

2021 Midsumma Festival Planner

Last updated: 23 March 2021

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Category	MP	Event	Venue	Pre	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 1	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Sun 23	Post
Youth	MP	Night at the Museum: Minus 18 Youth Party	Immigration Museum							6.30pm													
Sports		Nomads Cycling Tour to Mount Waverley	Birrarung Marr Bike Parking														10.30am						
Sports		Nomads Salute to Love & Our Parklands	Boroondara General Cemetery								10.30am												
Visual Arts		O.U.T.	Brunswick Street Gallery				10am	10am	10am	10am			10am	10am	10am	0: 6pm	10am	10am		10am	10am		>9 May
Visual Arts		On Screen, In the Flesh	Trocadero Art Space				0: 6pm	noon	noon	noon				noon	noon	noon	noon						
Performance		Park Lounge	Kelly Park														5pm						
Community		Perversion	Inflation						10pm														
Visual Arts		PINK 2021	Tacit Art	14 Apr<			11am	11am	11am	11am	11am		11am	11am	11am	11am							
Performance		Priscilla Queen of the Desert - The Musical	Cardinia Cultural Centre							8pm	2pm			8pm	8pm	8pm	8pm	2pm					
Performance		Protein	The MC Showroom												6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm					
Performance		Que Sera, Sera: A Life's Journey of Sexual Orientation & Gender	Digital Event		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Performance		Queenie Bon Bon — The Body is its Own Language	Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)												7.30pm	7.30pm							
Performance	MP	Queer Playwriting Award Showcase	Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre										7.30pm										
Film	MP	Queerantime in the Flesh	ACMI Swinburne Studio					noon	11am	11am	noon												
Performance	MP	Queerantime Live Salon	ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1						4pm + 5.30pm + 7pm														
TT&W	MP	Queerantime Q&A	ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1						2pm	2pm													
Visual Arts		Queers Draw This Exhibition	NECCHI Newlands														0: 3pm	noon					
TT&W	MP	Queers in Science: Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic	Melbourne Museum			6.30pm																	
TT&W	MP	Queers in Science: Ecology now	Melbourne Museum																		6.30pm		
Community		Rainbow Community Picnic	Selandra Community Hub	18 Apr<																			
Kids & Fam	MP	Rainbow Families Cabaret	Sidney Myer Music Bowl														10am + 12.30pm						
Kids & Fam		Rainbow Families in Frame	Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery						10am														
Kids & Fam		Rainbow Family Storytime	Newport Community Hub														10.30am						
Music		Rainbow Music on the Deck	Digital Event							3pm													
Kids & Fam		Rainbow Pride in Altona	Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery						11am														
Kids & Fam	MP	Rainbow Tree	ArtPlay																				>4 Jul
Performance	MP	Ready, Set, Brunch! Bottomless Drag Brunch	Pride of our Footscray Community Bar							1pm								1pm					
Visual Arts		Realness	Burjill Place			10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	10am+ 6pm	>23 May
Sports		Richmond Lawn Bowls	Richmond Union Bowling Club															9am					
Visual Arts		Ross Watson Exhibition	Ross Watson Gallery							11am	11am						11am	11am					>9 May
Performance		Sam I Am	La Mama Courthouse			8.30pm	6.30pm	8.30pm															
Performance		Scoundrels: A Boylesque Musical	Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft												P: 8pm	0: 9pm	2pm+ 9pm						
TT&W	MP	Self-Portrait workshop with Frances Cannon	Immigration Museum							1pm													
Sports		Serve It, Smash It, Love It	Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre															11am					
Performance		Shopping and F*cking	The MC Showroom			8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm	8.30pm												
TT&W	MP	SMUT	Footscray Community Arts Centre												7.30pm								
Music		Sound in the Head Workshops and Gigs	Bluestone Church Arts Space														2pm+ 6pm	2pm+ 5pm					
Performance		Steven Kramer - Don't Make Me Play Piano, Man	fortyfivedownstairs													7pm		5pm					
TT&W	MP	Story In Motion workshop with Adolfo Aranjuez	Immigration Museum							10.30am													
Parties/Social		Summer Roll: a rollerdisco	RETROPOLIS							3pm													
Community	MP	Take It From Me: Archer Launch Edition	Malthouse Outdoor Stage							6.30pm													
Music		Tail Branches	Bluestone Church Arts Space														7pm	7pm					
TT&W		Telling Time	Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)				7.30pm																
Performance		Terms & Conditions	Digital Event			8pm	8pm	8pm	8pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	
Performance		That Which Was Once Familiar	Dancehouse - Upstairs Studio											7pm	7pm	7pm	2pm+ 7pm						
TT&W		The Breathwork Sessions	Mission to Seafarers - Noria Dome			6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm													
Kids & Fam	MP	The Dinosaur SQUAD - Live	Fitzroy Town Hall	17 Apr<																			
Kids & Fam	MP	The Dinosaur SQUAD - Video	Digital Event		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Performance	MP	The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven	Theatre Works													7.30pm	7.30pm	5pm			7.30pm	7.30pm	>8May
		The Kings	Comedy Republic													8.30pm							
		The Most Inclusive LGBTQI+ Wedding Planning Event You'll Ever Attend													6.30pm								
Performance	MP	The People of Cabaret: We Are Here	Malthouse Outdoor Stage						8pm														
Music	MP	The Pier Festival	Seaworks							4pm													
Performance		The Will To Be	La Mama Courthouse		6.30pm	6.30pm	8.30pm	6.30pm	8.30pm														
Performance		This Genuine Moment	La Mama Courthouse											7.30pm		7.30pm	2pm+ 5pm	7pm					
Kids & Fam	MP	This is Grayson	The Substation			7pm + 9pm	7pm + 9pm	7pm + 9pm	7pm + 9pm	7pm + 9pm													
Performance		To Sir with Glove	Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)										7pm										
Performance		Too Much	Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room			9pm	9pm	9pm	9pm	9pm			7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm				9pm		
Performance		Trans and Gender Diverse Writers Showcase	Bluestone Church Arts Space													8pm							
Performance		Two Queers Walk Into A Bar	Comedy Republic				7.30pm																
Kids & Fam		Unsorted	Bluestone Church Arts Space	10 Apr<						11am+ 1pm	11am+ 1pm												
Sports		Yarra Leisure Pride Night 2021	Collingwood Leisure Centre														3pm						
Performance		Yasemin Sabuncu: Sick Bitch	Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)							7.30pm													
Performance		You Can't Say That In Front Of Your Father!	Pride of our Footscray Community Bar							7pm	5pm						7pm	5pm					

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MP Midsumma Presents event

Category Colours:

E: special event O: Opening or launch P: Preview T: Talk

Community & Culture	Film	Kids & Families	Music	Parties & Social Events	Performance	Sports	Talks, Tours & Workshops	Visual Arts	Youth
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18+ CC

**Digital Event**

23 Apr 45m

Fri 6pm

Free to book, donations suggested

Presented by Women's Circus

Image: by Jeska Stephens and Women's Circus

Absolutely FEMMEulous

It's time to flip FEMME into overdrive

Women's Circus presents an online extravaganza featuring Melbourne's darlings of circus and theatre: Mahla Bird (aka Themme Fatale), Kerith Manderson Galvin, and Winter Cyan, alongside fabulous performers from Women's Circus. Come on a journey of discovery and witness these incredible performers playfully celebrate and elevate all that is FEMME. Limited screening - watch from your own home.

**Digital Event**

19 Apr-5 May 1hr

Stream on demand

Free to book, donations suggested

⚠ Coarse language | Suicide references

Presented by VirtualTheatre.Online

Alone Together

The award-winning virtual play by Maxie Dara

This virtual play plumbs the depths of Covid's scourge - ravaging body, soul, our very humanity, our ability to love others, even ourselves, to find the will to draw another breath and then . . . kaboom! One human spirit ponders true and in the words of 19 year old John Gillespie Magee Jr. on December 11, 1940, during his solo flight in an RAF Spitfire over England "slipped the surly bonds of Earth... and touched the face of God."

18+



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event

19 Apr-5 May

Connect via midsumma.org.au

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Annabel McCourt

Image: by Annabel McCourt

Electric Fence - The Gathering

The Electric Fence needs you!

The 'Electric Fence' is an artwork by UK contemporary queer artist, Annabel McCourt.

Working closely with Midsumma Festival and UK partners, McCourt will invite the people of Melbourne to contribute their own stories of overcoming personal barriers, of hate and of hope. This is your chance to become part of the artwork and make your LGBTQIA+ voices heard.

**Digital Event, Southbank**

19 Apr, 26 Apr 1hr

Mon 7:30pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Kerrie and Dolly - Midsumma Specials

Tune in on Facebook!

Kerrie & Dolly are returning to the small screen this Midsumma and they couldn't be happier.

Kerrie Stanley & Dolly Diamond, were a huge part of helping the LGBTQIA+ community through the 2020 lockdown, with their weekly streaming show.

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MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event

30 Apr-1 May 2hrs 30m

Fri, Sat 8pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne

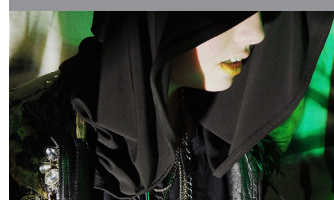
Image: by XRArtist, Marc-O-Matic

Midsumma Festival Live at the Bowl - Livestream

A queer soirée from your own home!

Live from the Sidney Myer Music Bowl Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne present a diverse line-up of LGBTQIA+ artists and communities. So put on your best outfit, whether that be heels or pajamas, and tune in for an unforgettable smorgasbord of the very best queer performances on offer.

18+

**Digital Event**

22-25 Apr, 1-2 May 20m

Noon, 12:40pm, 1:20pm, 2pm, 5pm, 5:40pm, 6:20pm, 7pm

\$15 full | \$12 conc

⚠ Heavy audience participation

Presented by Ebony Macpherson

Fortune

Find your future with an Untrustworthy Seer

What do you want? What are you willing to lose to get it?

The Fortune Teller has opened their den to any and all unfortunates willing to explore their intimate darkness. Finding your future, remembering your past, and navigating the present is only a video call away.

The Fortune Teller awaits...

Comedy



Vau d'ville - House of Love, Fitzroy

23 Apr, 30 Apr, 2 May 1hr

Fri 9pm | Sun 7pm & 9pm

\$29 full | \$25 conc | \$49 show + tapas platter | \$55 show + tapas platter + drink

△ Coarse language | Smoke/Haze | References to drug use

Presented by Brooklyn Runaways, a division of Antipodes Theatre Company

#Really?! with Mel & Peppy

Featuring Melissa David and Peppy Smears

Journey inside the minds, the heels and the depraved souls of the cabaret world's most exciting up-and-coming duo. They've been given their own weekly talk show, so expect frills, thrills, and lots of laughs! Featuring outrageous opening monologues, scintillating musical performances and wild guests, this #realness will be your new obsession. No two shows are the same!

Variety



The Toff in Town, Melbourne CBD

22-26 Apr 1hr 30m

Mon, Thu-Sun 8pm | Auslan: Sat 24 Apr 8pm

\$30 full | \$25 conc

△ Nudity | Coarse language

Presented by Highway Robbery Productions

Image: by Joel Devereux

.CHURCH.

