

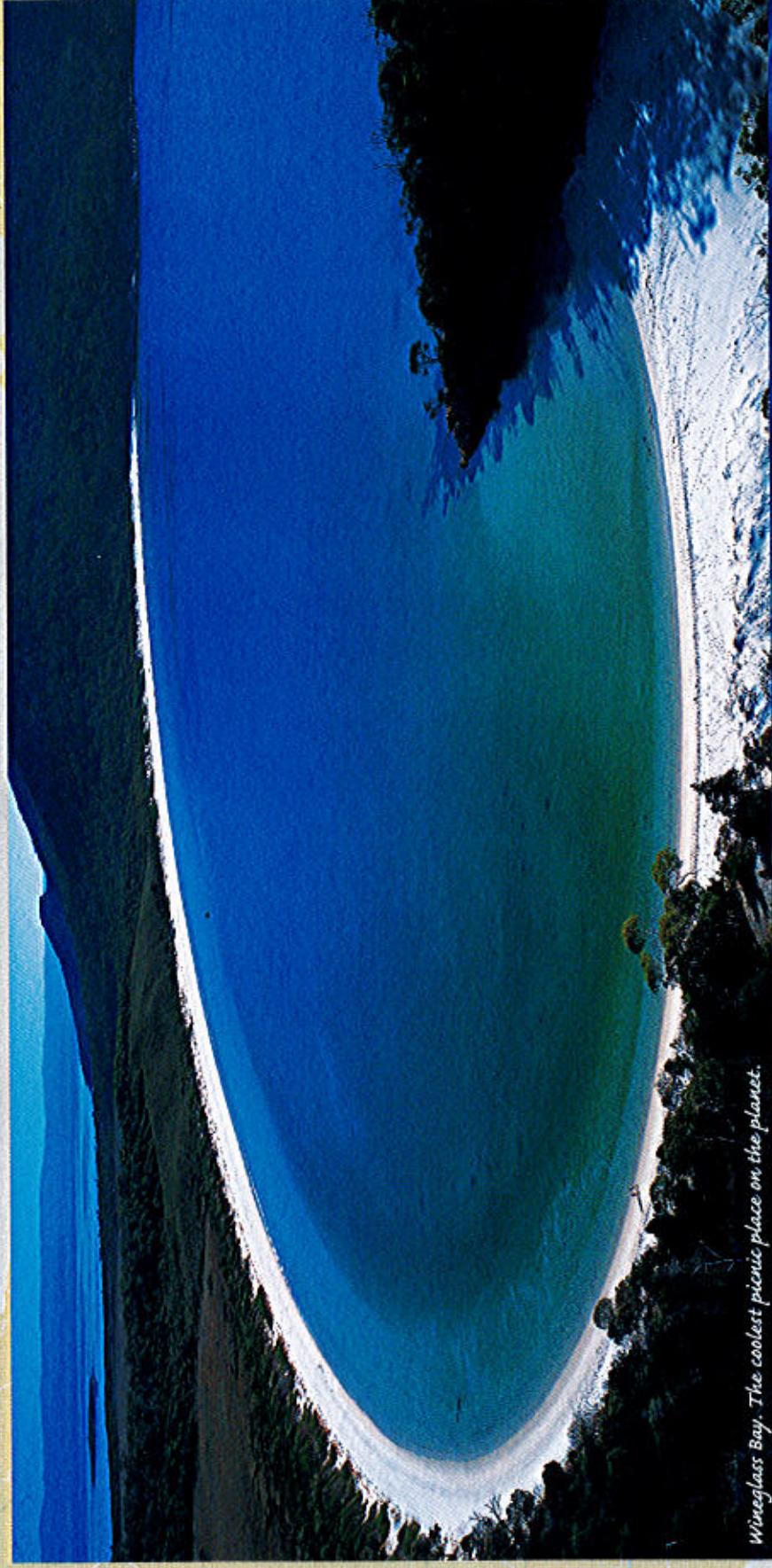


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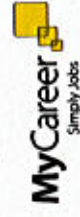
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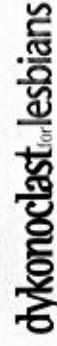
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GAME ON

As Melbourne limbers up for Commonwealth Games, this year's Midsumma is about the games WE play.... Midsumma opens at Federation Square on Friday, 20 January. Last year, some 20,000 of us made this night the hugest party event on Melbourne's queer calendar. For the three weeks that follow, you will be treated to a feast of visual arts, including digital and video art (and even our own Midsumma tram), a stimulating spoken word program, including Novel Conversations with Australia's top queer writers, cutting-edge cabaret, awesome performance, provocative forums and a Pet Shop Boys extravaganza – Seriously – from the producers of the Kylie musical! I should be so lucky.

We are greatly indebted to our public partners – City of Melbourne, Tourism Victoria, Arts Victoria, City of Yarra, City of Stonnington, City of Port Phillip and Victoria Police – and to our corporate sponsors and advertisers. Please: buy their products, see their shows, drink their drinks, surf their websites, visit their tourist attractions and make sure they know how much we all love them.

Midsumma 2006 is – as ever – a team effort, and I take this opportunity to congratulate General Manager, Sheeah Sutton, and her team – Brenton Geyer, Geraldine Kirby, Geoff Smith and Kylee Smith – on an outstanding year, full of energy, achievement (and more than a few laughs). The Festival Guide you are holding is the creative handiwork of David Hooke, whom I think you will agree has done a sexy job of it. Well done guys!

I also acknowledge the consistently great work of Midsumma's volunteers. Whether on working groups, as my Board colleagues or on-the-ground at Midsumma events, the people I'm talking about give freely of their precious time to make an outstanding contribution to the Festival we all enjoy.

Thanks also to the Patrons of Midsumma 2006. Their support helps us to run a number of programs and events that would otherwise be outside our grasp – but their gift to Midsumma means more to us than money.

So, whether your brand of games is jolly, twisted, touchy, dirty, glitzy, sexy, crafty or just plain bent – Midsumma 2006 is your chance to play them. Let the games begin.

Glyn Cryer, Chair

The Midsumma Festival respectfully acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation.

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The Midsumma Festival celebrates community spirit. The aim is to have a great time. To ensure that everyone can do this safely and respectfully, state laws regarding intoxication and drug possession will be upheld.

Midsumma parties have event security for everyone's safety. People seen to be under the influence of illicit substances or the effects of alcohol may be invited to have a nice cup of tea and a good lie down. Happy and safe partying from all at Midsumma!

PREMIER EVENTS

OPENING NIGHT: THE MAIN SQUARE

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 2006, MELBOURNE'S ICONIC FEDERATION SQUARE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE TRANSFORMED INTO AN ARENA OF QUEER CELEBRATION AND MAYHEM, AS QUEER MELBOURNE LAUNCHES INTO MIDSUMMA'S 2006 SEASON OF THE GAMES WE PLAY.

Join thousands of enthusiastic queers and get ready for a hotly contested competition filled with exotic events and steamy soirées. Enjoy the sweepstake of queer entertainment on offer; shake your dice with queer abandon and dare to play a risky hand – there's something for all in 'The Games We Play'.

JOY Melbourne will set the scene for the Evenings festivities by broadcasting live all day from the Main Square. Damian Nicholas will whip you into a frenzy from 4pm, live and definitely plugged, transmitting the uplifting sounds of JOY over the airwaves.

For seasoned spectators who like to watch, get in early and grab some sideline seats. The first ball is set to bounce in the Main Square from 6pm kicking off an all star line up of performances from some of Australia's newest hot shots, including Melissa Tkautz, Mandy Kane, Carmen Hendricks, Vassy, The Minority, The 1 and 2's and The San Franciscos.

The Midsumma opening night party is proudly supported by Federation Square.

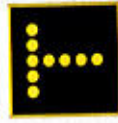
Venue: Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Swanston St

Date: Fri 21 Jan

Time: 6.00pm

Price: Gold coin donation

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



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Photos: Main: Federation Square.

Small: (clockwise): Mandy Kane, Vassy, Carmen Hendricks, Jono, Melissa Tkautz & Wes Snelling.

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Queer Celebrity guests Perform their favorite female artists injected with their own spin, be it the extravagance of Ella, the bawd of Bette or the mince of Marilyn... its all here in this Berlin-style cabaret arena for Opening Night.

Performers include DJ Mz Kung, Sarah Ward, Adam Richard, Rachel Berger, Ethel Chopp, Nelly Thomas, Tim McKew, Fiona Scott Norman, Boner Ballet Co. and more!

Venue: Transit Lounge, Upper Level, Transport Hotel, Federation Square, Swanston St, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan

Time: 9.30pm – late

Price: Free

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



OPENING NIGHT: ZINC SUNSET PARTY

WIND DOWN YOUR WEEK WITH A DRINK AND A SHUFFLE; AND WATCH A SUNSET BY THE YARRA FROM THE DECKING OF ONE OF MELBOURNE'S MOST CONTEMPORARY VENUES, ZINC AT FEDERATION SQUARE.

Hook up with old team mates and get yourself warmed up for a night of sexy sport. Some of Melbourne's hottest DJ's give you game, set and match as they take you 50 rounds — from an inviting summer dusk until late into the evening. Drinks Specials and complimentary Cocktail Food served for the first few hours.

Encounter old sparring partners or let new contenders enter the ring, as you near the finishing line with some with daring dance moves. Come early for sunset and stay late as Paul Main takes over the decks at Midnight with his hip-twisting arms-swinging head-spinning disco funk!

Venue: Zinc at Federation Square, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan

Time: 6.00pm — late

Price: \$10 Tickets at door only, includes SummaDiva, limited numbers, passouts available

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



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Ms Jane and Tabble Turlington twist the lid off the lolly jar to present 2 hours of non-stop candy. Zinc at Federation Square will sizzle to the lip-synching lovelies of Melbourne's drag circuit. This will be a mixed bag of hard-boiled, soft-centred and sickly sweet Kings and Queens who will bounce, pound and prance their way around the catwalk for your entertainment pleasure!

Venue: Zinc at Federation Square, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan

Time: Doors open 6.00pm — late (Show time 10.00pm till 12.00am)

Price: \$10 Tickets at door only, includes Zinc Party

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



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Register for your unique 'pick-up' number and wear it with flair while flirting outrageously with all and sundry at the Zinc Sunset Party. Throughout the night, if someone wants to let you know how hot you are, they can leave you a message on the Lurrve Board. Make contact and bang!... instant dates for all of your Midsumma events.

And don't stress if you miss your messages, Gay.com will be displaying them online throughout the rest of Midsumma.

So register Opening Night at the Zinc Sunset Party, flaunt your number to get lucky!

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ZINC AT FEDERATION SQUARE

One of Melbourne's most contemporary venues, ZINC at Federation Square, is a striking space that merges modern design and sophistication with the natural beauty of its sweeping parkland surrounds. Guests can both relax in the cool interior with its floor to ceiling windows or pop out onto our deck and take in the quintessential Melbourne views of the river, Vic Art's spire and the Yarra boatsheds. If it's edgy function space or fab food and wine that you seek for your next event call us on 9654 9333, we'll put the pizzazz into your production.



MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

JOHN SO

LORD MAYOR, CITY OF MELBOURNE

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I am happy to welcome you to the 2006 Midsumma Festival. It promises to be bigger and better – a promise it keeps every year!

As Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian event, Midsumma is a vibrant expression of our city's diversity, and a celebration of our place as the cultural capital of the nation. The city buzzes with activity during Midsumma, with a huge range of events catering for both fun and reflection. This year, the famed Carnival will be held in our magnificent Treasury Gardens, and elsewhere the program includes the best in arts, community and sporting events, as well as a host of fabulous parties.

The City of Melbourne is a proud supporter of the Midsumma Festival, and we look forward to the opportunity to welcome visitors from across the country and overseas. I wish everyone a great Midsumma in Melbourne!



THE HON JOHN PANDAZOPOULOS MP

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS

Melburnians are only too aware of the games people play as they prepare to participate in one of the world's biggest – the Commonwealth Games. Like that sporting spectacle, the Midsumma Festival will again attract thousands of international and interstate visitors to our State.

