

midsummafestival94
melbourne's lesbian and gay festival 21 jan—13 feb

PREVIEW GUIDE



Brenton Geyer
President
Midsumma Festival

As we put this year's festival program together it becomes clearer each day that Midsumma is an important part of Melbourne's gay and lesbian cultural, political, and social calendar.

We strive to offer a base from which community groups, artists, performers, writers, business's, sports people, entertainers, politico's and ego-centrics of many kinds—all of

whom belong to our lesbian and gay community—are able showcase and deliver their talents and messages in a safe environment free from homophobic backlash or moral censure.

We are recognised by the mainstream community in cultural and political arenas, as being able to offer a strong, viable and diverse contribution. Whilst history has shown us that this is nothing new, it is most significant that we are now being enticed from the 'closet' by people who once

would have viewed us as being morally and politically embarrassing. The Midsumma Festival is a vehicle which has the ability to change attitudes.

Attitudes of homophobic and bias, and fear and misunderstanding. All who identify as part of Melbourne's gay and lesbian community must take this festival as their own. We all have that right of expression—from drag to leather, from Spring Street to Porter Street—this is your opportunity to camp it up or butch it up, but above

anything do it with pride and purpose. For it is a battle after all. A battle to overcome lingering mainstream attitudes and turn feelings of prejudice into feelings of acceptance and appreciation. For this to happen, the festival must grow, and so too must its clout. One day, when the battle is won, and the raison d'être for Midsumma becomes socially, morally and politically obsolete, may we not need this festival of pride, presence, and profile?

Tony Keenan
National President
Australian Federation of
AIDS Organisations

On behalf of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, I wish to congratulate the Midsumma Board, volunteers, and Melbourne's Gay and Lesbian Community for the best Midsumma Festival yet. Community celebrations and unity are more important than ever in times of grief and loss. The Midsumma festival is attribute to the strength, compassion, and diversity of our family—the Gay and Lesbian Community. Well done Melbourne.

Susan Harben
President
Sydney Gay and Lesbian
Martí Gras

Each year Melbourne's Midsumma Festival goes from strength to strength. It becomes bigger in size, broader in scope, and more and more lesbians and gay men are taking part.

Because it belongs to Melbourne's gay and lesbian community, Midsumma reflects the community's pride, colour, diversity and life. As it continues to thrive, each lesbian and gay man in Australia and overseas can feel proud. Your Successes are our successes. Have a great couple of weeks.

Sue Natrass
General Manager
Victorian Arts Centre Trust

Midsumma has become an important festival in Melbourne's arts calendar. It highlights the depth of Melbourne's creative talent and the responsiveness of our audiences in a wonderful carnival atmosphere. It deserves the support of us who are interested in our diverse cultural fare.

John Thwaites
MLA for Albert Park

It is a pleasure to offer my support and congratulations to the Midsumma Board on the eve of their 6th annual festival. The gay and lesbian community is one which is diverse, vibrant, and talented. I wish all who are responsible for Midsumma '94 the success due for their immense efforts in bringing this diversity and talent to the fore.



red raw

The ALSO Foundation presents Melbourne's largest dance party.

Shed 14 Victoria Dock
Saturday 29 Jan
DJ's Tony Shihla,
Gavin Campbell,
Peter McNamara,
Sound Minister

\$35 members/conc
\$45 presale/\$55 door
Tickets Hares and Hyenas,
Central Station, Aussie
Boys, VAC, PLC,
Austickets 131314,
info 0055 34234

Men of Cloth

Aspects of Queer Culture
Works by Michael Glover,
Matthew Flinn, Michael
Heap & Douglas McManus
Craft Victoria, 114 Gertrude
St. Fitzroy
20 Jan—6 Feb
Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm
Sat 12-5pm free

More Menu

An exhibition about the
body and its myths
Marios Cafe,
303 Brunswick St. Fitzroy
16 Jan—14 Feb
7am-10pm daily free

**Team Melbourne
Swimming
Carnival**

This is an event not to be
missed. For swimmers
and voyeurs alike, it's the
'spunk' event of
Midsummer.

