

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a tropical garden. The scene is filled with lush green foliage, including large banana leaves and various tropical flowers in shades of red, pink, and purple. Several people are depicted in a whimsical, artistic style, some appearing to be part of the garden's flora. Butterflies of various colors and patterns are scattered throughout the scene. The background is a light blue sky with soft, white clouds. The overall aesthetic is reminiscent of mid-20th-century graphic design.

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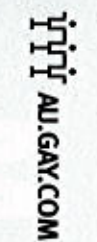
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Welcome

In 2005, Midsumma wants you to travel to the edge of your world and embark on an exploration of A Queer New World.

Be curious!

Take a three-week voyage into the labyrinth that is Midsumma 2005, and immerse yourself in queer art, celebration and community presented by Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian festival.

Explore uncharted territories!

With over 200 visual arts, performance, spoken word, sporting and community events, there is something for everyone in A Queer New World.

Midsumma thanks our Principal Sponsor GAL Home Loan Service and our Major Public Partner City of Melbourne for their continued support. We further thank the Cities of Yarra, Stonnington and Moreland for their support of Midsumma—curated programs, together with Tourism Victoria for assistance and support in marketing Midsumma 2005. We also thank Motus for their wonderful creativity in illustrating A Queer New World in this Guide and online at www.midsumma.org.au

Applause must go to Midsumma 2005 staff – Mike Evans, Brenton Geyer, Geraldine Kirby, Geoff Smith and Sheeh Surton – all of whom have stretched themselves far beyond the call of duty. Further, we thank all Midsumma 2005 volunteers, without whom Midsumma could not run.

Seek something wild and new!

Push beyond your boundaries, incite your sense of discovery and embark on your own exploration of A Queer New World – Midsumma 2005.

Kristine Darmody, President, Midsumma Festival Inc.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation.



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Opening Night

Get ready to bring Federation Square alive!
The 2005 Midsumma Festival opens again this year in Melbourne's most stunning public square.

We bring you a stellar array of perfectly polished talent to send you spiralling into party-mode. Don't miss the bliss as the square heats up for another Midsumma. Bubbles will burst and feathers will fly as the main stage kicks off into the twilight, laden with talent, before surrendering to nightfall with Candi Stratton presenting 'A Tribute to Cher'. We climax with the return of Summa Diva, this time on the big stage, where a cavalcade of Kings & Queens will storm the stage to present drag at its biggest and best! Take over Federation Square and tell 'em Midsumma sent you! Eat, Drink, Dance, Sing and Celebrate the 17th year of Melbourne's own queer festival.

Dance Together – Love One Another – This World is Ours!

Venue: Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne

Date: Fri 21 Jan

Time: 6pm – late

Prices: Gold coin donation

Info: (03) 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



Atrium Chill

For the cool & chic who want to escape the main square on Opening Night, kick back and relax with a few drinks in the Atrium @ Fed Square.

Watch all the action on the main stage on the new Atrium Screen whilst chilling out to the sounds of Melbourne's cool DJ's. Entry will be limited, so get in early. The venue will transform into Midsumma's Official Opening Night After Party, with live performances and DJ's pumping out tracks into the wee hours!

Venue: The Atrium, Federation Square
(enter from Flinders Street)

Times: From 9.30pm

Prices: \$10.00, no pre-sale



Fast Love

New and Improved! You made it a massive success in 2004 so we've brought back the dating game that had hearts racing!

How many times can you fall in love in 90 minutes? At each meeting you've got 180 seconds to connect, impress and make plans to take over the world! Fall for it this year at Zargatt. If you think you've got what it takes to win hearts, don't miss out!

Venue: Zargatt Restaurant and Bar, Federation Square

Times: 8.30pm – registrations open

9.30pm – start

Prices: \$20 includes the obligatory leg-opener cocktail, register on the night



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Cabaret Feddish

For those in need of an intimate Cabaret fix, plan to be spotted on the Feddish Cabaret Terrace overlooking the Yarra.

Camp and original, this exclusive realm will have sparks flying as some of our most energetic and original show boys and girls give their all in a torrent of song and dance.

Venue: Feddish Restaurant, Federation Square

Time: 9.30pm – late

Prices: Free



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Messages of support

The Hon John Pandazopoulos MP, Minister for Tourism & Major Events

Melbourne was recently voted second in a list of the ten best places in the world for gay and lesbian travellers to visit by gony.com.

This covered accolade reflects the warm welcome that all visitors feel when they discover Melbourne. It also recognises that the city has much to offer gay and lesbian travellers from around the globe. Midsusma Festival is an important part of this tourism appeal, bringing a colourful and creative spirit of celebration to the city and attracting thousands of interstate and international visitors each year. The State Government, through Tourism Victoria, is again proud to support Midsusma Festival, a worthy inclusion in the State's unbeatable calendar of world-class events.



Cr Kay Meadows, Mayor, City of Yarra

Diversity is the hallmark of the City of Yarra. It is our most outstanding characteristic and greatest strength.

Yarra's gay, lesbian and allied communities are an integral part of our municipality and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our City. The City of Yarra is proud of its long history and association with Melbourne's gay, lesbian and allied communities, from the days of the early gay bars in Fitzroy to the first lesbian hotel in Richmond and the many weekly collective meetings held throughout Yarra. On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I would like to congratulate the dedicated team of volunteers, staff and members of the Midsusma Festival board for giving the community another reason to celebrate.



Cr. Anthony Helou JP, Mayor, Moreland City Council

I spend a lot of time visiting different social and community functions in Moreland and I am constantly reminded of the range and diversity of cultures in our city.

Almost every language, religion, political and interest group has its own calendar of social and cultural events, and the gay and lesbian community is no exception. Moreland encourages everyone to celebrate their identity and culture because this is what it means to live in one community, proudly diverse. This is the sixth year Moreland has hosted and funded New Q, the premier exhibition of the Midsusma Visual Arts Program, at our Counihan Gallery in Brunswick. Past years have included some provocative and inspiring works, so I look forward to seeing this year's show. Enjoy the Festival!



Marcus Keating, visual artist

Up until last year, I was a Midsusma virgin and quite cynical about the 'Gay and Lesbian community' outside of dance parties.

But it was somewhere between Federation Square and the Botanical Gardens that something changed and all of a sudden I remember not feeling as marginalised anymore, maybe it was the excessive consumption of cheap champagne, or the group discussions about the colour of some woman's bra, but my cynicism shifted. I didn't expect this to happen, but now I kinda feel sorry for non-marginalised friends who don't have parades.



Christine Nixon APM, Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police

The Midsusma Festival is an important celebration of the Victorian Gay & Lesbian Community and I am pleased Victoria Police will take an active part in the 2005 festival.

I am also proud to support a festival which caters especially for the Gay & Lesbian community. As a large community festival, Victoria Police provides policing of certain events, such as Pride March and Carnival Day. You will meet Victoria Police members serving your community at these events. Victoria Police continues to build the relationship with the gay & lesbian community in Victoria through our Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officers (GLOs). GLOs work in partnership with the community to enable the safety and security of gay men and lesbians throughout Victoria. The GLOs will be present, with displays of their services, at Midsusma events, including Carnival Day. Come along to the Victoria Police display and get to know your GLO! I wish you all a happy and safe Midsusma!



andrea rieniets, performer

A Queer New World? Well we're surely in a time of shadow play aren't we?

And it may be for more years than we care to imagine, that the 'you bomb my back and I'll bomb yours' is the topic of every party around the globe.

I'm hoping that, because we are people of our times we are well equipped for our times. And so the celebration of a Queer New World, for me, is no longer simply about gender and sexual preference. The Queer New World is exuberant about the co-existence of diversity throughout the whole community. And the Queer that's being asked for is deep, embracing, inclusive, intellectually and spiritually rigorous. Standing solid for collaboration and mutual understanding. The standards of 'us' and 'them' are over if we really believe that Queer has anything to offer the worlds we live in. From now on, it's love. And love with a ferocious tenderness that might surprise even ourselves!



Rowland Thomson & Crusader Hillis, Hares & Hyenas

Midsusma Festival became especially important to us after we opened our bookshop in 1991.

Since then, we have been privileged to contribute very many events to its program. One of the things that makes Midsusma such an essential part of Melbourne's landscape is that so many of its arts and community events are developed by individuals in the community who, like us, have a burning passion to contribute to the vision of the queer and allied communities. This is a priceless commodity. Long may Midsusma continue to grow in ambition, accessibility and scope.



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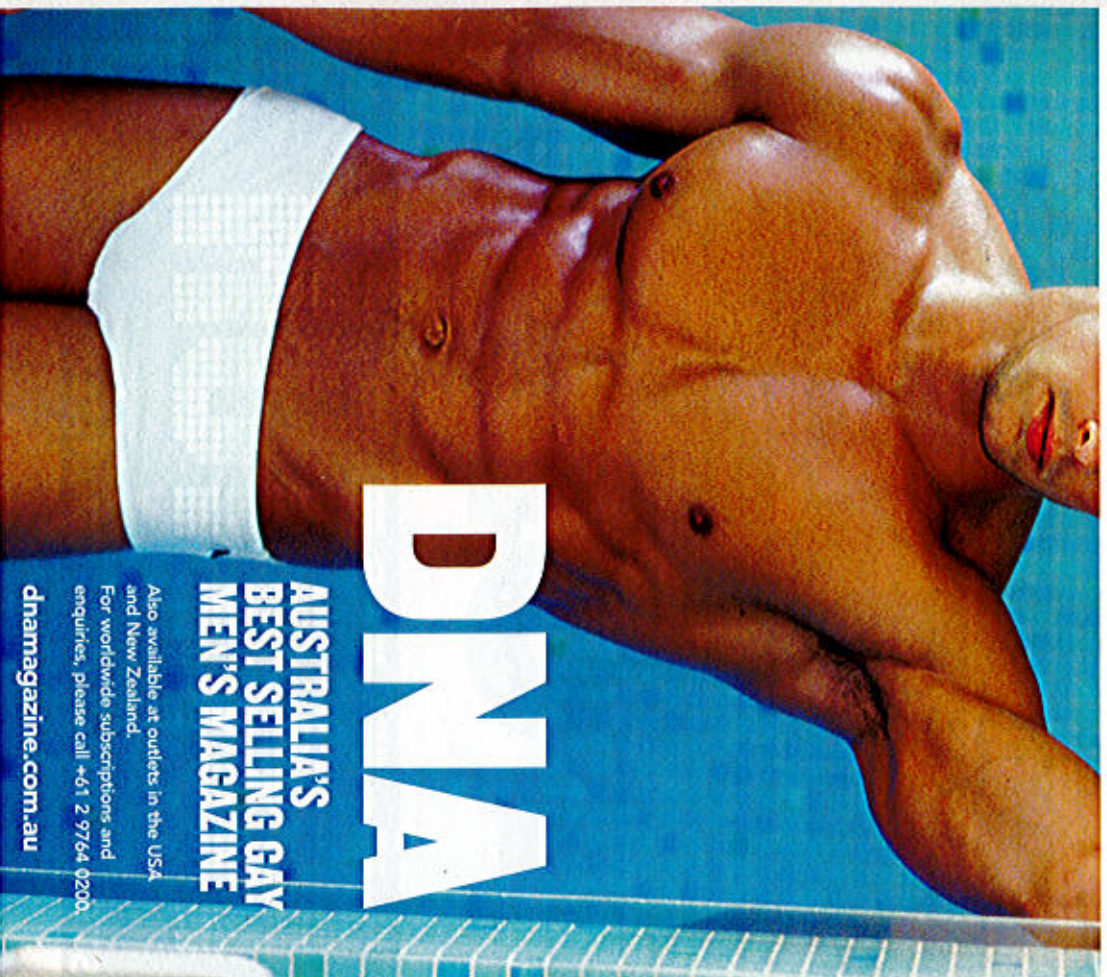
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Premier Events



Pride March Victoria

The tenth annual Pride March will be held on Sunday 30th January 2005, in St Kilda.

Pride March turns 10! Join Victoria's lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, intersex and allied communities as we march with pride down Fitzroy St, St Kilda. Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Marshals are always needed.

After the March, enjoy the fabulous free concert at Catani Gardens until 11.00pm. Principal sponsors – City of Port Phillip and GAL Home Loan Service.

Venue: Fitzroy St to Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Date: Sun 30 Jan

Time: March commences 5.00pm

Prices: Free

Info: (03) 9513 3054, info@pridemarch.com.au



Smitnoff & Archers Spri present Mecca & Midsumma's:

Summa Cruising!

Midsumma returns with two Cruises in 2005, proudly produced in association with Mecca.