Its importance in helping make Melbourne one of the world's most appealing gay and lesbian destinations – and the vital role of events such as this to Victoria's \$10 billion tourism industry – cannot be underplayed.

The Midsumma Festival launches a huge party year in Melbourne in 2006 that will highlight what the city does so well – entertain and ensure everyone has a great time. The State Government, through Tourism Victoria, is again proud to support Midsumma Festival and welcomes gay and lesbian travellers to Melbourne.



MARY DELAHUNTY

MINISTER FOR ARTS

I am delighted to offer my support to the 2006 Midsumma Festival.

Midsumma is an event that gives a proud, vibrant voice to the Victorian GLBTIQ communities while reaching local, interstate and international audiences. Showcasing a program of contemporary performances and presentations across the written, visual and performing arts, the Festival is fast becoming one of the State's most exciting arts events. Festivals like Midsumma offer wonderful opportunities for both artists and audiences. They facilitate an environment where new ideas can be voiced, community identity can be expressed, ground-breaking art can be created, and – no less importantly – where fun can be had.

This year Arts Victoria is proud to provide the Festival with support for commissioning Victorian artists to produce new works that will be presented across nine exhibitions. I wish the Festival all the success in 2006. Let the games begin.



CR DARREN RAY

MAYOR, CITY OF PORT PHILLIP

Port Phillip is well known for its support of diversity. Not to mention our open and loud encouragement of Victoria's GLBTI communities.

We look forward to welcoming over 50,000 people to another Pride March. We are also particularly proud this year to have funded Living Queer, a photographic project in which queer-identified residents and workers within Port Phillip receive training and mentoring by a photographic artist.

Play safe, party hard and remember that by voting with your feet for inclusion and against division in all our communities, your presence will make a difference to Midsumma 2006 events.



HADLEY SIDES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CITY OF STONNINGTON

The City of Stonnington is pleased to once again support the Midsumma Festival. For a number of years, Council has supported the Festival and the organisers are congratulated on providing yet another diverse program for patrons and visitors. Stonnington is a culturally diverse community and home to an eclectic range of arts and cultural events that are strongly encouraged and supported by Council.

We are proud to play host to Australasia's largest gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival and extend our best wishes to the organising committee for yet another successful festival.



CHRISTINE NIXON APM

CHIEF COMMISSIONER, VICTORIA POLICE

The Midsumma Festival is an important part of the Victorian calendar. For a number of years now Victoria Police has been proud to support this valuable festival for the gay and lesbian community.

Victoria Police will be represented at many of the Midsumma events in 2006. We shall be actively taking part in Pride March and Carnival Day as well serving our community by providing policing services at the many of the varied events that form the festival.

Our Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers continue to improve our relations with the gay and lesbian community by assisting with access to fair and equitable policing services, as well as educating our members on the needs of the community. Please take to opportunity to meet with them during the festival.

I wish you all a happy, and safe, Midsumma.



CR KAY MEADOWS

MAYOR, CITY OF YARRA

Midsumma is a signature City of Yarra arts event.

The arts play an important role in celebrating, exploring and forming the diverse living cultures in which we live, and Yarra's GLBTI communities are an integral part of our municipality and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our City.

The City of Yarra has supported Midsumma since 1995, recognising our shared goal of creating a place where artists and communities can invigorate our understanding and enjoyment of life.

It is great to see Midsumma expanding this year, with the inclusion of performance; adding to their already strong visual arts and spoken word programs. May you all have a fabulous party at this year's Midsumma.

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PREMIER EVENTS



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The 11th Annual Pride March in Victoria is a celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender, intersex and allied communities, marching with pride down Fitzroy St, St Kilda.

Pride March is about being seen, so dress up, show off and get loud!

Family and friends are encouraged to attend. Marshals are always needed.

Principal sponsors - City of Port Phillip and GAL HomeLoan Service.

After the march enjoy the fabulous free concert at Catani Gardens until 11.00pm.

Photo: Vicki Jones

Venue: Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Date: Sun 5 Feb

Time: March departs 5.00pm

Price: Free

Info: 9513 3054, info@pridemarch.com.au, www.pridemarch.com.au



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To celebrate their 21st Anniversary, Seriously will strip back a discography brimming in hi-energy to its purest form, with 5 singers, a grand piano and a string quartet.

This introspective musical event dares to unravel the words behind "Rent" and "What Have I Done to Deserve This?" alongside the sumptuous melodies of "Being Boring" and "So Sorry I Said."

David Knox, Writer/Director of the sold-out hit of Midsomma 2002, "I Should Be So Lucky," combines forces with Dean Lotherington, composer of the NY Musical Theatre Festival's "Joe Starts Again." Together they will dissect and re-assemble the soundtrack to our lives.

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

Date: Tue 24 Jan - Sun Feb 12 (Preview Tue 24 Jan)

Time: 9.00pm Tue - Sat, 7.00pm Sun

Price: \$32 Full, \$27 Con. +bf

Info: 8290 7000, www.seriouslypsb.com



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SUMMA CRUISE

MIDSUMMA HEADS OUT ON THE BAY FOR ANOTHER SESSION ON THE HIGH SEAS! ALL ABOARD THE VICTORIA STAR – A FORMER SYDNEY FERRY – FOR BOTH AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING CRUISE AROUND PORT PHILLIP BAY.

AFTERNOON CRUISE

The afternoon cruise sets sail to the turn table tinkering of dee jay Fiona – have vinyl will travel – Scott-Norman who will keep you on your toes with her retro tunes and cruisy classics. A cocktail of brassy beats and golden rays will help you glide through the afternoon amidst friends that you have not yet met.

The magnificent City views and surreal industrial surrounds of the Bay are not to be missed. Cruise into the afternoon with a cocktail in one hand and a romantic heart in the other.

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

Date: Sat 28 Jan

Time: 1.00pm boarding call for 2.00pm sharp anchors away (Duration approx three hours)

Price: \$35 Full, \$30 Con, \$50 at the gangplank

Bookings: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au

Only 300 tickets available. Book early

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

NIGHT CRUISE

The night cruise takes on a different pitch! Dee jay Arlen De Silva and Showgirl Toni J join forces to serve up Midsumma's true boutique experience. With a captive audience of just 300, these two club supremos will work the room with all the glitz and glam of a high rollers room!

Dress up for a hot night with cool flavours and crisp company. Cruise into the night with a cocktail in one hand and a dance beat in the other.

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

Date: Sat 28 Jan

Time: 7.00pm boarding call for 8.00pm sharp anchors away (Duration approx three hours)

Price: \$35 Full, \$30 Con, \$50 at the gangplank

Bookings: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au

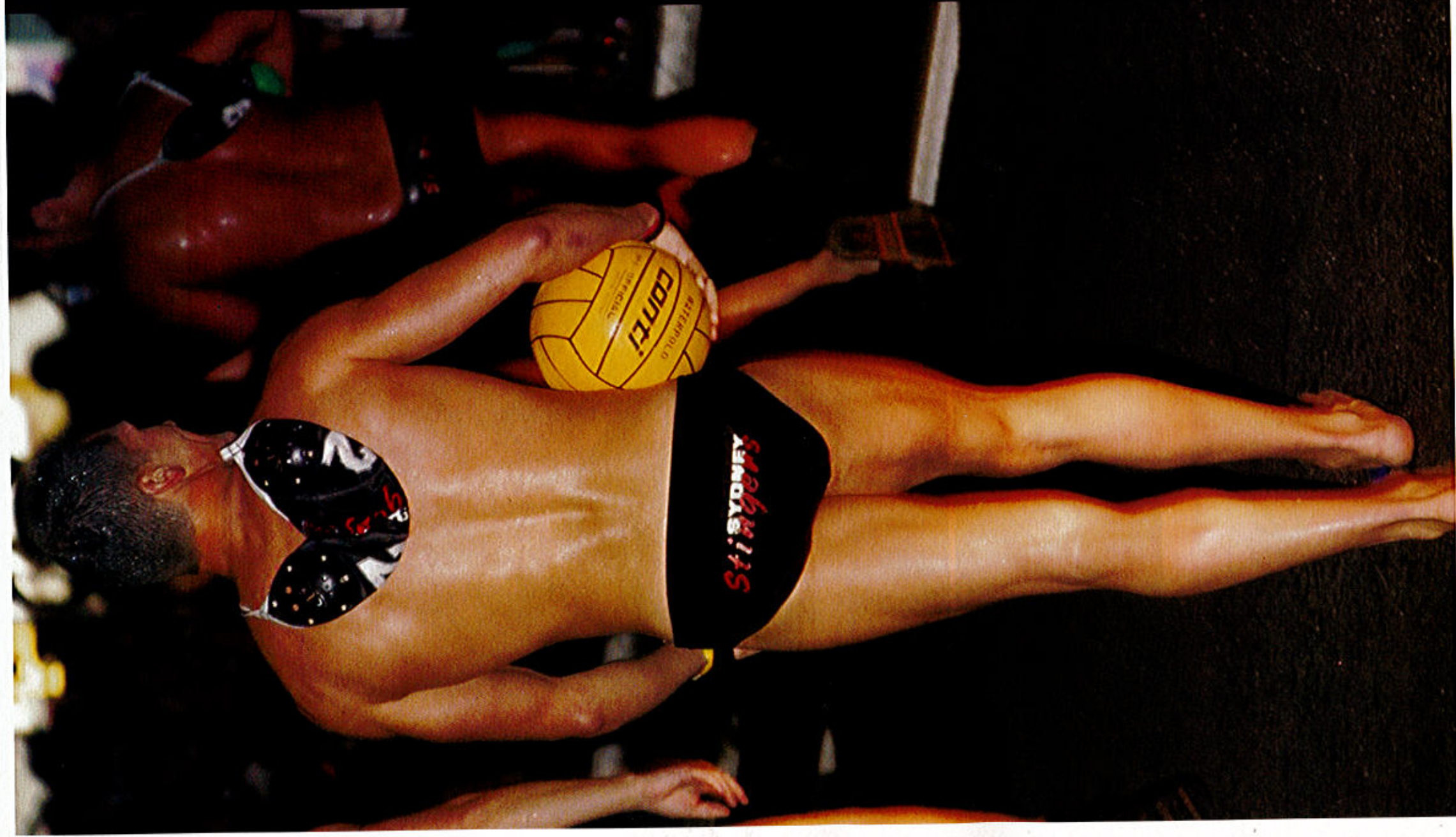
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Photos: Main: Welcome aboard; Above left: DJ Arlen De Silva; Above right: Showgirl Toni J.



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NOVEL CONVERSATIONS III: THE GAMES WE PLAY

NOVEL CONVERSATIONS, MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL'S SIGNATURE SPOKEN WORD EVENT, THE HIT OF 2004 AND 2005 IS BACK FEATURING YET ANOTHER FANTASTIC LINE-UP OF ACCLAIMED AUTHORS: JOHN BARTLETT, DIANE BELL, N.A. (NIKE) BOURKE, DOROTHY PORTER, PETER ROSE & CHRISTOS TSIOLKAS.

See www.midsumma.org.au for bios.

Set in a relaxed, panel-style setting, this event is a rare-opportunity for the audience to get up close and personal with some of Australia's best and G&L literature's favourite authors, to ask the questions you've always wanted to and hear the author's personal perspectives. A sure-fire sell out, get in quick!

Authors will be signing their books, available to purchase on the night, c/o Hares & Hyenas Bookshop. There's also a publishers door prize!

Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program.



Venue: The Night Cat, 141 Johnston Street, Fitzroy 3065

Date: Thur 9 Feb

Time: 7.00pm

Price: \$15 Full & \$12 Conc. At the door. If available, from 7.00pm

Pre-sale: Hares & Hyenas Bookshop, 135 Commercial Road, South Yarra 3141, Tel: (03) 9824 0110
AUSLAN signers must be booked by 25 January 2006, call Midsumma on (03) 9415 9819 or email: admin@midsumma.org.au to book



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Presented as two practical 4-hour writing workshops, held over 3 weekends, covering topics such as characterisation and dialogue, with a special focus on performance and screenwriting – all with a queer bent! Morning & afternoon tea provided. Max 40 participants only. Please refer to www.midsumma.org.au for full workshop details, agenda and registration form.

Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program.



Venue: Fitzroy Library Meeting Rooms, Fitzroy Library Town Hall, 128 Moor Street, Fitzroy 3065

Date: Sat 4 & 18 Feb (Note: 1 week break between sessions)

Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm (with 1 hr break for lunch)

Price: \$50 full / \$30 Conc. & Midsumma/Vic Writer's Centre members



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"Writing Differences: How and why class, race, religion, sex, age, the body's ability and gender live on the page."
Come discuss these ideas with Joan Nestle, a 65 year old white, Jewish, working class fem lesbian from the Bronx who now lives in Brunswick. Joan is an author, historian and co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City.

Venue: Brunswick Library, Corner Sydney Road and Dawson Street (enter via Dawson Street), Brunswick
Date: Wed 25 Jan
Time: 8.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 9389 8601, brunswicklibrary@moreland.vic.gov.au, www.moreland.vic.gov.au/libraries/htm

INAUGURAL MIDSUMMA CITY OF YARRA SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION & READINGS

Midsomma's short story competition has had a face-lift! The word limit has been increased to 2000 words and the top 5 short-listed stories will battle it out on the night – in a spoken word/performance showdown – for the top prize of \$500! You'll need more than a great story, you'll need to win the judges AND the audience!

The comp is open to all GLBTIQ Victorians, you need to write the "signature item" into your story, get it in on time, on word limit and be prepared to "present" your story with gusto if it makes the cut. Get ready for a very hot night of readings at the Glasshouse! See www.midsomma.org.au for full details: "signature item", entry form, competition dates and rules! Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program.

Venue: The Glasshouse Hotel, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood 3066
Date: Thur 2 Feb
Time: 7.30pm
Price: Free
Info: AUSLAN signers must be booked by 18 January 2006, call Midsomma on (03) 9415 9819 or email: admin@midsomma.org.au to book.



THE RAINBOW TOUR

Award winning US Author of Rainbow Boys, Rainbow High and Rainbow Road, Alex Sanchez, speaks of his experiences growing up gay, how he came to write his books, the impact they are having as agents of social change in the USA and internationally, and how each of us can make an impact for a better world.

Venue: Swanston Hall, Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St, Melbourne
Date: Sat 21 Jan
Time: 7.00pm arrival for 7.30pm start
Price: Free
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Robert Freeman Design for the film poster for *A Hard Day's Night* 1964 (detail). Collection of the artist, courtesy of Bruce Karsh. © Photography and design by Robert Freeman

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CHUTNEY POPCORN...

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

A woman, her girlfriend. A sister. Her husband. Their baby. Reena is an Indian American lesbian happily living with her girlfriend Lisa (Jill Hennessy from TV's Law and Order) but struggles to find acceptance from her traditional mother (Madhur Jaffrey), especially when she continually finds herself compared to her less radical sister, Sarita. Things become much more complicated when Sarita finds that she can't have children and Reena offers to become a surrogate mother - naturally nothing goes according to plan! Chutney Popcorn is a refreshing comedy about the ever-evolving tensions of modern life, individual desires, American queer lifestyles and Indian traditions. **Dir: Nisha Ganatra**, USA, 1999, 92 mins.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Date: Fri Jan 27 **Time:** Gates open at 7.00pm
Price: \$12 Full, \$10 Con. inc. Midsumma Members
Info: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au, www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



TOUCH OF PINK

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE HIT FLICK OF THE 2005 MQFF!

Kyle MacLachlan plays an impressive Cary Grant/fairy god-father figure in this charming romantic comedy that pays equal homage to 50s screwball comedies and contemporary queer dramas. Safe from the scrutiny of his Pakistani family, Alim lives in London with his boyfriend Giles.

When his mother turns up without notice and with grandchildren in mind, Alim and Giles are forced to play it straight. Mother causes grief, boyfriend walks out, and Alim's only ally is his fantasy guardian angel, a mischievous Cary Grant. Will Cary knock some sense into Alim before it's too late?

Dir: Ian Iqbal Rashid, Canada/UK, 2004, 91 mins.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Date: Fri Feb 3 **Time:** Gates open at 7.00pm
Price: \$12 Full, \$10 Con. inc. Midsumma Members
Info: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au, www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



URBANIA

A DARKLY HUMOROUS PORTRAYAL OF URBAN LEGENDS AND ONE MAN'S PLUNGE INTO MANIA.

Charlie (Dan Futterman) is a tormented young gay man who has recently split from his long-time boyfriend. Unable to reconcile the loss, Charlie decides to live on the edge. A chance encounter with a mysterious stranger marks the beginning of a nightmarish quest, as he hunts the city nightly in an increasingly desperate attempt to find the man. A provocative, sexually charged noir that probes the powerful and transcendent nature of love.

Dir: Jon Shear, USA, 2000, 103 mins.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Date: Sat Jan 28
Time: Gates open at 7.00pm
Price: \$12 Full, \$10 Con. inc. Midsumma Members
Info: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au, www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



GIRL PLAY

Girl Play is the true-life story of writer-actors, Robin and Lacie who met and fell in love while rehearsing for a Play in which they were cast as lovers. Its one of the best lesbian themed romantic comedy films of recent times.

OUT Video and Force Entertainment are pleased to celebrate the forthcoming DVD launch of Girl Play at this one-off cinema screening. Proceeds of the screening to JOY Melbourne 94.9FM. Gift bag to all who attend. Limited seats - book now.

Venue: Hoyts Melbourne Central, Cnr Swanston and LaTrobe St, Melbourne
Date: Mon 30 Jan,
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$10 Full, \$8 Con. inc. Midsumma Members & Volunteer rushtix
Tickets available from OUT Video, 108 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda
Info: 9525 3669, info@out.com.au, www.out.com.au



D.E.B.S.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE HIT FLICK OF THE 2005 MQFF!

They're crime fighting hotties with killer bodies! Meet the D.E.B.S. - sexy chicks chosen by an elite secret defence organization for their ability to lie, cheat and fight. Amy is the perfect score, but meets her match when confronted with sexy arch villain Lucy Diamond (a dead-ringer for Demi Moore).

Will Amy give up her alpha, beta, gamma existence, and trade it all in for romance with the alluring Diamond? In D.E.B.S., we have a genuinely funny all-girl-action romp, with an easy-on-the-eye cast and a cracking retro soundtrack.

Dir: Angela Robinson, USA, 2004, 91 mins.



Venue: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
Date: Sat Feb 4 **Time:** Gates open at 7.00pm
Price: \$12 Full, \$10 Con. inc. Midsumma Members
Info: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au, www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



SUMMER STORM

SUMMER STORM IS THE HEARTWARMING STORY OF 2 YOUNG GERMAN ROWERS WHO FALL IN LOVE.

OUT Video and Force Entertainment are pleased to celebrate the DVD launch of Summer Storm at this one-off cinema screening.

Proceeds of the screening to Melbourne Argonauts Rowing Team, and JOY Melbourne 94.9FM. Gift bag to all who attend. Limited seats - book now.

Venue: Hoyts Melbourne Central, Cnr Swanston & LaTrobe St, Melbourne
Date: Mon 23 Jan
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$10 Full, \$8 Con. inc. Midsumma Members & Volunteer rushtix
Tickets available from OUT Video, 108 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda
Info: 9525 3669, info@out.com.au, www.out.com.au



BALLS

IT TAKES "BALLS" TO BE AN OUT OF THE CLOSET SPORTS PERSON.

A young gay guy in Dortmund gets booted off his soccer team after kissing a team mate. He moves to the big city, starts a gay soccer team, and ultimately falls in love.

OUT Video and Force Entertainment are pleased to celebrate the forthcoming DVD launch of Balls at this one-off cinema screening. Proceeds of the screening to JOY Melbourne 94.9FM. Gift bag to all who attend. Limited seats - book now.

Venue: Hoyts Melbourne Central, Cnr Swanston and LaTrobe St, Melbourne
Date: Mon 6 Feb
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$10 Full, \$8 Con. inc. Midsumma Members & Volunteer rushtix
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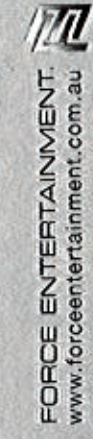
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Look where you can go this Midsumma

Discover the journey of legendary British pop star Dusty Springfield in **DUSTY: The Original Pop Diva** From 12 January

Magda Szubanski and Marina Prior star as two youngsters vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime in Melbourne Theatre Company's **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** From 14 January

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PREMIER EVENTS

MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL: THE BIGGEST GAME OF THEM ALL CARNIVAL TRANSFORMS TREASURY GARDENS INTO THE QUEEREST PARK IN AUSTRALIA

Carnival is wearing her brand new Treasury frock so come and tell her she's beautiful and experience a spectacular hub of queer games, hot music, bump-your-booty dancing and sporting prowess as we celebrate the closing of Midsumma. Take advantage of three live stages and flash your latest obscure tattoo, shake your pom poms to an appreciative audience, show off your pampered pooch or simply enjoy a sumptuous picnic in the sun and make new friends with the cute on the blanket beside you. Whatever turns you on, Carnival has it for you.

The JOY site at Carnival will be pumping this year, including interviews and entertainment with a plethora of JOY presenters, special guests and celebrities. The new location brings a whole range of possibilities. You can also sign up as a member, support Melbourne's only gay and lesbian radio station and go into the draw for some amazing prizes. This year featuring Kid Zone, the Midsumma Garage, Sports Precinct. We've also ramped up the Minus18 youth zone. Live DJ's, shows featuring the Minus18 Allstars and special guests, an arcade complete with amusement games and an internet café. A must for underage queers!

Venue: Treasury Gardens, Corner Flinders & Spring St, Melbourne
(Easy access via Parliament Station, or the number 48, 70 or 75 tram along Flinders St)

Date: Sun 12 Feb

Time: 11.00am - 6.00pm

Price: Due to the considerable increase in costs in presenting Carnival, we are asking all patrons for a \$5 donation to ensure we continue to provide the best of queer Melbourne life for you. We thank you for your help.

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



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CARNIVAL PRESENTS OVER 100 STALLS INCLUDING:

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TWISTER STAGE

Brush up on your dance moves with a touch of 'Rumba, Samba, Cha Cha', grab your boots and dust off your favourite denims with the ever popular 'Bootscooters' and Give me an 'M', give me an 'I', give me a 'D', give me an 'S', 'U', 'M', 'M', 'A' - fulfill your wildest dreams, pick up some pom poms and learn some 'Cheerleader' moves. See you on the dance floor!



POKER STAGE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL!

Once more Dulcie presents her famous Dog Show. Cuddly corgis, shaggy shitzus and beefy bulldogs all fight it out for Best in Show. Dulcies Dog Show this year is limited to 50 entrants. Register at the EaglePack stand from 11.00am.

Categories include: Fit and Fantastic, Most convincing Inspector Rex, Oddest Mongrel, Best Dog and Owner Combo, Longest Tail, Best Overall

If you've got it and want to flaunt it, then Phreeq Out is your gig. The queer body is celebrated in all its glory with sassy tats, exotic piercings, whacked out hair and fetish fashion on display. Dress up and wow us! Watch some sexy bodies parade up and down the catwalk at our exclusive Fashion Parade with hair & make-up by Karen Bicchierai, Claudia Romeo and Danny Giandinato.



SHUTTLECOCK STAGE

A SENSATIONAL, ECLECTIC LINE UP TO ENTERTAIN, DELIGHT AND ENTHRALL YOU.

Carnival kicks off by getting in touch with our tribal roots with West African percussion group 'Beatwise'. Hot new local band 'Glovebox' will be playing their electrorganic super pop. Currently burning up the US indie charts, catch them before they head off on their first overseas tour.

'Sista She' - Sheila Mc Eila and Rasheda Eda MC. Two of the sexiest Lady MCs in the land are joined by the infamous Busty Beats for a full set of phat beats.

Transylvanian Gypsy music from 'Vardos' driven by Alana Hunt's wild and passionate violin playing. And to top it all off, our closing ceremony will be 'Murasaki Daiko', a Melbourne based female drumming group playing Japanese Taiko music.



