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It's a girl, it's a boy, it's a poof, it's a dyke ... it's a SCREAMER!!!

On behalf of the Board, staff, members and volunteers of Midsumma Melbourne I have the pleasure of introducing you to Festival 15. Both Mother (the collective conscience and efforts of 14 previous festivals) and baby (this year's exciting incarnation) are doing well. More than well, in fact, as Festival 15 promises to be the golden child of a strong and proud ritual of arts, culture and sport among the gay and lesbian community of Melbourne – inclusive of almost 100 events.

our mission

Midsumma 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.

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

The Objectives of the Midsumma Board

The Board of the Midsumma Festival Inc 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.

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

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Melbourne's Midsumma is now a fixed feature on the proud global calendar of events which celebrate and rejoice in that which makes us who we are – our inherent personality and sexuality.

Of course the world and our experiences have changed over the past 15 years – particularly, from a legislative perspective, in recent times. No longer are we criminals or illegal in the military. No longer are we denied inheritance or the right of access to our loved ones when they need us most. No longer is it permissible to discriminate against us in employment or the provision of goods and services.

However, the reason for lesbians and gay men to come together – as we will in our tens of thousands over the next 3 weeks and 4 weekends – remains ever essential today as it did all those years ago. This festival, is, by its very nature, political.

When we hold hands at the Commercial Road Street Party, rave at ALSO's Red Raw, splash around at the Pool Party, push our prams down Fitzroy Street at Pride March and when our lips kiss at Carnival in the Alexandra Gardens, we liberate ourselves and our community.

Therefore, as we come together to celebrate and rejoice in the birth of another Midsumma, it is important that we take time to honour those who have nurtured it through a long gestation; our volunteers; our performers, artists, sporty types and other G&L organisations who give the festival content; our wonderful major sponsors, Ford and United Airlines and all of our other supporters; our Governmental partners, Tourism Victoria, the Victorian Arts Centre and the Cities of Melbourne, Yarra, Stonnington, Moreland and Port Phillip and, most importantly, YOU, the punters, for whom Midsumma is for and about.

It is significant that we all come together; individuals, community, business and government in this exciting joint venture – something unimaginable 15 years ago. It is also significant that for the first time in Midsumma's history there are messages of support from the Leader of Her Majesty's Government, the Premier of this State, and Loyal Opposition, the Parliamentary Leader of the Liberal Party in Victoria. It's an extraordinary moment – and one I'm very proud of.

And so, let Festival 15 begin – enjoy every minute of it – it's sure to be a SCREAMER.

Leigh Johns
President, Midsumma Festival

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Stephen Kruk
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United Airlines is proud to be the exclusive and official airline of Midsumma. United supports more than 60 charitable causes and organisations of interest to our diverse community. In fact, United was the first US airline to prohibit harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation: we can proudly say we are truly United.

United's commitment to the Midsumma Festival and other Australian community events, takes advantage of our unique capabilities as a global airline. Just as we help to unite the Midsumma Festival's organisers and crew with family and friends in the US, we are committed to uniting Australians with their colleagues, friends and family all around the world, through our extensive network.

I am delighted to welcome you to this year's Midsumma Festival. So, fasten your seatbelts and enjoy this diverse arts and cultural festival.

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The Midsumma Festival is proud of its association with Melbourne's gay and lesbian community organisations and thanks them for their support and commitment.

> THE ALSO FOUNDATION



Art and culture are legitimate forms of expression of vital importance to any community. For the past 15 years, Midsumma has facilitated and encouraged arts and cultural events, which have played a huge role in raising the self pride of the gay and lesbian community collectively and individually; and have given us heaps of fun in the process. Midsumma is without doubt, a festival by the community and for the community. Something we can all embrace with pride. Best wishes to the board, staff, volunteers, artists and performers that present us with Midsumma. See you there!

> JOY MELBOURNE



JOY Melbourne's commitment to Midsumma is constant and limitless. As the country's only Gay and Lesbian radio station, the first day of Midsumma 2002 marked the first day of full time broadcasting for JOY, so it is of particular significance to us. We have traditionally played a major role in Street Party, Pride March, and Carnival Day and have also run our own picnic at Mt. Macedon. This year, due to our full time license, we can promote Midsumma in a way never before available. We wish everyone a fun, safe and gay festival and hope you tune into your station for updates, news and music for a Midsumma to remember.

> PRIDE MARCH VICTORIA



Pride March Victoria is proud to be a Premier Event of the Midsumma Festival. From an initial meeting in 1996 with Midsumma and ALSO, Pride March now celebrates its eighth annual event. The Pride March Board thanks Midsumma Festival for their long term support.

> GLOBE



GLOBE has had a long and close association with Midsumma over many years and we look forward to joining in Midsumma 2003.



To GLOBE, Midsumma means a fun-filled, exciting and memorable time, and we wish an enjoyable Midsumma 2003 to all of the participants from the GLBTI Community.

> PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV / AIDS



PLWHA Victoria is proud to be a part of and a longtime supporter of Melbourne's premier community event – the genuinely inclusive and diverse Midsumma Festival. The opportunities that Midsumma provides for artistic, social and cultural expression are a true indication of the breadth and depth of our community.

Midsumma is a reflection of all of us.

> P-FLAG



Midsumma is Melbourne's own marvellous celebration: a smorgasboard of magical events. For the P-FLAG family, we look forward to Pride March, the tangible expression of the unconditional love and pride which we feel for our non-heterosexual family members and friends, and Carnival Day when we can meet, mingle, give advice and information... and a few hugs! We congratulate the Midsumma Board for all the hard work involved in planning and bringing to fruition another marvellous Midsumma, and may Midsumma 2003 be the most marvellous ever.

> VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL



VAC/GMHHC is proud to offer our support and best wishes to the 15th Midsumma Festival. Midsumma is a time when gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Melbourneans, in all our glorious diversity, come together to celebrate who we are and what we have achieved. As we demonstrate our community pride, let's remember and pay tribute to those who have gone before us, some of whom we have lost to HIV/AIDS, whose courage and determination to be public about their sexuality and their HIV status have helped to break down stereotypes and create a more inclusive community. We wish you all a happy and a safe Midsumma 2003.

> VICTORIAN GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS LOBBY



Recent reforms mean we're legally closer to equality and justice than ever before (see: <http://over-the-rainbow.org>). But law reform is only a path. What good is a freedom never exercised? Our real destination is being able to express ourselves honestly and joyously: as individuals; as couples; as friends; as a community. Desire, relationships, culture of all sorts, politics and a party – this is Midsumma. Bring it on, and let's invite guests!

Proud and delighted to help build this festival: the Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby.

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

Midsumma thanks the following government supporters for their ongoing commitment to and recognition of the Midsumma Festival and our community at large.

> HON. STEVE BRACKS MP, PREMIER OF VICTORIA



Midsumma Melbourne celebrates the diversity and pride of Victoria's lesbian, gay and allied communities. It adds to Victoria's profile as a dynamic and diverse state and reinforces the Government's commitment to promote equal opportunities and safeguard the rights of all Victorians.

Midsumma Melbourne attracts a large number of interstate and international audiences and generates significant social, cultural and economic benefits for Victoria. It is another reason that Melbourne is such an attractive place to live, work and invest.

I congratulate everyone involved with the Midsumma Melbourne Festival and hope for an even more fun filled festival in 2003.

> HON. ROBERT DOYLE MP, LEADER, VICTORIAN LIBERAL PARTY



I am pleased to offer my best wishes and support for the 15th annual Midsumma Festival. Midsumma is a major event on the Victorian festivals calendar and one that demonstrates and celebrates Victoria's rich cultural diversity. Over the last fifteen years Midsumma has grown to be one of our leading tourist drawcards as the result of a shared vision of celebration within the gay and lesbian community, and the dedicated work of the Festival's board and volunteers. Midsumma 2003 will undoubtedly build on the achievements of previous festivals and be an outstanding success. Happy Midsumma Festival!

> CR JOHN SO, LORD MAYOR, CITY OF MELBOURNE



Melbourne is one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in the world and even more so during Midsumma - Melbourne's gay and lesbian community festival. As the Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne I am very proud of the wonderful partnership which has developed between our city and Midsumma and I congratulate Midsumma on this, its 15th year. The Midsumma Festival is important to our city. It is an essential part of the fusion of past tradition and diverse cultural influences, which has created an invigorated and forward thinking city and a dynamic centre for culture and communities. I wish you all a happy Midsumma 2003.

> CR SALLY DAVIS, MAYOR, CITY OF STONNINGTON



Congratulations to the organisers of the Midsumma Festival in its 15th year. The City of Stonnington has enjoyed the long association with Midsumma and its presentation of arts and culture within our city - which is proud of its cultural and ethnically diverse community.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone.

> HON. MARY DELAHUNTY MP, MINISTER, THE ARTS



Midsumma is Melbourne's premier event for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex community. It is a standout event for community participation in the arts. The vibrance and diversity within the community is translated into three weeks of theatre, visual arts, dance, cabaret, community events and fun!! It is a fantastic kick start to Victoria's festival calendar, and provides Melbourne with an invigorating and exciting three weeks - a real show case for the creativity within the Melbourne gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and intersex community. Happy Midsumma!