Get ready to go to sea as the hit event of Midsumma 2004 is back with a choice of a evening cruise. Join 300 other sailor-types on one, or both of these cruises brimming gl'amour, and much 'amour!

We take summa partying to the water for your shimmering and shimmying pleasure. The sound combine with twin decks of cruising for a journey over the smooth waters of Port Phillip. If you want the feeling of Smooth Summer Grooves slide on board the Smitnoff Midsumma Cruise. For a Funky Chunky House Party hop on the Archers Away Mecca Night Cruise. 300 tickets available for each cruise book early!

For those still in the mood to kick on after the day or evening cruise, sail on into Drop Bar for the official Summa Cruise after party!

Venue: The Victoria Star, 4 Victoria Dock, Docklands. (Melways Ref: 2E D7)

Date: Sat 5 Feb

Times: Smitnoff Midsumma Day Cruise – 1.00pm boarding for a 2.00pm sharp departure. Archers Away Mecca Night Cruise – 7.00pm boarding for 8.00pm sharp departure.

Prices: \$35+bf Full / \$30 + BF. Con. / \$50 at the door

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Midsusmma in association with City of Melbourne & The Arts Centre presents:

Noel Tovey in... Little Black Bastard

This is the story of Noel Tovey's extraordinary life.

Little Black Bastard tells of the despair encountered as part of his upbringing in Australia in the early part of the twentieth century, to the triumphs achieved in a new life, in a new world.

From a childhood punctuated by homelessness, alcoholism, violence and abuse, and after being sent to Pentridge for buggery when he was 17, Noel fled Australia to England and America, where he became a dancer, actor, singer, choreographer and director, working alongside some of the great film and theatre artists of the day.

In Little Black Bastard, Noel recounts his return to Australia and his reconciliation with the country that he could never previously call home.

...a brave, assured and proud storyteller... Tovey charts the troughs and peaks, darkness and light, banal and poetic. Little Black Bastard affirms notions of community, acceptance and love. Tovey's presence and charm make his story thoroughly absorbing."
The Sydney Morning Herald.

Noel Tovey will also be speaking at:

*'The Secret Life of Us: 50 Glorious Years of Gay and Lesbian Melbourne'
Thu 3 Feb & 'Noel Conversations II: My Queer World' Thu 10 Feb.*

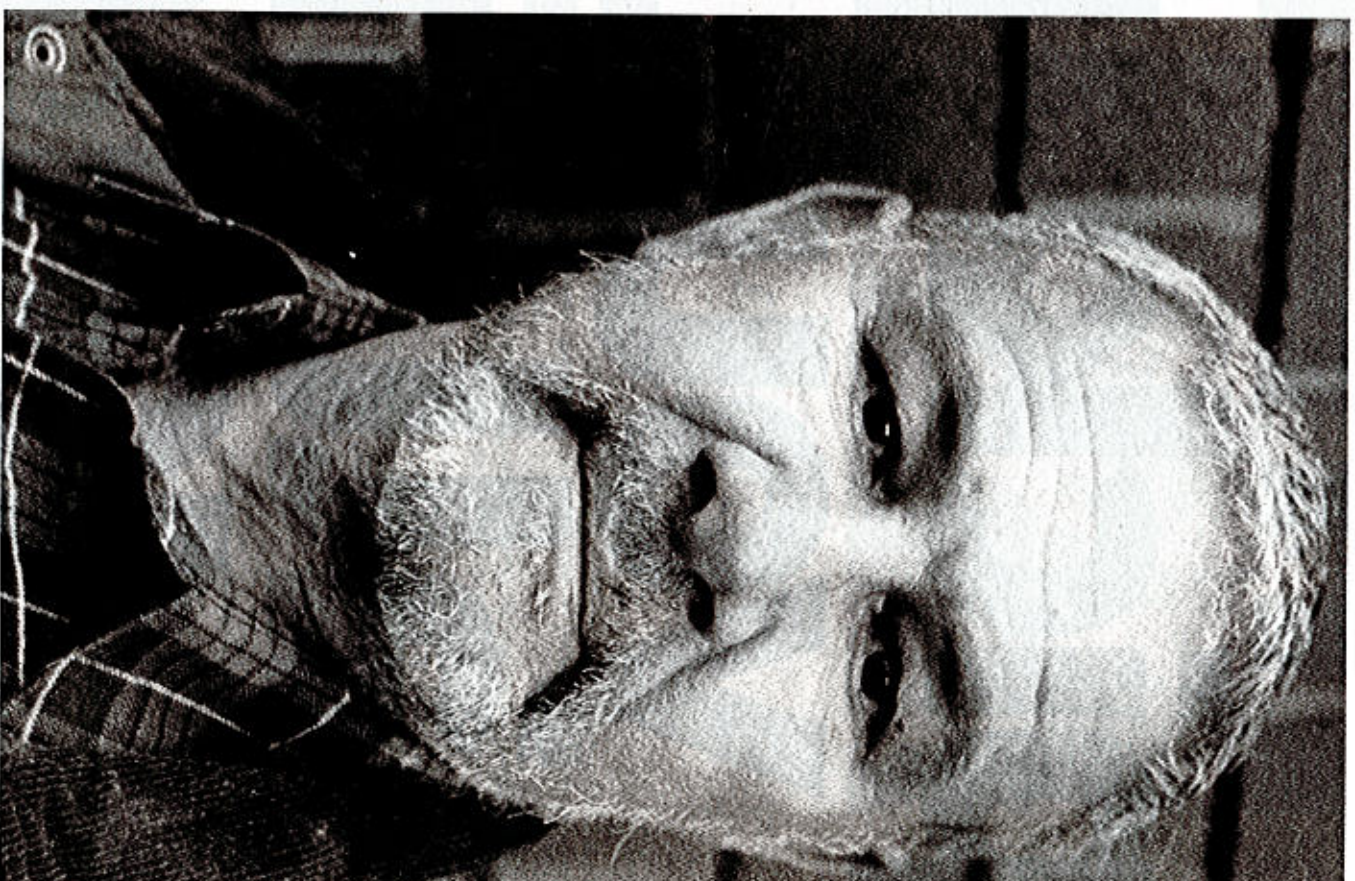
Venue: Black Box, The Arts Centre, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Date: Tue 8 & Wed 9 Feb

Time: 8.30pm

Prices: \$28 Full / \$21 Con. + BF

Bookings: Ticketmaster 7 1300 13 61 66, www.ticketmaster7.com



David Pitchford, Chief Executive, City of Melbourne

The City of Melbourne is proud to continue its support of Midsusmma Festival!

As Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian event, Midsusmma makes a unique contribution to the cultural life of our city and helps make Melbourne the vibrant cultural centre that it's famous for. Some of Melbourne's most exciting public spaces will come alive with community celebration and artistic expression. From the Carnival at the Alexandra Gardens, to Queer Street's city art invasion, or, for the more reflective, a Melbourne Conversation and City Gallery exhibition celebrating queer Melbourne, there are lots of good reasons to come out in the city. Midsusmma Festival presents yet another smorgasbord of queer arts and cultural events for the whole community to enjoy.



COME OUT IN THE CITY



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Spoken Word

Novel Conversations II: My Queer World

The literary smash hit of last year returns with more fantastic authors... a surefire sell-out!

Set in a relaxed, panel-style setting, Novel Conversations II is a rare-opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Australia's best and G&L literature's favourite authors as they read and discuss with each other and the audience 'My Queer World: fiction, (auto)biography and queer realities' in their work. Authors include Sophie Cunningham, Robert Dessaix, Troy Gurr, Sandy Jeffs, Noel Tovey and Marg Vandeleur, emceed by Crusader Hills.

Authors will be signing their books, available to purchase on the night, care of Hares & Hyenas Bookshop. Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program.



Sophie Cunningham



Robert Dessaix



Troy Gurr

Venue: The Night Cat, 141 Johnson St, Fitzroy

Date: Thu 10 Feb

Time: 7.00 – 11.00pm

Prices: \$15 Full / \$12 Con.

Info: Tickets at the door only. See www.midsumma.org.au for author information
AUSLAN interpreters available – bookings essential (03) 9415 9819
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Sandy Jeffs



Noel Tovey



Marg Vandeleur
(photo by Paula Hancock)

Writing Queer

Explore 'writing queer' fiction with author, scriptwriter and playwright Christos Tsiolkas, in this practical 4-hour writing workshop, covering areas such as characterisation and dialogue. Writers are required to bring a short piece of queer fiction to workshop. Max 20 participants only. Please refer to www.midsumma.org.au for full details and registration form. Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program.

Venue: Fitzroy Library Meeting Rooms, Fitzroy Town Hall,
(Cnr Napier & Moor Street), Fitzroy

Date: Sat 5th Feb

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Prices: \$30 Full / \$20 Con. (concession available to Vic Writers' Centre Members)
Info: Smokefree event, wheelchair accessible



Christos Tsiolkas



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Spoken Word

Femme Feuer

Enjoy a night of short readings by sensuous femmes. Fiction, memoir and everything in between.

Enter the stories, dreams, fantasies and nightmares of femmes. Hear lesbian, trans, straight, and queer writers in short readings of fiction and memoir. Win a luxurious door prize to pamper yourself or your femme! Featuring Sally Goldner, Jodie Joyce, Jennifer Lee, Shelley O'Reilly and Winnie Salamon.

Image: 'Scream' by Dave Cooper, davegraphics.com

Venue: Dante's (upstairs function room), 150 Gertrude St.

(nr Napier St, Fitzroy)

Date: Thu 27 Jan **Time:** 7:30pm

Prices: \$8 Full / \$5 Con.

Bookings: femme_event@yahoo.com.au



Le freak...c'est chic

Spoken word performance starring Tom Chao, John Gascoigne, Ursula Daubkins, Andy Quan and Jules Wilkinson.

The freaks of the world are the most fashionable. Come along and bear witness to the celebrity glamour of this A-list of queer writers and performers as they take to the stage in some 'freak-stylin' spoken word action. Following sold-out performances at Midsumma and Feast Festivals in 2004, discover why non-conformity never looked so damn good.

Venue: Builder's Arms Hotel, Gertrude St, Fitzroy

Date: Wed 9 Feb **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

Prices: \$12 Full / \$8 Con. & groups

Bookings: le_freakevents@yahoo.com.au



Stranger Than Fiction

Spoken word performance starring Bryan Andy, Liz Alexander, Penny Fortades, Juan-Alejandro Lamas and Merrilee Moss.

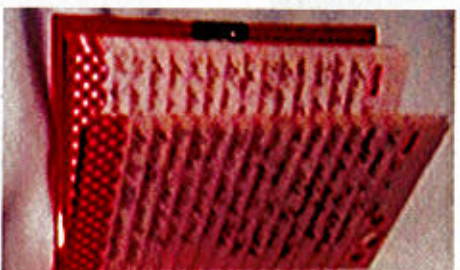
Ever wished writers would be honest and admit that their 'fiction' is actually all about their friends? Autobiographical writing takes a queer plot twist as Bryan Andy, Liz Alexander, Penny Fortades, Juan-Alejandro Lamas and Merrilee Moss tell it how it REALLY is. Or do they? An open mic section will give audience members three minutes each to read stories exposing their own dirty underwear and deliver a few home truths.

Venue: Builder's Arms Hotel, Gertrude St, Fitzroy

Date: Wed 2 Feb **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

Prices: \$12 Full / \$8 Con. & groups

Bookings: le_freakevents@yahoo.com.au



A Queer New World

Readings @ the Glasshouse

It's back, it's hotter... more hot Summa night readings... more cold beers in the courtyard!

The top 8 local writers, judged the best of the bunch of the 5th Midsumma Short Story Competition will regale you with their tales of "A New Queer World". Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program. We'll also be launching Victoria's new lesbian magazine!

Venue: The Glasshouse Hotel, 51-55 Gipps St, Collingwood

Date: Thu 3 Feb **Time:** 7:30pm

Prices: Free

Interpreters: AUSLAN Interpreters available

– bookings essential (03) 9415 9819



the glass house

City of Yarra 5th Midsumma Short Story Competition

Calling local writers to submit a short story on the festival's 2005 theme 'A Queer New World'.