The stage is holy and this is how we pray

Queerly beloved, welcome to your favourite religion! We are back with our heavenly celebration of ground-breaking circus, burlesque, sideshow & cabaret, all backed by our live choir that will leave you dripping with sin! Because let's face it, sin is in.

It is a great honour to welcome you all to worship with us.

"CHURCH. is the sane person's alternative to Hillsong" ★★★★★ - What Did She Think

Cabaret



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

24-25 Apr, 1-2 May 2hrs

Sat 9:30pm | Sun 7:30pm

\$26 full

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights

Presented by Max The Drag Queen, Menorah Foxx, Lynnduh and Rubi Taboo

Image: by Bettie Rosé

4PLAY

Every memorable night starts with some 4PLAY

4PLAY consists of some of Melbourne's most sensational drag entertainers. Encompassing various aspects of drag performance from bust-a-gut hilarity to splits 'n' dips, 4PLAY is the warm up, the main course, and the climax you've been longing for.

"Name a better quad ... we'll wait" - Bourne To Drag Podcast

Cabaret



Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

30 Apr 1hr

Fri 8:30pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 group (min 6)

Presented by Geraldine Quinn & Cameron Thomas

Image: by Nicole Cleary

All Out Of Pride

An evening of songs you're ashamed to love

Join multi-award-winning rock cabaret artist Geraldine Quinn (Spicks & Specks, The Weekly) and long-term Dolly Diamond enabler Cameron Thomas for a smooth hour of "shame songs": the soaring, slightly embarrassing songs you belt in the shower or at a karaoke bar after a pint of Tequila. Oh, you know the words...

"Hugely entertaining - you'll end this show roaring for more" - Daily Review ★★★★★

Cabaret



Chasers, South Yarra

1-3 May 4hrs

Sat 4pm | Mon, Sun 7pm

\$55 balcony standing | \$60 floor seating | \$65 VIP area

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

Presented by CM Entertainment

Image: by Ben Seyer

After Dark

Drag cabaret extravaganza

Brought to you by two of Melbourne's experienced drag show producers, Cory McKinnon and Trent Harlow, 'After Dark' is a high energy drag cabaret experience not too be missed. Featuring some of Australia's top drag performers and male dancers, 'After Dark' takes you on a journey through some of the world most famous cabaret venues from the roaring 20s to the fabulous 50s with performances inspired by icons such as Velma Kelly, Dita Von Teese, Carmen Miranda, Jessica Rabbit and Marilyn Monroe!

Cabaret



Comedy Republic, Melbourne
 29 Apr 1hr 30m
 Thu 7:30pm
 \$25 full
 Presented by Laura Hart

All The King's Hens

Bring your queer Magic Mike fantasy to life!

All the King's Hens navigate the questionable world of hens parties to plan the biggest event of the year. What is the final fling before the ring and how is it rooted in traditions around marriage and dated gender roles? Featuring original music and a drag spectacular.

Featuring Sydney-based Drag Kings Big Rod, Papi Chulo and King Chad Love.

Cabaret



Vau d'ville - Showroom, Fitzroy
 3-5 May 1hr
 Mon, Tue 7pm | Wed 5pm & 8pm | Meet and Greet experience following each show including photo opportunity.
 \$25 full | \$18 conc
 Δ Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze
 Presented by Isis Avis Loren
 Image: by Daniel Sutton

Ballads & Ballgowns

Feelings dressed up in couture

Witness the sheer glamour of a lone drag queen. Hiding in the spotlight, encrusted in all the rhinestones and sequin her beer bottle budget can afford. Pining to the cardboard cut out moon. One question remains, do you wanna see another numbah?!

The Midsumma premiere and debut of Miss Isis Avis Loren

Instagram: @isisavisloren

Dance

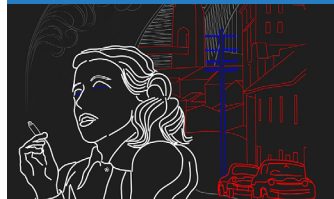


MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Theatre Works, St Kilda
 19-22 Apr 50m
 Mon-Thu 7:30pm
 small booth (fits 2-3) \$135 full, \$90 conc
 large booth (fits 4-6) \$270 full, \$180 conc
 Δ Adult Themes
 Presented by Midsumma Festival and Variation Three
 Image: by Variation Three

Bent

In this contemporary work, Variation Three's ensemble of six queer artists take us on their journey, and explore how their joy, their pain, and their love, have all been influenced by the voices around them. Through their interlocking of moving bodies, the stories of queer Australians are shared with audiences, pushing for reflection, and a change in perception. Created by Reuben James, 'Bent' is a unique fusion of circus, dance, and visual art.

Theatre



Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT), Albert Park
 22-25 Apr, 28 Apr-1 May, 4-5 May 1hr 30m
 Tue-Fri 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 2:30pm & 5:30pm
 \$39 full | \$29 conc
 Δ Violence | Coarse language | Strobe lights | References to drug use
 Image: by Sarah Yeung

Billy Loves Cha Cha Forever!

Presented with pride by Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT)

Kings Cross, Australia - New Year's Eve, 1968. On the floor lies the dead body of a street hustler shot straight through the heart. A man stands over him whistling Auld Lang Syne. Love like murder ain't easy! A bittersweet story you'll adore by Noel Anderson at the CAT.

"Cracked Actors Theatre is the first to break the ice after the pandemic shutdown...and it's such a relief" - Cameron Woodhead, The Age

Theatre



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 19-24 Apr 1hr
 Mon-Sat 8:30pm
 \$35 full | \$31 conc | \$28 group (min 6)
 Δ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | References to drug use
 Presented by Gavin Roach
 Image: by Ali Choudhry

Bottom

Bums, Beyoncé and burnt fish fingers.

Locked in his bathroom during a tragic third date, Willy asks: are you a top or a bottom?

Join Willy for a queer coming-of-age remix, as he questions if 'bottom' in the bedroom means 'bottom' in life.

This is for anyone who hates making the first move. Anyone who thinks they are unlovable. Anyone that's ever tried to be someone they're not.

Theatre



Mission to Seafarers - Norla Dome, Docklands
 27 Apr - 1 May | Tue-Sat | 1hr
 6pm | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Δ Nudity | Coarse language
 Presented by Scratch Arts
 Image: by Rachel Mia

Club Pistol

It's where we express & undress!

Step inside this delicious club kid fusion of art, burlesque and drag as our dear hostess, Pistolina, contorts all facets into a never-before-seen show encompassing all that is queer expression. This is one non-stop groovy party-train that's heading directly to the world of weird!

Cabaret

18+



Comedy Republic, Melbourne

23-24 Apr 2hrs

Fri, Sat 7:30pm

\$34 full | \$31 conc

△ Coarse language

Presented by Comedy Republic

Comedy Republic's Big Ol' Blowout

From the producers of the raucous, titillating, wildly successful Christmas Pageant comes the Big City Blowout! A celebration of queer comedy, cabaret and song - this show's blindingly-bright sequins and ravishingly over-the-top characters will leave your hearts full and your cheeks sore (from smiling - get your mind out of the gutter). Relax, breathe in and BLOW OUT!

Comedy



Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room, Docklands

27 Apr-1 May | Tue-Sat | 1 hr

6pm | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com

\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language

Presented by Scratch Arts

Image: by Timothy Christopher Ryan

Date Night

Love never felt so strange

The butterflies and wide eyes of that first meeting... will this be the one? Are we compatible for long walks on the beach? All of the romantic fantasies explode in a comedic, theatrical event showcasing the real life drama that is dating. Pushed beyond the limits for a pretty crazy, wild thing we like to call love. Bon appétit!

Comedy



Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel, Prahran

21-24 Apr 1hr 30m

Wed-Sat 8pm | Sat 4pm

\$37.90 full | \$32.90 conc

Presented by Adam Lowe Group

Image: by Elliot Moody

Dolly Diamond's Star for a Night

Making dreams come true this Midsumma Festival!

Music icons will be brought to life in Dolly Diamond's Star for a Night! Dolly will be rescuing contestants from their mundane lives, transforming them into their idols and making them stars for a night! Which idols will be unveiled and who will win?

Theatre



Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room, Docklands

27 Apr-1 May | Tue-Sat | 1hr

9pm | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com

\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

△ Nudity | Coarse language

Presented by Scratch Arts

Image: by Shelley Horan

Eat My Cake

Femininity never tasted so good!

Welcome to Marie Antoinette's lavish feast!

It's one powerful woman with an hour of non-stop debauchery.

'Let them eat cake'... That's old news, we're beyond that, it's time to treat ourselves and get messy.

So join us on this feast of tantalising gossip, intimate secrets and raucous desires.

Variety

18+



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

24 Apr

Sat 5pm-1am

\$25 full | \$35 give a little | \$50 give a lot

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Non-traditional sitting | References to drug use

Presented by Justin Nott

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

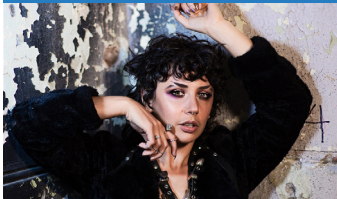
Get Bent Fest!

A one-night-only mini-fest hosted by multi-award winning comedian Lou Wall

Join host Lou Wall for this 8 hour gala extravaganza bringing together the best performances from the Midsumma Festival program, our city's grandest drag royals, and DJs from across the rainbow road together in one screamingly over-the-top festivalette.

Get Bent Fest is raising funds to directly support the development of new theatre work by emerging queer artists in Melbourne.

Theatre



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

27 Apr, 29 Apr, 1-2 May 2hrs

Tue 6pm | Thu, Sat 7:30pm | Sun Midday
| Sun 4pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

△ Latecomer lockout | Strong coarse language and reference to violence against LGBTQIA+ individuals

Presented by La Mama Theatre

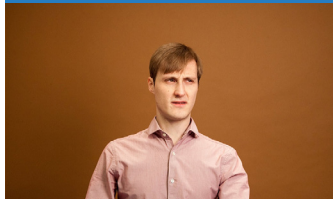
Guerilla Sabbath

Written by William Hinz

A coven of transcendent, time-travelling witches wage war to restore forgotten queer histories. But having recently lost two of their own, and in dire need of replacements, questions begin to rise about the privilege of their power, and the power of their history.

'[Hinz] words] break like a wave over the audience, leaving them sitting in reflective, grieving, silence' -TheatreHaus

Comedy



Digital Event

24-25 Apr 1hr

Sat, Sun 8pm

Choose your price \$12, \$15 or \$20

△ Coarse language

Image: by Victor Patrascan - 'Hide This For Me'

Harry Wright -
Smalltown Boy

Gay boy with autism explores a lifetime of trying to fit in with other men, with mixed results

Harry Wright examines his autism and his sexuality, and how these intersect with his class identity, growing up in a deprived area of Yorkshire, England. Harry considers how sex, relationships and music have helped him become a better man, in theory anyway. Plus numerous dick jokes.