> CR SUE CORBY, MAYOR, CITY OF YARRA



The City of Yarra is proud to continue its sponsorship of the annual Midsumma Festival. The City of Yarra is also pleased to provide on-going support for Midsumma through its tenancy at the Fitzroy Town Hall. This year the Midsumma Festival will hold over sixteen events across the City of Yarra in galleries, bars, theatre venues, streets and even a pool! I encourage everyone to take the time to explore the festival guide and venture out to one of the diverse offerings of the festival this summer. On behalf of the City of Yarra, congratulations to the Midsumma Board, staff and tireless team of volunteers for yet another outstanding program of events. Let us accept our differences and join together to celebrate our diversity. Happy Midsumma.

> CR DARREN RAY, MAYOR, CITY OF PORT PHILLIP



Happy birthday Midsumma! It's an amazing achievement to have reached your 15th year. Midsumma has been able to pull off that rare feat - moving from the margins to mainstream in terms of attendance but keeping a cutting edge on its cultural initiatives. The City of Port Phillip is particularly proud to be the major sponsor of the Pride March to 2004. As Victoria's only openly gay mayor, I know that Midsumma's cultural stirrings and Pride Marches are powerful ways of affirming identity and including people who would otherwise feel quite marginalised - as well as being fabulous fun!

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PREMIER EVENTS

opening night

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Look out for Australia's first full-time Gay and Lesbian Radio Station, JOY Melbourne, celebrating their first birthday by broadcasting live from the Party.

It's queer Melbourne in its natural habitat – don't miss out.

Commercial Road, South Yarra

Sat 18 Jan
5pm - 10pm

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pride march 2003

Expressing courage, pride, solidarity, diversity and a strong sense of community. Victoria's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Allied Communities are called to march with PRIDE down Fitzroy St, St Kilda, on Sunday 2 February 2003, starting at 5pm.

Assemble from 3.30pm at the Cnr Lakeside Drive and Fitzroy St St Kilda. Finale Celebrations: Catani Gardens, Beaconsfield Pde, St Kilda. For further details regarding marching, marshalling and or group registration call 9513 3054 or visit www.pridemarch.com.au.

Pride March 2003 will be the eighth Pride March in Melbourne and a \$500 prize will be given to the best non motorised entry. Following Pride March join in the celebrations at Catani Gardens till 11pm.

Pride's Principal Sponsor: The City of Port Phillip.

Pride March is brought to you by Pride March Victoria Inc.



@ Cnr Lakeside Drive & Fitzroy Streets
St Kilda

🕒 Sun 2 Feb
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PREMIER EVENTS

wickedly wet and wild

Get ready to get wet at the 2003 Pool Party – the sexiest event of the Festival.

Watch out for the muscle clad sharks, the sandy bikini babes, and the dreadlocked surfer dudes in and out of the pool.

The indoor and outdoor areas at the Collingwood Leisure Centre will again play host to Pool Party. This year is set to go off again after the raucous times had by all in the last three years.

Enjoy novelty swim races, the great party games, the cool tunes from our resident DJ and our giant inflatable toys.

Make sure you get in quickly because this year's event may even sell out! Tickets at the door.



@ Collingwood Leisure Centre
Cnr Turnbull & Hoddle Streets
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@ Festival Hall
300 Dudley St
West Melbourne

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The ALSO Foundation and Agent MAD have joined forces to present the 20th year of Red Raw, a Gay and Lesbian Dance Party.

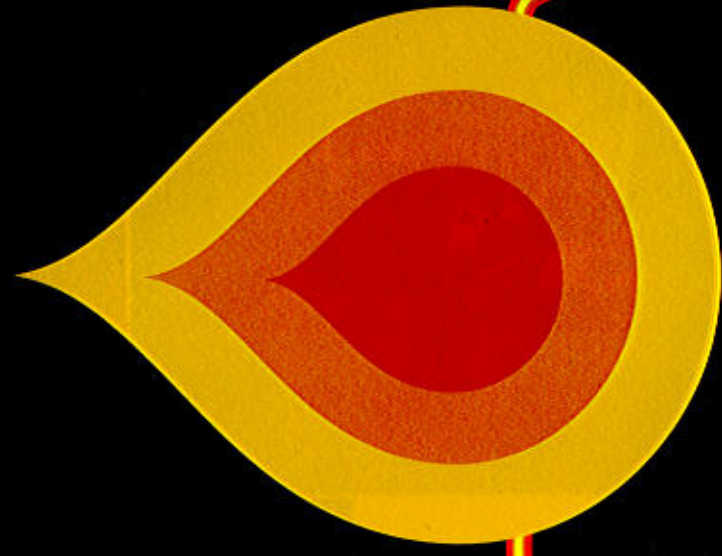
Twenty years in the making, Red Raw 2003 celebrates with its gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender friends for an evening that unites Melbourne's queer community in a night of indulgence and hedonistic fun.

The collective experience of The ALSO Foundation and Agent MAD guarantees that Red Raw 2003 will go down in history as one of our most memorable.

Featuring an explosive mix of both local and international entertainment, and stunning live shows, along with spectacular lighting and sound, Red Raw 2003 will continue the spirit and energy that has made it a significant part of Australia's gay and lesbian party calendar for the past 20 years.

Respect is Burning NVE: 31st December 2003.

The ALSO Foundation and Agent MAD open the Respect is Burning doors to the gay and lesbian community to celebrate the New Year.



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PREMIER EVENTS



Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne



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11am - 6pm

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Keep your eyes peeled for the new Kaye Sera's Family Hour, VAC's Red Ribbon Dash, the Roving Tupperware Team, The Doris Days, and Melbourne Boys & Girls on the March, and all of your old favourites are back too, including Dulcie's Dog Show, Mass Hang, Candee's Pot of Gold and Physique.

All we ask is that you make a small donation to receive a Carnival Dot to be a part of the action, or buy a T-Dance Party Dot for \$5, and stay with us into the extended-hours of the Alisun Party Zone, open until late, where you can drink, dance and party to your heart's content. New! Improved! Fantastic!



dulcie's dog show

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tupperware

Fantastic Plastic icon, Tupperware, promises to keep things fresh and pop a few tight seals this Carnival at their Mega Tupper Party! Team Tupperware will be scouring the picnic areas for the Best Tupperware Picnic Setting, so pack that plastic and you could be on the way to winning great Tupperware prizes! Glamorous Glenda Waverley and the Tupperware Team host demonstrations and parties on the Cabaret Stage throughout the day. A sight to behold, for sure!

Tupperware



physique

The fourth annual Midsumma Physique Competition happens once again at Midsumma Carnival, this year sponsored by Aussie Bodies. Start training now to be a participant or just be there on the day to ogle some serious eye candy! Broader categories this year to reflect more of Queer Melbourne. If you haven't dared enter Physique before, this might just be your year...

See page 53 for event details.







t-dance party zone

It's on for young and old this year as Midsumma invites everyone to celebrate another wonderful Festival and help close Melbourne's most favourite Community Party! Supported by Alisun, the Carnival Party Zone will explode in to our annual T-Dance from 6pm. With Miss Candee and her Exotic She-Male Dancing Troupe kicking off, our local DJ's will keep the energy going until late.

Expect the best music, best shows, best dancers and the best time. Throw your hands in the air... like you just don't dare!

Don't miss T-Dance, Midsumma's biggest open-air-outdoor party! If you've got your \$5 T-Dance Party Dot, you're in! When you've had a fantastic day at Carnival... why leave? What a way to end Midsumma 2003!



 Carnival Party Zone,
 Alexandra Gardens,
 Melbourne
 Sun 9 Feb
 6pm - late
 \$5 donation
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 admin@midsumma.org.au
 www.midsumma.org.au


midsumma's going dotty and you're going to the usa

No matter how few clothes you're going to be wearing this Midsumma, make sure you're sporting a Festival Dot or two, or more... They're this year's hottest accessory, and they'll be available in a range of sultry colours and cheeky styles, and each for a gold coin donation. Don't miss out on the Party Dot available only at Carnival. For a \$5 donation the Party Dot will allow you to play in the Alisun Party Zone until late.



Collect Four To Win Big

Collect a range of Festival Dots in order to go into the draw to win a return economy class airfare to the USA. All you have to do is collect four of the five following Dots:

- **Arts Dot** - available at Midsumma performing arts, visual arts and literature events
- **Sports Dot** - available at Midsumma sports events
- **Queer Dot** - available at Pride March, Red Raw, and GLOBE functions.
- **Street Wise Dot** - available at Street Party and
- **Any Carnival Dot** (there will be a range, but you only need to



collect one of them) - available at Carnival

Each dot is available for a gold coin donation. So you could be off to the USA for \$5.00. Simply stick your collected dots to the section provided and with your contact details, slip your entry into the barrel at the JOY Melbourne stage at Carnival. The prize will be drawn on the JOY Melbourne stage at 5pm.

Demystifying The Dot

What does it all mean? Your dot purchases help us to stage Midsumma each year, and keep it as the community event we know and love. It's all part of our 'for the community, by the community' philosophy, which gives everyone attending Midsumma the opportunity to put a little back into it, and ensure its continuance. And a gold coin donation here and there isn't that much to ask really, is it?



Whatever else you're doing this Midsumma, make sure you're Well-Dotted!

Simply stick your collected dots to the section provided and with your contact details, slip your entry into the barrel at the JOY Melbourne stage at Carnival. The prize will be drawn on the JOY Melbourne stage at 5pm.