Prahan Pool
Saturday 12 Feb
7pm \$5
pay at the gate

Enquiries to David
on 646 1619
(no glass containers or
alcohol allowed)

JOY Melbourne
90.7 FM

Broadcasting every
weekend between Midnight
Fridays and Midnight
Sundays.

Featuring interviews with
Midsummer event holders,
and crossover to events
and the Midsummer Carnival.

**3CR Community
Radio**
855 AM

Presenting the L&G Show,
Wednesdays at 10.30 pm,
and In Ya Face, Fridays at

Bridge

One session pairs Bridge
competition. Fundraiser for
Positive Living Centre.
English Speaking Union,
146 Toorak Rd. West,
South Yarra
Sun 6 Feb 1pm—6pm
\$8 bookings 866 3521
or 690 9733

JOY Picnic

Forest Glade,
(a private property)
Mt. Macedon Rd.
Mt. Macedon.
BYO food, drinks, blankets
Wed 26 Jan 12.30 pm-5 pm
\$5 each Pay at gate

**Group Photo
Show '94**

Exhibition of local
photographic talent at the
Malthouse, 113 Sturt St.
Sth. Melbourne.
22 Jan—4 Feb
free

Pierre Molinier

Erotic, fetishistic, portraits inc.
leather, bondage, dildos,
high heels and lipsick.
Australian Centre for
Contemporary Art
22 Jan—13 Feb
11am-6pm Tue-Fri
2pm-5pm Sat/Sun free

**Tennis
Tournament**

A weekend of court
competition for the tennis
enthusiast.

Elsternwick Park Tennis
Centre, Glenhuntly Rd.
Morning singles
Saturday 22 Jan
Afternoon doubles
Sunday 23 Jan

\$12 per event
Bookings and enquiries to
Alison at Elsternwick Park
Tennis Centre
Ph. 531 6328

4pm. and Sistematic,
Sundays at 3.30pm with
interviews with Midsummer
event holders, and
crossovers to events and
the Midsummer Carnival.

Radio National
621 AM

That's History: Fri 28 Jan.
Repeated Sun 30 Jan.
'His own special friend'—a
homosexual history of the
Northern Territory. A
dramatization of the first
chapter of Dino Hodge's
book, 'Did you meet any
Malagas?'

Dinki Di Day

Spend Australia Day with
Dawn Syndrome, as she
tours famous Aussie
landmarks of Melbourne
from the safety of a luxury
coach. Meet Dinki-Di, her 2
naughty boys, Harry & Willy,
and along the way, an
encounter with the estranged
Charlie! All guests will be
treated to an 'Aussie
Banquet' all inclusive.
Dress as your fave Aussie.

Wed 26 Jan
Coach leaves 3 Faces at
3pm sharp
Enq + tickets 826 0933

Juan Davila

3-D Semblance
Recent Works by
Juan Davila
Tolamo Galleries,
121 Victoria St. Fitzroy
1 Feb—26 Feb 11am-
6pm Tue-Sat free

and more Davila

A showing of recent
work by Davila
Hares and Hyenas
Bookshop
135 Commercial Rd.
Sth. Yarra From 9 Feb
free

**Melbourne
Spikers
Volleyball
Tournament**

Collingwood Education
Centre, McCutcheon
Way, Collingwood

Saturday 29 Jan

9.30am—5pm

\$15 includes lunch

Bookings and enquiries to
Martin or Jonathan
on 654 1217 (AH).

Leather Pride

A week of leather
orientated events,
workshops, exhibitions.
11 Feb—19 Feb
Various locations
For full schedule of events
contact 885 7159

Calendar includes:
Charlie! on Cruise
on the Yarra.
Art exhibition at the
Panorama Cinema.
Mens Own/Womens Own
parties.
Workshops.
INFERNO Leather Party
and more.