Photos: (L to R): Sista She, Vardos & Glovebox.

T DANCE

FUNKY TUNES WAFT BETWEEN THE TREES, TWINKLING STARS SHINE BEYOND THE DISCO BALLS AND THE FEEL OF THE COOL GRASS BETWEEN YOUR FEET AS YOU DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY.

This is T-Dance, our glorious finale to Carnival and Midsomma.

Co-presented with the Market Hotel, this incredible party will feature ice-cool DJ's and sexy bois and girls strutting their stuff. Don't miss out, limited tickets available.

See page 50 for more T Dance.



Venue: Treasury Gardens, Corner Flinders & Spring St, Melbourne

Date: Sun 12 Feb

Time: 5.00pm - 11.00pm

Price: \$10, No pre-sale. Limited tickets from the Midsomma information stall at Carnival

QUEER CITY



WELCOME TO THE 2006 VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

Midsumma will challenge, entertain and stimulate your senses with an exciting visual arts program. Emerging artists and renowned & established practitioners present the diversity of our local and national contemporary queer art. This year sees the expansion of the Visual Arts Program. Our much loved Queer Street has grown to become part of 'Queer City'. Midsumma continues to acknowledge the support of the City of Melbourne in presenting the Queer City Program; Liquid Aesthetics, Queer Street & The Tram Project, and the City of Yarra in presenting the Yarra Arts Program. We look forward to seeing you at the openings - Enjoy the art.

Ros Abercrombie, Midsumma Visual Arts Director.



ARTS VICTORIA



LIQUID AESTHETICS

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE PREMIER EVENT OF THE MIDSUMMA VISUAL ARTS CURATED PROGRAM.

Liquid Aesthetics showcases the work of seven artists who explore the synergies between 'queer' as an experiential, political or theoretical space and the 'liquid' aesthetics of screen-based installation.

Artists: Catherine Hart, Travis de Jonk, Mart Lebedev, Owen Leong, Susan Long, Vanessa Sowerwine and Monika Tichacek.

Venue: Black Box, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan 11.00am - 8.00pm, Sat 21 Jan - Sun 29 Jan 11.00am - 6.00pm

Opening: Thu 19 Jan 7.00pm - 9.00pm with a live performance by Susan Long & Susan Forester

Price: Free

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



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QUEER ST OPENING

LOOK UP, LOOK DOWN AND TO THE SIDE AS THE 2006 QUEER STREET PROGRAM INFILTRATES VENUES ACROSS THE FLINDERS LANE QUARTER.

Take a walk up Queer Street in Australia's queerest city.

Join us for the launch and enjoy a fantastic 'en masse' tour of the exhibitions in the Queer Street Program.

Venue: City Library, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Date: Tue 31 Jan

Time: 7.00pm

Price: Free

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



ARTS VICTORIA

VESSELS

WOODY (DAVID WOOD) PRESENTS A COLLECTION OF VESSELS FORGED FROM STEEL AND COPPER.

Inspired by images from Classical Art the artist uses mathematical systems found in nature as the basis of form in his work. Vessels is a playful attempt to lift an object from a page to create a whole shape and to ask the viewer, with what would you fill them?

Venue: The Journal Café Windows, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan - Sun 12 Feb

Time: 8.00am - 8.00pm Mon - Thu, 8.00am - 6.00pm Fri

10.00am - 1.00pm Sat

Price: Free

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ARTS VICTORIA

HOWL

ARTIST JOSIE KRISTENSEN HAS CREATED A PROJECTION WORK INSPIRED BY "HOWL", A WORK BY CONTROVERSIAL BEAT POET ALLEN GINSBERG.

The explicit use of the poets language question the nature of power, war, religion and society and Josie's images relate through her interpretation of the text to society today. The result is a rich visual tapestry of iconic images and interwoven text.

Venue: City Library, The Foyer, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan - Sun 12 Feb

Time: 11.00am - 8.00pm Mon - Thu, 11.00am - 6.00pm Fri

10.00am - 1.00pm Sat

Price: Free

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

INTERTWINE

THIS CURATED TEXTILES BASED EXHIBITION WILL PRESENT TWO ARTISTS 'INTERTWINED' IN THE MEZZANINE GALLERY AT THE CITY LIBRARY.

Brett Alexander's art practice is based in Fibres Textiles and explores issues related to memory, gender, sexuality and identity. The "seed", ideas and feelings, are developed through a range of materials and processes.

A hybrid of art and craft mediums, Jessie Angwin's work appropriates images from popular culture to highlight the diverse nature of contemporary female identity.

Venue: City Library Gallery, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Date: Fri 20 Jan - Sun 12 Feb

Time: 8am - 8.00pm Mon - Thu, 8.00am - 6.00pm Fri, 10.00 am - 1.00pm Sat

Price: Free

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



ARTS VICTORIA



CUPS AND COUPLING

AMANDA ANDLEE POLAND'S PRACTICE EXPLORES GENDERED IDENTITY AND AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

In a series of niche boxes in the heart of the City Library her still life and photo-based installations will engage our connection of memory and relationships through objects. Through the series Cups and Coupling the objects carry with them the evidence of time and trace the patterns of life.

Venue: City Library Niche Boxes, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Date: Fri 20 Jan – Sun 12 Feb
Time: 8.00am – 8.00pm Mon – Thu, 8.00am – 6.00pm Fri
10.00am – 1.00pm Sat
Price: Free
Info: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



SPACE IN-BETWEEN

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CLIMATES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD CONTAIN VARYING DEGREES OF SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCE.

It is these variations that help to shape where and how one is placed and categorised within their environment. Artist Kelly Manning deals with the individuals' experience in relation to these societal constraints.

Venue: City Lights, Hosier Lane, Melbourne
Date: Fri 20 Jan – Sun 12 Feb
Time: 24/7 viewing
Price: Free
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Luke Hutchinson's work considers the displacement of reality following the hyper real experience. These ideas are articulated through referencing popular culture commodities.

Venue: Platform 4, Majorca House, Centre Place (near corner Flinders Lane)
Date: Mon 30 Jan – Fri 3 Mar
Time: 24/7 viewing
Price: Free
Info: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



GIRLS ON THE FLOOR @ LOOP

MIDSUMMA INVITES YOU TO VIEW MIXED DOSES OF AVANT GARDE MOVING IMAGE AND PERFORMANCE WORK BY LOCAL AND INTERSTATE WOMEN ARTISTS.

Enjoy some of Melbourne's hottest DJ's and VJ's at this one off event. A very cruisy and relaxed atmosphere – a night that promises not to be missed!

Venue: Loop, 23 Meyers Place, Melbourne
Date: Tue 7 Feb
Time: 7.00pm onward
Price: Free
Info: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

THE BIG PICTURE

THE BIG PICTURE TAKES TO THE FACADES OF THE 112, 96 & 86 TRAMS.

Mark McDean's imagery will travel through the City of Melbourne and The City of Yarra celebrating Midsumma and placing the visual arts program about town in a new and exciting way.

Venue: 112, 96 & 86 Trams
Date: Fri 20 Jan – Sun 12 Feb
Time: 24/7 viewing
Price: Free
Info: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



VISUAL ARTS

LIVING QUEER

Facilitated by Photographic Artist Michaela Olijnyk, members of the LGBTI community who live or work in the City of Port Phillip investigate what it means to be queer in Port Phillip.

Using a framework of community cultural development, the participants have worked together since October 2005 to create a body of photographic work that celebrates the art of photography and explores social, cultural or political issues of living queer. The work focuses on the daily lives of queer residents, inviting audiences to investigate what it means to be queer in the City of Port Phillip, and examines their place within the broader community.

This project has been assisted by the City of Port Phillip through the Cultural Development Fund.

Venue: ÜBER Gallery, 52 Fitzroy St, St Klida

Date: Fri 20 Jan – Sun 12 Feb

Time: Mon – Fri 10.00am – 6.00pm, Sat – Sun 12.00pm – 6.00pm **Opening:** Sun 22 Jan 3.00pm

Price: Free **Info:** 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

Photo: Michaela Olijnyk.

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YARRA ARTS

JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE MIDSUMMA CURATED VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF YARRA.

This multi-faceted presentation of the work of emerging and established queer artists will be officially launched prior to a walking tour of the exhibitions, including Uncovered@Seventh, Spiros Panigirakis at Gertrude Contemporary Artspace and Twelve Exits at the Centre for Contemporary Photography.

Venue: Seventh, 155 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

Date: Tue 17 Jan

Time: 6.00pm

Price: Free

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



ARTS VICTORIA



ARTS VICTORIA

UNCOVERED@SEVENTH

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SUPPORT LOCAL UP-AND-COMING ARTISTS.

Midsumma invites you to explore the work of three young contemporary artists who use photography, moving image and sound in innovative and stimulating ways.

Main Gallery: Bridie Lunney, Jesslyn Moss
Plan B Gallery: Nadia Combe

Venue: Seventh, 155 Gertrude St, Fitzroy

Date: Tue 17 Jan – Tue 7 Feb

Time: Tue – Sat 12.00pm – 6.00pm

Price: Free

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



ARTS VICTORIA

TWELVE EXITS

TWELVE FIGURES EXIT THE WINDOW. EACH FIGURE NEGOTIATES THE OPEN FRAME, DISAPPEARING INTO THE 'REAL' WORLD WHERE THE VIEWER STANDS WATCHING.

Yandell Walton's new work activates an interaction between projected (virtual) and three-dimensional (physical) space, while continuing her exploration of the notion of the contained body as a metaphor for an inner space – the psyche. Twelve Exits uses the motif of the window to create and question the boundary between what we perceive as real and what is felt within.

Venue: Centre for Contemporary Photography Projection Window, 404 George Street, Fitzroy

Date: Tues 17 Jan – Sat 11 Mar

Time: The Projection Window is viewed from the street after dark

Price: Free

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



ARTS VICTORIA

SPIROS PANIGIRAKIS

MELBOURNE-BASED ARTIST SPIROS PANIGIRAKIS CREATES A CAPTIVATING SPACE IN WHICH PRIVATE INTERACTIONS, SOCIAL SPACE AND THE PUBLIC GAZE INTERSECT AND DIVERGE.

Panigirakis has created several collaborative installation projects in recent years, exploring the parameters of community, artistic practice and economies of exchange.

Venue: Front Gallery, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, 200 Gertrude St, Fitzroy

Date: Mon 16 Jan – Sun 29 Jan

Time: 24/7 viewing

Price: Free

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

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SEEING IS BELIEVING

TRUTH? REALITY? FAITH? SEEING IS BELIEVING. THE UNASHAMEDLY QUEER EXHIBITION BY MELBOURNE'S LEADING, EMERGING ARTISTS.

Truth? Reality? Faith? Sex? Art? Seeing is Believing. The exciting, bold, unashamedly queer exhibition by 12 of Melbourne's leading and emerging artists from the ART 6 collective. Featuring: Jessie Angwin, Dean Beck, Ross Brownsdon, Ian Buckland, Kevin Chin, Grant Cook, Travis de Jonk, Kellie Dene, Paul Grant, Janice Hook, Sayraphim Lothian, Jock McKenzie.

Venue: Tempera Galleries, 39 James St, Prahran
Date: Tue 17 – Fri 17 Feb
11am – 6pm, Tue – Sat
Group 1 Launch: Tue 17 Jan, 6.00 – 9.00pm
Group 2 Launch: Tue 2 Feb, 6.00 – 9.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 9507 5299, art@temperagalleries.com, www.temperagalleries.com



GOING OUT

BRILLIANT PAINTINGS CELEBRATING THE ENERGY AND UNINHIBITED FUN OF QUEER DANCE PARTIES.

An exhibition of paintings by Ang Bagiotas that celebrate the energy and uninhibited fun of the queer dance world. Colour and vigorous technique captures the spunk and effervescence of the party scene.
Preview at: www.bagiotas.com. Opening night sponsored by – the art and science of delicious – by Paul Le Noury and the acoustic talents of Megan Bowman.