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together we make a proud force

It's been a checkered affair – now it's time to build the relationship. As Victoria Police celebrates its 150th anniversary, we are taking steps towards a new era of partnership with our friends and colleagues in the gay and lesbian community. Through GLLO, the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Office, we are working together to ensure your safety and security, and to protect the diversity within our community. GLLO and gay and lesbian Victoria: together we make a proud force.

For police assistance call the State Co-ordinator,
Gay & Lesbian Liaison Office on (03) 9247 6944



VICTORIA POLICE



FORUMS

Community festivals such as Midsumma are equally as valuable as sources of information and education, as they are as sources of celebration. This year Midsumma is proud to introduce new initiatives from the Victoria Police and present (after last year's Visa hiccups) International Journalist and Activist Peter Tatchell, at what promises to be a sell-out event, in association with the Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby. Make sure you grab a front row seat at Midsumma 2003 by booking early. You might be surprised at what you'll learn!



VICTORIA POLICE

Christine Nixon APM
Chief Commissioner of Police
Victoria Police Centre
637 Flinders Street
Melbourne 3005
Victoria Australia
November 2002

I am

pleased that Victoria Police will take an active part in the 2003 festival.

The Midsumma Festival is an important celebration for the Gay & Lesbian community and I am pleased that Victoria Police will take an active part in the 2003 festival.

In support of our commitment to serve Victoria's diverse community in an equitable manner, we appointed our first Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLLO) in January 2000. As part of our ongoing commitment to the gay & lesbian community we have now appointed a State Coordinator for Gay & Lesbian Liaison. In addition to our State Coordinator, a Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officer will service each Victoria Police Region.

Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officers contribute to the creation of mutual trust between police, gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) persons so that they have increased confidence in police through the provision of a fair and equitable policing service.

Our State Coordinator will develop training and education programs for Victoria Police members on issues affecting the gay & lesbian community. The coordinator will also develop and assist in the implementation of initiatives and policies to enhance the interaction between police and GLBTI community.

Regional Gay & Lesbian Liaison Officers will assist GLBTI victims of crime and promote the commitment of Victoria Police on issues affecting the GLBTI community. I invite you to come along and meet your GLLO's at the Victoria Police Display on Carnival Day.

Happy Midsumma.

Christine Nixon
Chief Commissioner



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Since November 2002 President George Bush's Republicans are the majority party in Washington DC. The symbolism of Republican control of the White House and both houses of the USA Congress will count for a lot in the lead up to the Presidential elections in 2004. Midsumma, in conjunction with GLOBE, is very pleased to be sponsoring the visit to Midsumma of Colin V. Gallagher, President of the San Francisco Chapter of the "Log Cabin Republicans". With their motto "Inclusion Wins" this is a unique opportunity to hear and dine with a leading gay activist who campaigns within the Republican Party for the rights of gay men and lesbians. Please contact Midsumma regarding any Auslan requirements.



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As we approach legal equality, what's next? A relaxed and open forum on the topic: "That gay & lesbian activism needs a new direction". Famous international human rights activist Peter Tatchell will join an experienced and diverse panel to debate aims, strategies and tactics for lesbian and gay equality and justice. Have a drink and listen to the arguments, or express your view on where we should be going.

> GET TO KNOW YOUR GLO

📞 Please check
www.midsumma.org.au
for further event
details or contact
GLO Office on
9247 6944



Victoria Police will officially launch the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officer (GLO) program at a community forum. The new GLOs, together with the new State Coordinator for Gay and Lesbian Liaison will meet the GLBTI community to discuss what these new roles mean for the GLBTI community as well as police. The forum provides an opportunity for both the police and the GLBTI community to explore and discuss issues affecting the GLBTI community. These appointments mean that the community will now have access to Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers throughout Victoria.

> INTRODUCTION TO QUEER PERSPECTIVES IN ARTMAKING

@ VCA School of Art,
Gate 5, Docks Street
Southbank

🕒 Wed 22 - Fri 24 Jan
10 am- 3pm

\$ \$275 for three days

📞 9685 9467
c.roach@vca.
unimelb.edu.au



This three day part-time experience at Victoria's College for the Arts will help you explore the varied expression of queer subject matter in recent contemporary art practice. Course includes slide talk, drawing and group workshops, a gallery tour of Midsumma Festival exhibitions, and the chance to draw on personal experience and visual concerns in the development of your own artwork. All skill levels accommodated.

> SUPERANNUATION AND SAME SEX COUPLES

@ Perpetual Private Clients
Level 28, 360 Collins St
Melbourne

🕒 Wed 29 Jan
5:30pm - 7:30pm

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> CONTEMPORARY QUEER THEATRE

@ CAE Arts Centre
96 Flinders Street
Melbourne

🕒 Thu 23 Jan
6pm - 9pm

\$ \$25 Full
\$20 Conc &
Midsumma Members

📞 9650 1111
rosalee@cae.edu.au
www.cae.edu.au



Moderated by Jane Montgomery, this session will examine the current state of Contemporary Queer Theatre, and discuss future directions for the genre. Includes excerpts of performances by Wrecked All Productions, and moderated discussion.

> SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AND THE LAW

@ The Annex, Trades
Hall, Cnr Lygon &
Victoria St Carlton

🕒 Tues 11 Feb
7pm

\$ free

📞 9602 6852



So what should I do now? What are your rights when your relationship breaks down? What should you do if your partner becomes sick? What happens if your partner dies without a will? An overview of the law as it relates to same sex partners in Victoria. Presented by Judy Small and Will Stracke, both associates at solicitors Slater & Gordon, proud Midsumma sponsors for the last five years.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



In keeping with Midsumma's history of presenting a diverse range of community-based activity we once again offer everything from genteel picnics to raucous dance parties. Melbourne's gay and lesbian community come together under the Midsumma umbrella to provide you with entertainment, education, observation and titillation! Included in the line up this year are Melbourne Community Church, GLOBE, Australian Gay and Lesbian Archives, JOY Melbourne and much more. Get to it!

David Lawson, Community Relations Director, Midsumma

THE FITZROY BAZAAR

Fitzroy Town Hall
Napier Street
Fitzroy

Sat 1 Feb
9am - 1pm

Free to browse
\$20 per stall

9415 9819
admin@midsumma.org.au



With all the craftiness of Ali Baba, with all the trash and treasure you can poke a stick at, and all the click and clack of brick a brack land, this little trash and treasure boot sale extravaganza on the steps of the old Fitzroy Town Hall will have you gasping for more! Come along for trinkets beyond the tourist trail, for bargains galore and an early morning coffee. Stall sites can be reserved by contacting the Midsumma office.



ARCHIVES QUEER HISTORY WALK

Exhibition Buildings,
Cnr Nicholson and
Gertrude Streets.

Sat 1 Feb
7pm

\$5 Full

9482 1184
enquiries@unimelb.edu.au



The gang from the Archives will be leading an all-new walking tour through the streets of Melbourne's oldest suburbs - Carlton, Fitzroy, Collingwood. For over 150 years, in the grandeur of the Exhibition Buildings and in the streets and secret laneways, queers have been here. And the Archives have all the goss.

CREATURE COMFORTS ZOO TOUR

Melbourne Zoo

Sat 1 Feb
Meet at front gates
4pm (Elliott Ave)

\$18 inc. Zoo entry
& tour. Pre-sale only.
Limited to 50 guests

Bookings essential
9415 9818
admin@midsumma.org.au



Back by popular demand, Dr Gertrude Glossip leads another fascinating tour of Melbourne Zoo exploring the mysterious and bent sexual activities of its inhabitants! Dr Glossip will not fail to educate and entertain you with her unique knowledge of the queer animal kingdom. Stay with us to be entertained by 'Moovin' and Groovin' over supper on the lawns from 6.30pm. BYO picnic or buy from the delicious Zoo-B-Cue.

BEYOND RED HOT

The Cape Nightclub
Level 3 - 2 Coverlid
Place, Melbourne

Sat 1 Feb
11pm - 7am

\$50 Full

www.beyondblack.com.au



Melbourne's premier Leather and Fetish party returns for the 2003 Midsumma festival with the hottest party of the calendar - Red Hot. RED HOT is an event for people who want to party in a no attitude atmosphere of sexy men and women with sensational music from our regular DJ's. Lighting will be by Jamie Ivarsen and Lasers by Oracle. This is a Leather and Fetish event. NO BLUE DENIM. Check out www.beyondblack.com.au for ticket sellers. Only limited door sales will be available. This is a limited capacity event and will sell out.

JOY PICNIC

Forest Glade
Mt Macedon

Sun 26 Jan
10am

\$10 Full (includes
door prize entry)

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www.joy.org.au



Come join your friends at JOY for a day of fun, frivolity and festivity at Forest Glade. These beautiful European-style gardens are only an hour's drive from Melbourne off the Calder Highway, just after the township of Mt Macedon. Look for the JOY balloons marking the venue. EnJOY live entertainment, prizes and giveaways. Bring your picnic, drinks and alcohol but leave BBQ's and pets at home. Thanks to Forest Glade for their generosity.

DTS GOLDEN STILETTO RALLY

Dr's Hotel
164 Church St
Richmond

Sat 1 Feb
2.30pm

\$5 to enter

9428 5724



A fundraising foot rally around Richmond. Answering questions, the clues to which are along the course. Divided into two sections. Novelty - individuals or teams get bonus points for dressing up in drag or doing the course in rollerblades or any original twist. Basic - just walk the course and fill out the questionnaire. Prizes in both categories. DT's will once again be donating proceeds to Midsumma.