Cabaret



Mission to Seafarers - Norla Dome, Docklands

22-24 Apr 1hr

Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Auslan: 23 Apr 7:30pm

\$30 full | \$25 conc

△ Coarse language | Drug use references

Presented by Randy Roy

Image: by Ben Grimshaw

Highway To The
Twilight Zone

The campest alternate reality

Part drag show, part theatre production, Randy Roy and his trusty entourage have one hour to wow you with Queens, Kings and Things serving up glittering fantasies and sci fi realism... and one hour to figure out which cast member is not quite who they say they are. With a rotating cast of drag performers, no two evenings will be the same! Come take the journey through the unknown, on the highway to the Twilight Zone.

Comedy



Bowery Theatre, St Albans

30 Apr 1hr

Fri 7:30pm

\$28 full | \$22 conc

△ Mild coarse language, sexual references, mental health themes

Presented by Regional Arts Victoria and the Bowery Theatre

Image: by Nick Manuell

I Have a Face by
Jude Perl

In her award-winning show, Jude Perl embarks on an adventure to solve all of our collective inner angst... With lots of bright colours! Dazzling sounds! And prizes!*

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Are you perpetually confused about everything? Well, look no further, because when it comes to confusion, Jude Perl has all the answers.

*Metaphorical prizes.

Variety



Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room, Docklands

20-24 Apr 1hr

Tue-Sat 7:30pm | Auslan: 24 Apr 7:30pm

\$35 full | \$22 conc

△ Nudity | Coarse language

Presented by Kong's Kings

Image: by Bae L'amour, Brig Bee & Keely Windred

Kong's Drag Kings

"Melbourne's greatest expressions of gender*fckery." - The Loose Moose

Time to swipe right on the muscles, moustaches and utter madness of Melbourne drag. Kong's Kings is bringing you five glorious nights of one night stands with some of Melbourne's most diverse and eccentric drag talent. Featuring performances by Randy Roy, Jesse Dean, Dazza & Keif, Justin Teliqure and a f*cktonne more.

Dance



Temperance Hall, South Melbourne

28 Apr-2 May 45m

Wed-Sat 7pm & 8:15pm | Sun 2pm & 3:15pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Sex scenes | Smoke/Haze

Presented by Temperance Hall

Image: by Phillip Adams and William McBride by Gregory Lorenzutti.

Laceship

Temperance Hall presents Laceship, an immersive installation and performance for an intimate audience. Created by BalletLab Artistic Director Phillip Adam, Laceship takes the iconic horror cult film The Exorcist (1973) as a point of departure. Audiences are positioned amongst the interior of a large-scale scenography of lace, as if on a film set. Through a queer lens, Laceship explores themes of religious unorthodoxy, embodied exorcisms, Catholic ceremony and demonic ritual.

Spoken Word



Let Me Get Something Off My Chest by Sam Elkin

Rants from out West

A storytelling night of polemical rants and righteous queer rage. Join an array of activists, artists and wordsmiths as they take to the stage to let the world know what's been making them angry, bemused or confused this year. Featuring Roj Amedi, Joshua Badge, Tony Briffa, David Mejia-Canales, Kitty, Dean & Sasja from 3CR's Behind Closed Doors + many more.

Bowery Theatre, St Albans

19 Apr 2hrs

Mon 6:30pm

\$18 full | \$14 conc

⚠ Coarse language | References to drug use, sexual violence and suicide

Presented by Sam Elkin

Image: by Todd Cravens

Spoken Word



Line Up, Sign Up, Muck Up

A double serving of DJ sets and spoken word

First, a curated line-up of spoken work extraordinaires warm up the intimate open mic. Later is an unpredictable spectacle of improvised sonic-phonetic wonder featuring collaboration in words and beats -- the three sets carried through by the magic of DJ Kiarcher and DJ Hip Hop Hoe. Live streaming and chill-out space.

Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

23 Apr 3hrs

Fri 7pm

\$25 full | \$12.50 conc | \$10 live stream full | \$5 live stream conc

⚠ Smoke/Haze | Open content venue

Presented by Hares & Hyenas in association with Midsumma Festival

Image: by CHS & CH

Theatre



MATADOR

A fiery fusion of dance, burlesque & circus.

After a sold out national tour in 2019, a pandemic, a sold out 2021 Brisbane season and an award winning Adelaide Fringe debut, MATADOR returns to its home town, bigger than ever in a brand new venue; Her Majesty's Theatre.

A tale of forbidden love, carnal desires, passion and pain, a tale of a love torn bull & the seductive Matador!

Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne

29 Apr-2 May 2hrs

Thu-Sun 8pm | Sun 3:30pm

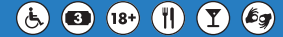
\$130 premium | \$110 A reserve | \$90 B reserve | \$70 C reserve

⚠ Sex scenes | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Partial Nudity

Presented by Bass Fam Creative

Image: by Bass Fam Creative

Comedy



Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room, Docklands

20-24 Apr | Tue-Sat | 1hr

6pm | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com

\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

⚠ Violence | Coarse language

Presented by Scratch Arts

Like a Murders off a Duck's Back

An afternoon of absurd murder mystery

The most shocking and hilarious absurdist thriller ever penned for the stage! In the seediest of dive bars, four strangers are just trying to enjoy a damn drink when tragedy strikes! Our band of violent vagabonds are thrust into a magnificent mystery that threatens everything they hold close. Who will live? Who will die? Who gets to decide?

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Theatre Works, St Kilda

24-28 Apr 1hr 30m

Sat 2pm | Mon-Wed, Sat, Sun 7:30pm

small booth (fits 2-3) \$135 full, \$90 conc large booth (fits 4-6) \$270 full, \$180 conc

⚠ Coarse language | References to drug use | Sexual References

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Theatre Works and Stage Mom

Love You Bitch

Some people are friends. Some people deserve each other.

Jem, Ella and Harry are best friends. Whip-smart underachievers side-eyeing their late twenties, their friendship is fuelled by pop music, memes and cynicism about everyone else around them.

From award-winning company Stage Mom comes this hilarious and deeply relatable play about friendship, insecurity and the secret meaning of Kylie Minogue's 'Spinning Around.'

Variety



Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne

30 Apr-1 May 2hrs 30m

Fri, Sat 8pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne

Image: by XRArtist, Marc-O-Matic

Midsumma Festival Live at the Bowl

A soirée of FREE queer live entertainment

Midsumma Festival Live at the Bowl will bring together a diverse line-up of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities, and audiences, to premiere at Sidney Myer Music Bowl for the first time ever. This FREE two-night extravaganza will showcase a joyous smorgasbord, under the stars, of the very best queer performances on offer.

Variety



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank

2 May 1hr

Sun 3pm | Sun 5pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: Joshie Belle by Thais Barreto

Midsumma Sunday Sessions

A soothing piano bar

Winter is coming, so ease out of the warmer months with this chance to sit outside and be serenaded. Midsumma Festival can have you exhausted with so many things to do, so relax and let us take the reins as we near the last week of the festival.

With keyboard stylings by Joshie Belle, non-binary cabaret-star and special guests from throughout the festival.

Cabaret



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank

4-5 May, 7 May 1hr 10m

Tue, Wed, Fri 7pm | Heat 1: Tue 4 May, Heat 2: Wed 5 May, Grand Final: Fri 7 May

\$10 full | \$6 blaktix

⚠ Coarse language | Strobe lights

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Party Passport and YIRRAMBOI Festival

Image: by Jalaru Photography

Miss First Nation 2021

Australia's only national competition for First Nations drag entertainers

Our fiercest entertainers will set the stage on fire (that's FI-YA) over two heats, showing the audience what being fabulous is all about. It all comes down to 8 finalists. They've got the talent, the sparkle and the sass, but who will take the prize (and the glory) in the most glamorous grand final in Australia? It's a glitzy celebration of pride and togetherness, and a hilariously colourful show for everyone.

Variety



Mission to Seafarers - Norla Dome, Docklands

20-24 Apr, 27 Apr-1 May | Tue-Sat 1hr

9pm | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com

\$35 full | \$30 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

⚠ Nudity | You may get wet!

Image: by The Mighty Caesar

Moist

Adults only circus

This racy and hilarious physical theatre spectacle is sopping wet as it takes you deep into a disco fuelled distopia. Join us on our hunt for a glass of water in a world where the billionaires splash about and the working class toil in the soil. It's all dribbling, all squelching, all moist performance art from a diverse range of thirst traps.

Presented by Scratch Arts and Express Move Me

Variety



Kelly Park, Werribee

1 May

Sat 5-9pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham City Council

Park Lounge

OUT in the Park, a celebration for all

Join us in the park for a luminous evening performance of music, theatre and dance to delight and entertain you with all the colours of the rainbow! Presented by Wyndham City, Park Lounge is a free event open to everyone to celebrate the wonderful world of queer culture with our LGBTQIA+ community and friends.

Musical



Cardinia Cultural Centre, Pakenham

24-25 Apr, 28 Apr-2 May 2hrs 20m

Wed-Sat 8pm | Sun 2pm

\$48 full | \$43 conc

⚠ Violence | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze

Presented by CPAC - Musical Theatre

Priscilla Queen of the Desert - The Musical

Flirty, fun and fabulous!

In an age of the glossy, beautiful drag popularised on RuPaul's Drag Race, Priscilla still stands apart with its homemade spectacle. Sydney drag queens, Tick, Felicia and transgender performer, Bernadette travel in a ramshackle bus to Alice Springs, where they've been booked for a show. It's a typical fish-out-of-water tale as the trio encounter the outback and its inhabitants.

Comedy



The MC Showroom, Prahran

29 Apr-2 May 1hr

Thu-Sun 6:30pm

\$32.50 full | \$27.50 conc

⚠ Coarse language | Sexual References

Presented by Autonomous Inventions

Protein

The musical musings of a queer vegan

Follow soy boy Alex, the musical misfit through stories of food, sex and sarcasm in this fast-paced comedy.

"Ridefelt is an amazing lyricist." - WhatDidSheThink.com

"His complex, quick-witted, and thought-provokingly relevant lyrics increase his work's wow factor." - TheatrePeople.com

Theatre



Digital Event

19 Apr-5 May

Stream on demand

Free to book, donations suggested

⚠ Violence | Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Suicide references

Image: Femme image of Zelda by Eva Mueller, Drag image of Zelda by Gloria Waslyn

Que Será, Será: A Life's Journey of Sexual Orientation & Gender

A ruthlessly honest roller-coaster life navigating non-binary Queerness

Chronicling the joys and challenges of navigating non-binary Queerness from childhood in the 1950's to adulthood. Zelda (aka Judith Z. Miller) developed this life-changing multi-media show.

Interactive Performance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

27 Apr 1hr 30m

Tue 7pm

\$22 full | \$18 conc | Includes a free drink

⚠ Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park

Image: by Suzanne Balding (QPAS 2020)

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

Witness staged readings of brand new queer theatre works

Experience fresh excerpts of four new works pre-selected from our top eight finalists: Recollection by Georgia Ketels, Every Lovely Terrible Thing by Adam Fawcett, Coming Out by Lucy Holz, and Mummy's Boy by Patrick Livesey. See queer issues and voices represented on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2021 Award selection.

