 8pm

WHERE: The Producers Bar, 235 Grenfell street, Adelaide

Licensed, all ages – free event

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