Stories will be published on the Midsumma website and the 8 best stories/writers will have the chance to get up on stage, and share their story with a live audience at the free event, A Queer New World Readings @ the Glasshouse. Get writing! Entry form & full comp details available at: www.midsumma.org.au/shortstorycomp

Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program

Dates: Entries open: 9:00am Wed 8 Dec 2004

Entries close: 4:00pm Wed 12 Jan 2005

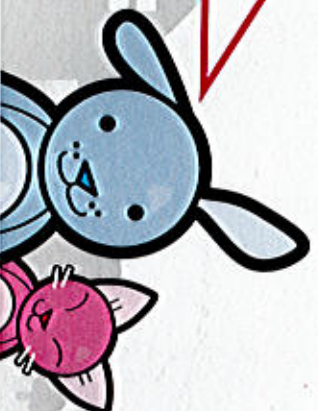
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Premier Events



Varla Jean Merman's Girl With a Pearl Necklace An Act of Love

Arriving with overweight baggage, clutching too many awards to mention, direct from New York City, for a one-off assault on Melbourne, international chanteuse Varla Jean Merman will excite and stun your senses and sensibilities. The Los Angeles Times calls Varla Jean Merman, 'an indisputable force of nature who displays the dazzling force of a cyclone touching down in a sequin factory'!

Rave reviews precede this genius who claims her show-biz birthright on the Forum stage with her newest show *Girl With A Pearl Necklace – An Act of Love*.

Varla's biological clock is ticking and she is desperate to get married. Will Varla be institutionalised in a state of matrimony or installed in a state institution? Will the girl with a pearl necklace find that special someone who will get under her skin and see through the Vermeer? With a hope chest filled with new videos and songs, Varla Jean Merman's offensive marriage act has something old (Varla), something new (her face), something borrowed (if you stretch the legal definition) and something blue.

"A delicious synthesis of *Divine and Montserrat Caballe* and even those who think drag has had it's day swear that this big, beautiful creature is a kind of demented genius." *Time Out – New York*.

Venue: Forum Theatre, Flinders St, Melbourne

Date: Sat 12 Feb **Time:** 8.30pm

Prices: \$42 (inc BF) or \$37 groups of 10 or more

Bookings: Ticketek 132 849, www.ticketek.com.au



Midsumma Festival and the 2005 national GLBTI health conference, HID 5 proudly Health Acts – Coming Out

Grethe Cammermeyer was chief nurse in the US army, and when she was discharged for coming out as part of a security clearance. She challenged the ban on gays in the courts and v. Now retired from the army, Grethe continues to speak out and challenge the current 'don't tell' laws and to work to promote GLBTI health.

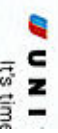
Also speaking in Health Acts will be Georgina Beyer, New Zealand member of Parliament, Former Mayor, Justice of the Peace and Transgender hero and Michael B Kelly, a writer, educator and spiritual activist who is known internationally for his work in gay spirituality. In 1993 he 'came out' publicly as gay, and his career in Catholic education ended.

Venue: Telstra Dome, Docklands, Melbourne

Date: Sat 22 Jan **Time:** 3.30 – 5.00pm

Prices: \$20 Full / \$15 Con. (free for AIDS Conference registrants)

Bookings: (03) 9285 5109, www.latrobe.edu.au/arcs/hs/hid5



Serving in Silence

Screening and Q&A with Grethe Cammermeyer.

popcorn taxi Melbourne in association with the Midsumma Festival, AIDS and OUT Video present an exclusive screening of *Serving in Silence: The Margarette Cammermeyer Story*. US Army Colonel, former Vietnam nurse, mother of four and the highest ranking officer to challenge George Bush Sr.'s anti-gay military policy – and a lesbian. *Serving in Silence* is based on the real events of the legal challenge that followed Cammermeyer's discharge, and which attracted national media attention to the issue of gays in the military. After the screening, Retired Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer will conduct an audience Q&A.

Venue: ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image,

Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne

Date: Sun 23 Jan **Time:** 7.30pm

Prices: \$15 full / \$13 Con.

Bookings: Limited seating. Book early. ACMI Box Office 8663 2583

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Visual Arts

Yarra Arts Launch

Yarra Arts Launch. Midsomma launches the curated Visual Arts program presented in the City of Yarra

Join us underneath Jesus Manongdo's billboard project, on the corner of Smith and Gertrude Streets, to celebrate the launch of Midsomma's 2005 curated Visual Arts program presented in the City of Yarra. Join us for a drink, and then stroll up Gertrude Street to view the exhibitions at Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces and Seventh.



Venue: Billboard Park, Cnr Smith and Gertrude Sts, Fitzroy
Dates: Tue 18 Jan **Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsomma.org.au



The Big Picture Billboard Project

Photographic artist Jesus Manongdo continues his investigations into masculinity, sexuality and identity – this time super-sized onto a billboard on the corner of Gertrude and Smith Streets, Fitzroy.

Manongdo's striking and provocative images challenge the conventions and stereotypes by which identity is bound.

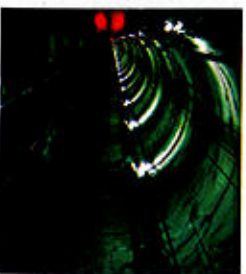


Venue: Billboard Park, Cnr Smith and Gertrude Sts, Fitzroy
Dates: Sat 1 Jan – Mon 31 Jan **Time:** 24/7 street viewing
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsomma.org.au



3@seventh

An exhibition of exciting new work by three of Australia's most promising young contemporary artists, spanning photography, painting, installation and beyond...



Venue: Seventh, 155 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Dates: Tue 18 Jan – Sun 13 Feb **Times:** 12:00pm – 6:00pm, Tue – Sat
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsomma.org.au



Janet Burchill @ Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces

Leading Australian artist Janet Burchill creates a new installation work for the front gallery space at Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces.



Venue: Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces,
 200 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Dates: Sun 16 Jan – Mon 31 Jan **Times:** 24/7 street viewing
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsomma.org.au



Transitions: Space & Perception

Transitions: Space & Perception presents artworks that explore material, virtual and imaginary spaces and perceptions of space. The premier event of the Midsomma Visual Arts curated program.

The exhibition is curated around the theme of transitional space and perception. The works challenge and traverse metaphoric, spatial and cultural boundaries, such as the public and private, personal and political, internal and external, body and mind and high art and popular culture. Exhibiting artists include Maryanne Christodoulou, John & Steve Construct, Tristan Jallah, Marcus Keating, Natalie Kosnar, Jesus Manongdo, Freya Pinney, and Yandell Walton.

The artists invite us to contemplate and sometimes inhabit their artworks as representational and physical spaces that are potentially affective, seductive, uncanny and transformative. Perceived boundaries between internal and external spaces become blurred as visual, architectural, bodily, personal and symbolic spaces are presented as permeable, shifting and subjective. These works are about the fluidity of space and perception, rather than the density and permanence of these things.

Midsomma's curated Visual Arts program returns to the Counihan Gallery, supported by the Moreland City Council. Join us for an opening drink at 6pm on Thursday 20 January and submerge yourself in the artists' Queer space.

Venue: Counihan Gallery in Brunswick, Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Sun 13 Feb **Times:** Wed – Sat 11:00am – 5:00pm, Sun 1:00 – 5:00pm
Opening: Thu 20 Jan 6:00 – 8:00pm. All Welcome
Prices: Free **Info:** (03) 9415 9819 www.midsomma.org.au



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Queer St Opening

This year we go deeper into the heart of the queer world of Melbourne and infiltrate the CBD presenting contemporary queer artists who push the boundaries of visual pleasure.

Join us for the opening tour on Tuesday 1st February.
The Visual Arts Program continues to acknowledge the support of the City of Melbourne in presenting Queer Street.

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Portico Room, Cnr. Swanston and Collins St, Melbourne

Date: Tue 1 Feb **Time:** 7.00pm

Prices: Free

Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au



Crush @ the portico room

Dizzy fantasies and thrilling heroes – the devilish delight is always in the blurry detail.

Angela Bailey's photographic banners will suspend from the Melbourne Town Hall's famous Portico Room Balcony for the duration of the Midsumma Festival.



Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Cnr Swanston and Collins Street, Melbourne, (look up to the first level Cnr Swanston and Collins Sts, Portico Room Balcony)

Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Mon 14 Feb **Time:** 24/7 street viewing

Prices: Free

Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au



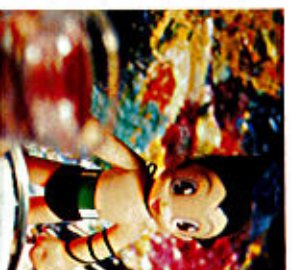
Venue: Manchester Lane Windows, Manchester Lane Melbourne
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Mon 14 Feb **Time:** 24/7 street viewing
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

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Out-rageous Stereotypes @ Platform 2

Out-rageous stereotypes invites the viewer to broaden their gaze and enter into a challenging discourse about queer environments and expressions of identity.

The viewer will be encouraged to consider a range of queer interpretations by participating curators and artists producing work which reflects and challenges the imaginings of an (in)visible queer community.



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Venue: Platform 2 Exhibition Space, Campbell Arcade, Degraeves Street Underpass to Flinders St Railway Station

Dates: Mon 17 Jan – Fri 4 Feb **Times:** 6.00am – 9.00pm

Prices: Free

Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au



Venue: 96F, 96 Flinders Street, Melbourne
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Mon 14 Feb **Time:** 24/7 street viewing
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

Naomie Sumner @ 96F

Naomie Sumner presents work interacting with mass culture and investigating the relationship between society and the 'natural world'.

This series of work explores relationships between women, and their relationships to their bodies and medical intervention.

Autopoesis @ 24seven

Autopoesis 'Life's continuous production of itself'.

Installation artist Janet Gallagher develops an evocative hybrid textile and printmaking site-specific panorama throughout the Midsumma Festival. This process of gradual installation will conjure a living sanctuary amid the tides of the city.



Girls on the floor

One off event featuring some of Melbourne's hottest DJs and VJs laced with "out there" moving images and performances.

All this occurs at LOOP Bar – guaranteed groove and perspiration.



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Venue: LOOP Bar, 23 Meyers Place, Melbourne

Date: Tue 8 Feb **Time:** 6.00pm onwards

Prices: Free

Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

Venue: 24seven, 32 – 44 Flinders Street, Melbourne
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Fri 25 Feb **Times:** 24/7 street viewing
Prices: Free
Info: (03) 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

Visual Arts

Galerie des Glaces // Hall of Mirrors II

Ross Watson's dramatic and finely detailed paintings continue exploring the themes that made his last Midsumma exhibition a sell-out success.

Ross Watson's dramatic and finely detailed paintings juxtapose contemporary figures with classical imagery and settings. High-profile Collingwood players feature along with handsome young Cuban men, who Watson recently spotted on the streets of Havana – not to be missed! Prices range from \$450 – \$20,000. Preview at www.rosswatson.com

Venue: Ross Watson Gallery, 465 Nicholson St, North Carlton
Dates: Thu 27 – Sun 30 Jan, Thu 3 – Sun 6 Feb, Thu 10 – Sat 12 Feb
Time: 11.00am – 6.00pm
Price: Free



Out in the South

Out in the South showcases works by gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender artists from the Southern Region.

A dynamic visual arts exhibition curated by Kingston Arts Centre aimed at showcasing both two and three dimensional works by gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender artists from the Southern Region (Elwood to Frankston). This exhibition aims to provide a platform for artists to exhibit works as part of a collective exhibition while being informative, revealing, emotional, moving and communal.

Venue: Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Hwy (cnr South Road), Moorabbin
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Mon 7 Feb
Times: Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm, Sat 12.30 – 5.30pm
Price: Free

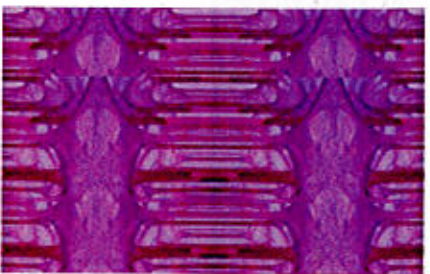


EXTRAvacant

This site-specific gallery installation sets out to explore the question "what might a queer space be?"

If gender is socially constructed, then the constructed environment similarly enshrines certain assumptions about gender and its performance. Speculations about queer space seem to focus upon the shifting patterns of inhabitation and co-optation of hetero-normative spaces for non-heterosexual activities. But what happens when the guiding precepts for special fabrication are called into question?

Venue: Gallery D1 – 08, Fine Arts Building, Caulfield Campus Monash University, Sir John Monash Drive, Caulfield East
Dates: Mon 31 Jan – Fri 4 Feb **Time:** 10.00am – 5.00pm
Price: Free



they shoot homos don't they?

An exhibition of work by local and international homo creative types.