Comedy



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

25 Apr, 2 May 2hrs 30m

Sun 1pm

\$69 full | \$65 conc

Presented by Pride of our Footscray Drag Bar

Image: by Adrian Prosen

Ready, Set, Brunch! Bottomless Drag Brunch

It's camp, it's drag, it's brunch!

Enjoy interactive drag comedy and shows with drag stars Joslyn Bosoms & Aurora Arsenic as they take you through everything from show-stopping drag duets to science experiments to dad jokes. All whilst you enjoy bottomless mimosas (or sparkling) and a super cute brunch, including the world famous Cavallaro Cannolis as well as sushi, wraps & more.

Spoken Word



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

29-30 Apr

Thu, Fri 7:30-8:40pm

\$28 full | \$15 conc | \$12 live stream full | \$6 live stream conc

⚠ Strong language | Sexual acts described

Presented by Queenie Bon Bon in association with Midsumma Festival

Queenie Bon Bon – The Body is its Own Language

New works about bodies, bonds and beginnings

Writer, performance artist, sex worker Queenie's Bon Bon's four full-length touring shows focus on labour and the body. A member of the sex worker art collective Debby Doesn't Do It For Free, in 2020 they won the Firstdraft's Writers award and was runner up for Whore of the Year for sex work activism.

Spoken Word



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1, Melbourne

24 Apr 45m

Sat 4pm, 5:30pm & 7pm

FREE booking required

⚠ Sexual references | Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival and ACMI

Image: Still from 'Queery' Glynn Urquhart

Queerantime Live Salon

A special live salon of performances by artists of the Queerantime in the Flesh exhibition.

Join artists of the Queerantime in the Flesh exhibition for live performances of their spoken word and musical works in an intimate salon setting.

Theatre



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

20-22 Apr 1hr

Tue, Thu 8:30pm | Wed 6:30pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

⚠ Coarse language

Presented by La Mama Theatre and Antipodes Theatre Company Production

Image: by Brandon Pape

Sam I Am

Written and performed by Sam Martin

Set on the eve of his big move to Melbourne, this deeply personal story recounts pivotal events of Sam's life, including his journey with hearing aids and speech pathology, learning Auslan, and choosing to come out following the 2017 marriage equality plebiscite. Sam I Am explores the experiences, memories, and unknowns that Sam must learn to embrace as he accepts and defines his identity.

Cabaret



Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran

29 Apr-1 May 1hr

Thu 8pm | Fri, Sat 9pm | Sat 6pm

\$39 full | \$36 conc

△ Sex scenes | Use of replica weapons

Presented by Smoke & Mirrors

Image: by Daniel Spellman

Scoundrels: A Boylesque Musical

Evil never looked so good

In a cabaret courtroom, the beautiful Ziegfeld Boys stand trial for the various sins they have committed, delving deep into a world of love, jealousy, lust, infidelity and murder. A brilliant blend of old-world burlesque, musical theatre and clever comedy.

"Glorious high camp! 5/5" - Glam Adelaide

Cabaret



fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne CBD

30 Apr-2 May 1hr

Fri, Sat 7pm | Sun 5pm

\$40 full | \$35 conc | \$35 group (min 6)

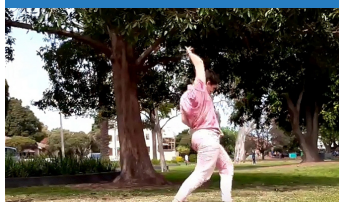
Image: by Chloe Snaith

Steven Kramer - Don't Make Me Play Piano Man

A love letter to the piano and those who play it

He'll happily play Elton John, Carole King or Peter Allen but please don't make him play THAT Billy Joel song. Journeying through all the great piano hits, Steven's cheeky, irreverent style and experience at piano bars and sing-along nights will make you feel right at home. Just don't leave your drink on the piano without a coaster!

Dance



Dancehouse - Upstairs Studio, Carlton North

28 Apr-1 May 1hr

Wed, Thu, Fri 7pm | Sat 2pm & 7pm | Relaxed: 1 May 2pm

\$20 full | \$10 conc

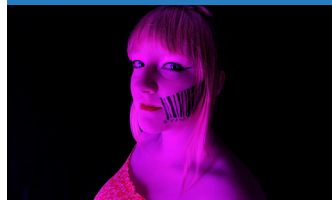
Presented by Dancehouse and Bus Projects

Image: by Zoe Bastin

That Which Was Once Familiar

That Which Was Once Familiar (TWWOF) investigates how culture inscribes gender and sexuality onto the fleshy sacks we walk around in... our bodies. Borrowing methods from sculpture; dancers explore the abstract, object-like parts of themselves. Deviating from the ways they are expected to perform to find new ways to become bodies that are less familiar.

Theatre



The MC Showroom, Prahran

20-25 Apr 2hrs

Tue-Sun 8:30pm

\$40 full | \$35 conc

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Violence | Coarse language | References to drug use, suicide & sexual violence

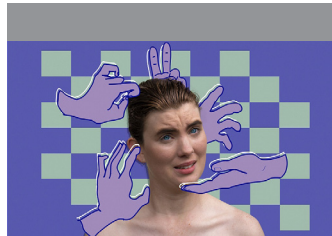
Presented by Tyrone Cross

Image: By Jesse Donaldson-Jarrett

Shopping and Fucking

Mark Ravenhill's bold tragic-comedy

Drugs, sex and microwave meals. Mark is a recovering junkie; Lulu is asked to sell ecstasy after a topless audition; Gary is a rentboy looking for someone to fulfill his violent fantasies; Robbie sets up a phone sex line with Lulu to try and pay the bills. With black humour and bleak philosophy, the play shows the lives of disconnected youth reduced to transactions by a dysfunctional consumerist society.



Digital Event

19 Apr-5 May 50m

Mon-Thu 8pm | Fri-Sun 6pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

△ Coarse language | References to drug use, anxiety and depression symptoms

Presented by Sunny Youngsmith

Image: by Echota Nadin and Jasmine Goodrich

Terms & Conditions

Darcy is the hostess with the least-est!

Terms & Conditions is a solo show that indulges the absurd and the mundane. Darcy is the hostess with the least-est, anticipating the arrival of Meaty Sue, Botanist Brianne and THE Roberta Jones. Patricia The Brain is not invited. Overhearing people's stories, advice and general blathering sends Darcy into a state of stupefaction. They dissect what others have said, and attempt to shut up those who just keep on talkinnngggg.

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Theatre Works, St Kilda

29 Apr-2 May, 4-8 May 50m

Tue-Sat 7:30pm | Sun 5pm

small booth (fits 2-3) \$135 full, \$90 conc
large booth (fits 4-6) \$270 full, \$180 conc

△ Smoke/Haze

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Theatre Works and Ben Anderson

Image: by Sarah Walker

The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven

Join Queen Jesus for a revolutionary queer ritual in which bread is shared, wine is drunk and familiar stories are reimagined by a transgender Jesus.

Jo Clifford's legendary play makes its Australasian debut with Kristen Smyth in the iconic role.

"One of the most remarkable journeys in recent theatre history" - The Scotsman

Cabaret



Comedy Republic, Melbourne

30 Apr 1hr 30m

Fri 8:30pm

\$25 full

△ Nudity

Presented by Laura Hart

The Kings

A Melbourne premiere

A night of boy-banding, joke-landing and good times that you'll only find right here.

Expect lip-syncing goodness, music, a mix of dance/gyration and a dash of comedy for equal measure.

Hosted by Laura Hart as Big Rod (Queerstories, Story Club, Improv Theatre Sydney)

"The Kings show caused me to be phenomenally entertained and sexually bewildered" - Bec Shaw (aka Brocklesnitch)

Cabaret



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank

23 Apr 1hr 20m

Fri 8pm

\$45 full

Presented by Midsumma Festival and The People of Cabaret

The People of Cabaret: We Are Here

A kaleidoscopic explosion of diversity, beauty and joy

Curated by this new initiative, who formed in 2020 to support, uplift, amplify and advocate for artists who identify as Indigenous, Bla(c)k and/or people of colour, their debut Midsumma Festival season is a vibrant expression of identity, queerness, culture and all that can be both powerful and soft.

Theatre



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

19-23 Apr 55m

Mon, Tue, Thu 6:30pm | Wed, Fri 8:30pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

△ Latecomer lockout | Sexual references | Not suitable for persons under 15

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: Sare Clarke Photography

The Will To Be

An award-winning solo show exploring homosexuality in 1960s Australia, laced with the words of Shakespeare.

A University Office, 1962: homosexuality is illegal. A lecturer is dismissed. His secret is out. Will he choose legacy or the law?

The Will To Be is an exploration of Australia's queer history, societal shame, and a defiant cry to speak truth to power.

'a spell-binding solo performance.' ★★★ - The Barefoot Review

Theatre



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

28 Apr, 30 Apr-2 May 1hr 15m

Wed, Fri 7:30pm | Sat 2pm & 5pm | Sun 7pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

△ Coarse language | Latecomer lockout | References to STIs & mental health

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Clare Hawley

This Genuine Moment

Following a sold out season from The Old 505 Theatre in Sydney.

As 'R' and 'L' piece together their one night stand, they cross topics of sexuality, social media, and a touch of chlamydia. A new queer play that asks how much easier is it to be honest with someone we don't know, than ourselves?

'This was one of the most human moments I've ever experienced in a theatre' - Theatre Travels

Cabaret



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

27 Apr, 4 May 1hr

Tue 7pm | Tue 9pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc | choose your price for digital live stream of 9pm sessions

Presented by Dean Arcuri in association with Midsumma Festival

Image: Andrew Erikson

To Sir with Glove

This time, the gloves are off!

Melbourne's favourite cabaret kinkster Dean Arcuri, is polishing his chaps and bringing his smash hit cabaret 'To Sir with Glove' back to the spotlight.

It's a 'second coming' for a new decade. Where you'll discover songs you know and love taken to a whole new level with a modern kinky twist.

Come and enjoy these twisted tunes in an evening filled with laughter and fun.

Comedy



Mission to Seafarers - Celia Little Room, Docklands

20-24 Apr 9pm, 27 Apr-1 May 7:30pm 1hr

Tue-Sat | Auslan: To book interpretation email timothyryan@scratcharts.com

\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$20 preview or group

△ Nudity | Coarse language

Image: Telepathic - Photo Video Design

Too Much

Deep into the essence of Angela Faith

Too silly, too sexual, too loud and too authentic - but the perfect amount of courageous and funny. Angela Faith is as profound as she is ridiculous. Prepare yourself for deep insights and cringe-worthy stories that she probably should have kept to herself. Joyful, deep, saucy and provocative.

Presented by Scratch Arts

Spoken Word



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

30 Apr 2hrs

Fri 8pm

\$16 full | \$12 conc

⚠ Coarse language | References to drug use, sexual violence and suicide

Presented by Spilling the T Collective

Image: by Rishi on Unsplash

Trans and Gender Diverse Writers Showcase

An anthology fundraiser

Join us for a night of memoir, fiction and poetry readings by upcoming trans and gender diverse writers from across Australia and help us fundraise to print our debut anthology. This event takes place on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation.