Venue: The Artery, 87 Moor Street, Fitzroy
Date: Tue 24 Jan – Sun 5 Feb
Tue – Sat 10.00am till late, Sun 12noon till late
Time: **Opening:** Tue 24 Jan, 6.00pm **Closing:** Sun Feb 3.00pm till late
Featuring live acoustic performance by Megan Bowman
Price: Free
Info: 0437 808 160, ang@bagiotas.com, www.bagiotas.com



ARTHOLES

ARTHOLES GALLERY PRESENTS A GROUP EXHIBITION OF PAINTING, STREET ART, DRAWING, WEARABLE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY EIGHT ARTISTS.

Opening night Thursday January 19th 6-9pm until Wednesday February 1st. This exhibition will feature the work of Indonesian artist Ewie Kusnadi, South Australian artist Leigh Semmens, Rachael Miller, Sally Tape, Ruth Alexander-Brown, Joanna Sherwell and Street artists: Dire and Ruzkin.

Venue: Artholes Gallery, 114 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
Date: Thu 19 Jan – Wed 1 Feb,
Tue – Sat 10.00am to 5.00pm **Opening:** Thu 19 Jan 6.00 – 9.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 9419 8777, tt@mirrorframes.com, www.artholes.com



OUT IN THE SOUTH

NOW IN ITS' 3RD YEAR, OUT IN THE SOUTH WILL SHOWCASE EXCITING ARTWORKS BY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MIDSUMMA.

Colourful contemporary works will feature in this annual curated exhibition.

Venue: Kingston Arts Centre Gallery, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Date: Fri 27 Jan – Mon 19 Feb
Mon – Fri 9.00am – 5.30pm, Sat 12.30pm – 5.30pm
Time: **Opening:** Thu 26 Jan 6.00 – 8.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 95564440, leah.szanto@kingston.vic.gov.au
www.artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au



PINK

AN EXHIBITION OF PREDOMINANTLY PINK JEWELLERY, WITH A Q, BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED BY PEARL GILLIES.

Pearl Gillies combines the look of retro signet jewellery with a refined contemporary aesthetic in a stunning limited release collection of predominantly jewellery, with a Q. Pink enamel, pink sapphires and precious metals combine with the letter Q in beautifully crafted jewellery artfully installed for Midsomma by Richard Harding, in e.g. etal's gallery window for 24/7 viewing.

Who ever said not to mix your pink with your Q's?

Venue: e.g.etal, 185 Little Collins Street, Melbourne
Date: Fri 20 Jan – Sun 12 Feb
Time: 24/7 viewing
Price: Free
Info: e.g.etal: 96634334, info@egetal.com.au, www.egetal.com.au



AMBIGUITIES

PAINTINGS OF THE MALE NUDE, POSED AGAINST ELABORATE MATISSE BACKGROUNDS, EXPLORING SEXUAL AND SPATIAL AMBIGUITIES.

Vibrant. Colours entice us into Robert Mendham's gorgeous pictures: as he uses Matisse's rich fabrics to play with space and form, there is something uneasy, questioning, about the paintings, which have a male nude where Matisse painted a woman. The substitution brings into play questions about tradition, expectation, hierarchy, space, and the experience of colour and texture.

Venue: Judith Pugh Gallery, Melbourne City Lexus, 559 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne
Date: Thu 19 Jan – Tue 14 Feb
Tue – Fri 11.00 – 6.00pm, Sat 11.00am – 2.00pm
Time: **Opening:** Thu 19 Jan, 6.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 9282 8866, art@judithpughgallery.com, www.judithpughgallery.com



RITES, PASSAGES, AND CROSSINGS

RECENT PAINTINGS AND DIGITAL WORKS EXPLORING UNDERCURRENTS OF SEXUALITY, MASCULINITY, AND HUMAN MUTATION.

A selection of recent paintings and digital works exploring undercurrents of sexuality, masculinity, and human mutation. A journey into the perils and wonders of bodily desire and the memories that are marked upon the body with reference to alchemical illustration and late nineteenth / early twentieth century symbolist painting.

Venue: Ground Zero, 41 Vere Street, Collingwood
Date: Mon 23 – Sat 28 Jan
Time: 1.00 – 6.00pm **Opening:** Sat 21 Jan, 5.30pm
Price: Free
Info: 9417 5490

KNOW YOUR GAY ART

GAY ART MELBOURNE IS A GROUP OF ARTISTS AND ART LOVERS WHO MEET REGULARLY FOR GALLERY TOURS AND ARTISTS & CURATORS TALKS.

The group will tour selected Midsomma exhibitions over the duration of the festival. Hear the artists speak about their works, their inspirations and their techniques in an informal and friendly atmosphere. The inspiration continues afterward at a nearby café. Subscribe to gayartmelbourne@hotmail.com for tour details.

Price: A small donation is requested of participants
Info: 9417 5490, gayartmelbourne@hotmail.com

PREMIER EVENTS

SUPPER CLUB

UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF HOST WES SNELLING'S INDEFATIGABLE CAMPERY, AND THE MUSICAL MAJESTY OF RESIDENT DEE JAY, FIONA SCOTT NORMAN, LOSE YOURSELF IN THE WHIRLWIND THAT TAKES OVER CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS DURING MIDSUMMA.

Games abound in the form of sleazy siens, femme flags, burth birds and lipstick lovelies serving up a burlesque feast! The Supper Club chefs cook up a different menu of song and dance each night where you can sample festival favourites, and much acclaimed cabaret artistes reeled in from all over queer Melbourne.

This is your post-show, post-dinner or pre-party essential ingredient for a total Midsumma experience. Subscribe to the Midsumma e-news list for announcements of guest performers and hot goss from the Supper Club Headquarters. It's unexpected and it's unleashed! Performance at its queer best!

Come and mingle with the festival's artists, performers and crew as they wind down after a hard night treading the boards. They are a fab bunch!

Venue: Chapel off Chapel foyer, 12 Little Chapel St, Pheasant
Date: Fri & Sat nights during Midsumma (except Fri 20 Jan)
Time: 10.00pm - 1.00am
Price: \$5. Free to Chapel off Chapel ticket holders, Midsumma Members & e-news subscribers
Info: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



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Photos: Left: Host Wes Snelling, Right: DJ Fiona Scott-Norman



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PLAY A DIFFERENT GAME THIS MIDSUMMA

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY THE 38 PERFORMANCE, CABARET AND MUSIC EVENTS THAT ARE ON OFFER THIS YEAR AS PART OF MIDSUMMA 06.

We are thrilled to welcome new producers and new venues such as the Rob Roy, Revolver and Glitch into the Midsumma family, as well as welcome back favourite festival hubs such as Chapel off Chapel, the Butterfly Club, Dante's and La Mama. Catch up with you fave performers, and see something new. So much to see, so little time... get in quick!



BOYFRIENDS FROM HELL!

8 SHORT PLAYS BY QUEER MELBOURNE PLAYWRIGTHS, PRESENTED BY TRANSMISSION THEATRE.

Praise be to God, 8 fresh and original writers capture their very unusual tales of tainted lovers, disastrous dates and love gone wrong! Writers: Paul Andrews, Anthony Carne, Travis de Jonk, Clinton Dybing, Troy Gurr, Tim Hunter, David Knox and Kevin Mcgreal. Even if you're not a theatre enthusiast, this show will delight in illustrating the wonderful world of dysfunction, bitterness and vengeance!

Venue: Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Thu 2 – Sat 4 Feb
Time: 7:15pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$17 Con.
Info: 8290 7000, www.chapelloffchapel.com.au



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A ONE ON ONE CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

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Venue: The Forecourt, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Date: Tue 31 Jan – Sat 11 Feb
Time: Tue – Sat 7.00pm – 8.00pm & 9.30pm – 10.30pm
Price: \$8 Full, \$7 Con.
Info: No bookings, conspiracy@optusnet.com.au



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Venue: Carlton Courthouse, 349 Drummond St, Carlton
Date: Tue 24 Jan – Sat 18 Feb, Opens Tue then playing Wed – Sunday
Time: Tues, Wed, Sun 6.30pm. Thu, Fri, Sat 8.00pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$10 Con.
Info: 9347 6142, bookings@lamama.com.au (24 hrs, prior to performance) www.lamama.com.au



VIRGINS

VIRGINS, PORN QUEENS AND REFUGEES PERFORM IN THE NEW MUSICAL FROM THE WRITERS OF PRODIGAL.

A touring show about virginity, a journalistic striptease through the world of internet porn and idol for asylum seekers. Only one girl knows how each of these will turn. From the writers of the Midsumma and off-Broadway smash-hit musical Prodigal, comes a musical threesome you'll want to join. Virgins. They're Coming.

Venue: Tower Theatre, The CUB Malthouse, 113 Sturt St, Southbank
Date: Wed 25 Jan – Sat 11 Feb
Time: Tue – Sun, 8.00pm, Sun 5.00pm
Price: \$28 Full, \$22 Con. \$20 groups (low cost previews 25-27 Jan)
Info: 9685 5111, boxoffice@malthousetheatre.com.au, www.malthousetheatre.com.au



THE TRUE AMAZON ADVENTURES OF ROGER CASEMENT

OUR HEROES MUST NOT HAVE ANY FAILINGS. NOTHING SHOULD REMIND US THEY'RE HUMAN LIKE US.

Venue: La Mama, 205 Faraday St, Carlton
Date: Wed 25 Jan – Sun 12 Feb
Time: Wed & Sun 6.30pm, Thu – Sat 8.00pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$10 Con.
Info: 9347 6142, bookings@lamama.com.au (up to 24 hours prior to performance) www.lamama.com.au



MEN IN LYCRA ROWING SHORTS (& OTHER FANTASIES) BY STEVEN DAWSON

Latest "tawdry" entertainment from the team that brought you last year's hit Naked, Love In A Cubicle and Four Queens In Hawaiian Shirts.

Falling in love with straight men, Drag Queens of Death and other tales of outrage from the very naughty, always controversial Steven Dawson. Out. Cast Theatre is Australia's only ongoing gay theatre and has played to packed houses nationally. Filthy, sexy, romantic and violent. A great night out..

Warning: Contains gratuitous nudity and smutty innuendo.

Venue: Mechanics Institute, Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick
Date: Thu 17 Jan – Sat 18 Feb
Time: Tue – Sat 8.00pm
Price: \$28 Full, \$20 Con. & group of 10+
Info: 9305 533, Hares & Hyenas, Out Video or Ticketek 132849 outcast@sub.net.au, www.outcast.org.au