A group visual art show from local and international homo creative types not likely to feature in the collection of Sir Elton John. New work from Slava Mogutin (Russia), Timmy Dowling (USA), Matthew Connors (USA) and locals Alex Viviano aka "Always", Shannon Michael Cane and Lex Middleton. Opening night party and fagazine launch features tunes from Mz. Kung, Timothy K and special performance from 'Always'. www.theyshoothomosdontthey.com

Venue: Central Station Records, 2 Somerset Place, Melbourne
Dates: Thu 20 Jan – Thu 10 Feb **Opening:** Thu 20 Jan 7.00pm
Times: Mon / Tues 11.00am – 6.00pm, Wed / Thurs 11.00am – 7.00pm, Fri 11.00am – 8.00, Sat 11.00am – 5.00pm
Price: Free



Orientalisms

A survey exhibition of the art of Geoffrey Goldie.

The work of Geoffrey Goldie integrates western based traditional painting values with Asian / Indian influences. Goldie has developed a unique hybrid style combining a palette of mainly gold, red and orange, and integrating this with cubist compositional values. This survey exhibition showcases 60 years of paintings, drawings, etchings, costume and theatrical set design – the creative output of a unique Melbourne artist.

Venue: The Metropolitan Meat Market Arts Hub, 42 Courtney St, North Melbourne
Dates: Wed 26 Jan – Sat 5 Feb **Opening:** Wed 26 Jan 6.00 – 8.00pm
Times: Wed – Fri 12.00pm – 5.00pm, Sat – Sun 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Price: Free



Coloured Underground

Photography by Jesus Maramba

Coloured Underground is a photographic exhibition of the minority experience in Australian gay culture.

This project explores the hidden spaces of colourful individuals who happily thrive in the gritty margins of the queer community. Marrying snapshot aesthetics with the intimately investigative, this Frenetic exhibition serves a kaleidoscopic mix of queer realities – a glimpse of a world the gay press failed to give a PR spin. Sponsored by Atlas Rent A Car, The Star Hotel, RQ Sydney & special thanks to Ken Rogers.

Venue: The Foundry, 142 Queens Parade, North Fitzroy
Dates: Tue 25 Jan – Mon 7 Feb **Opening:** Thu 27 Jan 7.00pm
Times: Tue – Sun 11.00am – 5.00pm
Price: Free



Camp as... Melbourne in the 1950s

The City Gallery reveals our very queer history.

ASIO spooks, the cops, the gutter press all set out to make life as hard as possible for gay and lesbian Melbournians in the 1950s – and, by and large, failed. This exhibition, hosted by the City of Melbourne's City Gallery, celebrates the tribulations, but also the pleasures and passions, of camp life in Melbourne, in a decade too often overlooked.

Venue: City Gallery, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St, Melbourne
Dates: Wed 12 Jan – Wed 6 Mar
Times: Mon 10.00am – 2.00pm, Tue – Fri 11.00am – 6.00pm, Sat 10.00am – 2.00pm
Price: Free



The Kings of Melbourne

Many of Melbourne's notorious and much loved Drug Kings are captured in portrait by photographer Andrea van Steen.

A photographic reportage of emotion, environmental expression and energy. See your favourite poster boy in 'The Kings of Melbourne', it will fuel your fantasy.

Venue: Tacit Contemporary Art Gallery, 810 High St, Thornbury
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Sun 27 Feb **Opening:** Tue 1 Feb 7.00 – 9.00pm
Times: 11.00am – 4.00pm or by appointment
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9416 8399



Art 6 On Sex

An exhibition of controversial works from 6 Queer Melbourne artists, tackling SEX and POLITICS.

An exhibition of brave and controversial works by 6 of Melbourne's leading Queer artists, taking on SEX and POLITICS. Featuring: Ross Brownson, Ian Buckland, Kevin Chin, Grant Cook, Travis de Jonk, Alison Rodd and Geoff Seelander.

Venue: Vanguard Gallery, 234 High Street, Northcote
Dates: Sat 15 – 29 Jan **Opening:** Wed 19 Jan 6.00pm – 9.00pm
Times: Tue – Fri 12.00pm – 7.00pm, Sat 11.00am – 5.00pm
Price: Free

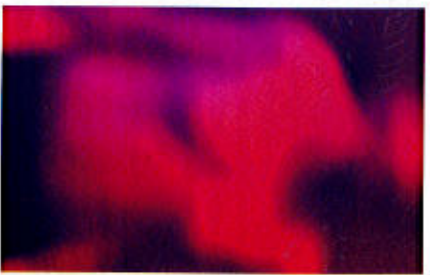


Sonia Payes: Gender Odyssey

Sexy bodies, throbbing masses & party atmosphere of the 2004 Slezee Ball captured in photographic multimedia installation by Sonia Payes.

Sonia Payes focuses her sharp and observant eye on the 2004 Slezee Ball in Sydney. Her energetic and colourful work conveys atmosphere, illuminates the crowd, and peeks into shady corners and darkened rooms, transferring viewers into the thick the party.

Venue: Charles Nodrum Gallery, 267 Church Street, Richmond
Dates: Tue 25 Jan – Sat 12 Feb **Time:** Tue – Sat 11.00am – 6.00pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9427 0140



Artholes Exhibition

Artholes gallery presents a group exhibition of Paintings, Printmaking, Acrylic/textile work, Drawing and Photography by eight artists.

This exhibition will feature the work of Jessie Angwin (pictured), Kelly Burgess, Saren Dobkins, Scott Hurley, Rachael Miller, Ilana Payes, Tina Plenty and Jessica Wong.

Venue: Artholes Gallery, 114 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
Dates: Wed 19 Jan – Wed 2 Feb **Opening:** Wed 19 Jan 6.00 – 9.00pm
Time: Tue – Sat 10.00am to 5.00pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9419 8727



Urban Jam

Off the street, onto the wall and out in the gallery.

Urban Jam brings together inner city artists Kate Cotching, Arlene Texta Queen and Yandell Walton, whose diverse practices reflect on, reverbstrate with and re-think the interior and exterior landscapes we inhabit. Get into the mix as artists re-assemble fragments from our world, exploring how we interface with both familiar and unfamiliar environments.

Venue: RMIT Project Space / Spare Room, Ground Floor, Building 94, 23-27 Cardigan Street, Carlton
Dates: Mon 17 Jan – Fri 4 Feb **Opening:** Mon 24 Jan 6.00 – 8.00pm
Times: Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.00pm, Thu till 8.00pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9925 4971



Sense & Sensuality

This exhibition presents new work by Dom Viola exploring both the male body and the senses through focussing on cropped figures that have a sculptural quality.

The works are intriguing, engaging and challenging. This work focuses on intimacy, closeness and warmth. There is often a deliberate ambiguity in the figures and composition of the works. In this way, the viewer is actively engaged in deciphering the nuances within the works. www.cuspgallery.com.au

Venue: Cusp Gallery, 238 High St., Northcote
Dates: Tue 25 Jan – Sat 5 Feb
Times: Tue – Thu 12.00 – 6.00pm, Fri 12.00 – 8.00pm, Sat 12.00 – 5.00pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9482 2731, director@cuspgallery.com.au



PIERCE

PIERCE is a steel structure made to resemble a book titled PIERCE.

A book made of steel.
Recycled car steel.
About Piercing.
Very sharp.
Only one copy available for sale.

Venue: Metropolis Books and Music, Level 3, 252 Swanston St, Melbourne
Dates: Fri 21 Jan – Sun 13 Feb
Times: Mon – Sat 10.00 am – 7.00 pm, Sun 12.00 – 5.00 pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 9663 2015



Oak Hill Gallery

An exhibition featuring Peninsula & Regional gay & lesbian artists

This exhibition showcases the talent of gay & lesbian artists living on the Mornington Peninsula and surrounding areas.

Venue: Oak Hill Gallery, 100 Tyabb Rd, Mornington
Dates: Sat 29 Jan – Wed 2 Mar
Time: Tue – Sat 11.00am to 6.00pm
Opening: Sat 5 Feb 7.00 – 9.00pm
Price: Free
Info: (03) 5973 4299



Performing Arts

Couch Potato: True confessions of a therapy junkie

Jules Wilkinson's hilarious look at life in therapy in her first solo stand-up comedy show.

Should you keep on dancing when you see your therapist at 4am under the mirror ball? What happens when your shrink meets your inner drag king? Who gets custody of your therapist when couples counselling goes wrong? Throw away the Prozac as Midsumma favourite Jules Wilkinson, in her first solo stand-up comedy show, takes you on an hilarious trip through her life in therapy.



Venue: Builder's Arms Hotel, 211 Gerritude St, Fitzroy
Dates: Mon 31 Jan & Mon 7 Feb **Time:** 7.10 – 8pm
Prices: \$12 full / \$8 Con. & groups
Bookings: juleswilkinson@yahoo.com.au

Saturday Afternoon Playreadings

Saturday Afternoon Playreadings presents three new gay plays, by three international gay writers with some of Melbourne's most exciting actors.

Do you like the idea of sitting back on a Saturday afternoon, with a cocktail in one hand and a great novel in the other, and actually finishing the book in one sitting? Even if that sounds like too much work, perhaps you'd prefer to sit back and have a wonderful new play read to you by some of Melbourne's leading actors? Fly-On-The-Wall and The Butterfly Club presents three new gay plays by three international contemporary gay playwrights over three Saturdays.

Note: Plays contain explicit language and sexual content.



William & James By Robert Tsonos

William and James – two aristocrats, one young and handsome, the other middle-aged, in Victorian England – become locked in a struggle for power and control after one night of sex propels them into a bizarre living arrangement that straddles a line between prostitution and a business. An intriguing and provocative tale examining the complexities of relationships and the definitions of love.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne

Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 2.00pm

Price: \$10

Bookings: (03) 9690 2000 (limited seating),

www.thebutterflyclub.com



Curry Time Stories

Stage plays about South Asian queers in Western Sydney.

Curry Time Stories, by Visakesa Chandrasekaram, is comprised of two monologues, one by a man, the other by a woman. Both are Sri Lankans who have migrated to Sydney. An exploration of gender, sexuality and culture in Western Sydney through storytelling and dance. First performed in Parramatta Riverside Theatre in 2003: "Exceptional production... superb acting" (The Program).

Venue: La Mama, 205 Faraday St, Carlton
Dates: Wed 26 Jan – Sun 13 Feb
Times: Wed & Sun 6.30pm, Thu - Sat 8.00pm
Prices: \$15 Full / \$11 Con. / \$11 Groups
Bookings: (03) 9347 6142



Naked Will By Blair Fell

A romantic, historical mystery... where the character of Oscar Wilde goes on a passionate academic quest inside Shakespeare's Sonnets, in hopes of discovering their secret meaning.

Loosely based on Oscar Wilde's short story The Portrait of W.H., Naked Will asks the questions: "How has the historian's own sexuality and prejudice coloured history and literary theory?" and "Why does knowing the sexuality of historical heroes validate our own hearts?"

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 22 Jan **Time:** 2.00pm
Price: \$10
Bookings: (03) 9690 2000 (limited seating),
www.thebutterflyclub.com



Hardcore By Jonathan Hall

Hardcore is set in the bizarre, blackly comic world of British gay porn where four guys are trying to make it big. Robert sees being in porn as one of those things that you have to do by the time you're thirty. To Kevin, a committed struggling actor, it's just work – his way of showing dramatic versatility – as a straight man working in the gay porn industry. Martin is new to the scene, so sees it as a bit of a laugh with a raunchy shag thrown in. It's left to veteran porn star Craig, to put them right and dispel their illusions about the raunch and glamour.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 5 Feb **Time:** 2.00pm
Price: \$10
Bookings: (03) 9690 2000 (limited seating),
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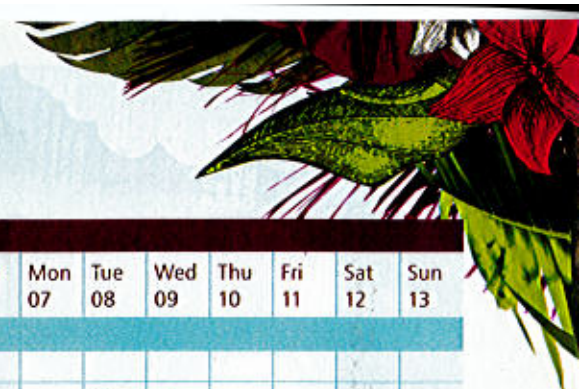
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Performing Arts

Price

The 'Price' one pays for wanting to be true to oneself in an Asian society.

This play explores issues of Asian gay representation and highlights the tensions of a taboo sub-culture in a conservative society. Breaking conventions and creating awareness, 'Price' brings Bollywood dance moves, spicy sex tales, socio-political and cultural hindrances all together in an entertaining and seriously hilarious production! **Directed by G Selva written by Pava Arumugam**



Falling So Slowly...
A sexy and poignant play exploring the early stages of a relationship between two very different men...
They wanted each other. Maybe they needed each other... Bobby, a sexy youth from Alabama and, Grant, a black musician from Philadelphia meet in a NYC bar. The two quickly connect sexually, but struggle to find a deeper communication with each other. Unexpected secrets from both men's past force them to take an honest look at who they really are and what they could mean to one another...