Comedy



Comedy Republic, Melbourne

22 Apr 1hr 20m

Thu 7:30pm

\$20 full

Presented by Comedy Republic

Two Queers Walk Into A Bar

Jenna Suffern & Brendan Hancock

Join the Two Queers and their (very funny) friends, for the first ever Two Queers Walk Into A Bar in Melbourne! Since starting TQWIAB (catchy, we know) in 2019, these Sydney-based queers have fostered an all-inclusive community of some of the best (and absolutely hilarious) acts of theLGBTQIA+ comedy scene including Zoë Coombs Marr, Jordan Raskopoulos & Nina Oyama.

Comedy



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

24-25 Apr, 1-2 May 1hr 30m

Sat 7pm | Sun 5pm

\$23 full | \$16 conc

⚠ Coarse language | Adult themes

Presented by Pride of our Footscray Bar

You Can't Say That In Front Of Your Father!

Queer Comedy Realness!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar turns into a Comedy Bar and comes alive with the sound of laughs as some of our funniest queer friends tell us how it is.

We're here, we're queer, we're fabulous, we're funny! Hear from comedians from all shades of the rainbow tell it like it is. Queer life is never dull!



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Curtin, Carlton
 23 Apr
 Fri 8pm-12am
 \$25 full | \$22 conc
 ⚠ Language Warning | Sexual References
Presented by Midsumma Festival, blaberunner and Psychic Hysteria



A Celebration of The Teaches of Peaches

Celebrating an era defining album by iconic feminist musician, producer, director, and performance artist, Peaches

V, Hearts & Rockets, Double Vanity, Zig Zag, Hunny Machete and more party hard at The Curtin in honour of Peaches. Performing original material + songs from The Teaches of Peaches album, celebrating this lusty high art, low brow masterpiece in one sweaty night.

Popular Music



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
 23-24 Apr, 29-30 Apr 1hr
 Thu-Sat 6:30pm | Relaxed: 29 Apr 6:30pm
 \$24 full | \$18 conc
 ⚠ Coarse language
Presented by Natasha Pearson & Hayden Dun

Image: by Sharon McCutcheon

Ace of Hearts - Songs

From the Ace of Hearts Musical

Songs from queer musical Ace of Hearts performed by co-writers Hayden Dun and Natasha Pearson. Presented on keys/vocals, the performance celebrates difference with a central message of inclusion and belonging. Ace of Hearts is a musical comedy that follows a young woman's discovery that she is Asexual and the implications it has on her friendships, family and dating life.



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy
 1 May 1hr 30m
 Sat 7:30pm
 \$35 full
Presented by Blues Sisters in association with Midsumma Festival
 Image: by Graeme Dennerstein and Grazia Marin



Blue is the Colour of Love

Blues with a classical touch

This programme will dive into the sea of blues and jazz love songs, wringing out the lows and rejoicing in the highs of this evocative music. With hot keys and a powerful voice, Pamela Christie and Piera Dennerstein will present some of the greats of this genre, approached afresh through their extensive background in classical music.

"Piera Dennerstein's vocal capacity... is extraordinary" - Stage Whispers

Popular Music



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - North Magdalen Laundry, Abbotsford
 29 Apr-1 May
 Thu-Sat 7-10pm | Auslan: Thu 29 Apr 7pm
 FREE booking required
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Abbotsford Convent for Convent Live
 Image: by WILK

Disco Instamatic

Music video reimagined

You're invited to step inside an innovative, glittering and glamorous reimagining of the traditional music video. Created in collaboration with queer screen culture magazine Sissy Screens, Disco Instamatic is a large-scale, hyper-colour projection work, underscored by the Butch Le Butch remix of Tanzer's new single Deep Fried Disco. Featuring 20 superstars of Melbourne's queer arts scene, including Tanzer, The Huxleys, Karen From Finance, Atong Atem and Aysha Buffet, this immersive experience is not to be missed.

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Industrial School, Sacred Heart building, Abbotsford
 23-25 Apr 2hrs 30m
 Fri 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 8pm
 \$42 full | \$32 conc | \$35 seniors | \$25 preview
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Forest Collective and Abbotsford Convent as part of Convent Live

Emo Phase: Dan Thorpe in Focus

Lots of people have an emo phase, Dan Thorpe's just lasted a bit longer.

It's his thirtieth birthday, he's a concert pianist, but he still just wants to shred sad, queer bangers. Join Forest Collective and piano maverick Dan for a night of high energy, genre defying music for piano and ensemble, revisiting repertoire from the last ten years of his career, plus world premiere concerti by Cat Hope and Dan himself.

Blues & Roots



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel, Prahran
 29 Apr 1hr 25m
 Thu 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
Presented by Midsumma Festival and RiViD Media
 Image: by Michelle Chandler

Goddess Grooves @ Chapel presents Love Rewind

Melbourne's premier women's music event

Goddess Grooves has been wowing audiences for well over a decade as it showcases local queer female musicians. This year it features the amazing talents of Michelle Chandler, Jo Jo Smith, Michelle Parsons and guests, and also provides a sneak peak into a locally made feature film currently in post production, Love Rewind.

Jazz



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel, Prahran

2 May 1hr 10m

Sun 4pm | Sun 7pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Vicki Jones

Goddesses of Jazz @ Chapel off Chapel

Maude Davey and Ruth Katerelos in cabaret together again!

Talented performers Maude Davey and Ruth Katerelos, accompanied by the amazing Graham Clarke, present a scintillating night of songs made famous by some of the unforgettable Goddesses of Jazz. Nina Simone, Judy Garland, Billie Holiday, Piaf, Dusty Springfield and more. A night of songs; of stories; of life and laughter. You don't want to miss this.

Popular Music



The MC Showroom, Prahran

22-24 Apr 1hr

Thu-Sat 7pm

\$39 full | \$30 conc

Presented by Justin & Jamie

He's Every Woman Unlimited

"Exceptional... A first-class duo" - The Advertiser (Fringe World Winner)

Justin Clausen (The Voice) and Jamie Burgess (Fortified, Highway Superstar) want you to strap in for a night of big songs, big laughs and big... hair. Bolder and sassier than ever, the boys are ready to forget about the breaks, and drive headlong into a show stuffed full of hits from the '80's to now... but mostly Celine.

Classical



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

24-25 Apr 2hrs

Sat-Sun 2pm & 7:30pm | Relaxed: 24 & 25 Apr 2pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

△ Latecomer lockout

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Miranda Hill

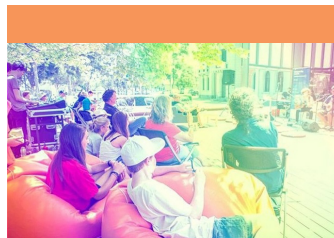
Homophonic!

Bringing the disco ball to the concert hall!

Homophonic! celebrates 10 years of mind bending queer classical music. Featuring Homosexual Harmonies, Sapphic Symphonists, a double belled bass trombone, and a harpsichord. Come and experience the soundworld of LGBTQIA+ composers.

Produced by 3 Shades Black.

'Homophonic! is a magically unique experience which produces nothing less than musical utopia' Stage Whispers, 2020.



Newport Community Hub, Newport

24 Apr

Sat 3-5pm

FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay UP

Rainbow Music on the Deck

Kick back to the sounds of young, local music talent

Hobsons Bay UP invite the whole community to a family friendly afternoon featuring an amazing line up of young, local music talent and queer entertainment. Enjoy a sausage sizzle, fairy floss, face painting, community information stalls and great prizes. Rainbow attire very welcome. Alcohol and drug free event.

Music



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

1-2 May

Sat, Sun | Workshop: 2-4pm | Gig: 6-6:30pm

Door sales only | \$50 full, workshop | \$25 conc, workshop | \$25 full, gig | \$15 conc, gig

Presented by Jessica at Birth

Image: by Hanna Jenkin

Sound in the Head Workshops and Gigs

Improved outsider art music workshop and performance

An opportunity to tell a story through music, sound, song in a safe space to peers.

Two hour workshops and thirty minute live performances will prepare participants for the opportunity to explore improvisation, outsider art music.

Classical



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

1-2 May 1hr

Sat, Sun 7pm

\$20 full | \$15 conc

△ Images/recordings of Aboriginal people who have passed away

Image: by Jack Shiels

Tall Branches

A new spectral music experiment by avant-composer Diimpa

Diimpa, avant-composer and multi-instrumentalist, is joined by a chamber ensemble for a sonic voyage through confrontation and healing. From his experience as a queer autistic person, Diimpa traverses his conflicting family history of Aboriginal First Nations connection lost through the Stolen Generation, to white colonial sugar plantations and the blackbird trade.

18+



 Seaworks, Williamstown

 24 Apr 6hrs

 Sat 4pm

 \$27 full

 ⚠ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Long periods of standing

 Presented by Midsomma Festival, Girls at Sea and AH Entertainment

The Pier Festival

Queer Woman's Music Festival

We are pulling out all stops to reconnect our community and bring you the ultimate Queer Woman's Music Festival. Featuring Casey Donovan, Hart & Harlow, MZ Ritz, Tom Boy DJ set plus more. Immerse yourself in the festival vibes and enjoy market stalls, drinks and food trucks, community groups, roving entertainment and more. Held at the iconic Seaworks Williamstown and hosted by Bobby Macumber, this event is not to be missed. Join us and reconnect with other queer women and their friends.

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Collingwood Yards, Collingwood

22-25 Apr

Thu-Sun 6pm-12am | Auslan: 22 Apr 6pm-7pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Centre for Projection Art

Image: by Jane Crappsley, 'A Change in Condition', 2020

A Strange Space

A Strange Space is an open-air exhibition of site-responsive projection art, performance, music, dance and online interactive works by LGBTQIA+ artists and allies.

The projection artworks and performances featured in this multi-arts program explore the theme of "a strange space" and the various forms, ideas and experiences that this concept evokes.

Co-Curated by Jacob Tolo and Edwina Bartlem.

Exhibition



Old Melbourne Gaol City Watch House

5 Feb-16 May (closed Mon & Tue)

Wed-Sun 10am-6pm

\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$17 child | \$70 family (2 adults + 2 children)

Presented by National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Image: Gay Pride Picnic 1973, Rennie Ellis

Bending the Bars: 40 years since decriminalisation

An exhibition commemorating a historic reform

Bending the Bars shares the stories of the community who created legislative change in 1981. It tells a powerful and life affirming history using an engaging combination of text, images and art.

This exhibition requires a General Admission ticket to Old Melbourne Gaol.

Exhibition



Mission to Seafarers - Main Hall, Docklands

20-24 Apr, 27 Apr-1 May

Tue-Sat 5:30-10pm | Opening: 20 Apr 6-10pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Scratch Arts

Image: by Marce King

Contemporary AF

Queer dreams and desires

Your everyday life has been abstracted, documented and celebrated through the works of these diverse artists.

They've delved deep into the spaces where we feel most comfortable to truly express our identities - The nightclubs, our bedrooms, our kitchens and our love-lives.

This group exhibition presents the artists making waves in the queer contemporary arts scene.