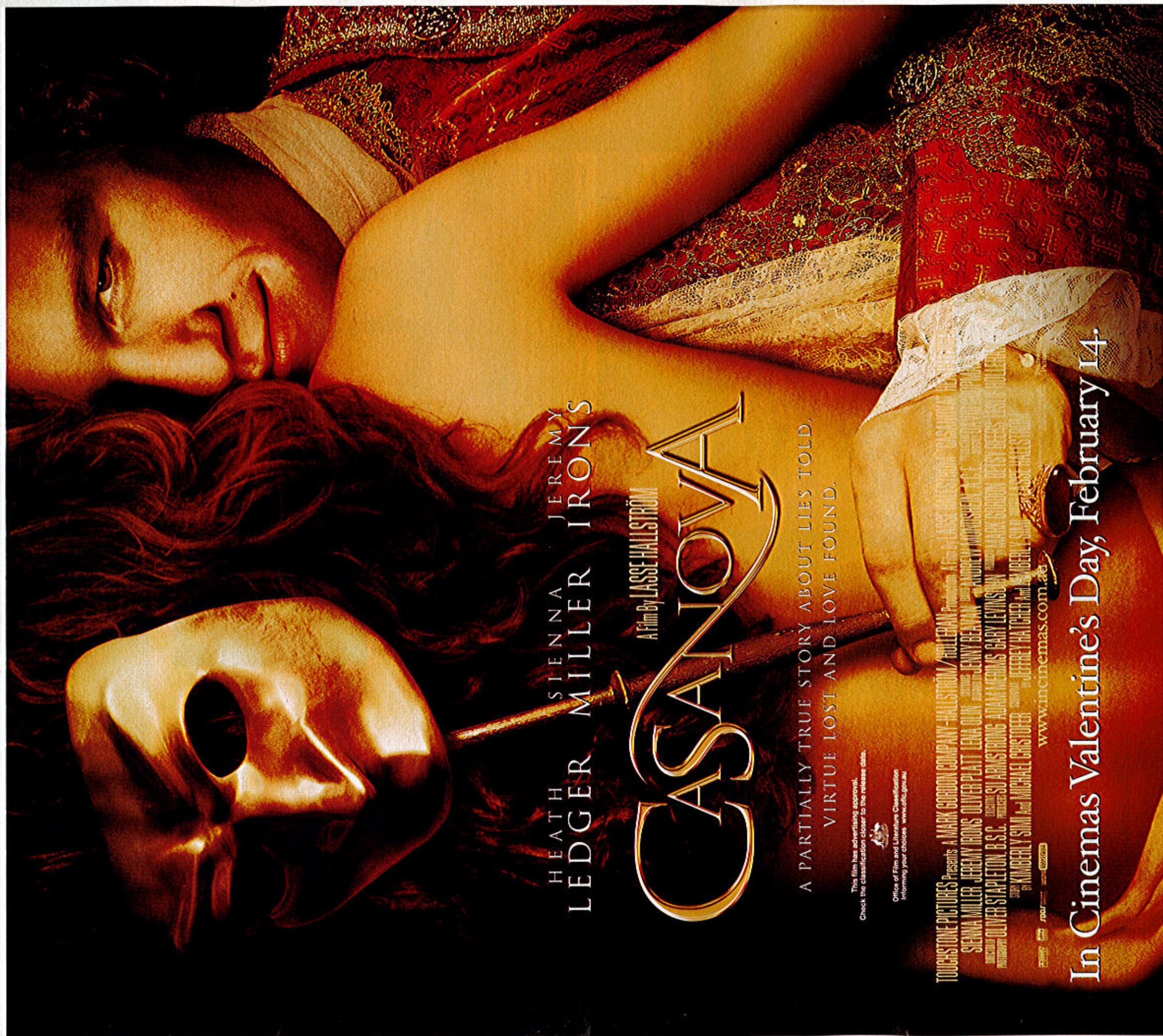


CRAZY LADY

DARK SECRETS ARE REVEALED WHEN LONG-LOST FRIENDS JAZZ AND CLAUDIA MEET UP IN A BAR.

London writer/director Nona Sheppard's entertaining, dark, poetic and surprising play makes its Australian premiere in the intimate space upstairs at The Windsor Castle. After years apart, 'out' Claudia and married jazz rediscovers their long-lost friendship at the strangely empty Crazy Lady bar as they share secrets and memories, revealing personal struggles and stories of mental illness, female sexuality and domestic violence.

Venue: The Windsor Castle (Upstairs), 89 Albert St, Windsor
Date: Sat 21, Tue 24 – Fri 27 Jan **Time:** 8.00pm
 Sun 22 Jan **Time:** 5.00pm
 Sat 28 Jan **Time:** 3.00pm & 8.00pm
Price: \$18 Full, \$13 Con. \$60 group of 4
Info: 0424 887 340, crazylady_windsor@yahoo.com.au



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A Film By LASSE HALLSTRÖM

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CASTING BY JESSICA HALLSTRÖM CASANOVA
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PRODUCTION DESIGNER PHILIP
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QUEER AND PLEASANT DANGER

COMIC JULES WILKINSON TAKES OUR COMMUNITY'S DIRTY LAUNDRY OUT OF THE CLOSET FOR A GOOD AIRING.

Can you handle the truth? Comic Jules Wilkinson does a Deep Throat as she reveals the truth behind QAOS – the Queer Agency Of Subversion. Be alert, alarmed and amused as Jules exposes the truth behind the gay agenda and the lesbian strategic plan for world domination in this shiny new show.

Venue: Glitch Bar and Cinema, 318 St Georges Rd, North Fitzroy
Date: Sun 29 Jan & Sun 5 Feb, Wed 1 & Wed 8 Feb, Thu 2 Feb & Thu 9 Feb
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$15 Full, \$12 Con. inc. Midsumma Members & Volunteer rushtix
Info: juleswilkinson@yahoo.com.au



DELICACY

FOR EVERY DECADENT HUNGER THERE'S A SPECIAL SOMEBODY OUT THERE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO SATISFY IT.

Denny and Neil are looking forward to their candlelit dinner for two, but tonight their dark fantasy will be played out to its grisly end. Strong language and violence.

Venue: The Old Council Chambers, Victorian Trades Hall, Cnr Victoria & Lygon St, Carlton
Date: Wed 25 – Sat 28 Jan, Wed 1 – Sat 4 Feb
Time: 8.30pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con. & groups
Info: 9687 9771, bookings@showgun.com.au, www.showgun.com.au

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PLAYREADINGS @ THE BUTTERFLY CLUB

Do you like the idea of relaxing on a Saturday afternoon, with a drink in your hand and have a wonderful new play read to you by some of Australia's leading actors? After last year's sell-out season, Fly-On-The-Wall and The Butterfly Club returns with the 2006 Saturday Afternoon Playreadings – four international gay plays by four gay playwrights over four consecutive gay Saturday's.

BLOWING WHISTLES BY MATTHEW TODD

An acclaimed drama about searing love, sex and gay pride... Nigel loves his hedonistic lifestyle – he has a long-term boyfriend, goes clubbing and has lots of sex in their open relationship. Jamie, his partner of ten years isn't sure things are so great... The night before Pride, the couple discover Cumboy_17 on Gaydar.co.uk. They plan for a night of casual sex but their young guest has a very different agenda...

Blowing Whistles is a blisteringly honest account of a modern gay lifestyle. Bar opens 30 minutes prior and throughout.

Note: Plays contains high-level sexual content and explicit language.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 21 Jan
Time: 2.00pm
Price: \$12
Info: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterflyclub.com



THE MASTER'S BOY BY PHIL WILLMOTT

The simmering obsessive lust of Strindberg's Miss Julie for her serving man – Jean is translated by award-winning author Phil Willmott into a sultry gay master/servant encounter. For a few chaotic days in 1926 Britain's working class went on strike and upper class youths took over the jobs they'd abandoned. A blistering sexual power struggle ensues amongst the lith and grease of a depot at midnight between a striker and the wealthy young man attempting to drive his bus. This play is both a fascinating period piece and an exploration of gay lust and love as a weapon of subjugation. Bar opens 30 minutes prior and throughout.

Note: Plays contains high-level sexual content and explicit language.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 2.00pm
Price: \$12
Info: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterflyclub.com

ECSTASY+GRACE BY JAMES MARTIN CHARLTON

Once upon a time, Davy had visions of a better world. Now he competes. Living in Amsterdam, managing Blackjack's Porn Shop with his German skinhead lover, Kai, Davy reckons he is doing just fine. Then Rae appears from England to bring it all back home. But will that be enough to save Puller, the 13 year-old boy on Davy's payroll? Davy: "We traffic in narcotics and children," ecstasy+GRACE is a mythic but starkly realistic work dealing with the extremes to which the human spirit can aspire to, or sink to.

Bar opens 30 minutes prior and throughout.

Note: Plays contains high-level sexual content and explicit language.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 4 Feb
Time: 2.00pm
Price: \$12
Info: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterflyclub.com



NEW BOY ADAPTED FROM THE STAGE BY RUSSELL LABEY, FROM THE BEST-SELLING NOVEL BY WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE

Mark is a 17-year old who is anxious to finally get his sex life jump-started. When "new boy" Barry, who has the face of an angel and the body of a god (and the name of a plasterer) begins classes at Mark's all boys school, the two become fast friends. This new relationship allows Mark the opportunity to experience his hormonal aspirations vicariously through Barry's exploits. Through it all, the two boys develop a very close bond that could ultimately change the course of their lives. Bar opens 30 minutes prior and throughout.

Note: Plays contains high-level sexual content and explicit language.

Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Sat 11 Feb
Time: 2.00pm
Price: \$12
Info: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterflyclub.com

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A unique version of Alison's sell out 'One Blue Voice' UK live concert tour, filmed in June in front of an intimate audience at The Hospital in Covent Garden. Includes material from 'Voice', 'Hometime', never recorded live tracks, the Yazoo hit 'Only You' and much more, recorded with an 8-piece band including a string quartet.



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The debut solo album on Sanctuary Records from half of English duo Erosuro. A supreme pop/dance album, with guests Joke Shears (Scissor Sisters) and Claudia Brücken (Propaganda). "Electric Blue" is a mirrorball dance-pop odyssey." URB Magazine



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Tenor Michael J Smith will perform four Walt Whitman poems set to music by Kurt Weill, including Whitman's famous "Oh Captain! My Captain!" The songs combine to create a powerful and heart-wrenching mini-drama about the horror of war. Smith will be accompanied by Leigh Harrold from the Australian National Academy of Music. Harrold will open the concert with Aaron Copland's piano sonata, composed in 1941.

Produced by Opera For Autism.

Venue: BMW Edge, Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Swanston St, Melbourne

Date: Fri 3 Feb **Time:** 7:00pm

Sun 12 Feb **Time:** 5:30pm

Price: \$25 Full, \$20, Con, \$18 each for groups of 6 or more

Info: 1300 736 724, bookings@splashmedia.com.au, www.splashmedia.com.au



MIZ IMA STARR IS BORN FREE

Drag-tastic chanteuse Miz Ima Starr unleashes her acclaimed cabaret Born Free, an utterly unique showbiz history told through song, celluloid, soliloquy and audience seduction.

Witness priceless frocks, cheap shots, and ten of the greatest songs ever belted out by a busty primadonna. For the first time in Melbourne, have your life irrevocably altered by Miz Ima Starr, Australasia's outrageous entertainment earthquake!

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

Date: Thu 26 – Sat 28 Jan

Time: 9:15pm

Price: \$22 Full, \$19 Con.

Info: 8290 7011, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.chapeloffchapel.com.au



SECRET LOVE

BRILLIANT NEW MUSIC THEATRE – IT'S BLACK COMEDY, CABARET AND MURDER MYSTERY!

Did she or didn't she do it? That's the burning question.

"The clever plot is full of good humour, social insight and surprising twists" – Sunday Mail. "Campbell's singing and acting are Broadway calibre. Do not miss this show if it comes to your town" – Sue Matsuki, MAC, New York.

Starring: Catherine Campbell (2005 Midsumma hit "My Blue Angel: Mariene Dietrich") and Craig Behenna (Pizza, SBS). **Director:** Frank Ford.

Musical Director: Nerissa Pearce.

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

Date: Thu 26 – Sun 29 Jan

Time: 7:15pm (duration 1hr 30min)

Price: \$20 Full, \$17 Con. \$16 Groups of 10

Info: 8290 7000, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/lifestyle/arts/chapel



OUTRAGEOUSLY DIVINE: A TRIBUTE TO BETTE MIDLER

BELINDA LEMON'S TRIBUTE TO BETTE MIDLER RETURNS TO MELBOURNE FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY – THIS TIME WITH THE ADDED GLITZ AND GLAMOUR OF THE SAUCY HARLETTES.

Outrageously Divine: A Tribute to Bette Midler

This tribute to the legendary Bette Midler captures the humour, the emotion and the talent of the Divine Miss M. Outrageously Divine contains many of the best loved songs from every phase of Bette Midler's award-winning career. After a sell-out Midsumma season in 2005, Belinda Lemon returns to Melbourne for two nights.

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

Date: Sat 21 Jan **Time:** 9:00pm

Sun 22 Jan **Time:** 7:00pm

Price: \$27.00 Full, \$22.00 Con. inc. Midsumma Members & Volunteer rushix

Info: 8290 7011, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.chapeloffchapel.com.au

COLE'S GIRLS

OUT LYSA AND LEESA. TWO NO FRILLS, HOME BRAND GIRLS TRAPPED SCANNING THEIR OPTIONS WHILE NAVIGATING THE TURNSTILE OF LIFE.

Baskets tightly packed and faced with the prospect of a world of twelve items or less, they dare to carry more. Featuring the Spot the Red Special Dazzling Dollar Dancers, The music of Cole Porter was never meant to look like this.