Venue: Black Box @ The Arts Centre, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Dates: Thu 27 – Sun 30 Jan **Time:** 7:30pm

Prices: \$22 full / \$20 Con., \$18 groups

Info: www.avanttheatre.com

Naked

by Steven Dawson

4 powerful stories of lust, passion and revenge set in the steam room of a men's club. (Warning: Contains violent sexual imagery and nudity).

From the writer/director of Love In A Cubicle, Big Dicks and Four Queens in Hawaiian Shirts, comes a very different tale of sex, passion and revenge. Four stories of passion and lust set in the steam room of a men's club. Four men with something to hide and everything to lose. A violently sexual power play with no survivors. Nothing you have seen will prepare you for this.

Venue: Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick

Dates: Tue 18 Jan – Sat 19 Feb **Time:** 8:00pm

Prices: \$28 full / \$20 Con., \$20 each groups 10 or more.

Bookings: (03) 9305 5333, Out Video, Hares & Hyenas or Ticketek 132 849



I do, in Caroline Springs!
Lovers battle Biblical threats to find gay marital bliss. Parical musical about truly aspiring Aussies.
Love and hope do battle with cynicism and greed deep in the throbbing queer heart of suburbia, as two star crossed lovers take an extortion, death threats and the duped Christian rocker standing between them and gay marital bliss.

Venue: The Loft, Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Dates: Wed 2 – Sat 5 Feb, Wed 9 – Sat 12 Feb **Time:** 9:00pm

Prices: \$15 Full / \$10 Con.

Bookings: (03) 8290 7000



The Dyke is Right!

A new concept in lesbianism from the chicks who brought you the 'My Life as a Dyke' trilogy

...where you are the star of the show! Get up close and personal with Jocelyn Yopantskis and Adriana Extremities as they go live with the must-see-game-show-show of Midsumma 2005. Nightly prizes *giveaways! Limited season – book early!



French Day

A play by Anna Cooper

Two sixteen-year-old schoolboys, at an upper class Sydney School try to come to terms with their identities. One boy is white, Anglo-Saxon, from a privileged background, the other a former refugee of Arabic background, at the school on scholarship.

Venue: Star Hotel, 176 Hoddle St, Abbotstford

Dates: Sat 22 & 29 Jan, 5 & 12 Feb – Doors open 8.00pm. Show from 10.00pm + DJ till late
Sun 23 & 30 Jan & 6 Feb – Doors open 4.00pm. Show from 6.00pm

Thu 27 Jan, 3 & 10 Feb – Doors open 7.00pm. Show from 9.00pm

Fri 28 Jan 4 & 11 Feb – Doors open 8.00pm. Show from 10.00pm + DJ till late

Price: \$15

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Dates: Thu 3 Feb, Sat 5 Feb, Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 7:30pm

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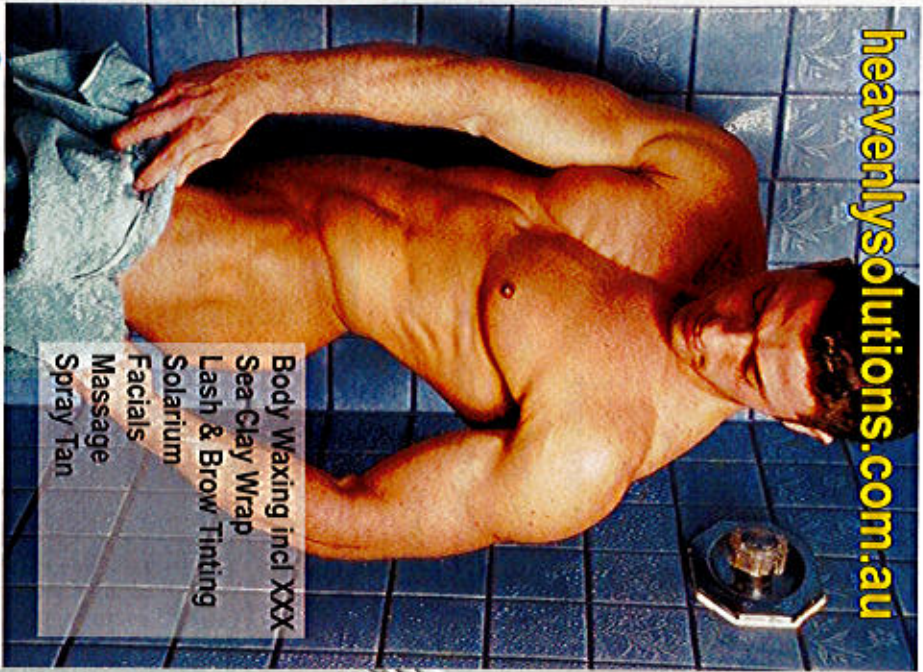


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The Chapel Courtyard will be transformed for Midsumma into a vibrant outdoor entertainment area from 6.00 – 8.00pm nightly offering laid back shows, great food and delicious décor – come for dinner!

The Chapel swings from 8.00pm with a different treat every night. The City of Stonnington is proud to be a supporter of Midsumma Festival and Major Partner of Cab Saw.

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Dates: Thu 3 – Sun 6 Feb

Time: 6pm onward

Info: (03) 9415 9819 (No bookings required)



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Show Queens Rock?

The Case For and Against.

Kay Sera & Luke Gallagher adjudicate as the Show Queens roll up their satin sleeves in preparation for the fight of the festival! A team of Queens will take on a team of Rock n Rollers in this debate of the musical senses! Who will Rock and Who will roll? Be prepared for a spirited debate as nails will be drawn and teeth sharpened on both sides of the stage. Will Kay & Luke be able to keep the peace in what promises to be the bitch fight of the decade? Rock the Chapel!

Date: Sat 5 Feb

Times: Courtyard 6.00 – 8.00pm **Price:** Free

Chapel 8.00 – Late **Price:** \$12 Full / \$8 Con.



Girl's Gig

The girls have got the gig tonight with the fun occurring from 6pm. Yummy eats and wild acts will entertain you in Midsumma's Cab Saw Piazza – outdoors in the Chapel Courtyard – Free!

The Chapel doors will swing open at 8pm for a line up grrrl talent hosted by our own gal about town Shirley Billing. Top of the list is Andrea Reinets. With a voice to die for, reinets (pronounced like Bennetts) has full throttle on songs and music that 'glow in the dark', setting her alongside Kid lang, Missy Higgins, Jane Siberry and Tom Waits.

What can we say? If you miss this, you miss the moving moment of Midsumma! Andrea shares tonight's bill with guest DJ Emery, Ms Josephine and more...

Date: Thu 3 Feb

Times: Courtyard 6.00 – 8.00pm **Price:** Free

Chapel 8.00 – Late **Price:** \$12 Full / \$8 Con.



Boy's Turn

Tonight it's the boy's turn, kicking off in Midsumma's Cab Saw Piazza – outdoors in the Chapel Courtyard – with cabaret madness delivered by a variety of boys from cool to scorching hot! It's Free.

At 8pm the doors to the Chapel open to the swinging sounds of Jonc Francisco, Jackie Vance, Michael Lindner, Alex Rathgeber and to top it all off Mr. Jon Jackson! All that, plus, hosted by the Queens of Camp Cabaret, Kay Sera & Luke Gallagher, with Adrian Kirk on the keyboard!

Date: Fri 4 Feb

Times: Courtyard 6.00 – 8.00pm **Price:** Free

Chapel 8.00 – Late **Price:** \$12 Full / \$8 Con.



Open Mic

Life is a Cabaret of chum... well... you decide?

Tonight the stage is everybody's.

It's your opportunity to belt it out with the best of 'em for the final night of Cab Saw. Hosts Kay Sera & Luke Gallagher, with Adrian Kirk on the keyboard, will sort out the stars from the slops in what will be a joyous tribute to Cabaret, both beautiful and tragic! Special Guest, camp icon, Pastel Vespa will keep the standards high – so rise up Cabaret wannabe'... come to the Cabaret!

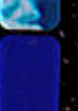
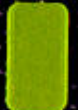
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Venue: Cornish Arms Hotel, 163 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Date: Sat 5 Feb **Times:** Meals from 6.00pm; music 9.00pm
Prices: \$15 Full / \$12 Con. & groups
Bookings: 0417 161 098



How Now Rick Lau

Meet the blogger and all the cyber maddies in Rick Lau's crazy new one-man show.

The worst dole office in the universe, a disastrous attempt to launch into the sex industry, plus a life-guru. This morning he was singing "Why Was I Born?" but now he wants to belt out "I Believe I Can Fly". And he would... but his neighbour is a Turkish oil wrestler. Meet Rick the blogger and all the cyber maddies. Accompanied by Lindsay Partridge.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Dates: Fri 4 Feb – Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 8.00pm
Prices: \$25 Full / \$20 Con. & groups
Bookings: (03) 9690 2000



My Blue Angel

Marlene Dietrich: a unique cabaret about the legendary woman who broke every rule of sex and gender without a second thought. Fall in love again!

More than a tribute show, this is the story of one woman's obsession with Marlene Dietrich, one of the great idols of the 20th Century. It celebrates the outrageous and courageous life of an entertainer who broke every rule of sex and gender without a second thought. Sold out season FEAST 2003.
Singer: Catherine Campbell
Director: Frank Ford
Musical Director: Matthew Carey

Venue: The Loft, Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Dates: Wed 10 – Fri 12 Feb **Time:** 7.00pm
Prices: \$20 Full / \$17 Con.
Bookings: (03) 8290 7000



Outrageously Divine:

A Tribute to Bette Midler

A tribute to the legendary Bette Midler. Outrageously Divine captures the humour, the emotion and the talent of the Divine Miss M.
This one-woman show contains many of the best-loved songs from every phase of Bette Midler's award-winning career. Like the woman herself, this show is outrageous and risqué one moment and sensitive and spectacular the next. It's saucy, sentimental and lots of fun – it's Belinda Lemon's tribute to one of the world's most popular performers.

Venue: The Chapel, Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Dates: Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan **Time:** 8.00pm
Prices: \$25.00 Full / \$20.00 Con.
Bookings: (03) 8290 7000



The Grass Roots Tour

Kaye Sera, Luke Gallagher and Adrian Kirk are tearing up the highway and frightening middle Australia...

They've had a tough year... a war on terror, attacks on gay marriage and now the ratings backlash with Reality TV. Ouch! In a quest to restore harmony to their perfect queer world, this trio has done what any self-respecting super-group would do. They've hit the road. From Yass to Yangoonable, they're tearing up the highway, redecorating middle Australia and discovering a few home truths along the way.

Venue: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Dates: Wed 26 – Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 8.30pm
Prices: \$23 Full / \$20 Con.
Bookings: (03) 8290 7000



Margi de Ferranti

It's Delightful! It's Delicious! It's de Ferranti!

Margi de Ferranti, winner of the inaugural Sydney Cabaret Convention in 1997 stumbled into show business 20 years ago, after a disastrous audition for "Cats" in 1985. Margi has survived and overcome the peaks and valleys that come with the entertainment terrain. Through showtunes and a little bit of Bacharach thrown in, the star of fame – the Musical. What the World Needs Now. Les Miserables and more, will explain what it's like to be Delightful, Delicious and de Ferranti!!!!

Venue: Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Dates: Fri 11 – Sat 12 Feb **Time:** 8.00pm
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Combining fine comic skills and vocal talent, Dolly banters with her audience in a show filled with laughs and great songs. There may even be a show tune or two for the musical queen in all of us. Created by singer/performer Michael Dalton, Dolly has in only a few years become a highly sought-after talent across the UK, performing her own show, as well as competing for major events and venues.



Venue: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Dates: Tue 25 – Sat 29 Jan **Times:** 7:00pm & 9:00pm
Prices: \$25 Full / \$20 Con. & groups
Bookings: (03) 8290 7000

Venue: Retro Café (upstairs), 413 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
Dates: Thu 27 – Sun 30 Jan **Time:** Thu – Sat 8:00pm, Sun 3:00pm
Prices: \$27 Full / \$23 Con. & groups
Bookings: Door sales only

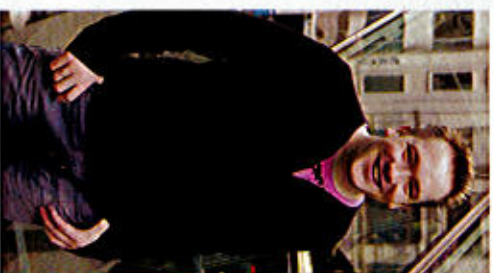


Enda Markey: The Mangina Monologues

Enda Markey's brand new show – a series of monologues and songs relating to being gay.