THROB FOR MEN

The Peel, Cnr Peel &
Wellington Sts
Collingwood

Fri 7 Feb 2003
9pm

\$10 Full

9419 4762
www.throbb.com.au
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Now 14 years old, the THROB parties have evolved into events that now cover 2 dancefloors and showcase the best of Melbourne DJ's (Peter Macnamara: Frisky; Dboy: Mike Evans; Gurdyj Spylke) playing everything from Underground House to Handbag House. Although occurring the first Friday in EVERY month, THIS THROB promises to be Very Special!



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www.midsumma.org.au
 7 Dec 2002 - 22 Jan
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 shortstories@midsumma.org.au

MCV and Midsumma are proud to again bring you our annual short story competition. In our third year, we're looking forward to topping the 52 fabulous short stories received last Midsumma. Entries should contain up to 1,000 words and must include this year's festival theme; it's a screamer! All stories will be published via our website (including the author's name). Submissions are now invited via www.midsumma.org.au. Close off is 22 January 2003 and winning stories will be published in Festival issues of Melbourne Community Voice.



FRUITS IN SUITS

Zinc @ Federation Sq
 Cnr Flinders &
 Swainson Streets
 Thu 16 Jan
 6pm - 8.30pm
 \$8.00 full, Free to
 GLOBE members
 9827 4999
 www.gaybusiness.com.au/globe



This month combined with Lemons With a Twist... The word is really out that GLOBE's drinks and networking event is the place to be each month. Why not join us and bring along your friends and work colleagues for a drink, chat and to meet other business and professional members of the GLBT community.



LEMONS WITH A TWIST

Dante's Upstairs
 Gallery, 150 Gertrude
 Street, Fitzroy
 Thu 6 Feb
 6.00 - 8.00 pm
 \$8 for non-members
 Free GLOBE
 Members.
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 www.gaybusiness.com.au/globe



Business and professional networking for our Community! GLOBE is Upstairs @ Dante's during the Exposé Exhibition for our drinks and networking event for women and their friends on the Northside. Join us and bring along your friends and work colleagues for a drink, chat and to meet other business and professional members of the GLBT community.



RAPID FIRE: DRAMA

Builders' Arms
 211 Gertrude Street
 Fitzroy 3065
 Thu 23 Jan
 7.30-9.30pm
 \$12 full, \$6 conc
 & Midsumma
 members
 9824 0110
 wordsout@yahoo.com.au



Greek drama, Home and Away, love drama... Word is Out's 'Rapid Fire' returns, this time with the theme 'drama'. Twelve writers performing for six minutes each. Writers: Bryan Andy, Claire Beckwith, Natasha Cho, Jenny Pausacker, Jules Wilkinson and more. It'll be the biggest thing in drama since Daphne was killed on 'Neighbours'.



ST DOROTHY'S DAY MASS

St Agnes Church
 114 Booran Road
 Glenhurty
 Fri 7 Feb
 6.30pm
 \$8 including AI
 Fresco Supper,
 bookings essential
 9571 3932



Midsumma's premier religious event. St Agnes's Church is a place of hospitality and affirming pastoral care! Join Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Albert McPherson, Chaplain for the Arts and Canterbury Fellowship, along with Music by Arvo Part - Berlin Mass, The Ah Hoc Singers' Bruce Macrae Director. AI Fresco Supper included.



THE LAIRD MOONING

The Laird
 149 Gipps St
 Abbotsford
 Sun 26 Jan
 9.30pm
 \$5 donation
 9517 2832
 laird@lairdhotel.com



The Laird Hotel continues its great tradition of featuring Melbourne's finest arses in this important charity fundraiser for North Support.

MELBOURNE JACK-OFF

Bay City Sauna
 482 Glenhury Road
 Easternwick
 Mon 13 & 27 Jan
 Mon 10 Feb
 Arrive 7 - 8 pm
 \$14 Full
 9646 6502
 wankers@a1.com.au



The Melbourne Wankers' 13th Annual Jack-Off Party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No lips below the hips. This is a safe environment for young and older men to safely celebrate their sexual fantasies with others of their choosing. Visit the website for further information and arrive between 7-8pm.

PEEL N' PROUD FOAM PARTY

The Peel, cnr Peel &
 Wellington Sts
 Collingwood
 Sun 2 - Mon 3 Feb
 6pm - 7am
 \$7 Full
 9419 4762
 info@thepeel.com.au
 www.thepeel.com.au



Strip Down & Soap Up in what promises to be an annual fundraising event for Pride March. Starting at 6pm, this will be one Official after march party with a difference - BYO Speedos! There's also a Free BBQ until 8pm; and lockers & towels are available.



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VISUAL ARTS



Once again Midsumma 2003 is ready to stun your senses with a vibrant Visual Arts program. From the first time exhibitor to the world renowned, be prepared to discover just what these contemporary queer artists have been creating in their studios. And we all like a bit of variety don't we? All over Melbourne you'll enjoy the 'total art spectrum' from video and painting to glass, photography and textiles. From inner city laneways via Smith and Gertrude streets to Sydney Rd – with side trips to suburbs close by – spend a day [or a week or the whole midsumma festival] challenging your senses. Enjoy!

Mark McDean, Visual Arts Director, Midsumma

QUEER STREET

All events free

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midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au



PRESENTING QUEER STREET... Join us on opening night for a 'tour de art force' where you will be humorously guided through the city streets to view all Queer Street has to offer. Start the promenade at the stunning City Gallery at Melbourne Town Hall continuing down Collins St to Manchester Lane, hang a right at Flinders Lane and end our summer stroll at Platform 2 at DeGRAVES Street. Midsumma Visual Arts program proudly acknowledges the continued support of the City of Melbourne to present Queer Street.



QUEER STREET PRESENTS TIM HORN

City Gallery at
Melbourne Town Hall
Swanston Street,
Melbourne

Mon 27 Jan - Tue 27 Feb
Mon 10am - 2pm
Tue - Thu 11am - 6pm
Fri 11am - 6:30pm
Sat 10am - 2pm



Midsumma is delighted to present Tim Horn's large-scale sculptural jewellery works. Other works from the collection of the City of Melbourne will be exhibited as a counterpoint to the risqué qualities of Horn's work. Tim is presently studying in the USA on a Samstag Scholarship.

MASS HANG

Alexandra Gardens
Jeffries Parade
Melbourne

Sun 9 Feb
11am - 6pm



Are you a budding artist? Well get creating and enter the 2003 Mass Hang. Only \$5 to enter and your work will be on display to 80,000 people at the Midsumma Carnival. Contact the Midsumma office for an entry form. Proudly sponsored by Slater & Gordon and the City of Melbourne.



PLATFORM 2

Platform 2 Exhibition
Space
DeGRAVES Street
Underpass off
Flinders Lane
Melbourne

Mon 27 Jan - Thu
27 Feb
Mon - Thu 6am - 7pm
Fri 6am - 9pm
Sat 6am - 12pm



Douglas McManus in collaboration with Gary Conroy-Cooper spin a yarn called 'DeIoraine: A Love Story' set in the forests and misty mountains of Tasmania. It's about butch embroidery, being in love and other man-craft. Nicky Schonkala presents the theme of transformation through her remarkable photographic portraiture via the computerised jacquard weave. Look forward to a reversible narrative.

MANCHESTER LANE

Manchester Lane
including
off Flinders Lane,
Melbourne

Mon 27 Jan - Tue 27
Feb
24/7



Young queer artist and designer Paul Wreakes, places his bold photographic project in windows along Manchester Lane (off Flinders Lane).

POSTERS PROJECT

City locations
including
Manchester Lane,
off Flinders Lane,
Melbourne

Mon 27 Jan - Thu
27 Feb
24/7



Artists Tim Craker and Heather Saltmarsh collaborate and create queer text and graphic posters to be seen around town. Their work will be on view in Melbourne city locations, including Manchester Lane.

QUEER STREET LAUNCH PARTY

City Gallery at
Melbourne Town Hall

Tue 28 Jan
6pm

Join Midsumma for a unique 'drinks party' and 'walk around' tour to kick off Midsumma's Queer Street 2003 exhibitions. Start at Tim Horn's exhibition at the City Gallery at Melbourne Town Hall, then proceed via Manchester Lane where Tim Craker, Heather Saltmarsh and Paul Wreakes are on view. Finish up at Platform 2 at DeGRAVES Street and see the work of Douglas McManus, Gary Conroy-Cooper and Nicky Schonkala.



VISUAL ARTS

ADRIAN JONES: WORKS



An exhibition of evocative photographs by Adrian Jones, internationally renowned Black American artist. Jones' work is familiar to Australian audiences through his sensual and provocative male nude photographs in Blue and DNA magazines. This exhibition features recent photos from Australian male models, few classic shots published in international books and magazines, and selected works from celebrated Pop's Garden series dedicated to the memory of the artist's late cousin. Part of the proceeds will be donated by the artist to the Victorian AIDS Council.

@ Charles Nodrum Gallery
267 Church Street, Richmond

🕒 Sat 14 Jan - Sat 1 Feb
Tue - Sat from 11am to 6pm or by appointment

💰 Free

📞 9427 0140 / 0409 409 239
c.nodrum@bigpond.com
www.charlesnodrumgallery.com.au

CARBOHYDRATEQUEEN



Carbohydratequeen - The Project, establishes a platform of discussion & thought via a visual representation illustrating aspects of interracial relationships. In the form of photography and voice over sound, the work is a collection of personalities and secrets of Asian & Caucasian gay men. To see someone's portrait; to hear someone's voice; it is a powerful thing to learn how someone else sees the world.