Exhibition



Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

19 Apr-5 May

Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

Presented by Immigration Museum

Image: by Tiny Empire Collective

Becoming You: An Incomplete Guide exhibition

Immigration Museum's new exhibition Becoming You: An Incomplete Guide celebrates pivotal coming-of-age moments through the real-life stories from 72 contributors, including Adolfo Aranjuez, Andreja Pejic, Frances Cannon, Jax Jacki Brown, Karen from Finance, Noel Tovey and Nevo Zisin.

Exhibition



Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Bundoora

3 Apr-26 Jun

Wed-Sat 11am-4pm (closed Sun-Tue)

FREE

△ Nudity | Violence

Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre and Midsumma Festival

Image: EO Gill, CLEAVE (still), 2020.

CLEAVE

Winner of the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Award at the 2020 Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

EO Gill's work interrogates gender, class politics and intimacy using a self-reflexive documentary style. This video artwork adopts the cinematic languages of erotic narrative but shifts the subject matter; aiming to question issues of agency, pleasure and autonomy.

Exhibition



Laverton Community Hub, Laverton

19-23 Apr, 26-30 Apr, 3-7 May, 10-14 May

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: Gayskate, Footscray c.1982. Courtesy AQUA

Creating Community in Melbourne's West

LGBTQIA+ exhibition

From Gay-Skate in Footscray to the infamous Sunshine 'Gay' Girl article, this exhibition tells the story of the journey of LGBTQIA+ communities in Melbourne's west towards recognition and understanding from the 1970s until today.

Public Art



Mission to Seafarers - Norla Dome,
Docklands

27 Apr-1 May

Tue-Sat 7:30-8:30pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

Presented by Club Trish

Image: Chris Nichols

Dhamma Radio

An experimental audio visual experience presented by Club Trish

CLUB TRISH presents Dhamma Radio, an immersive audiovisual and performative experience under the Norla Dome.

Exhibition



Bowery Theatre, St Albans

10 Apr-5 May

Mon-Sun 10am-5pm | Special Film
Premiere: Fri 23 Apr 8-9pm

FREE

△ Strobe lights | Adult themes

Presented by James Welsby (Valerie Hex)
and the Bowery Theatre

Image: by Rachel Main

Duets with a Shapeshifter by James Welsby (Valerie Hex)

A drag fusion project

Lush landscapes, breath-taking costumes, intricate choreography, and striking digital effects create a virtual reality where a human body duets with a surreal world in a 10-minute video project. Separated into four sections, the seasonal theme charts life cycles and enduring transformation.

Exhibition



IN ESSENTIA

In Essentia

Donor conception, identity and rainbow families.

While once exclusive to hetero couples, donor conception is Australia has become inclusive of single parents, same-sex couples, trans couples and other queer people to create thousands of rainbow families. 'In Essentia' is a world-first exploration of the ways in which identity is shaped through donor conception, while providing space to empower donor conceived adults to be active participants in their own stories.

Gasworks Arts Park - Foyer Gallery,
Albert Park

27 Apr-11 May

Mon-Sun 9:30am-5pm

FREE

Exhibition



Temperance Hall, South Melbourne

28 Apr-2 May

Wed 5-7pm | Thu, Fri 5-9pm | Sat 11am-9pm | Sun 11am-5pm | Auslan: Wed 28 Apr 5pm (online)

FREE

△ Gallery is accessed by stairs

Presented by Luke George and Temperance Hall

Displays of Affection

Kink meets Couture

Obsessed with rope as a medium to explore tensions and connectivity, artist Luke George has designed and handcrafted a rope-bondage gown worthy of any Met Gala red carpet. A hybrid exhibition of photography and installation, this stunning garment binds itself to a person, and people to each other.

Join the Opening Night party via our online event!

Winner of the Project Claude Visual Art Award (Company of Men Exhibition, Midsumma 2018)

Exhibition



Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee

18 Mar-25 Apr

Mon-Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: 18 Mar 6:30-8:30pm | Artists Talk: 31 Mar 6:30-8pm | Workshop: 8 Apr 6-7:30pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham City

Image: by Ophelia Bakowski "May All Acts Of Love And Pleasure Be My Rituals"

Fluid

Versatile identities in the 21st Century

The gender binary is up for discussion, no longer fixed, asking us to inspect how binaries of all types inform the way we experience the world. LGBTQIA+ people have long led the way in these conversations and continue to investigate how perceived social norms shape our identities. 'Fluid' expands on these ideas to entice new ways of seeing, feeling, engaging and moving through the world.

Art Online



Kingston Arts, Moorabbin | Digital Event

21 Apr-16 May

Daily 24 hrs

FREE

Presented by Kingston Arts

Image: 2019, group collage by Queer in Kingston with Yandell Walton and Willow Franklin.

Low Brows and High Hopes

An online exhibition and zine by Queer in Kingston

Artist, Willow Franklin, and poet, Zoe Kingsley, in collaboration with Queer in Kingston present an online exhibition, zine and outdoor projection for Midsumma Festival, exploring the theme of 'lowbrow art' through collage, video, craft, text and poetry.

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Metro Tunnel Hoardings, Melbourne CBD

19 Apr-5 May

Mon-Sun

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Metro Tunnel Creative Program

Image: Poolside Café artwork on a Metro Tunnel acoustic shed - photographed by James Henry

Memory Lane

Ten artists share their memories

The Metro Tunnel Creative Program and Midsumma Festival 2021 are collaborating to showcase the strength and adaptability of our artists and culture makers. The art that came before us is what gave so much strength to our communities to be where we are today. The last year has been tough for our 'Arts World' and we need to remind ourselves of our roots. To commemorate our history, we want to take a trip down Memory Lane.

Exhibition



Trocadero Art Space, Footscray

21-24 Apr, 28 Apr-1 May

Wed-Sat 12-5pm | Opening: 21 Apr 6-8pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Long periods of standing

Image: Created by Jamie Harrop aka TrashyClub

On Screen, In the Flesh

In an era of digitisation and social media, many queers of today discovered and announced their queer identities on the internet. Some played and developed themselves online whilst unable to in their non-digital lives. On Screen, In the Flesh uncovers these experiences, of the queers of today who once upon a time, uncovered their queer identities online. Please note: There is a staircase to enter the gallery.

Exhibition



NECCHI Newlands, Coburg North

1-2 May

Sat 3-6pm | Sun 12-4pm | Auslan: Sat 1 May | Audio Described: Sat 1 May

FREE booking required

Presented by Queers Draw This

Image: Brunswick East Entertainment Festival sketch by Margaret Mayhew 2020

Queers Draw This Exhibition

Queer Art Exhibition with fun drawing activities and models

Queers Draw This is a fun, safe and accessible space for queers to meet online or face to face and enjoy drawing other queers (human and non-human). Join us for an exhibition of the drawings, cartoons and zines that participants have created over the past 12 months. There will also be mini drawing workshops with Auslan interpreted and audio-described blind-drawing exercises. All ages welcome.

Exhibition



O UT

O UT

A Queer Takeover at Brunswick Street Gallery

Celebrate the launch of our Midsumma Festival exhibitions, featuring some of Australia's most exciting emerging and mid-career LGBTQIA+ artists. Showcasing work from multiple artists - each with a unique curatorial voice - O UT represents the diverse experiences of our community for an all-welcoming affair.

Brunswick Street Gallery, Fitzroy

22-25 Apr, 27 Apr-2 May, 4-9 May

Tue-Sun 10am-6pm | Opening: 30 Apr 6-9pm

FREE

Presented by Brunswick Street Gallery

Exhibition



PINK 2021

Tacit presents PINK - a group exhibition celebrating bodies, objects and urges (plus a little more). The best in contemporary art that is sexy, suave and oh so queer.

Tacit Art, Collingwood

14-18 Apr, 21-25 Apr, 28-30 Apr

Wed-Sun 11am-5pm | Opening: 14 Apr 6:30-8pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Tacit Art

Artists featured: TJ Bateson, Tim Craker, Andrew Foster, Brad Gunn, Sam Hardy, Carl de Jager, Ayman Kaake, KyleKM, Damon Kowarsky, Mon

"One of the best galleries in Melbourne and my go-to Midsumma event when I travel down from Sydney." - previous attendee

Exhibition, Public Art



Realness

A new work by new media artist Wesley Dowling with sound design by Liam Power on the Bunjil Place outdoor screen.

Bunjil Place, Narre Warren

21 Apr-23 May

Daily 10am-noon & 6-8pm

FREE

Presented by Bunjil Place and City of Casey

Image: by Wesley Dowling

Realness is an interactive, participatory web browser-based artwork that transforms sampled pixels and recorded audio from the webcams of user's devices into an ever-changing generative audiovisual experience.

Exhibition



Ross Watson Gallery, Carlton North

24-25 Apr, 1-2 May, 8-9 May

Sat, Sun 11am-5pm

FREE

Presented by Ross Watson Gallery

Image: by Ross Watson

Ross Watson Exhibition

See why the New York Times included Ross Watson in their WorldPride NYC top picks

Following Ross Watson's highly successful WorldPride NYC Exhibition and Book Launch, this unmissable exhibition features new artworks and the artist signing copies of his highly anticipated second volume art book Untitled II.

"Watson has become one of the world's foremost painters of the male figure behind some of the most sunning erotic

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD

28 Apr-1 May, 4-8 May

Tue, Wed 10am-4pm | Thu, Fri 10am-6pm | Sat 1-4pm

FREE

⚠ Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post

Image: by Eugene Howard

Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

Australia's leading queer visual arts award

In its sixth year, this selection of queer artists from across the country showcase their personal and political perspectives. Open to early career and established artists working in any medium, the finalists' artwork are available to the public for viewing and voting during Midsumma Festival for the People's Choice award.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Swinburne Studio, Melbourne

23-26 Apr

Fri 12-7pm | Sat 11am-7pm | Sun 11am-6pm
| Mon 12-5pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Midsumma Festival and
ACMI

Image: Still from 'Queery' Glynn Urquhart

Queerantime in the Flesh

**Works from the online "Living
in the Queerantime" series
presented in the flesh.**

Many LGBTQIA+ people have come from isolation, and combatted it with community and creativity. During COVID-19 lockdowns where we found ourselves once again isolated, Midsumma Festival commissioned ten artists to creatively respond online to living in an era of quarantine - now, with ACMI, we're taking those artworks live.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

24 Apr 1hr 15m

Sat 3:15pm

\$5 full | free to stream at home

△ Best for ages 16+

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

Image: by Tiny Empire Collective

Becoming Us talk with Nevo Zisin, Adolfo Aranjuez, Frances Cannon + Jax Jacki Brown

Becoming Us series

Join Nevo, Adolfo, Frances and Jax in conversation on growing up and coming-of-age moments in their lives and the LGBTQIA+ community. Discover the experiences that shaped them and their arts and activist practices, plus advice on celebrating yourself on the journey.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

25 Apr 2hrs

Sun 11am | Sun 2pm

\$5 full

△ Open to ages 16-25 years

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Immigration Museum and Signal

Image: Social bubbles and social Bubble'O's, by Kenny Pittock, 2020

Heirloom Room! Sculpture workshop with Kenny Pittock

Becoming Us series

Objects play a huge role in moulding and holding our daily lives and identities. In this workshop devised by SIGNAL Curators, artist Kenny Pittock will impart the sculpting skills to re-create sentimental objects from your memories. Learn the essentials of hand-building with air-dry clay, and explore how feelings imprint on perceptions of treasured objects.