Following his immensely successful national tour of One Night Stand, Enda Markey makes an exciting return to Midsusmma with the premiere performance of his new show "The Mangina Monologues". Through an entertaining series of monologues and songs, Enda looks at life in the gay community. Mixing original and well-known pieces, The Mangina Monologues is both moving and outrageously funny!

Venue: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Dates: Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan **Time:** 8:30pm
Prices: \$25 Full / \$20 Con. & groups
Bookings: (03) 8290 7000



Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Dates: Fri 4 – Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 10:00pm
Prices: \$25 Full / \$20 Con. & groups
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Quiet Please, There's a Lady on the Stage

The lustre and legacy of Judy Garland and Peter Allen. Two Herculean lives. Two meteoric careers. One fateful meeting that changed the course of history.

Be swept along a windy road of stories and song as Judy and Peter quickly achieve fame. Their paths converge in Hong Kong in 1964, leading to a brief but 'fruitful' association. This is not a biography, but rather a tapestry weaving the lesser known and known stories and songs.

Soft Centres

A cabaret by Andrew Threlfall in a cabaret about success, chocolate and other addictions...

Andrew Threlfall (The Boy Who Knew Everything, Out On A Limb) takes a musical journey from the Myer chocolate counter to Trump Tower to slay the evil Success Dragon. Will he triumph, or die in the attempt? Or should he just stay at home with a box of Lindt balls? A cabaret about success, chocolate and other addictions... "Exceptional voice and intrinsic sense of humour" – MCV.

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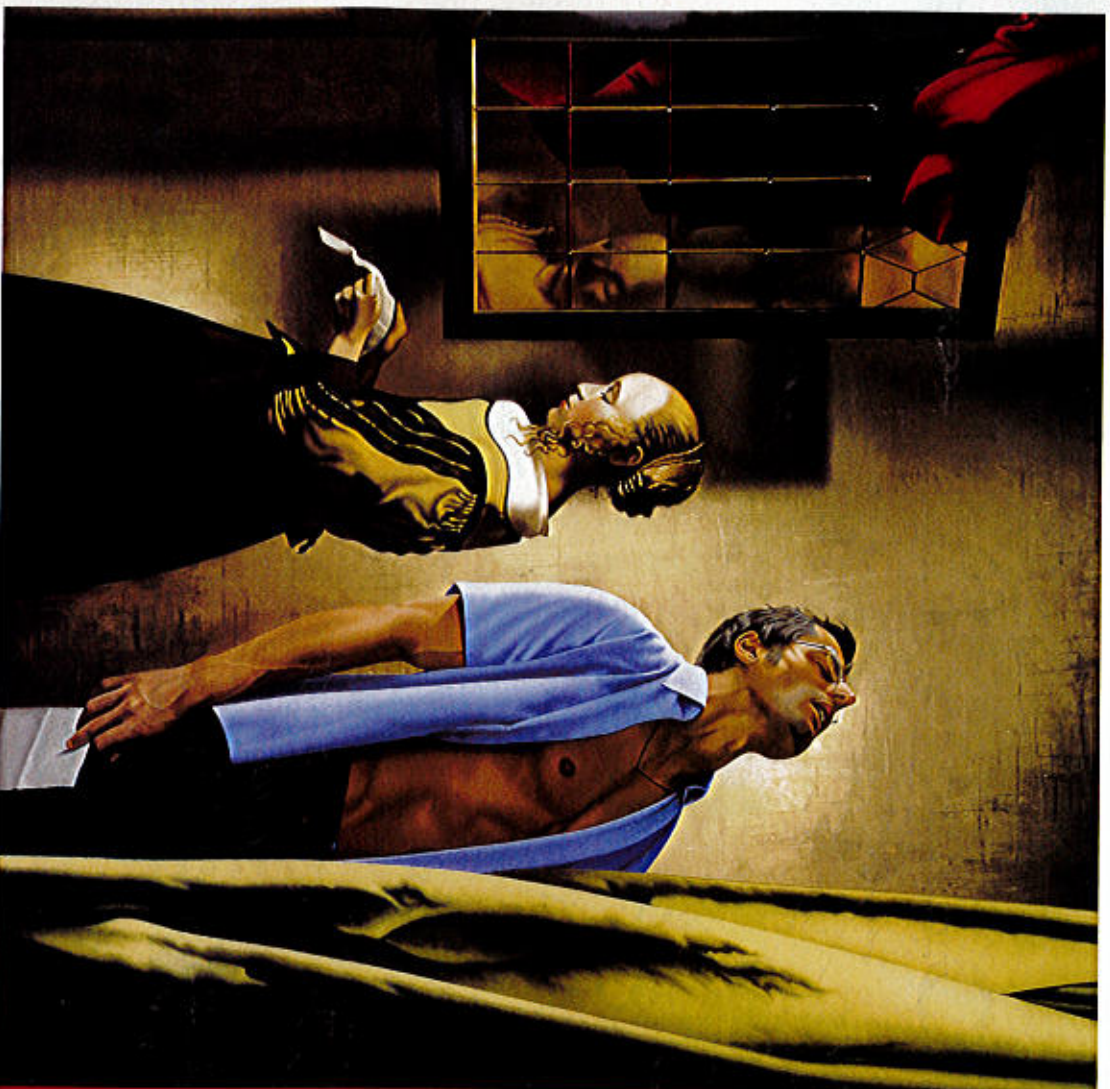


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Goldfish Memory

A romantic comedy crammed with bed hopping, lonely hearts and pretty young things.

When Tom's lover Clara sees him kissing Isolde, she turns to TV reporter Angie. Their trust falters and Angie seeks comfort from friend Red, a testosterone-guided gay bike courier. Commitment-avoiding Red manages to bed waiter David, while David's girlfriend is swept away by one of Tom's lecturer colleagues. Soon the wheel turns full circle and everyone's using the 'spare toothbrush'. Exploring the comical nature of love, Goldfish Memory proves, in the sexiest way possible, that what goes around comes around.



Go Fish

Go Fish is the film that kicked off a feast of lesbian films throughout the '90s, and made way for The L Word.

A group of friends arrange a liaison between Max, a pretty and naive young lady, and Ely, a lonely woman who pines for a past lover, even though she moved away years ago. The two girls know they're being set up, but they don't mind because they feel an attraction to each other, though they have nothing in common. Go Fish is a feast of gossip, sex, fun and drama as it takes us into the lives of a group of lesbian friends and their relationships.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Dates: Fri 4 Feb **Time:** Gates open at 7:00pm
Prices: \$12 Full / \$10 Con.
Bookings: All tickets at the door



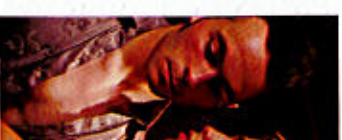
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Bookings: All tickets at the door



Jeffrey

Don't miss this 10th year anniversary screening of one of the queer film hits of the '90s.

Terrified by the prospect of getting AIDS, sexually compulsive and hungry Jeffrey decides to never have sex again. A problem arises when Jeffrey meets the unbelievably studly Steve at his local gym, and typically, Steve wants Jeffrey, and Jeffrey wants Steve. To complicate matters further, Steve is HIV-positive. Jeffrey embarks on all manner of hilarious distractions along the way to enlightenment.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Dates: Fri 28 Jan **Time:** Gates open at 7:00pm
Prices: \$12 Full / \$10 Con.
Bookings: All tickets at the door



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Dates: Sat 5 Feb **Time:** Gates open at 7:00pm
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Latter Days

OUT Video, DNA Magazine and Force Entertainment present the film Latter Days, as a benefit for JOY Melbourne 94.9FM

An LA party boy falls in love with a hunky, repressed Mormon missionary in this gay romantic comedy (from C. Jay Cox, writer of the Hollywood hit Sweet Home Alabama). One of the most anticipated movies of the past year is finally coming to DVD. Everyone attending will receive a free copy of DNA Magazine, and a \$5 voucher to purchase this movie on DVD from OUT Video.



Lesbian Film Night

A night of film for lesbians co-sponsored by the City of Maribyrnong, Footscray Library and The Matrix Guild Vic. Inc.

Bring your picnic tea, a cushion or chair for a night of fun and erotica in the courtyard of the Footscray Library. Limited numbers, so book early. In the case of wet weather, the screenings will move indoors.

Venue: ACMI Cinema 1, Federation Square, Melbourne
Dates: Tue 25 Jan **Time:** Arrive from 6.30pm, Film starts promptly at 7.00pm
Prices: \$5 Full / 2 for price of 1 Con. All funds raised go to JOY Melbourne 94.9FM
Bookings: Tickets available on the door, or in advance from OUT Video on (03) 9525 3669

Venue: Footscray Library, Paisley St, Footscray
Dates: Sat 5 Feb
Time: Doors open 8.00pm, films screen at dusk
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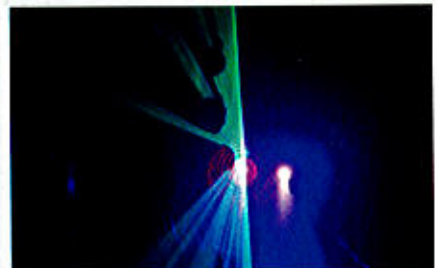


Clubbing

Beyond

Beyond is Melbourne's premier Leather & Fetish party, where attitude is not permitted.

Beyond kicks off the Leather & Fetish party season as part of the Midsumma Festival. It's all about sexy men and women enjoying sensational music and awesome lighting. A dress code applies – NO BLUE DENIM. Recovery from 7.00am. Further details on the website.



Venue: The Cage, Level 3, 2 Coverlid Pl, Melbourne
Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 11.00pm – 7.00am
Prices: \$50+BF
Info: www.beyondblack.com.au

LeGore's Midsumma Activities

Three weeks of Midsumma activity at the Exchange and beyond...

Week 1: A bus trip to the eastern suburbs, visiting the stomping ground of Melbourne's favourite dysfunctional mother and daughter, Kath & Kim.

Week 2: Got a good body and look great in Speedos? You could win Wet X Man 2005.

Week 3: From Gutter Queen to Hunk of the Year, these are The Moccasin Awards 2005.

Venue: Exchange Hotel, 119 Commercial Rd, South Yarra
Dates: Kath & Kim Safari – Sat Jan 22 Arrive from 10.00am, (Bus leaves 11.00am sharp), Wet X Men – Sun Jan 30 from 10.00pm, The Moccasin Awards – Sun Feb 6 from 10.00pm
Prices: \$12 Full / \$8 Con. & groups **Info:** www.xchange.com.au



Red Raw

Melbourne's largest and most outrageous gay and lesbian warehouse dance party. Featuring a mix of international, national and local DJs and performers.

Red Raw has been the key dance party event on the gay and lesbian calendar for over 22 years. Come bump and grind with thousands of others.



Date: Sat 22 Jan
Time: 10.00pm – 7.00am

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Venue: Peel Hotel, 113 Wellington St, Collingwood
Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 9.00pm – dawn
Prices: \$15 pre sale / \$20 at the door
Info: (03) 9419 4762

Club Lezze Dance Club

Club Lezze fun-d-raiser dance promises 2 double your Lezze fun with disco tunes and screening flicks.

Lesbian Community Information-Support Centre (LCISC), a non-profit project presents Club Lezze Fun-d-raiser Dance. Two Dis spin funky 80s to current popular disco and rock classics that will knock your bunsions off! Big screen, beer garden, pool table, Lezze-women only. Exciting atmosphere. Let's unite and ignite, celebrate and raise funds for the LCISC project.

Venue: Old Colonial Inn, 127 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 8.30pm – 3.00am
Prices: \$10
Info: (03) 9383 5080 / 0403 857 174



Mooning 2005

The search continues for Melbourne's hottest arse!

No Attitude Guys (NAG) and the Laird Hotel join forces to present Mooning 2005, where you get to see a gallery of live asses on show. Whether you like them hairy, smooth, bubble or bursting, you will not be disappointed.

Venue: Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Abbotstford
Date: Tue 25 Jan **Times:** From 9.30pm
Prices: \$5 entry goes to charity



THROB for Men

It's men only, it's dirty – and with the addition of the 'Bull Pen', it's the ultimate men-only dance party!

Now 15 years old, the THROB parties have evolved into events that cover two dance floors and showcase the best of Melbourne's Dis playing everything from Underground House to Handbag House and Dance. This Midsumma THROB will be very special!