@ FAD Gallery, 1st Floor
14 Corrs Lane,
Chinatown

🕒 Fri 24 Jan - Wed 12 Feb
Tue - Fri 12pm - 12am
Sat 1 - 6pm

💰 Free

📞 0415 993 323
carbohydratequeen@alrccantar.com

GARRY MCEWAN - CANT GET YOU OUTA MY HEAD



An exhibition of original collage works by renowned Australian artist, Garry McEwan. Inspired by none other than KYLIE herself, these works mix prose from her songs with drawing and collage, to create dynamic images reflecting the highs and lows of emotional gay love.

@ Garry McEwan
Gallery, 137 Acland
Street, St Kilda

🕒 17 Jan - 10 Feb

💰 Free

📞 9534 0582
info@garrymcewan.com

THE IDIOTS GUIDE TO... DRAG



@ PB Gallery
Cnr Thomas & St. John
Streets, Prahran

🕒 16 Jan - 31 Jan
Mon - Fri 11am - 5pm

💰 Free (performances
are entry by
donation)

📞 0402 816 655
AFunkygames@aol.com

EXPOSE



@ Dant's Upstairs Gallery
150 Gertrude Street
Fitzroy

🕒 Opening 28 Jan 6pm
Tue 28 Jan - Sat 9 Feb
12 - 5pm Tues - Sat

💰 Gold coin donation
to the opening

📞 9417 0488
vrtrend@ozemail.com.au

STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

@ Jewish Museum of
Australia, 26 Alma
Road, St Kilda

🕒 Tue 21 Jan - Sun 9 Feb
Tue - Thu 10am - 4pm
Sun 11am - 5pm

💰 \$7 Full
\$4 Conc

📞 9534 0083
0409 409 239
info@jewishmuseum.com.au

First ever Midsumma exhibition at the Jewish Museum of Australia profiling contemporary gay & lesbian Jewish artists, and providing an insight into the artistic wealth and diversity of the Jewish community.

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OF AUSTRALIA
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TRANSTEXTUEL



@ St Lukes Artists Coourman
225 Gertrude Street
Fitzroy

🕒 Fri 17 Jan - Sat 8 Feb
Mon - Fri 10am - 5:30pm
Sat 11am - 4pm

💰 Free

📞 9376 1296
frank2345678@yahoo.com.au

...You were able to afford the sex change you always wanted. You're quite emphatic about this, it's a sex change, not a gender reassignment: you're a man with a vagina... The latest Artist Book by Fnl. Osowski

TART



@ FAD Gallery, 1st Floor
14 Corrs Lane,
Chinatown

🕒 Fri 23 Jan - Sat 8 Feb
Tues-Fri 12pm - 12am
Sat 1pm - 6pm

💰 Free

📞 9639 2700
tdpaul@vict.net.au

Photographer, Kylie Hamill, explores female sexuality and sexual imagery. This exhibition invites you to gaze upon images of female desire, to consider what it is to feel sexual and the power of sexual identification.

IS DRAG ART? De Jonk 'drags' it kicking and screaming into the gallery space to find out...The work deconstructs the phenomenon of Drag, questioning and subverting its cultural legacy. It examines performative constructions of identity, culture, and gender. "The Idiots Guide..." provides a controversial snapshot that is intelligent, provocative, and entertaining, incorporating original live performances and video work. "So dust off those stiletos, brush out the knots on that chest hair mirkin, buy some fresh nail glue, and for God's sake replace the cut glass in that faux diamond choker! Be prepared... This ain't a night out at the Xchange..." Performances every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7pm Sharp, till 31 January 2003. Special performance on Wednesday 29 January.

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COMMENCES DECEMBER 5



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Tadpole

COMMENCES DECEMBER 26



8 women

COMMENCES DECEMBER 26



directed by Michael Moore
bowling for columbine

"Bowling for Columbine" was the first documentary film accepted into competition at the Cannes Film Festival in 46 years. After its world premiere on May 17, 2002, "Bowling for Columbine" received a thirteen minute standing ovation.

COMMENCES DECEMBER 26



Salma Hayek
Antonio Banderas
Ashley Judd
Edward Norton
+ Geoffrey Rush

prepare to be seduced

Frida

COMMENCES JANUARY 23



STANDING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN

COMMENCES FEBRUARY 27



a film by Michael Winterbottom

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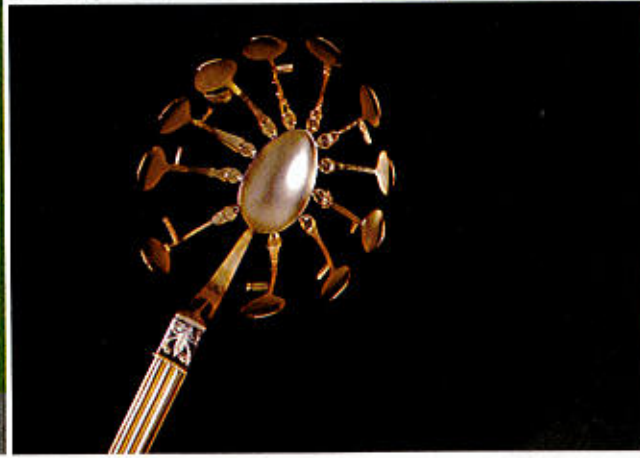
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T H E H O M E O F Q U A L I T Y C I N E M A



VISUAL ARTS

> CABINET



For Midsumma 2003, artist Pearl Gillies presents a curious installation of her larger than life sculptural tea-ware and other delicate enormities. See the work in the front windows at Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces for a 'drive-by' or 'walk-up', 24/7 street viewing.



200 Gertrude Street
Fitzroy

Fri 17 Jan - Sun 2 Feb
24/7

Free

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> A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN



Midsumma has taken over the entire space at 69 Smith Street to offer young queer artists the opportunity to show their work in 'a room of their own'. Some will be exhibiting for the first time - so be prepared for something fresh and off the wall!



69 Smith Street
Fitzroy

Wed 22 Jan - Sun 9 Feb
Wed - Sat 11am - 5pm
Sun 12pm - 5pm

Free

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www.midsumma.org.au



> YARRA ARTS LAUNCH



Six o'clock sharp! Join Midsumma and view A Room of One's Own at 69 Smith Street. Then it's off around the corner for speeches, drinks and to see Cabinet at Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces at 7pm. Afterwards the party continues from 8pm across the road at the Builders Arms Hotel.



69 Smith Street
Fitzroy

Thu 23 Jan
6pm 69 Smith St
7pm 200 Gertrude St

Free

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> NEW Q LAUNCH



Counihan Gallery
Brunswick Town Hall,
233 Sydney Rd

Fri 17 Jan
6 - 8pm

Gold coin donation

9415 9819
midsumma.org.au



New Q 2003. Come and join us for an opening drink and place your vote in the Peoples' Choice Award sponsored by Perpetual Private Clients. Stay in focus and view this year's works in new media and photography. And then get 'out' of it at the celebratory opening event for Midsumma Festival 2003. (Award winner announced at Carnival).

> NEW Q



Counihan Gallery
Brunswick Town Hall,
233 Sydney Rd

Fri 17 Jan - Sun 2 Feb
Wed - Sat 11am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
Launch Fri 17 Jan 6pm
All welcome