**Gala Gay Games
Sports
Breakfast**

Team Melbourne and
Melbourne Star Observer
present a Gala Sports
Breakfast to support our
team of lesbian and gay
sports people for the Unity
'94 Gay Games
in New York.

Ritz Hotel,
Fitzroy St. St. Kilda
Saturday 5 Feb
10am approx \$20
Bookings and enquiries to
David on 646 1619

**Did you meet any
Malagas?**

Author, Dino Hodge, will be
signing copies of his book,
'Did you meet any
Malagas?', and speaking on
'recording a cross
cultural queer history—
thoughts on involving
aboriginal, ethnic, and
mainstream communities.'

Tue 25 Jan. 8pm.
Hares and Hyenas
135 Commercial Rd.
South. Yarra.
Enq: 824 0110

**4 Women
and their
writings**

A reading by four women
of their writings.

Curated by
Mira Robertson
and Kelly Gardiner.

Tue 1 Feb. 8pm.

Hares and Hyenas
360 Brunswick Street,
Fitzroy.

Enq: 824 0110

Software VI

Software, a Midsumma institution, showcases our communities' versatile and ever changing talents.

A season of original short works by lesbian and gay performers and visual artists. Comedy, Drama, Circus, Dance, Exhibitions!

Napier St. Theatre, 199
Napier St. Sth. Melb.
Prog 1: Wed 26—30 Jan
Prog 2: Wed 2—6 Feb
8pm \$12/10conc.
Bookings 699 8500

**Karen Finley
A certain Level
of Denial**

Direct from New York, this controversial performance artist mixes blunt wit, audacity, futuristic aggression, and hypnotic zeitgeist-attuned chanting—her performances elicit an impassioned response.

National Theatre, Carlisle
St. St. Kilda.
Fri 11 Feb. 8pm.
\$30-bf or
\$27-bf ACCA members
Austickets 131314

Back to the Closet

A series of free screenings of 60's classics for members of the MQF&VF. Films include

VICTIM,
MADCHEN IN UNIFORM,
and THE LEATHER BOYS.

Melbourne Film Festival
Theatrette,
207 Johnson St. Fitzroy,
Thu 27 Jan, 10 & 24 Feb

Memberships available at
screenings! \$10/5conc.

Check the gay press for
times or call 826 3137.

**When You Need
More Than
Straight Answers**

Photography exhibition
presented by the Gay and
Lesbian Switchboard.
Hares and Hyenas, 135
Commercial Rd. Sth Yarra.
26 Jan—9 Feb
11am-8pm free

**Midsumma Wank
Party**

Melbourne wankers
recovery parties—jack-off
nights for men.
Club Spa, Caulfield
Mon 31 Jan and 14 Feb
arrive between 7-8pm \$10

RE-JOY-CE

Fundraising Variety
Concert

3 Faces Nightclub, 143
Commercial Rd.
Sth Yarra

Mon 7 Feb. 7.30pm-2am
\$10 or \$8 Members of
JOY

Lady Boy

Lady by night, boy by day.
"Battle of Performers
Show Girl"
Coppin Hall
Sat 22 Jan 7pm
\$14 inc. light meals
enq: 571 3925 AH

**Summer
Awakenings**

A Midsumma Musical Event

A chamber and choral
concert including the first
Australian performance of
Gareth Williams' Requiem
Mass for those who have
died of AIDS.

A fundraiser for Fairfield
Hospital Interfaith Chapel.

St. Marks Church
George St. Fitzroy.
Sat 12 Feb 8pm
\$18/14/10
bookings: 280 2330

**Farewell My
Concubine**

Roadshow Film Distributors
and Melbourne Star
Observer present a special
preview of the Chinese
motion picture Farewell My
Concubine, winner of the
best film award, Cannes Film
Festival 1993.

Fivoli Twin Cinemas,
Camberwell.
Mon 31 Jan 7pm
Tickets \$12 avail. from Hares
and Hyenas, Fitzroy
and South Yarra.
Enq. 826 1317

Proceeds to 1994 MQF&VF

**Gay and Lesbian
Travel Forum**

The 4th Melbourne
Community Groups Forum
presents a discussion on
travel. Including a Team
Melbourne New York
Games video and discus-
sion, and a talk by the
manager of the Bayside
Council's Tourism Group,
and Tourism Expo.