Venue: Peel Hotel, 113 Wellington St, Collingwood
Date: Fri 4 Feb **Times:** 9.00pm – dawn
Prices: \$15 pre sale / \$20 at the door
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Melbourne Wankers Jack Off

Get off with other guys at these two Melbourne Wankers special events.

This is the Melbourne Wankers 15th annual Jack Off Party, offering an environment that is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (must be over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full Nudity. No lips below the hips.

Venue: Bay City Sauna, 482D Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick
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Venue: San Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Dates: Sat 12 Feb **Time:** 7.30pm – 12.45am
Prices: \$55 full / \$45 Con.
Bookings: (03) 9364 7748



GLOBE 2005 Car Rally

A day of fun with your friends discovering Melbourne, and winning some great prizes as you follow a list of clues.

Discover the homes of famous drag queens, find some little known queer landmarks and enjoy the fun of this camper than camp car rally with your friends. Your registration fee goes to assist GLOBE's Community Grants for 2005. Major prizes also awarded for first 10 teams. Each car that completes the course will get a show bag at the finish (contents worth over \$100).

Venue: Meet at Sandridge Beach Car Park, (White Reserve – Look for the big rainbow flag), Melways Ref 56 G3
Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** Register from 9.00am. Start from 10.00am
Prices: \$30 Full (per car), \$25 Con. (per car)
Bookings: GLOBE: (03) 9827 4999



The Golden Stiletto Rally

Be part of the fun of DT's annual foot rally through the streets of Richmond.

The rally starts from DT's Hotel and travels around the streets of Richmond. Teams gather points by answering questions and performing 'certain acts' along the way. Bonus points are awarded to teams who dress in theme or drag! Roller skates or other 'inventive means of footwear' are permitted. All teams converge back on DT's to continue the fun.

Venue: DT's Hotel, 164 Church St, Richmond
Dates: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** Teams must register by 3.00pm
Price: Free to attend, \$5 to enter a team, proceeds to Midsomma
Bookings: (03) 9428 5724



Victorian Seniors Festival – 2005 Rainbow Tea Dance

The Rainbow Tea Dance is an event within the Victorian Seniors Festival aimed at GLBT Seniors, friends and the not-so-senior.

Come along and enjoy some good old-fashioned dancing and entertainment. Everyone is welcome. This event is presented by The ALSO Foundation.

Venue: St Kilda Town Hall, Nepean Hwy, St Kilda
Date: Sat 19 Mar **Time:** 1.00 – 4.00pm
Prices: Call ALSO
Bookings: (03) 9827 4999



Shopholic

Come along to Shopholic 2005 and help raise funds for the Victorian AIDS Council and David Williams Fund.

Shopholic is the official retail day for Melbourne's premier drag entertainers and all those gorgeous Melbourne boys and girls who love a great fun and entertaining day out. Held along Chapel Street from High Street to Toorak Road, this year sees the Shopholic list of official retailers expand to Commercial Road with loads of additional retailers joining in on the fun.

Venue: Chapel St, Prahan / South Yarra
Date: Sat 5 Feb **Time:** All day
Prices: Free
Info: 0424 207 263, shopholic@melbournediag.com



EAST Meets EAST

It's a culture collision! Seventies housewife Glenda Wazentley takes you on a culinary journey on Victoria Street, Richmond. Glenda will introduce you to Vietnamese culture, history and food!

Join Glenda for a full Vietnamese dinner and show experience. She will ponder the question: Why do gay men and lesbians always frequent Victoria Street, Richmond? Learn greetings, culture and history, all with a camp bent. Discover things you didn't know, eat things you've never eaten, and meet people you've never met before! Only 80 tickets available.

Venue: Victoria Vietnamese Restaurant, 311 Victoria St, Abbotstford
Date: Fri 11 Feb **Time:** 7.30pm (show begins at 8.00pm)
Price: \$35 Full / \$30 Con.
Bookings: glendawaverley@hotmail.com



Queer St Kilda: The History Walk

This year the gang from the Archives heads south to hitherto unexplored territory.

For many years the heartland of camp Melbourne was in the St Kilda area and in this twilight walk we explore such well-known landmarks as the Baths and the Prince of Wales for their queer historical content. But what's this about the Taiping restaurant, El Sombrero, the Galleon...?

Venue: The Esplanade, St Kilda. Meet at the entrance to Luna Park
Date: Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 4.00pm
Prices: \$10 Full / \$5 Con.
Bookings: (03) 8344 6865, gwillett@unimelb.edu.au



St Dorothy's Day Mass

The 10th anniversary celebration of Midsomma's premier religious event.

St Agnes Church presents a sermon by Bishop Phillip Huggins with music by Widor, 'Messe Solennelle'. Includes al fresco supper.

Venue: St Agnes Church, 114 Booran Rd, Glenhuntly
Date: Fri 4 Feb **Time:** 6.30pm
Prices: \$10 for supper
Bookings: (03) 9571 3932





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Dinner with The Hon. Rob Hulls, Attorney-General

GLOBE is hosting a dinner with The Hon. Rob Hulls, Attorney-General of Victoria as our special guest speaker.

The Hon. Rob Hulls will speak on issues within his Justice portfolio of special significance to gay men and lesbians, and new directions for the Victorian Justice System 2004-2014. Two-course dinner included, with beverages available for purchase.

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St, Melbourne
Date: Fri 11 Feb **Time:** 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Price: \$73 GLOBE Members / \$83 non-members
Bookings: GLOBE: (03) 9827 4999



Fruits in Suits

Network! Network! Join GLOBE at our Northside networking event during Midsunma.

Why not join us for this Lemons With a Twist event and bring along your friends and work colleagues for a drink and some serious business networking. We hope to see you and your friends at GLOBE's Lemons.

Venue to be advised – check GLOBE website for details
www.gaybusiness.com.au/globe

Date: Thu 27 Jan **Time:** 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Price: Free to GLOBE Members / \$10 non-members
Bookings: GLOBE: (03) 9827 4999



GLOBE BizExpo

Network! Network! Network! Join GLOBE at our premier networking event, BizExpo during Midsunma.

Why not join us for this special BizExpo Midsunma event and bring along your friends and work colleagues for a drink and some serious business networking. We hope to see you and your friends.

Venue: Zinc @ Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne
Date: Thu 20 Jan **Time:** 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Price: Free to GLOBE Members / \$10 non-members
Bookings: GLOBE: (03) 9827 4999



Motafrenz Concours d'Elegance

The Concours d'Elegance is the Motafrenz Car Club's premier event. Dress up and join members and friends in this fabulous display of cars.

A dazzling array of immaculately presented vehicles will be exhibited. Non-members are encouraged to enter their car or motorbike for judging. Come along in fancy dress and be eligible for an award. Register by Feb 4 at the Club's website www.motafrenz.org.au

Venue: Como Park, Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra
Date: Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 11.00am – 4.00pm
Prices: \$10.00 per car & \$5.00 for bike, spectators & passengers will be invited to donate a gold coin
Bookings: (03) 9482 4217 or 0425 733 279 motafrenz@motafrenz.org.au



Bare-backing & Nail-biting

A hypothetical about sex, pleasure and other catastrophes! Let's talk about it with Vanessa Wagner.

The complexities of sexual risk reduction among gay men (regardless of HIV status) have not had many public discussions, and this is the forum where some of those discussions will start. Whatever your HIV status, be prepared to be challenged, informed, outraged and educated about negotiations around sex between men.

Venue: St Martins Youth Arts Centre, 28 St Martins Ln, South Yarra
Date: Sun 6 Feb **Time:** 2.00pm
Price: Free
Bookings: (03) 9865 6772



Tops & Bottoms – A Seminar on Sex Power Games

Why do so many adults get a real sexual buzz out of tying each other up, flogging one another, and doing painful things that lead to pleasure?

Find out at this interactive seminar presented by the Masters of BDSM. This forum will suit adults looking to increase their sexual repertoire and explore the limits of pleasure through role-play and erotic adventures.

Venue: Eagle Leather, 58 Hoddle St, Abbotstord
Dates: Thu 27 Jan, Repeated Wed 9 Feb **Times:** 7.30pm – 10.00pm
Price: Free
Bookings: Bookings essential, (03) 9419 4509, www.eagleleather.com.au



Sharing Queer Spirit

A celebratory conference providing safe exploration of spirituality from queer, inclusive, interfaith perspectives.

People from the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer communities come together to share their experiences based on their spirituality, including contributions from Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Pagan and Goddess perspectives, and will culminate in participation in the Pride March.

Venue: Mt Waverley Community Centre, Miller Cres, Mt Waverley
Date: Fri 28 – Sun 30 Jan **Time:** Fri 12.00pm – Sun 12.00pm
Price: \$100 (early bird \$80, part attendance prices available) \$80 (part attendance prices available; scholarship may be available, subject to funding)
Bookings: www.vicnet.net.au

Coming Home

The launch of 'Coming Home'. A book of stories from women who came out aged over 40.

What is it like to come out aged over 40? Women tell their stories of how they may have questioned their sexuality, lived with contradictions, and ultimately decided to live whole and complete lives. Six totally different stories with one unvarying conclusion – "I'm so glad I did it!"

Venue: Matrix Guild & Vintage Men Stall, Midsunma Carnival, Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne
Date: Sun 13 Feb **Time:** 1.30pm
Price: Free





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Carnival

The circus comes to town!

Carnival Land becomes the Queerest Land of them all.

Take a ringside seat at Carnival's 'Big Ring'. Be amazed at the queer attractions that Midsumma serves up this year. New twists meet old turns and your favourites bump rumps with the unexpected!

Shield your eyes from the glare as sequins scrape steel, stilettos sink in the grass and sordid & sexy sights abound..... all in a day's work at Midsumma Carnival!

Wonder at the roving performers, mingle and marvel amongst the throngs of Carnival goers in our variety of village precincts, licensed bars, food markets and entertainment zones. Bring a picnic, a sun lounge and a relaxed mind.

Venue: Alexandra Gardens, Alexandra Avenue, Melbourne

Date: Sun 13 Feb

Time: 11.00am

Price: Gold coin donation

Info: (03) 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au



Dulcie's Dog Show

What would Carnival be without the Fab Ms Dulcie Duglor and her Dog Show?

Register you and your dog from midday. With only 50 places available, get in early. Categories are: Most fantastic figure, Australian Idol Dog, Oddest mongrel, Best Dog and Owner Combo, and Survivor Dog plus Best Overall (Judges' Choice). Entry is only \$5 per person/pooch. Dogs can only be entered in one category. Be there or have your dog to answer to...

Venue: At the Big Ring
Time: 2.00pm



Phreeq-Out!

We'll be told you the circus is coming to town, and WE are the Circus.

Physique enters a Queer New World. Get out your talent, tattoos, body art, body piercing, bodles, underwear, swimwear, fantasies, whatever you like! It's your turn to BE the show. Keep it clean, but keep it mean and queer. Register on the day under the following categories: tattoos; piercing; body art; muscle; under/swim wear; fantasy. Limit of only 5 entrants per category, only \$5 per category. Miss out and be phreequed-off!

Venue: At the Big Ring
Time: 3.30pm



Dance Zone

Dust off the dance shoes, grab a partner or simply say "hoody" to a stranger and enjoy a fantastic day of Carnival Dance.

Trip the stage fantastic to old favourites such as Bootscoot, Ballroom, and Street Latin. The Dance Zone is THE place to be during Carnival! Be enthralled and titillated by demonstrations and surprises occurring all afternoon. Dance Zone is hosted by the New Frontier Dance Association. Yeee-Hah!

Venue: On the Palm Lawn
Time: 11.00am – 5.30pm



Midsumma B-News Arts & Produce Pavilion

We are at it again, only this time we are bigger and better!

It's a showcase for artists, gardeners, fruit and veggie growers, cooks, chutney makers, knitters and makers all other home made arts and crafts. It's the place for a chill out, a drink, zhoosy food and a little light music. Visit the Midsumma B-News Arts and Produce Pavilion, where the country queers meet in the city! See B-News lift-outs for entry details. Entries must be received on the day between 12.00noon and 1.00pm. \$2 per entry for producer, \$5 for art.

Venue: On the Palm Lawn
Time: Viewing from 1.00pm





Midsumma & The Market present

TDANCE Sun 13 Feb

Alexandra Gardens **Alexandra Avenue Melbourne** 6.00pm – Midnight

End on a high! Dance between the palms! Embrace under the stars! Market's resident DJ's: **James Fraser, Sophie Johnston, Tony Svehla, Henri, Queen Martine & Carmine S. Romano**. Spectacular performance art. Signature show by Zowie Knox. State of the art lighting FX. A kaleidoscope of sound & light raising you up to new heights of queer-dom!