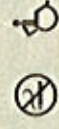
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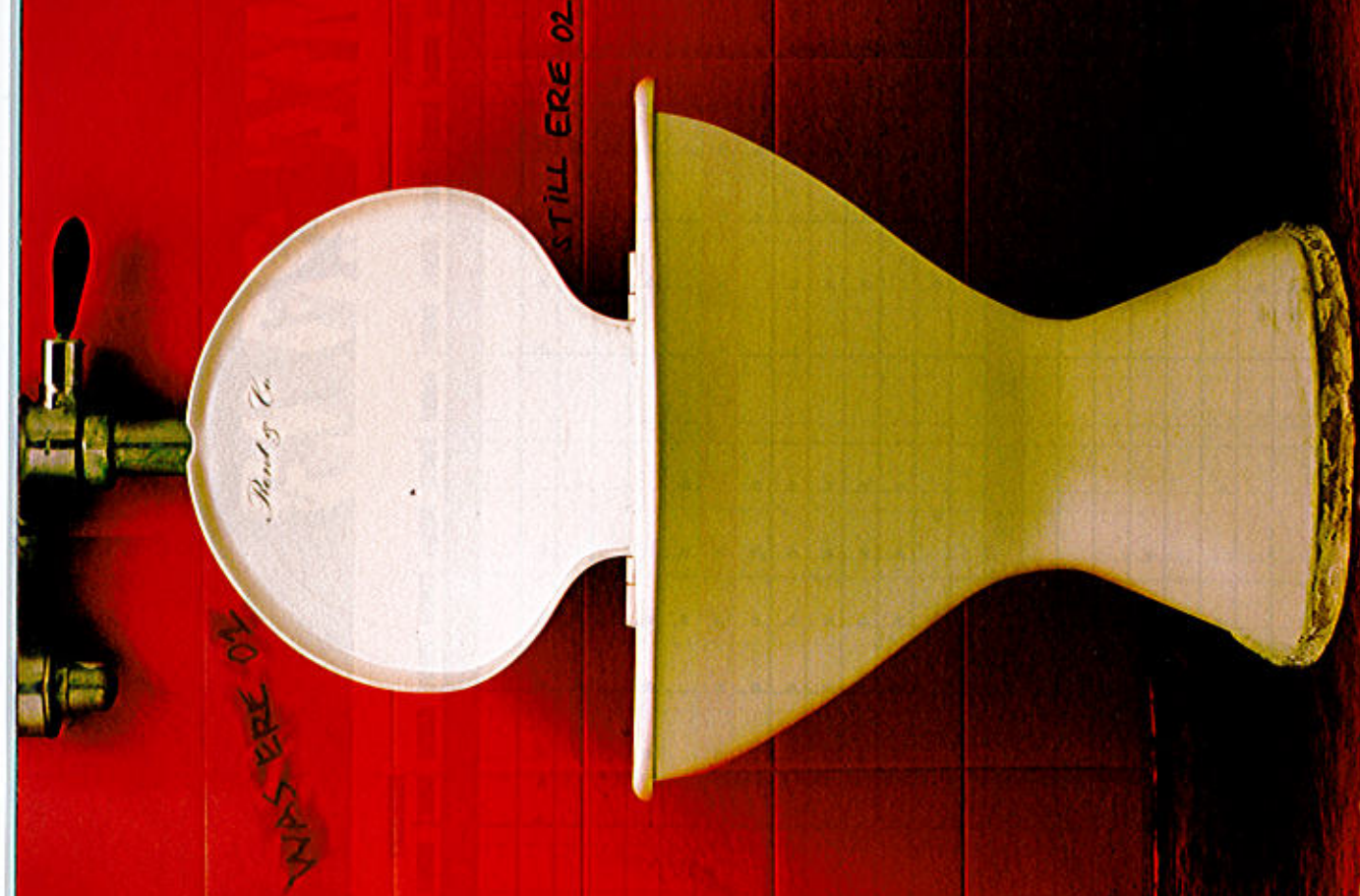
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In its sixth year.

New Q is the premier event in the Midsumma Visual Arts Program. In or "out" of focus, New Q 2003 blurs the lines of queer identity through the queer lens. The exhibition returns to Counihan Gallery, supported by the City of Moreland and incorporating the Perpetual Private Clients Peoples' Choice Award. Voting may be conducted during the exhibition. Winners will be announced at the Midsumma Carnival.





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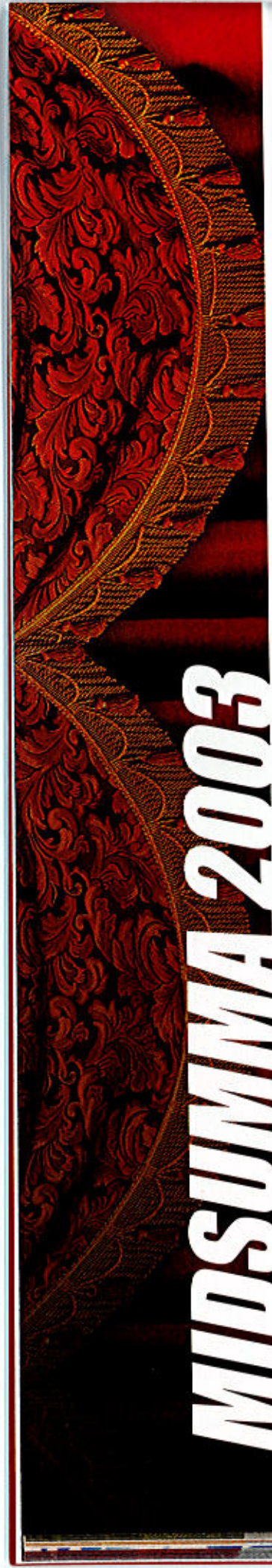


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MIDSUMMA 2003

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> Q FUSION AT BLACK BOX



After a successful season in 2002 Midsumma presents another inspiring curated theatre season of new and exciting work by emerging artists. Take a risk and allow yourself to see some great new work. Don't miss this year's offering of two weeks of innovative performance. Five 20 minute shows in one night back to back.

Including established theatre companies Y-GLAM, Back to Back Theatre and Polyglot Puppet Theatre.

Please note that Y-Glam's "My Fishnet Singlet" plays during week two only.



> Q FUSION TIMES AND ALL-UP-PRICE

Black Box Theatre
Victorian Arts Centre, St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Tue 21 Jan - Sat 25 Jan and Tue 28 Jan - Sat 1 Feb
All shows 7.30pm

\$19 full

\$16 conc & midsumma members

Tickets at the door only.

Enquiries 9415 9819 or admin@midsumma.org.au

> SECOND SUNDAY



The play is a 'Pinteresque' examination of a relationship between an older and younger man, which explores a father and son type relationship. Throughout the piece, they both enact games of ritual, fantasy, power and desire. The play questions the role of fantasy and reality in gay mens' relationships. It also is a play about loss, memory and love.

> POLYGLOT POLYWORKS WRAPPED



Wrapped. What is happening? There are four large pods in the space and a pile of paper stretching to the ceiling. In an unusual exploration of evolution and love, Wrapped takes the audience into a world where boundaries are illusionary, shapes change and scenes flip to and fro like the pages of a book. Weird and wonderful shape-shifting where nothing is quite what it seems.

Directed by Sue Giles from Polyglot Puppet Theatre.
Performers: George Filev, Michael Firth, Amanda Armstrong and Nik Bowlow.

> BACK TO BACK'S PORN STAR



Porn Star is the story of the romantic seduction of a right-wing, middle aged, ultra conservative housewife by a director of erotic films. Femme fatale meets Pauline Hanson. From the desolate no mans land that separates Geelong and Melbourne comes this story of the unseen. A journey to an uncertain territory of art and pornography, sexuality and disability and animals and humanity.

Photo: Jeff Busby

Artist: Sonia Teuben

> SNIFF



Written and directed by Kevin McGreal. What happens when cruising turns into desire, then into infatuation and obsession? SNIFF is a new work that will shock and mesmerise. It is a gripping tale about illusion. It's the fascinating story of a guy being cruised on the train to and from work for months and months until the inevitable happens.... obsession becomes a reality.

> YGLAM'S MY FISHNET SINGLET



It's the eighties.... You're young... Coming out... In your fishnet singlet!

Y-GLAM Performing Arts Project presents a new theatre work that takes you back to the eighties. Oh yes, hair gel, shoulder pads, leather ties, upturned collars, pastel jumpers and hoop earrings are included. My Fishnet Singlet explores what it was like to be young and coming out in Melbourne during this heyday of fashion and amid the emergence of HIV and AIDS. What's changed? What hasn't? Watch out ... here we come!

Please note that Y-Glam's "My Fishnet Singlet" plays during week two only.

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> BEN(T)



La Mama presents 'ben(t)'. Words, music and performance by Ben Grant. Directed by Louis Dingemans. Ever felt paranoid about your sexuality? This drug fuelled true story is a 50 minute trip from fear and isolation to a fragile sense of community. Start at a rock gig, veer through cabaret, take a theatrical turn in a foreign place and end up somewhere pretty ben(t).

La Mama
205 Faraday Street
Carlton

Thu 23 Jan - Sun 9 Feb
Thurs 6pm, Fri 8pm, Wed & Sat 10pm,
Sun 4pm

\$14 Full
\$10 Conc & Midsumma members

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www.lamama.com.au



> FILTHY PERVERT SEEKS SAME



Out Cast Theatre, Australia's only ongoing queer theatre collective and playwright Steve Dawson have teamed up for another outrageous adventure. This time it's the dark crevices of online, offline, classified crawlers and phone sex. Dawson's plays are hugely popular during Midsumma and guarantee an hysterical night's entertainment that will offend just about everyone. The boys are doing it and frightening the wildlife! A wicked new comedy about love, loneliness and good old fashioned rumpy-pumpy. Sad, funny and very, very filthy. Contains some cute naked guys. Grrrr.



Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick

Wed 15 Jan - Sat 15 Feb
Tues - Sat 8pm

\$26 Full
\$19 Conc & Midsumma members

Bookings 95055333 or Ticketek 132649
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www.sub.net.au/~outcast



> GURLESQUE



Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the closet... Gurlesque Lesbian Strip Club Australia's Dirty Secret. An excitingly titillating bumper2bumper bumpNgrind show, a cross between burlesque and a future of sexual freedom. A night of strip tease to make you weak at the knees. Women Only. 'Quintessential performers extraordinaire who continually push boundaries, delighting the crowd with their wit, style and delishhh bodies.' Silt magazine. 'The girls offer a tantalising glimpse of fun, celebration, theatre. Explodes the myth that lesbians can't be sexy.' Sydney Star Observer.