Talks



Newport Community Hub, Newport

22 Apr 1hr

Thu 6:30pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

Intersections of discrimination

Author Claire Coleman joins Yamiko Marama, writer, therapist and food truck owner to explore intersectionality between queer and racism, sharing their own experiences and concerns.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Various Midsumma Venues

19 Apr-5 May

Various dates and times, see midsumma.org.au for details and to apply. Applications close COB 29 Mar.

\$20 full | pay what you can

Presented by Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods

Image: by Ezra Lurie

Feral Queer Camp

Explore Midsumma with a gaggle of queer thinkers and makers

Be part of a new feral cohort who will see performance together and consider: how we learn about what makes performance queer; how we talk about queer performance; how we make performance; how we might queer reviewing and funding; and, above all, how we might develop a network of queer thinkers who can talk amongst ourselves and to others about queer performance.

Talks



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

21 Apr 2hrs

Wed 6:30pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis in association with Midsumma Festival

HELLO TITTY

The official launch of a new poetic volume

'BREATHING ON SKIN. GOOSEBUMPS. BACK BONES'. - HELLO TITTY

Poetry celebrating the female gaze. No longer will this be ignored. Our desires, strength, and power is ours to own. A new publication by artist Martha Ackroyd Curtis, her poetic license is ready to slay.

Please arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1, Melbourne

24-25 Apr 1hr

Sat, Sun 2pm

FREE booking required

△ Sexual references | Adult themes

Presented by Midsumma Festival and ACMI

Image: Still from 'Queery' Glynn Urquhart

Queerantime Q&A

Panel discussions with the artists of the Queerantime in the Flesh exhibition

Join artists of the Queerantime in the Flesh exhibition for two special Q&A panel discussion events where they discuss their works and how they operate as queer artists living, working, playing and creating during COVID-19.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS COVID-19

Melbourne Museum, Carlton

21 Apr 1hr

Wed 6:30pm

\$12 full | \$10 conc | \$5 live stream

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science, RSV and Melbourne Museum

Image: Adam Nieścioruk

Queers in Science : Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Queer scientists talking about areas of imminent interest

During Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science is present a lecture series displaying the amazing work of queer scientists in Victoria. This year's lecture series will talk about timely topics such as Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of environmental pollution.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Melbourne Museum, Carlton

5 May 1hr

Wed 6:30pm

\$12 full | \$10 conc | \$5 live stream

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science, RSV and Melbourne Museum

Image: Guillaume de Germain

Queers in Science : Ecology now

Queer scientists talking about areas of imminent interest

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Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

24 Apr 1hr

Sat 1pm

\$5 full

△ Open to ages 16-18

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

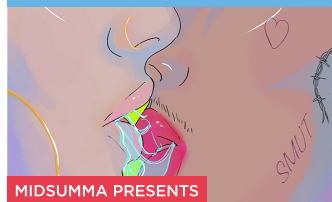
Image: Bold Strong Healthy by Frances Cannon

Self-Portrait workshop with Frances Cannon

Becoming Us series

Join artist and illustrator Frances Cannon to learn how to draw a self-portrait in a safe and body positive environment! You'll learn simple self-portrait drawing techniques, reflect on your own coming-of-age moments and address yourself with love in a letter.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts Centre - Performance Space, Footscray

30 Apr 1hr

Fri 7:30pm

\$15 full

△ Adult content

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Footscray Community Arts Centre and Sissy Screens

SMUT

Queer Erotic Fan Fiction Salon

Join queer screen culture magazine, Sissy Screens, for a night of smutty storytelling. A line-up of LGBTQIA+ filthmongers, funny people and writers will put a queer and erotic spin on fan fiction inspired by the best of iconic films and literature.

The evening will feature sultry readings, salacious performances and sensual DJ beats.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event

24 Apr 1hr

Sat 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Best for ages 16-25. No experience necessary.

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

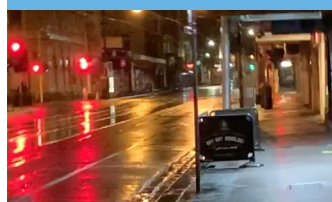
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

Story In Motion workshop with Adolfo Aranjuez

Becoming Us series

There's writing a story and there's moving your body to music - but what if you could combine the two? Join writer and dancer Adolfo Aranjuez for an online workshop on telling your own stories using both words and movement. Explore the creative process from concept to choreography and putting it all together.

Talks



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy

22 Apr 2hrs

Thu 7:30pm | Simultaneous live streaming

\$25 full | \$15 conc | \$12 live stream full | \$6 live stream conc

△ Open content venue

Presented by Hares & Hyenas in association with Midsumma Festival

Image: by Crusader Hills

Telling Time

A conversation with friends a year later

Last year authors Dennis Altman, Neal Drinnan, Quinn Eades, Andrea Goldsmith and Luke Williams gathered on stage without a facilitator. It was an example of respectful dialogue that dared to go deeper than it may have tethered to a host. They gather unbound again to reflect on the past year. How has it shaped them? Are they the same writers? What will they do with this fantastical material? Live streamed with additional features.

Workshops



Mission to Seafarers - Norla Dome,
Docklands

20-24 Apr 1hr

Tue-Sat 6pm | Auslan: To book
interpretation email [timothyryan@
scratcharts.com](mailto:timothyryan@scratcharts.com)

\$35 full | \$25 conc

Presented by Scratch Arts

Image: by Timothy Christopher Ryan

The Breathwork Sessions

A musical journey through conscious connected breath

Passionate Alchemy of Breath facilitator, River Moore, is in town to guide you through a transformative journey using music, conscious-connected breath and intuitive movement. This lively session, designed for all experience levels, will clear both physical tension and emotional blocks held in the subconscious - bringing you back home to yourself.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event

19 Apr-5 May

Stream on demand

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, PO PO MO CO and Yarra City Council and as part of PRISM

Drag Storytime - Online Series

Not your average storytime!

PO PO MO CO's resident drag blokes are online! They are ready to share warm and fuzzy rainbow books they picked up from their favourite bookshop of all time Hares & Hyenas. It's the queer playschool of your dreams and influenced by early nineties Play School, Lift Off, Sesame Street and with a healthy glitter sprinkle of RuPaul's Drag Race.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Melbourne

1 May 1hr 15m

Sat 10am | Sat 12:30pm | Auslan: 1 May 10am

\$26 full | children under two free

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Arts Centre Melbourne and Circus Oz

Rainbow Families Cabaret

Celebrating families made, chosen and found

Join your hosts, The Listies, to celebrate our collective differences in the grandeur of the Bowl.

Curated by Circus Oz, Rainbow Families Cabaret showcases circus, singing and dancing from the best queer and allied performers for families of all makes and models!

Kids and Families



Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona

24 Apr

Sat 11am-2pm

FREE

Presented by Matto Lucas, Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre and Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: by Matto Lucas

Rainbow Families in Frame

Rainbow family portraits - in frame

Have your family portrait taken at the Joel Gallery in the Rainbow Frame or download the frame for your photos.

Rainbow families, rainbow family friends and rainbow fur babies are all welcome to come into the frame.

Kids and Families



Newport Community Hub, Newport

1 May

Sat 10:30-11:15am

FREE booking required

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

Image: by Damjan Janevski

Rainbow Family Storytime

Celebrating all families!

Join drag performers Rex Spandex and Walter Melon for a very special storytime celebrating diverse families, celebrating identity, and embracing who you are. We'll be sharing our favourite rainbow books, singing songs, and having a fabulous time! All families welcome.

Kids and Families



Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona

24 Apr

Sat 11am-2pm

FREE

Rainbow Pride in Altona

Rainbow Pride in Altona is an event for Rainbow families and friends. Rainbow activities, food and fun to celebrate families and love.

The best rainbow fun in town!

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ArtPlay, Melbourne

1-4 Jul 1hr

Thu-Sun 11am | Thu-Sun 2pm

\$15 full

Presented by Midsumma Festival and ArtPlay

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

The Rainbow Tree

Where everyone is welcome and anything is possible

What happens when you invite seven children from Rainbow Families to create a show? You end up with a disco koala, wilderbeast, farting unicorn and a fairy that can freeze tickle monsters, all co-habiting in a very tall, yet tiny Rainbow Tree. This is what it's like living in a Rainbow Family. Everyone is welcome and anything is possible.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room, Fitzroy

17 Apr 1hr 30m

Sat 3pm

FREE booking required

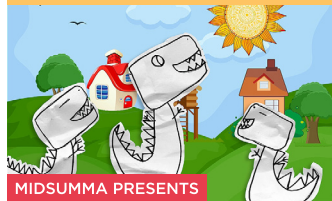
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Alice's Garage and Yarra Libraries

Image: by Ferne Millen

The Dinosaur SQUAD - Live

This event kicks off with a prideful fairy tale about Dinosaurs, read by the authors. The story's ending was co-authored by a group of Storytelling Queers Against Discrimination (SQUAD) to give the story a happy ending. Members of the Dinosaur SQUAD will share their reflections on the power of family, friends and community.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event

19 Apr-5 May

Stream on demand

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Alice's Garage

The Dinosaur SQUAD - Video

A story about Dinosaurs, Pride and the power of allies!

This video is a reading of an intergenerational pride fairy tale called The Roar! The story was written by a 12-year-old trans boy and a 69-year-old trans woman. It explores their real-life journeys to finding pride in their gender identity and themselves. The story metaphor focuses on a herd of dinosaurs who were forbidden from making noise - only to rebel and find their Roar.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Substation, Newport

20-24 Apr 1hr

Tue-Sat 7pm & 9pm

\$30 full | \$25 child | \$49 one adult + child

△ Audience will get in & out of a minibus | Face masks mandatory

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Gold Satino and The Substation

Image: by Pier Carthew

This is Grayson

An immersive performance for kids and their adults.

Grayson has been in this carpark for ten thousand two hundred and sixty-one years. She's been waiting for you. So she can show you the gaps. Between her world and yours. Not just for kids and not just for adults, This is Grayson is for both to experience together. You will meet a woman. She will take you to a bus and you will go on an intimate, surreal and immersive journey through Newport's forgotten lands.

Kids and Families



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

10-11 Apr, 17-18 Apr, 24-25 Apr 1hr

Sat, Sun 11am & 1pm | Post-show meet the cast & crew after 1pm shows

\$19 full | \$15 conc

Image: by Kal Brazil

Unsorted

A fantastical theatre show for children and families about expressing yourself and feeling connected with others

In the playful, Mixety world of the Clothings, Jacket is in charge and thinks everyone should be sorted into distinctly defined groups. The problem is, no one knows where to start. Skirt, Stove-Pipe, Sweater, Slacks and Swimsuit are all friends who want to play together, but if they don't sort themselves out and separate according to Jacket's rules, they'll all be banished.