Tickets: \$5 Presale from the Market Hotel, \$10 at the Carnival
(This is a licensed over 18's event. ID may be requested.)

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Splash & Giggle

Melbourne Argonauts Queer Rowing Club is holding their annual Splash & Giggle rowing day.

Have you ever wanted to give rowing a try? Well, here's your chance! Come and join Melbourne Argonauts Queer Rowing Club for a morning of splashing and giggling on Albert Park Lake. No experience required, just comfortable exercise clothes and a willingness to get a little damp!

Venue: Lord Summers & Power House Rowing Sheds,

Lakeside Drive, Albert Park

Date: Sat 22 Jan **Time:** 10.30am

Prices: \$10 Full / \$8 Con.

Bookings: queerrowing@melbourneargonauts.com

Info: www.melbourneargonauts.com



Melbourne Spikers Volleyball Tournament

Melbourne Spikers' Premier tournament is on Sat 22 Jan. Divisions A, B & C (social). Entries close Tue 11 Jan.

The Spikers Midsumma Volleyball tournament is the premier tournament for the Melbourne Spikers. Non-member teams are welcome, but need book in advance. Fee includes lunch. Weekly training sessions are Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm @ Collingwood College, McCurtcheon Way, Collingwood. Cost: \$5.

Venue: Kew Volleyball @ Kew High School, Burke Rd, East Kew

Date: Sat 22 Jan **Time:** 8.30am – 5.00pm

Prices: \$20 Full / \$17 Con.

Bookings: www.melbournespiikers.org.au



Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Dancesport Championships

Melbourne's annual queer Ballroom and Latin American championships.

Follow the couples as they are put through their paces to reach the finals. Competitors travel to Melbourne from all over Australia & New Zealand and range from beginners to professionals. The atmosphere, both on the dance floor and in the audience, is fabulous! Come cheer! Bar & food available.

Venue: Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle St, Collingwood

Dates: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 3.00pm – 10.00pm

Prices: \$15 Full / \$10 Con.

Bookings: (03) 9417 6072



Melbourne Argonauts Queer Rowing Club Very First Regatta

Melbourne Argonauts Queer Rowing Club is holding their very first official regatta!

Start your Carnival early by coming down to the Yarra River for the regatta. This is your chance to cheer for the boys and girls in the black, white and purple as they play host to rowing clubs from around Melbourne and Victoria for a morning of fun and fine competition.

Venue: South bank of the Yarra, upstream from Princess Bridge,

Boathouse Drive, Melbourne

Date: Sun 13 Feb **Time:** From 9.30am

Price: Free

Info: www.melbourneargonauts.com



Red Ribbon Dash

The annual lesbian and gay fun run/walk hosted by Melbourne Frontrunners.

Dust off the joggers or walking shoes, make a dash for the Tan Track on Saturday 29 January and be a part of the 2005 Red Ribbon Dash and walk. Hosted by Melbourne Frontrunners, the event is a fundraiser for the VAC's David Williams Fund – financially supporting PLWHA. BYO BBQ Brunch, Alexandra Ave BBQ area, near Swan St Bridge.

Venue: Pillars of Wisdom, Tan Track, Kings Domain,

Alexandra Ave, (near the Swan St Bridge), South Yarra

Date: Sat 5 Feb **Times:** Register 9.00am, Race/Walk starts at 9.30am

Prices: Early bird registration before 26 Jan. Various prices / various runs

Check listing on www.midsumma.org.au

Bookings: 0400 201 086

Glamourhead Sharks Pool Party

The Glamourhead Sharks Pool Party returns in 2005 for girls, boys and bathers. Don't miss it.

The 2005 Pool Party is presented by the Glamourhead Sharks, Melbourne's Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Club, continuing the annual tradition of a splash in the pool, where bodies big and small engage in some fun and frivolity – and plenty of eye candy. With new events, prizes and of course, some disco music, don't miss this night. Strictly no alcohol or glass permitted.

Venue: Collingwood Leisure Centre, Hoddle St

(Corner of Turnbull St), Clifton Hill

Date: Sat 29 Jan **Time:** 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Prices: Presale \$15 + BF / \$18 at door. Presale \$10 + BF / \$12 at door

Tickets: Hares and Hyenas & Lucrezia & de Sade.



Bent Kranks Bike Ride

Join the Fairfield to Templestowe bike ride on sealed and gravel path, with lunch at Westerfields Park.

Meeting at Fairfield Park, we will ride along the picturesque Main Yarra trail bike path to Westerfields Park in Templestowe. Once there, enjoy wonderful views from the hilltop. Purchase your lunch at the "Mia Mia Gallery" cafe, or bring your own. Bring your mountain bike or hybrid and a sense of adventure! Start time 10.00am; return distance approx. 35km.

Venue: Fairfield Park Car Park, Heidelberg Rd, Fairfield

Date: Sat 5 Feb **Time:** 10.00am

Prices: \$5 Full / \$2 (inc Bent Kranks members)

Bookings: 0412 611 282, benkranks@hotmail.com

VicTennis@Midsumma

Social doubles tennis tournament for the GLBTI community, catering for all skill levels – featuring mixed, men's and women's events.

VicTennis is proud once again to be holding its popular and fun tennis tournament. Held annually, this doubles competition caters for the tennis needs of the GLBTI community as part of the Midsumma Festival and includes all skills levels, including mixed, men's and women's events. Beginners, novices and the curious are welcome!

Venue: Elsternwick Park Tennis Club, Cnr Glenhurnty Rd & New St,

Elwood

Date: Sun 23 Jan **Time:** 10.00am – 6.00pm

Prices: \$25 Full / \$22 Con.

Bookings: www.victennis.com, victennis@optusnet.com.au



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Get Involved

Midsusmma is a not-for-profit organisation. This means we can only survive with financial support from government, corporate sponsorship and the generosity of Melbourne's gay and lesbian community.

As we prepare to launch another great programme for Midsusmma Festival 2005, we are also calling on the support of Melbourne's Midsusmma community to ensure our continued success. We put on Midsusmma for you. There are three ways that you can show your support – join as a member, become a patron, or volunteer.

Join Midsusmma

Being a member of Midsusmma is an important way of showing your support all year round. Our members form our core group of constituents, who guide and shape the festival each year.

Membership gives you voting rights at our AGM and access to a host of special events along the way. If you'd like to become a member, we would love to hear from you. Please contact admin@midsusmma.org.au

Become a Patron – make a tax deductible donation over \$250

This year, Midsusmma adds a new element to its fundraising activities by offering community members an opportunity to donate directly to the Festival through the Midsusmma Patron Program.

Recognition as a Patron of Midsusmma will be offered to individuals and businesses donating \$250 or more to the Festival. As a Patron of Midsusmma, you will automatically become a member of the Festival.

Patronage, like membership, symbolises your partnership with an organisation dedicated to celebrating and strengthening our community.

By the time of the launch of the 2005 Festival, we expect Midsusmma's application for endorsement by the Australian Tax Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient ('DGR') to be complete. With DGR status, Patrons will be entitled to receive a full tax deduction for their donation to the Festival.

Full details of our Midsusmma Patron Program, including the tax and other benefits of being a patron, as well as the different levels of patron support, will be posted on our website once our DGR status has been confirmed. Achieving DGR status will be an important milestone in Midsusmma's history as a cultural organisation, and we plan to personally invite all our members and supporters in the Midsusmma community to support us in recognising this historic achievement. For further details, please contact brenton@midsusmma.org.au

Volunteers – Now is the perfect time to get involved and experience Midsusmma from the inside!

We are seeking volunteers to assist in all aspects of the festival, whether its doing front of house for one of our premier events or assisting with Carnival day.

Midsusmma Festival continues to grow each year, bringing you bigger and better arts, parties, community and sporting events, as well as the fabulous Opening Night Party.

Whatever your interests and skills, we want you to join us in making Midsusmma the best it can be!

Please contact the Midsusmma office on **(03) 9415 9819** for details.

Board positions

Now in its 17th year, the Festival is going through an growth stage and offers a stimulating and rewarding environment for its volunteer team.

Midsusmma's constitution provides for up to 16 Board Members are held in May each year. In preparation for the AGM, Midsusmma is calling for expressions of interest for positions that may be open on the Board at the next AGM. While many of the executive and operational functions of the Festival have been performed by members of the Board as a Board of Management, the Festival's vision is to re-focus on prudential supervision and the strategic direction of the Festival and of queer life in Melbourne more generally. The Festival enjoys strong relationships with sponsors, government and semi-government agencies and a wide range of supporting organisations.

Please forward your Expressions of Interest, together with details of your skills and experience, to the Midsusmma



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From an **Outside Broadcast with Damian Nicholas** to launch Midsumma at Federation Square, **JOY's Annual Picnic at Mt Macedon**, **Karaoke with Damian and Addam at Pride March**, to the biggest site at **Carnival Day in Alexandra Gardens**, join us for all the action.

Now in its 8th year the picnic attracts up to 500 people to a private garden named Forest Glade, which has taken over 50 years to develop. This European-style garden is divided into many areas, including a Fern Gully, oriental garden, lawns and pond. There are plenty of shaded areas under the trees for your picnic blanket, and he wonderful Rainbow Band and Gay and Lesbian Chorus will serenade you, with live crosses to the JOY studio.

So bring your picnic lunch and drink, and BYO alcohol (but be mindful of the Drink/Drive Rules); unfortunately you'll have to leave the BBQ and the pets at home.

Forest Glade is about 1 hours drive from Melbourne, out the Calder Highway, and the garden is on the right hand side, just after the township of Mt Macedon. There is plenty of street parking and JOY balloons will identify the place.

So spend a pleasant day in the company of friends - starting at 10am - Forest Glade - Mount Macedon. It's just \$10 per head entry.

JOY Melbourne thanks the owners of Forest Glade for their generosity in allowing this Fundraiser Picnic.

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January 2005

21	JOY Outside Broadcast Midsumma Launch Federation Square	26	JOY Annual Picnic Mt Macedon
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February 2005

30	JOY Outside Broadcast Pride March St Kilda	13	JOY Outside Broadcast Midsumma Carnival Alexandra Gardens
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About Midsusmma

Who is Midsusmma?

Midsusmma Festival Inc is a non-profit association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Act and is overseen by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the Membership.

The Board directs all aspects of the festival, working with two full-time and two part-time administrative staff, two event production staff, over 50 volunteers and various contracted agencies.

Our Mission

Midsusmma is committed to presenting an annual arts and cultural festival that, within a safe and healthy environment, celebrates the pride and diversity of Victoria's lesbian, gay and allied communities.

Objectives

The Board aims to produce an annual arts and cultural festival that:

- is inclusive of and responsive to the lesbian, gay, queer, bisexual, transgendered and pansexual sections of the community;
- supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the community;
- promotes opportunities for new artistic talent;
- is diverse and challenging;
- is committed to excellence;
- educates the community to become consumers of lesbian and gay arts and culture;
- more broadly promotes lesbian and gay arts and culture in Melbourne, Victoria and Australia;
- is recognised as a principal arts and cultural festival interstate and internationally;
- establishes and builds strategic alliances with other marginalised arts and cultural communities including indigenous and multicultural communities;
- maximises access and equity; and
- is financially responsible.

Board of Management

Kristine Darmody	President
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We also acknowledge the work of retired Board member **Mat Lewis**.

Staff

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Festival Manager	Brenton Geyer
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Sub-committees

All committee members are volunteers and give between two and twenty hours per week of their time to the Festival. Either the General Manager or Festival Manager sit on each sub-committee.

Programming

Sasha Cunningham (Chair), Scott Campbell, Ros Abercrombie, Kris Darmody, Lee Matthews, Lena Cirillo, Vivian Rekas, Maria Snow, Justine Hyde.
Queer Street Curators: Ros Abercrombie, Felicity Hardy.
Girls on the floor Curators: Lucy Elliott, Susan Long.
Room to Move, Gertrude Street & Billboard Project
Curators: Jeff Khan, Susan Long.
Transitions: Space and Perception Curators: Edwina Bartlem, Scott Campbell.

Major Events

Carnival: Tim Hunter & Kieran McGregor (co-Chairs), Darren Marsh, Brendon Beavan, Jeffrey Grad, Bohdan Abrat
Opening Night: Ray Arthur (Chair) Travis De Jonk, Jono Francisco, Brendon Beavan, Renata Roberts, Mat Li
Midsusmma B-News Arts & Produce Pavilion: Kieran McGregor, Kim Northmore, Janice Chisholm, Marilyn Elliott, Andrew Tytherleigh, Chris Plumeridge.
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