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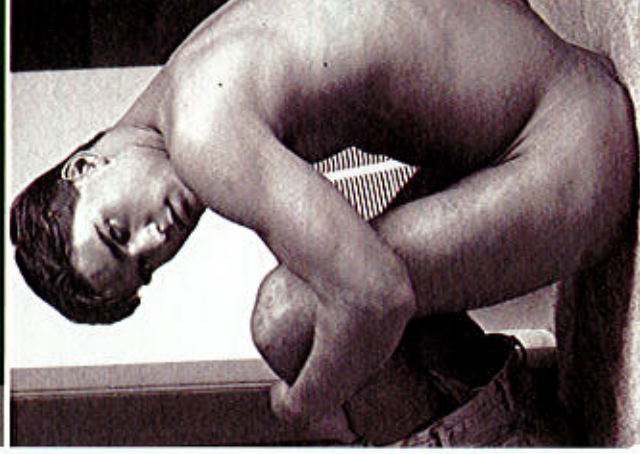
Fri 24 - Sun 26 Jan
Doors open 6pm show 9pm

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> HOMME FATALE



The rise and fall of a top bottom. Joey Stefano was a gay icon, a revolutionary porn star and possessor of what has been acclaimed as the best butt in the business. But Joey Stefano was really poor. Mick Iacona Jr., white trash boy from Chester, Pennsylvania who was willing to do anything to get out. *This performance contains nudity, high level sex scenes and explicit language.



Theatreworks
14 Acland Street
St Kilda

Opens Wed 22 Jan 7:45pm
Thu 23 - Sat 25 Jan, Tue 28 Jan - Sat 1 Feb 9pm
Fri 24 & Fri 31 Jan 11pm

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PERFORMING ARTS

> LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT



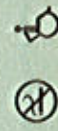
An ironic comedy about one man's determined search for true love. James knows that the right guy for him is out there – that one-in-a-million man. But it's so much fun trying out the other 999,999! In fact, he should probably get government funding for being such a community service! But, what happens when Mr Right does show up? This locally written play combines drama, comedy, drag and cabaret to show a different take on "Looking for Mr Right". Preview Wed 22 Jan.

@ Cromwell Rd Theatre
27a Cromwell Road
South Yarra

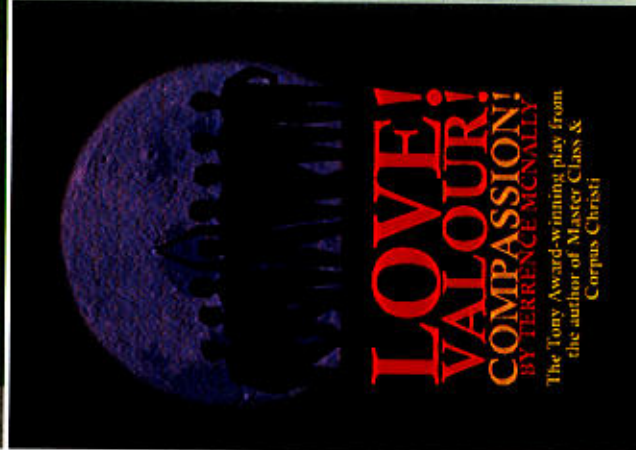
Thu 23 Jan - Sun 2 Feb, Preview Wed 22 Jan
8pm Thu - Sat; 2:00pm Sat; 6:30pm Sun;
8:00pm Wed (preview)

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Preview - \$12 full, \$8 conc

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> LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION! BY TERENCE MCNALLY



Terrence McNally's (Master Class and Corpus Christi) Tony Award-winning play is finally coming to Midsumma! Moving and very funny, Love! Valour! Compassion! gathers together eight gay men at an upstate New York summer house. Infidelity, flirtations, soul-searching, truth telling, and skinny-dipping mix monumental questions about life and death with a wacky dress rehearsal for Swan Lake performed in drag. The result is a cross between a gay Big Chill and Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard. To see it is to join in a dance of life.

@ Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham Street
Albert Park

Thu 23 Jan - Sat 8 Feb
Tue - Fri 8pm, Sat 2pm & 8pm
Sun 6pm, Preview Wed 22 Jan, 9pm

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> OPEN FOR INSPECTION



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@ La Mama
205 Faraday Street
Carlton

Tue 21 Jan - Sun 9 Feb
Wed, Sat & Sun 8pm; Thu, 10pm & Fridays 6pm until
Sunday 9th February (8pm)

\$ \$14 full
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> MY LIFE AS A DYKE TOO: THE SHEQUEL



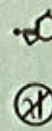
The Shequel returns to Melbourne's Midsumma after smash hit seasons at Midsumma 2002, Sydney's Gay Games, and Adelaide's Feast Festival. Composed of a series of vignettes, this two-hander provides a hilarious array of dykes from all walks of life. 'The Age' called it a 'wickedly witty depiction of modern day life as a dyke...it is a hoot.' Written by Nik Willmott and performed by Willmott together with Rachel Forasz, My Life as a Dyke Too; the Shequel is presented by La Mama for three weeks only. Avoid disappointment. Book early.

@ La Mama
205 Faraday Street
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Wed 22 Jan - Sun 9 Feb
Wed, Sat, Sun 6pm
Thu 8pm, Fri 10pm

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PERFORMING ARTS



Chapel off chapel

The Midsumma Festival has always been and continues to be, an extremely significant inclusion in the Chapel Off Chapel calendar of events. From any perspective – historical, geographical, cultural or economical, the growth from modest beginnings has far exceeded expectations. Offerings for 2003 include cabaret, dance, physical theatre, drama, opera and music theatre, featuring some of Australia's established artists together with eager newcomers in their quest for stardom. Nancy Cato, Artistic & Business Manager, Chapel Off Chapel

> SPUMANTE ROMANTICA



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Tue 21 - Sun 25 Jan
7pm
\$17 Full
\$12 Conc &
Midsumma members
8290 7000



Jerome is a clock shop owner whose time is coming to an end. Suffering from a degenerative disease, his final hours are spent escaping to dreams of Venice in search of the Paradise Café. A heart-breaking play by Beatrix Christian. Starring Gary Abrahams, Agatha Gothe-Shape and Mark Seymour. Directed by Clare Watson.

> FALSETTO'S - THE MUSICAL



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Thu 30 Jan - Sat 1 Feb,
Tue 4 - Sat 8 Feb
Tue 11 - Sat 15 Feb 8pm
(Subsiders 7.30pm)
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\$26 Conc & Mid merm
Group (10+) \$25
0410 628 389
info@blackbird
productions.com.au

FALSETTOS – The Tony Award winning musical is a story of love in the face of modern conflicts. Marvin leaves his wife and son for a man but still wants them all to be one big happy family. Life gets more complicated when his wife marries his psychiatrist, his son is about to be Bar Mitzvah-ed and the lesbians next door are doing the catering. A joyous story of the struggle between values, love and forgiveness. William Finn (A New Brain) touches on the joy and happiness of every family by depicting one very different family. Preview Thursday 30 Jan. Special Q&A FORUM after Wednesday 12 February show. Tickets can be purchased from Chapel Off Chapel or by visiting www.lastminute.com.au. Matinee Sat 15 Feb at 2pm.



> WHAT IS IT ZACH?



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Wed 29 Jan - Sun 2 Feb
Wed 5 Feb - Sat 8 Feb
9pm
\$15 Full
\$10 Conc &
Midsumma members
Bookings 8290 7000
Enquiries 8290 7011



James Purdy is a writer of great power and sensitivity. When he first emerged in the mid-twentieth century, Dame Edith Sitwell proclaimed him to be the best American writer of his time. Since then, he has been prodigious but in novels, poems and plays. He ranks with Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, Gore Vidal and Truman Capote as a major American writer. The master of American Gothic. His work has only rarely been seen outside the USA and Europe and we are the poorer for it. 'What is it Zach?' is an intense, anti-war love story about Zach and his cook, Pete and their struggle to comprehend their love and dependence. 'What is it Zach?' will be directed by Lindzee Smith who, with Purdy's blessing and encouragement, introduced Purdy's early plays to New York audiences.

> WHITE BRED



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Thu 16 - Sun 19 Jan
9pm
\$15 Full
\$12 Conc &
Midsumma members
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netSPACE.net.au



This physical theatre piece probes how we as human subjects are moulded by societies and cultures into which we are born. Looking white is not necessarily being white, having a faith is not necessarily being faithful, performing straight is not necessarily being straight. WHITE BRED is concerned with mismatches and contradictions between roles we are conditioned to perform and who we feel we really are. WHITE BRED incorporates stylised dance, movement, text and vocals. Its style is principally influenced by Japanese artform and culture.

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> COMBO FIASCO IN "ILLEGAL HARMONIES"



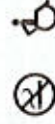
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> COLD FEVER



Chapel Off Chapel
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Wed 29 Jan - Sun 02
Feb, Wed 05 Feb -
Sat 08 Feb 7pm
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Songs link the memories of this boy's life, from searching for love in the club scene to minor exaltations of the spirit. His journey smeared with sex, drugs and narcissism takes him towards his own way of reconciling between his need for attention and self-discovery. Come and sip this cocktail of Cold Fever. Performed and devised by Jarrod Benson.



Four performances only!! Hit show of the 2002 Gay Games Cultural Festival. International vocal sensation Combo Fiasco bring their new show 'Illegal Harmonies' to life at Chapel Off Chapel. To miss this would be a crime. Polished, snazzy and sharp, the show is a heady mix of gay-related Comedy, fast talking wit and speedy songs set to fiendishly clever arrangements. These guys are wicked. Catch them if you can.

"Elegant, funny and ridiculously talented!" (The Age - Melbourne)
"Breathtaking Musicianship...wonderfully touching with moments of great hilarity" Sydney Star Observer.
"They have become the standard upon which other performers are measured" B.news.