Midsumma 'host tent'
Midsumma Carnival
13 Feb.
Chr. Aughlie Dve & Fitzroy
St. St. Kilda
5-6pm free

Desire

A celebration of sexuality.
"It's rude, funny, sexy,
explosive, and explosive"
Carlton Courthouse, 349
Drummond St. Carlton.
27 Jan—5Feb (not Mon)
8pm plus 10.30pm Fri/Sat
\$12/6
Bookings 347 1608

**A Midsumma
Night's Music**

Alscunds
Melbourne's Gay Choir.
Collingwood College
19 Feb, 10.30-10pm
\$12/10/5
enq: 360 5538 or 534 0419

**Solomons
Sideshow**

A walk through performance
installation using the form of
the turn of the century
sideshow physcodelia
Delving into gay male
mythology and eroticism,
creating an illusionary world,
stimulating the senses of
sight, sound, scent, and
touch.

Panorama Cinema,
Brunswick St. Fitzroy.
2-6 Feb
between 8-11pm
\$6/4 tickets at door

**Carouse at
Carousel**

The Melbourne Queer Film
and Video Festival host a
HUGE PARTY at the hottest
spot in town as a fundraiser
for their upcoming festival.
Wed 9 Feb
Carousel, Aughlie Dve,
Albert Park Lake.
Tickets at the door.

The 1994 MQF&VF is being
held from 10-20 March at the
State Film Theatre,
MacArthur St. East
Melbourne. The program will
be available from 4 March,
further details call 826 1317.

Switchbitch

A fundraiser for the PCV.
Some of Melbourne's most
twisted and notorious Drag
Queens join forces for this
gala charity
performance, including Miss
Candice, Fila, Stella,
Doreen, Sabritat, Min Sing,
Stom Warring,
and Yvonne Gardner,
followed by the lesbian band
"Mary on the Dashboard".

Prince of Wales Hotel
Sunday 6 Feb 9pm
\$10/6 at the door.
Proceeds to fund safe sex
equipment and dispersion.

Hybrid Fruit

Post-modern, Pornographic,
Perverse.

Writing, dance, projected
images, and music explored
in a provocative and original
way. A visual spectacle from
the group that brought you "A
Queer Reader", 1993 Fringe
Festival Hit ugo anni balli,
Marcus O'Donnell, Gerard
Morrissey, Vin Pitcher, and
Daren Pope.

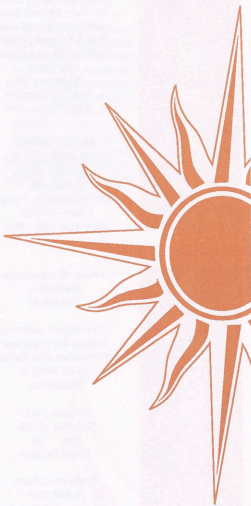
Theatretworks
14 Acland St. St. Kilda
3, 5 Feb 8pm, 6 Feb 5pm.
\$8/6 Enq. 534 4879

A Chorus Line

A Gala Charity Performance
of A Chorus Line will
be held to raise funds for
the
HIV Assistance
Association.

Her Majestys Theatre
Sat 22 Jan
8pm
\$48 includes
A Reserve seating, and
Champagne on arrival.

\$10 from each ticket
goes toward the
HIV Assistance
Association.


Beatnic '94
A bike tour of some
inner-city beats.

Join the Beats Outreach
Team to see some of the
more illustrious sites and find
out more about us.

Start at Fitzroy Gardens,
corner St. Andrews Pl. and
Lansdowne St. City. Finish at
Midsumma Carnival.

Sun 13 Feb
11am-2.30pm
Book on 483 6700
or just turn up at 11am!
Free

Gladboat

GLAD cruises the Yarra
in an evening of music
and comedy featuring
TIDDAS.