Venue: Dante's, Cnr Gertrude & Napier St, Fitzroy

Date: Wed 25 – Sat 28 Jan **Preview:** Tue 24 Jan

Time: 7:45pm

Price: \$22.50 Full, \$17.50 Con./Preview, \$19.50 Group of 10 or more

Info: 0412 375 892, ntertain@seenet.com.au, www.tickets.magnormos.com.au

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Venue: Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

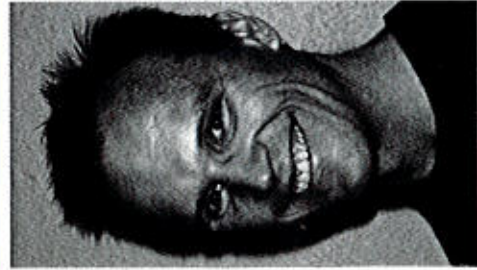
Date: Sat 11 Feb

Time: 8:00pm

Price: \$24 Full, \$22 Con. \$20 Kingston Arts Centre Members, \$120 table of six.

Info: 9556 4440, adrian.nunes@kingston.vic.gov.au, www.artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au

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CLASSICAL FRUITS

Talented young performers, baritone Simon Meadows and pianist Paul Fitzsimon, present evocative and uplifting works of four gay composers: Britten, Copeland, Ravel and Schubert.

Simon Meadows has featured in many operas and has an extensive concert repertoire. Paul Fitzsimon is a up and coming concert pianist. All proceeds to Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

Venue: St Peter's Eastern Hill Church Hall, 15 Gisborne St, East Melbourne
Date: Sat 21 Jan
Time: 6.00pm
Price: \$10 Full, \$8 Con.
Info: 94157074, s.meadows@bigpond.com, www.home.vicnet.net.au/~gls witch/



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

SPEND AN ENCHANTED EVENING WITH MICHAEL SHARMON AS HE PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE GLITTERING AND GLAMOROUS WORLD OF THE MOVIES AND THE PEOPLE IN THEM.

Songs include The Way you look tonight, Candle in the wind and Someday my Prince will come.

Venue: Athenaeum Theatre, 188 Collins St, Melbourne
Date: Sun 5 Feb
Time: 6.00pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con. \$15 groups of 10 or more (plus bf)
Info: Hares and Hyenas 9824 0110, The Athenaeum 9650 1500



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Venue: Cherry Bomb, 1st Floor, 97 Smith St, Fitzroy
Date: Sat 11 & Sun 12 Feb
Time: 8.00pm - 1.00am
Price: \$25 Full, \$18 Con. \$15 group of 10
Info: 9419 1386, 0402 689 355, http://v-d.atspace.com



LET'S MISBEHAVE

DOLLY STRUTS OUT IN LET'S MISBEHAVE. A LITTLE BIT NAUGHTY, A LITTLE CAMP, BUT ALWAYS ENTERTAINING!

The mistress of innuendo and vocal dexterity, UK comic cabaret performer, Dolly, returns to her Australian fans for the summer of 2006. Dolly will strut out in her own inimitable manner, highlighting those less talented in the audience. Let's misbehave is a little bit naughty, a little camp, but always entertaining! This musical romp is guaranteed to titillate and delight.

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Thu 2 - Sun 5 Feb, Thu 9 - Sat 11 Feb
Time: 9.15pm
Price: \$25 Full, \$20 Con.
Info: 8290 7011, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.chapeloffchapel.com.au



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Venue: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Wed 25 - Sat 28 Jan
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con. & group
Info: 8290 7011, 8290 7011, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.chapeloffchapel.com.au



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JUDY. LIZA. BARBRA... THREE GAY BOYS ARGUE THE CASE OVER WHO IS THE BIGGEST LEGEND.

They sing their way through the outstanding collection of songs including 'People', 'Over The Rainbow' & 'Cabaret'. Starring Enda Markey, Jeremy Powell (The Producers) & Luke Barron.

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Sat 21 Jan, 7.00pm & Sun 22 Jan
Time: 5.00pm
Price: \$25 Full, \$20 Con. & groups of 10
Info: 8290 7000, info@endamarkey.com, endamarkey.com

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Venue: Dantes, Cnr Gertrude & Napier St, Fitzroy
Date: Tue 7 – Sat 11 Feb
Time: 8.00pm
Price: \$15 Full, \$12 Con.
Info: 9383 5864, topbilling@yahoo.com



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Venue: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Sat 4 Feb
Time: 7.00pm
Price: \$18 Full, \$15 Con.
Info: 8290 7000, www.freeewebs.com/kayesera



PAGEANT – THE MUSICAL

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While "Les Girls" swirl around the charming host in the funniest beauty contest ever seen, judges selected from the audience decide who will be crowned Miss Glamouresse. A different winner each night ensures non-stop nail-biting fun!

Venue: Cromwell Road Theatre, 27A Cromwell Rd, South Yarra
Date: Wed 1 – Sun 5 Feb
Time: 8.00pm
Price: \$30 Full, \$27 Con. & groups of 12 or more
Info: 9471 4432, shooshprods@hotmail.com



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Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Thu 26 Jan – Sun 12 Feb (shows Thu – Sun)
Time: 8.30pm
Price: Preview week all tickets \$15, Next two weeks: \$20 Full, \$15 Con.
Info: 9690 2000, www.thebutterflyclub.com



KABARESQE

FEMININITY GETS A MAKE-OVER

KAYE SERA takes a good hard look beneath her Pussy Bow and finds there's more to feminine wiles than a generous cleavage and a flutter of the eye lashes. Warning adult concepts, comedy and drag.

Kaye is one of Melbourne's few drag performers to sing live. She presents JOY Melbourne's Breakfast show (94.9FM) weekdays and is a regular contributor to the gay press.

Special Guest – Miss Josephine (XXX Burlesque).

Venue: Vibe, 123 Smith St, Fitzroy
Date: Thu 26 – Sat 28 Jan
Time: 8.00pm
Price: \$15
Info: 0422 973 592, www.freeewebs.com/kayesera



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Venue: The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
Date: Wed 18 – Sun 22 Jan
Time: 8.30pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con.
Info: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterflyclub.com



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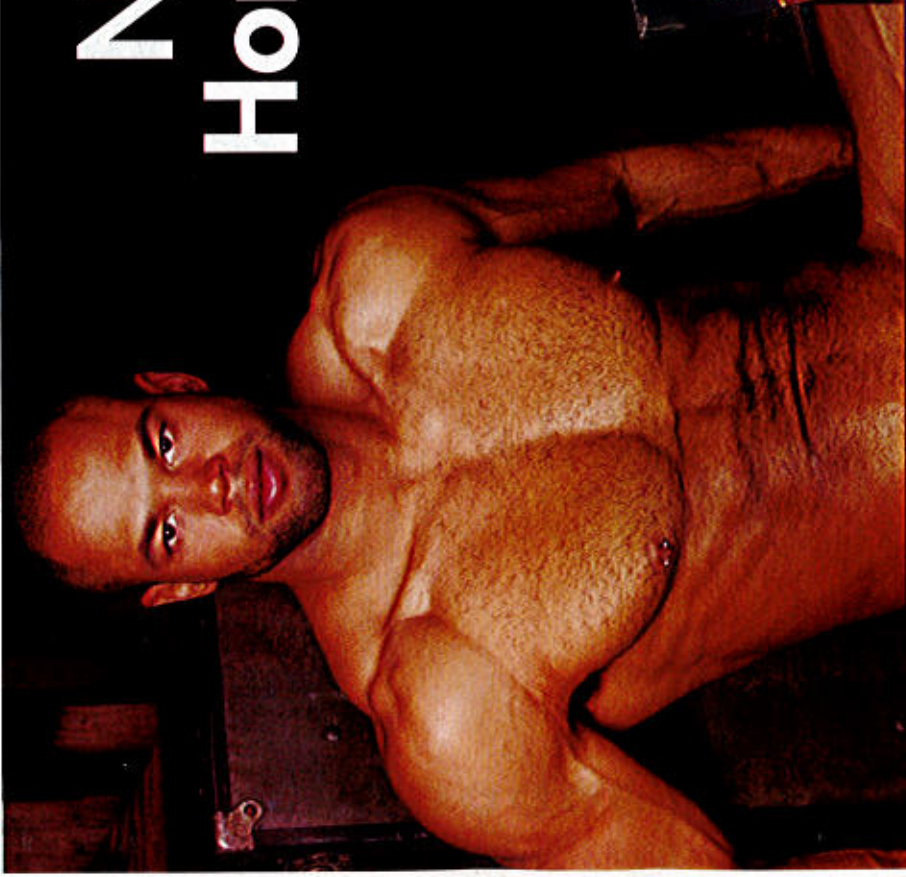
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Venue: Rob Roy, 51 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Date: Tue 24 Jan
Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Revolver Upstairs, 229 Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Thur 26 Jan
Time: 8.00pm

Price: \$14 Full, \$10 Con.
Info: 0421 064 224, homo@homophonix.com, www.homophonix.com, www.natripepi.com



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Venue: Grand Central, 293 Swan Street, Richmond
Date: Sat 11 Feb
Time: 9.00pm
Price: Pre-booked \$16 Full, \$20 Full at door
 Pre-booked \$13 Con. \$17 Con. at door (+ booking fees)
 0417 161 098, www.moshitix.com.au, bookings: 9017 1125
Info: Meals available: two course meal, chocolate & tea/coffee \$30



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Venue: The Loft, Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Date: Sat 21 Jan & Sun 22 Jan
Time: 9.15pm
Price: \$32 Full, \$26 Con. (+ booking fees)
Info: 8290 7011, chapel@stonnington.vic.gov.au, www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/lifestyle/arts/chapel



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Venue: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote
Date: Fri 3 & Sat 4 Feb
Time: 9.30pm
Price: \$17 Full +bif (pre sale), \$20 Full (at the door) \$15 Con. (at the door)
Info: 9486 1677, 9489 3917, info@northcotesocialclub.com, www.northcotesocialclub.com



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Venue: Rob Roy, 51 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
Date: Fri 27 Jan
Time: 8.00pm - 3.00am
Price: \$10 Full, \$8 Con.
Info: 0411 393 116, meebar@hotmail.com, www.meebar.com

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Venue: San Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson Street, Carlton North
Date: Sat 25 Feb
Time: 7.30pm - 12.45am
Price: \$55 Full, \$45 Con.
Info: 9364 7748



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Venue: QHB, 1 Queensbridge St, South Bank
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 10.00pm - 8.00am
Info: 03 9682 4800, info@agentmad.com.au, www.agentmad.com.au



SHEBAR

SHEBAR IS A WOMYN'S EVENT HELD ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

DJ sista SPIN strut their stuff and at times there are guest artists such as Michelle Parsons, Hot Box and guest DJ's.

Venue: The Big House, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 8.30pm - 1.00am
Price: \$10 Full, \$9 Con, \$8 group of 10
Info: 0419 992 966, shebar@netspace.net.au, www.shebar.org



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Venue: Crystal T's, 676 Sydney Road, Brunswick
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: 7.00pm - 1.00am
Price: \$25 Full, \$20 Con.
Info: gurlesque@yahoo.com, www.gurlesque.com



MOONING 2006

THE TRADITION CONTINUES WITH MELBOURNE'S 'BEST ARSE' COMPETITION.

N.A.GI and the Laird Hotel present the 2006 Mooning Competition. Here is your chance to support Melbourne's best asses and help the David Williams Fund in the process.

Venue: Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps Street, Abbotsford
Date: Wed 25 Jan
Time: 9.00pm
Price: \$5
Info: 94172832, hotel@lairdhotel.com

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Venue: The Cage, Level 3, 2 Coverlid Pl, Melbourne
Date: Sat 4 Feb
Time: 11.00pm - 8.00am
Price: \$60, including Recovery
 Tickets available from: Hares & Hyena's, Dungeon Warehouse, Eagle Leather, Lucrezia De Sade, Bang Clothing, Stuff @ Bongomania and S|A|X (Syd)
Info: www.beyondblack.com.au



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Date: Sat 21 Jan
Time: 8.00pm till late
Price: \$10 Full, \$5 Con.
Info: 9419 1386, 0419 139 283

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Bookings are not required – just turn up on the day with your friends and a picnic basket. Please note – No pets. No BBQ's. Please take all rubbish home with you.