> DAVID ROGERS-SMITH IN "BEING ALIVE"



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Sun 2 Feb
5pm
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\$20 Conc &
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David Rogers-Smith (Phantom, Les Miserables) and his exciting voice are accompanied by David McNicol in a classical and music theatre recital featuring your favourite hits from grand opera, art song and musical theatre. Including works by Puccini, Rachmaninov, Sondheim, Bernstein... The press have described David Rogers-Smith as "...exciting...full of energy and pizzazz..."; "...seductive..." and as "...show-stealing..." David McNicol has accompanied some of the finest singers in recital including the Herald Sun Aria finals. The boys don't know how to describe this new show - it is recital with chat, it is cabaret with classical music it is going to be a great time for all!

> THE BOY WHO KNEW EVERYTHING



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Preview: Wed 22 Jan
Thu 23 Jan - Sun 26
Jan 9pm
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\$15 Conc &
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How you get by knowing more about Bach than BMX? And why doesn't knowing pi to 27 decimal places get you laid? The Boy Who Knew Everything is a cabaret about growing up as a gay geek. Join Sydney performer Andrew Threftall on a musical journey from classroom to club strip as he tries to work out how the world works - and why nobody's written a decent instruction manual! Andrew returns to Chapel Off Chapel following a sellout season in August 2002. "He may not know everything, but the new kid on the block... has a great voice." (The Age).
Preview Wed 22 Jan.

> PHIL SCOTT IN "OUT LOUD"



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
17, 19, 23, 25 Jan
8.30pm (70 mins,
no interval)
\$25 Full
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PHIL SCOTT, entertainer, pianist and gay novelist, gets out and loud in cabaret. Straight (?) from Sydney's Cabaret Convention and The Mardi Gras Club, Phil returns to Chapel Off Chapel in a show brimming with Midsumma madness - plus a few tired old favourites. You'll adore his famous one-piano two-hand job.



> SUNRICE - A CABARET



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
Street, Prahran
Fri 24 Jan - Sun 26
Jan 7pm
\$22 Full
\$18 Conc &
Midsumma
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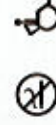
Imagine... A sampan drifts in the moonlight. The sails catching a jasmine breeze. A bamboo flute. Silk cushions. Flickering candles. A book of oriental love poems in one hand, and a "Four 'N' Twenty" in the other. Your captain...Rick Lau
'From the moment he stepped on stage I was blown away... A very camp, very entertaining performance from an extremely talented performer.' - Paul Osuch, The Blurb.com
Director: Tony Taylor. Musical director: Lindsay Partridge. Sponsored by ASIALINK.

> WITH A TWIST



Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel
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Thu 16 Jan - Sun 19
Jan 7pm
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Picture this: Four singers. One stage. A queer twist. Where else would you see two guys singing Big Spender? OK, barring Commercial Road? Where else would you see two women singing You Don't Bring Me Flowers? OK...but to each other?! Adding the fruit to your soda, All that Glitters presents...With a Twist.



PERFORMING ARTS



music & cabaret

Once described as the retirement home for out of work actors, Cabaret in Melbourne is fast becoming the envy of the world and a bevy of queer talent is leading the charge. Whether it's gender bending parody or pizza swirling pantomime you're always guaranteed a night of fabulous excess and raunchy, side splitting humour at the cabaret. Wet your whistle, pull up a stool and sample Midsumma's stunning 2003 cabaret line up. Say "Kaye sent you" and I'll see you on stage for the 'Family Hour' at the Midsumma Carnival. Love and air kisses, Kaye Sera, Queen of Queer Cabaret.

BRAVE & CRAZY

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San Remo Ballroom
365 Nicholson Street
North Melbourne

Sat 8 Feb
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\$40 Conc &
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This is an event for all lesbians, featuring DJ Kim playing non-stop dance music from 7.30pm till midnight. To celebrate the Matrix Guild's 10th birthday we proudly present, at midnight, 'The Dusty Springfield Show' with Wendy Stapleton and the Stay-a-Whiles. Price inclusive of meal, with drinks at bar prices (no BYO). A 'must do' event on Melbourne's lesbian calendar.

LIP SERVICE - SOUNDS HOT - WOMEN'S MUSIC CELEBRATION

Comics Lounge, 26
Errol Street North
Melbourne

Fri 7 Feb 2003
Start Time: 7:30pm

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@ Sidney Myer Music Bowl
King's Domain, Lillithgow Ave, Melbourne

🕒 Sun 9 Feb 2003
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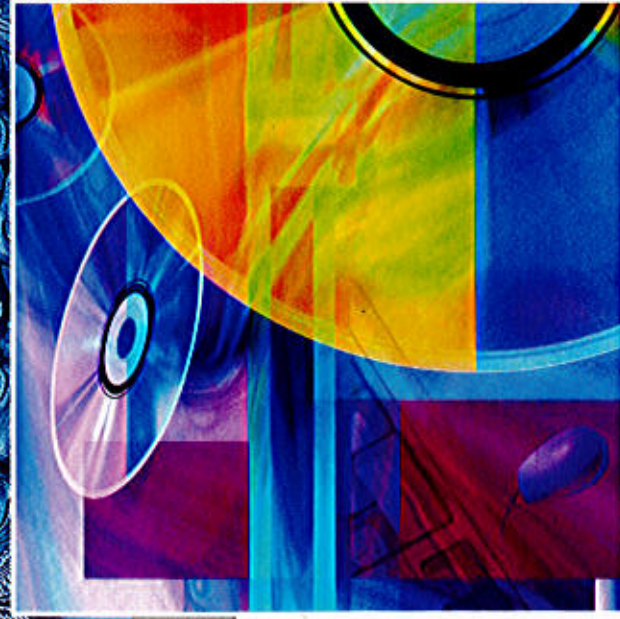
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Watch and listen throughout Midsumma 2003 to keep up to date as well as dive into a bit of camp nostalgia. Community media groups JOY Melbourne and Bent TV once again celebrate Midsumma by bringing you interviews, special promotions and updates throughout the festival. When you get tired of the here and now, join us at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl for a brilliant outdoor night-time screening of that queer masterpiece Cabaret, or join the Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby for what promises to be a riotous evening of sing-song! Brenton Geyer, Festival Manager, Midsumma

SING-A-LONG-TO WIZARD OF OZ

>	ACMI Cinema 2 @ Federation Square
@	Thu 7 Feb 7pm
🕒	\$15 Full \$12 Conc & Midsumma members
\$	0417 484 427 over-the-rainbow.org.au
📄	



Friends of Dorothy come out to play! The Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (VGLRL) play host to a Sing-A-Long screening of the camp classic, 'The Wizard of Oz'. Featuring a special performance by Melbourne's Gay and Lesbian Choir, Interactive, Multimedia Q&A to demonstrate live on screen the 'Over the Rainbow' guide to the law for Lesbians and Gay men. Dress as your favorite Oz character for prizes and help convert Federation Square into the Emerald City for one night only! Definitely not in Kansas anymore...



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>	Channel 31
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CABARET

>	Sidney Myer Music Bowl King's Domain Linlithgow Ave Melbourne
@	Fri 31 Jan Gates open 7.30pm Movie screens at dusk
🕒	
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📄	Pre-sale from Ticketmaster7 (charges apply) 13 61 00



Midsumma in association with Dusk Cinema in the Bowl presents the digitally remastered original screening of Cabaret, starring Liza Minnelli, Michael York and Joel Gray, under the stars at the Myer Music Bowl.

This queer classic is still as sensational as it was in 1972. It has it all — singing, dancing, showgirls, pretty boys, sex and violence and lots of costume changes! Dress for the Kit Kat Club, and you could win an array of decadent prizes!

The new Music Bowl now has a bar and café viewing platform with the best views of the City to add to the magic of the film. Get a group together and make a night of it. Remember ...Life is a Cabaret Old Chum...so Come to the Cabaret!



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movies under the stars

The Melbourne Queer Film Festival has been presenting Movies Under the Stars as part of Midsumma for over eight years. This yearly event has become a crucial fundraising component for MQFF, with all funds going directly to paying film rentals and the running of the Festival. The annual Award for Best Picnic Hamper has also gained legendary status with audiences pulling out all stops! Both Midsumma and Movies Under the Stars are essential to the continued availability of diverse activities for Victoria's queer community. Lisa Daniel, Festival Director, 13th Melbourne Queer Film Festival

> DESERT HEARTS (1985)



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Break out the whips (again!) for the long-awaited return of this lesbian classic! It's the 50's and serious academic Vivian arrives in Nevada for a quickie divorce, only to find herself drawn to free-wheeling Cay. Sit tight for sultry kisses, lusty looks and all the country and western melodrama a lesbian can handle. Shot in dag-a-rama!



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Jared leaves his small-town to start a new life in LA. There he finds that a hustler for a room-mate, a wealthy Hollywood executive and a loveable new best friend make his journey an adventure he will never forget.



> CHAINED GIRLS (1965)



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Back by popular demand, this 'lost' lesbian camp documentary is a priceless cinematic gem of exploitation. Attempting to be objective about the 'problem' of lesbianism, Chained Girls takes us to well-known New York City lesbian lairs to show us what these 'sexually deviant' women get up to. Hilarious 'actual' statistics compiled from medical journals are thrown in, as well as enactments of lesbian indoctrination and recruitment tactics. Mothers lock up your daughters!



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS - RESCHEDULING

Fri 7 February, 8.30pm (gates open 7.30pm)

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