The Yarra Queen
Fri 4 Feb 7-10pm
\$18/10
Bookings: 419 1412

CARNIVAL

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The highlight of the festival, and winner of the Rainbow Award Event of the Year, the Midsunma Carnival, is simmering to a slow boil!

Melbourne's largest and most talked about gay and lesbian community event will open with an explosion of entertainment and events at 12 noon and will roll along until 8pm.

Come Fitzroy St. and Aughtie Dve, St. Kilda.
Sunday 13 Feb

The Dog Show

Now a Carnival institution, the dog show is an opportunity to showcase your canine family under the critical eyes of our judging panel. Fluff them up, drag them up, or butch them up, and be at the Carnival 'Drag Strip' (centre of oval) 2pm.

Wrestlefest

Bring your bathers because the 'Memorial Doug Lucas Pool' featuring the infamous 'slippery pole' will be on-site again!

Wigstock

Brush up your bonnets because Barbra Quicksand, Melbourne showgirl legend, will once again be conducting a search for Melbourne's best and worst drag artists in the only event of its kind in Australia! Wigstock is open to both boy and girl cross dressers. B.Y.O tape, sunglasses, and attitude and turn up at the 'drag strip' (centre of oval) at 3pm for your chance to become Miss/Mr Wigstock '94.

the DISCURIO stage

The main stage will feature a line up of lesbian and gay entertainment all day! Included are Iva Big One, Albino Black, the Lipstix and New Wigs on the Block, Jazz Squad and Buzz Club.

Transport

Car parking will be limited. Trams 15 and 16 and light rail 96 will deliver you to the Carnival with ease.

Sunday Feb 13



Midsumma '94
1994 heralds the sixth Midsumma Festival. With that comes a level of maturity and sophistication which has been built upon over the past six years. We are able to offer you, the lesbian and gay community of Melbourne, an opportunity to showcase your individual and specific talents under one umbrella and in turn, project a sense of pride, purpose, and unity toward the broader community. Whether it be through the arts, sport, the media, social or political, community based, or business and enterprise, Midsumma is your vehicle of expression—a celebration of your's and our sexuality. Midsumma is engineered and executed by a Board of Management, a team of working group coordinators, and a further team of volunteers who see to the running of the festival at every level. None of these people are paid. We wish to thank all of these people for their time and commitment to the festival. We would also like to thank those individuals

and organisations who have supplied goods and services, and donated time or items in an economic environment which makes it particularly difficult to do so. Thank you to (in no particular order) Ron Oliver Lee Holmes Michelle Truckenboht John Spierings Craig Bruckner Alan Smith Brenda Rhoades Dick Burke Tim Mann from Discuro Geoff Spumell from Broadcast Sound Services Lou Missios Shane Bridges and the Cosmopolitan Stella Constellation Ken Hale Ross Appleton Clint McDonald Stephaniea Skin Fitness Laurie Lane Hiran Pitera Sam Zenseldin and the Street Cafe Daniel from Worksense Party Pup Sasha Cunningham Dulcie Dukour Barbara Quicksand Susan Harben John Thwaites Tony Keenan Sue Natrass Martin James Kayt Arthur Jon Nicholls Charlot Kryza Anita Budai Happy Solutions Fantasia Stephen Jones and 3CR Brian Dowsett and ALSO The stars of our poster Tex McKenzie Jim Hyde Chris Hazel and VACIGMHC

Miss Information Will Walton and MSO Bill Calder and Brother Sister Bent TV Crusader Hills and Rowland Thompson Claire Williamson Paul Rees Leather Pride Toohays Beer Bluestone Media Michael Mitchener International Directions Team Melbourne Adam Carr All of the event holders All of the Carnival performers and stall holders And thank you to all those who will assist after the production of this guide. There will be many. Special thanks to Cafe Cosmo, Vittorio Coffee, Stolichaya Vodka (all of which provide essential fuel for the running of the festival) and an all round thank you to Robert Luciano who is holding the office together while Midsumma ignites around him.

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