Youth



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

24 Apr

3hrs

Sat 6:30pm

FREE booking required

△ Event for youth aged 12-19 only

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Minus18

Image: by Alan Weedon Ft. Sui Zhen

Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party

At long last, it is finally time for us to come together in person. It's Minus18's glorious return to IRL dance parties celebrating our LGBTQIA+ youth community.

LGBTQIA+ performers, competitions, snacks, glitter, pride vibes - and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum's Becoming You exhibition after dark.

Faith



St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy, Fitzroy
 23 Apr 2hrs
 Fri 7pm
 FREE
Presented by Saint Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy

A Festive Mass

Celebrating LGBTQIA+ people of faith

All are welcome to this annual celebration of the lives of LGBTQIA+ people of faith in the context of a beautiful and uplifting Sung Mass with our talented choir and a thoughtful, stimulating and encouraging reflection. Celebrating our unique humanity as a gift of God.

Mini-festival



Castlemaine Botanical Gardens, Castlemaine
 24 Apr
 Sat 11am-5pm
 FREE
Presented by Castlemaine Community House

Castlemaine Pride 2021

Picnic in the Park

Come and join us for a picnic in the park for a whole of community, all ages, family friendly celebration of diversity, inclusion and equality.

Entertainment throughout the day, a Dog Show, market stalls, kids activities, jumping castle and a Youth Space. Food, beer and wine available or you can BYO picnic.

Fabulous costumes and rainbow paraphernalia are strongly encouraged.

Market



Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas), Fitzroy
 2 May
 Sun 1-5pm
 FREE
Presented by Steven Trosti in association with Midsumma Festival
 Image: by Steven Trosti

Gay Stuff Markets

Gay Stuff Markets are a collection of the finest creators, artisans and style makers from the queer community. Convening at Hares & Hyenas, Melbourne's proud queer bookshop and venue, come experience this fun community-spirited event. Offering everything from fashion, art, plants, homewares, accessories, pleasure products, vintage and recycled pieces, books, bar, cafe, tunes & more! Who doesn't love Gay Stuff!

Mini-festival



Digital Event
 23 May 4hrs
 Sat 10am
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival

Midsumma Pride March - Live Stream

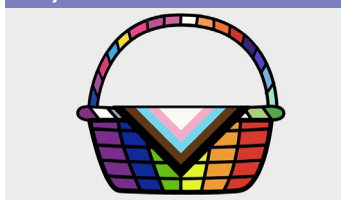
Midsumma Pride March 2021 will return to St Kilda

Once again marchers will colour Fitzroy St in a parade of solidarity.

Watch the parade at home from 10am as Midsumma Festival live-streams Midsumma Pride March for the very first time.

Or book into a Fitzroy St participating venue to watch the parade from 11am, and stay all day in iconic St Kilda.

Day Out



Selendra Community Hub, Clyde North
 18 Apr
 Sun 11am-3pm
 FREE booking required
Presented by Casey Rainbow Community, City of Casey, Casey-Cardinia Libraries and Selendra Community Hub
 Image: Dae Knight

Rainbow Community Picnic Midsumma in the Southeast

Come connect with your LGBTQIA+ community & allies! Nevo Zisin opens our pack your own picnic event with a warm welcoming conversation followed by coffee and free sausages, performers, drag story time, learn to dance, face painting, art exhibit, art making, library binge bags of rainbow books, community stalls & our local pride flag relay launch.

Arts



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank
 24 Apr 1hr 30m
 Sat 6:30pm
 \$15.50 full | \$12.50 conc
 △ Coarse language | Sexual Content
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Archer Magazine and the Wheeler Centre
 Image: by Spyros Rennt

Take It From Me: Archer Launch Edition

The much-loved sex and relationships advice series, Take It From Me, is back. Join us to celebrate queerness and launch the new edition of Archer Magazine: the Friendship Issue. Hosted by the dashing Jess McGuire, there'll be a stellar lineup of queer agony aunts including Nayuka Gorrie, Vanessa Muradian, and Alistair Baldwin.

Social

18+



The Prince Hotel, St Kilda

29 Apr 3hrs

Thu 6:30pm

\$120 full

Presented by Mr Theodore and The Prince Hotel

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The Most Inclusive LGBTQIA+ Wedding Planning Event You'll Ever Attend

Dinner with a mix of wedding planning, what more could you want?

Uncover the secrets to planning your perfect wedding, allow Mr Theodore (Australia's leading LGBTQIA+ Wedding Guide) to help you on your journey.

Party



St Kilda Sports Club, St Kilda

23 May

Sun 1-9pm

FREE

Presented by POOF DOOF

Image: by Niklas Baauer

A Gay On The Lawn

Snags, drags, DJs and lawn bowls - the place to be after Pride March 2021!

POOF DOOF's annual Pride March After Party is back in 2021 serving up a free afternoon of lawn bowls, gourmet BBQ and tunes to wrap up Midsumma! Whether you're bowling, dancing or hitting the gourmet snags the soundtrack of summer will come from our POOF DOOF resident DJs and high energy drag performers. This is an 18+ inclusive event for the entire queer community.

Party



Inflation, Melbourne CBD

22 Apr, 29 Apr

5hrs

Thu 7pm

\$15 full Door sales only

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Latecomer lockout | Long periods of standing | No mobile phones or cameras | This is a men only event

Presented by ADAM

ADAM + LUST

Melbourne's famous nude bar for guys!

Every Thursday night in Melbourne a bunch of remarkable guys meet to socialise, dig on tunes, and dance - all in the buff!

ADAM is recognised internationally as one of the most enjoyable and friendly queer bars on the planet. And with the move to our CBD digs, we now have a separate floor for socialising plus an entire basement for dancing and fooling around!

Social



Mission to Seafarers - Main Hall, Docklands

2 May

Sun 3-10pm

\$30 full

△ Coarse language

Presented by Scratch Arts

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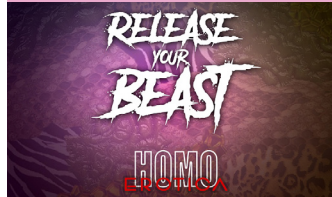
Blankë Pop

A neon caba-rave

Join us for a day party at the iconic Mission to Seafarers Melbourne. We have a massive indoor stage with a d&b audiotechnik sound system and a cute outdoor chill space, so come fall down the rabbit hole into our black-lit fantasy-land. We're bringing along our cutest friends for a day of wild AF performances and house music.

For the freaks, the geeks, the misfits and the queers.

Party



Inflation, Melbourne CBD

25 Apr

7hrs

Sun 7pm

\$50 full

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Long periods of standing | References to drug use

Presented by BUFF Events

Homo Erotica

We're all homos // humans

Midsumma's most audacious dance party returns for 2021 with gala performances and a stellar DJ lineup including Claire Morgan, Hyper Binary & Simona Castricum.

For this edition we invite you to release your beast and EXPOSE your wildest, most provocative look through leather & gear, drag, glam, club kid, fetish, high fashion, or au naturel; whatever it is, let it run wild.

"Pushing boundaries and challenging you to release your inner self through all your senses" - Beat Magazine

Day Out



Como Park North, South Yarra

24 Apr

5hrs

Sat 9:45am | Door sales only

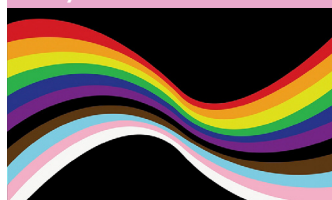
\$20 car | \$5 additional passenger

Presented by Motafrenz Car Club

Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour

A great Midsumma annual event and always with a great community turnout. Come along for this mystery drive with your friends and pet to test your navigation skills with the specially prepared and cooked up clues. You use your problem solving skills and wit before ending up at a wonderful picnic spot where prizes for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and best dressed vehicle are awarded.

Party



RETROPOLIS, Preston

24 Apr

Sat 3-11:30pm

\$20 spectators/own skates | \$25 skater/hire skates | \$64 family (up to 5 skaters)

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/Haze | Consider pre-existing conditions and injuries before skating

Presented by Malt Shop Rollers

Summer Roll: a rollerdisco

a Retropolis Roller Disco for Midsumma Festival

We're over the rainbow excited to let you know we're comin' out like Donna for the Summer Roll. We'll have the friendliest rainbow family vibes, shining out across the floor as we shimmy and shake to many of our dancefloor favourites. DJs Fierce Brosnan, Pixelton, DJ Skittz and more... playing a wicked mix of block party sounds. See our socials @MaltShopRollers for updates and set times.

Sport



Birrarung Marr Bike Parking, Melbourne CBD

2 May 5hrs

Sun 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Non-traditional sitting | Medium fitness level required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group

Nomads Cycling Tour to Mount Waverley

Cycle scenic riverside trails to leafy Mount Waverley

This relatively easy ride will take us from Federation Square along the Yarra, Gardiners Creek and Scotchmans Creek Trails to beautiful Valley Reserve for a picnic lunch in Mt Waverley. Total distance to lunch is approximately 23 km. After lunch you can return by train, or cycle back to Fed Square.

Sport

18+



Boroondara General Cemetery, Kew

25 Apr 5hrs 30m

Sun 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Medium fitness level required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group

Nomads Salute to Love & Our Parklands

Enjoyment, friendship, knowledge and exercise

This garden cemetery has many memorials of love - both gay and straight. Assemble by 10:30am at the Kew Cemetery gates. After inspecting a selection of memorials, the 6km walk will traverse a series of connected parklands en route to Alphington Railway Station. BYO water and lunch for a break on the banks of the Yarra.

Sport



Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond

2 May

Sun 9am-5pm

FREE

Presented by Richmond Union Bowling Club

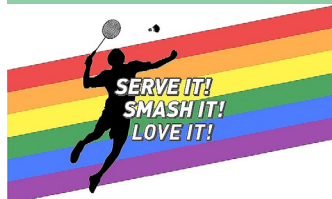
Image: by Stephanie Seeger

Richmond Lawn Bowls

Celebrating Pride in Sport

The Richmond Union Bowling Club (RUBC) is home to many players and supporters identifying as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. We want to showcase our members of all orientations by hosting a Pride Cup event to celebrate the contributions of our LGBTQIA+ members and athletes everywhere. RUBC is partnering with Pride Cup plus several competing lawn bowls clubs to put together a day of bowls, food, and fun!

Sport



Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

2 May

Sun 11am-2pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club with the support of Badminton Victoria

Serve It, Smash It, Love It

Free introduction session to social badminton for the LGBTQIA+ Community

Have you ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and social sporting environment? Thought about playing badminton, or have not played for a long time?

Come and give badminton a go, free of charge. No experience is necessary. Come along and ... Serve It! Smash It! Love It!

Sport



Collingwood Leisure Centre, Clifton Hill

1 May

Sat 3-9pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Yarra Leisure - Yarra City Council

Yarra Leisure Pride Night 2021

An inclusive gym and swim night for the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies

Our Pride Night is a night of fun, fitness, and community engagement - aiming to offer people in the LGBTQIA+ community a safe and welcoming space to learn to swim, relax, and participate in aquatic and gym activities, as well as engage with the community.

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