Venue: Forest Glade, Mt Macedon Rd (off Calder Hwy), Mt Macedon
Date: Thu 26 Jan
Time: 11.00am – 4.00pm
Price: \$15 Full, \$10 Con. Joy Members and Midsumma Members
Info: 9699 2949, onair@joy.org.au, www.joy.org.au
 (A printable map is available at www.joy.org.au)



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Venue: Meet at Citizen's Park, Church St, Richmond (opposite DT's)
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: Bus Departs 9.30am. Return to Melbourne approx 6.00pm
Price: \$105 Full, \$95 Con.
Info: Contact Gina Greco at the Positive Living Centre on 9863 0419 or fresh@vicaid.asn.au



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

Venue: DT's Hotel, 164 Church St, Richmond
Date: Sat 4 Feb
Time: Teams must register by 3.00pm
Price: Free to attend. \$5 to enter a team. Proceeds to Midsumma
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Date: Thu 26 Jan & Thu 2 Feb
Time: 3.00pm – 11.30am following day (earlier if required)
Price: \$230 Full, \$220 Con. (10% discount for groups over 20)
Info: 9731 9600, www.zoo.org.au

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A look at the queer and camp history of Melbourne, as we tour from Myers, through theatre-land to the top end of town. Hear about the lives behind the Truth headlines. Presented by the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives.



Venue: Starts State Library forecourt (nr LaTrobe and Swanston St), ends McArthur St (near Treasury Building), Melbourne
Date: Sun 22 Jan, repeated Sun 5 Feb
Time: 10.30am
Price: \$10 Full, \$5 Con. (includes program)
Info: Register by phone: 9499 1769 or email: algarchives@hotmail.com (nominating preferred date)

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Date: Fri 3 Feb
Time: 6.30pm
Price: \$10 donation for allresco meal
Info: 9571 3932



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Venue: Como Park, Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: Exhibitors to arrive by: 11.00am, Spectators: 12.00noon - 4.00pm
Price: Exhibitors: \$10.00 per car and \$5.00 for bikes, Spectators & passengers are invited to donate a gold coin
Info: 0401 597 911, motafrenz@motafrenz.org.au, www.motafrenz.org.au

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Venue: Mawarra, 6 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke
Date: Sun 22 Jan
Time: 3.00pm - 8.00pm
Price: \$12 Full, \$8 Con.
Info: Numbers are limited. Book with Midsumma, 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.com.au

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LOVE MAKES A FAMILY

FIND OUT HOW THE LMAF CAMPAIGN IS HELPING CHANGE VICTORIAN LAW AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS LGBTI FAMILIES.

In 2005 LMAF helped mobilise record numbers to take part in the Victorian Law Reform Commission enquiry. Final recommendations are expected soon, covering recognition of LGBTI families, access to fertility services, adoption and more.

Now we need to get the word out to the community, including state MPs in this election year. Proudly brought to you by the Fertility Access Rights Lobby and the ALSO Foundation.

Venue: Dante's, 150 - 156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Date: Tue 7 Feb
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm - 9.00pm
Price: Free (\$20 dinner special available)
Info: 0411 593 607, for_lobby@yahoo.com.au, www.lovemakesfamilyaustralia.org



RAINBOW FAMILIES PICNIC DAY

ENJOY A BYO PICNIC AND ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND WITH OTHER RAINBOW FAMILIES. FUN FOR 0-14 YEARS.

Join other rainbow families and friends at Skinners Adventure Playground. Fun for children 0 to 14 years with climbing structures, ponds, trampolines, flying foxes, cubbies, a basketball ring and more! BYO Picnic, BBQ and Fridge available.

Proudly brought to you by the Fertility Access Rights Lobby, the Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby and the City of Port Phillip. Alcohol and smoke free event.

Venue: Skinners Adventure Playground, entrance between 209 & 211 Dorcas St, 5th, Melbourne
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: 11.00am - 2.00pm
Price: Free
Info: 0411 593 607, for_lobby@yahoo.com.au, www.lovemakesfamilyaustralia.org



YOUNG WOMEN LOOK BEYOND THE YOUTH GROUP

OUTGROWN THE YOUTH GROUP? AN INTERACTIVE SESSION LOOKING AT HOW AND WHERE YOUNG LESBIANS SOCIALISE.

Too old for youth groups? Not ready for walking groups and quiet dinners? Where do young lesbian and same-sex attracted women in Melbourne go to meet others? Is there an alternative to the nightclub scene? Share your experiences of finding friends, developing community and having fun. Discuss your interest in getting together with women of your own age group.

Venue: Victorian Aids Council, 6 Claremont Street, South Yarra, 3141
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Price: Free
Info: Contact Elisabeth Speller: 9783 321, espeller@vicnet.net.au



DRAG SCHOOL

Drag School is a chance for new and aspiring cross dressers, drag queens and gender benders to get inside tips and makeover advice from the glamour girls at PINK and Drag it Out. Students will receive advice on makeup, wigs, deportment and stagecraft and feature in a giant celebration and coming out at Pink's Drag it Out Night.

Venue: PINK@Newmarket, 34 Inkerman St, St Kilda
Date: Sat 11 Feb
Time: 5.00pm for students, 8.00pm for Drag it Out Night celebration
Price: \$30 Full, \$20 Con.
Info: 9568 6179, showbags@theshowbags.com, www.theshowbags.com/drag-school

WHAT MAKES A FAMILY?

STORIES BY CHILDREN WITH SAME-SEX PARENTS

Kids of gay and lesbian parents come together to develop stories about their families in a positive and fun environment. Under the direction of authors of popular children's literature, these workshops will celebrate the diverse nature of families and allow kids to tell their own unique stories. ArtPlay is Australia's first arts centre set up for children. Kids get the chance to work alongside professional artists to create stories, arts and music. Come out to play as part of this Midsumma special event.

Venue: ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr, Melbourne (the old goods shed, near the river) Melway 1B R12

Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: Workshop 1: 12.00pm - 12.40pm (3 - 5 years),
 Workshop 2: 1.30pm - 2.30pm (6 - 8 years),
 Workshop 3: 3.00pm - 5.00pm (9 - 12 years),
 (workshops repeated Sat 28 Jan if Sunday is fully booked)
Price: \$10 per child or \$15 for a family of 2 or more.
Info: Bookings essential: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

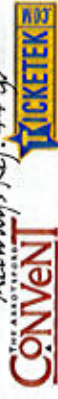


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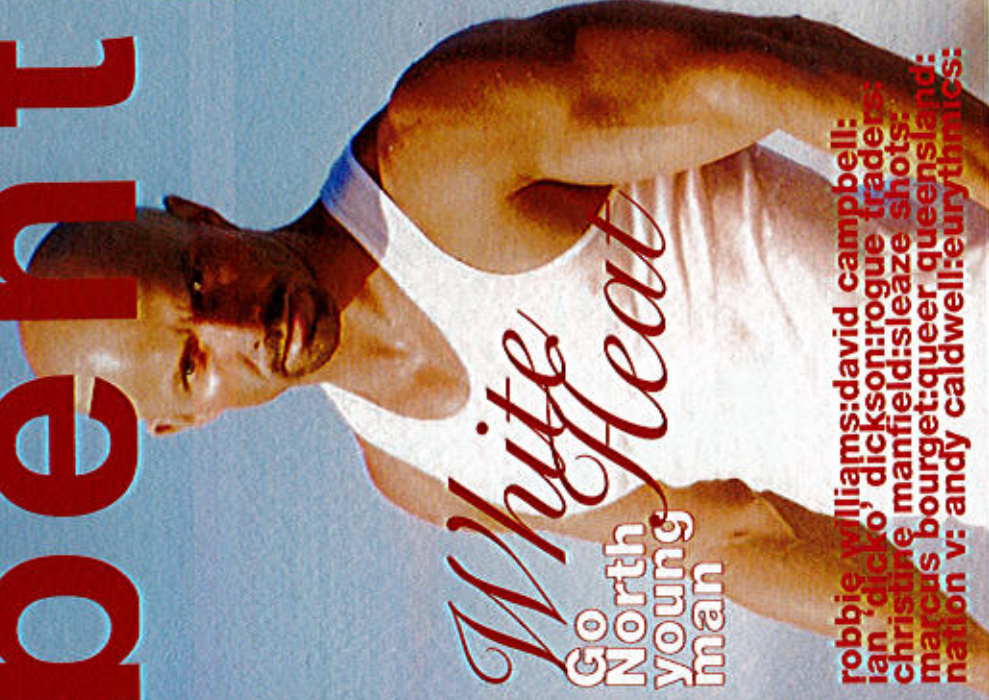
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SPORT



MELBOURNE ARGONAUTS QUEER ROWING CLUB REGATTA

Come and join the Melbourne Argonauts for their second Regatta on the Yarra River. This is your chance to cheer for the boys and girls in black, white and purple as they play host to rowing clubs from around Melbourne and Victoria for a day of fun and fine competition in the lead up to Montreal 2006.

Venue: Boathouse Drive, upstream from Princess Bridge, Melbourne
Date: Sun 22 Jan
Time: From 9.30am
Price: Free
Info: queerrowing@melbourneargonauts.com, www.melbourneargonauts.com



SPLASH & GIGGLE

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO GIVE ROWING A TRY?

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

Venue: Lord Somers & Power House Rowing Sheds, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
Date: Sat 4 Feb
Time: 10.30am
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con.
Info: queerrowing@melbourneargonauts.com, www.melbourneargonauts.com

Come Out to Play

COME OUT TO PLAY

A FREE FORUM ON SPORT AND SEXUALITY

"What do you mean you're queer?", "So What if someone is afraid to come out in our club?", "Of course our club is welcoming and inclusive, isn't it?" By exploring personal stories, community attitudes, best practice and the law, this forum shows sporting organisations, clubs, schools and officials how to make their sporting activities fair, safe and fun for all!

Come Out to Play is hosted by the Equal Opportunity Commission Victoria, Victoria University and Sport and Recreation Victoria. Light Refreshments and resource kits are provided. Attendance is through registration as space is limited.

Venue: Equal Opportunity Commission Victoria, Level 3, 380 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
Date: Thu 2 Feb
Time: 6.00pm - 8.15pm
Price: Free
Info: education@eoc.vic.gov.au

LET'S GO SURFING WITH BENT BOARDS

A SURF GROUP FOR GLBTI SURFERS OF ALL LEVELS AND FRIENDS. Little surfer boys and gals, take the drop and hang 10 with Bent Boards, Melbourne's own surf group for GLBTI surfers of all levels and their friends. Learn how to surf or improve your technique with help from our expert coaches, then enjoy brunch on the beach with good vibes and friendly company.

Venue: Torquay (exact location to be advised)
Date: Sun 5 Feb
Time: 9.00am
Price: Lesson participants \$50 (includes two hour group lesson, wetsuit & surfboard hire, sunscreen & lunch), Con. \$45
 Non-lesson participants \$20 (surfers & body boarders with own equipment, non-surfing partners & lunch), Con. \$15
Info: Call: 0409 624 577, bentboards@bigpond.com, www.bentboards.netfirms.com



ACE GIRLS FREE TENNIS TRAINING FOR BEGINNERS

ACE GIRLS, MELBOURNE'S LESBIAN TENNIS TRAINING TEAM, IS HOLDING 2 FREE BEGINNERS SESSIONS.

Want to play tennis but not sure where to start? Want to dust off your racquet at the back of the wardrobe, get fit and add something extra to your social life? Ace Girls, Melbourne's lesbian tennis training team, is holding 2 free beginners sessions to celebrate Midsumma. Fully qualified instructors will facilitate group fitness and group tennis sessions and all equipment will be supplied. Dinner will follow the group tennis session at the Pumphouse Hotel.

Venue: Group Fitness, Princes Park, Royal Parade, Carlton North
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 10.00am (Meet at Optus Oval front entrance car park)
Price: Free
Info: 0425 764 815, www.acegirls.org



QUEER SPORTS ALLIANCE MELBOURNE SPORTS PRECINCT

TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT MELBOURNE'S SPORTS CLUBS AT CARNIVAL DAY IN THE SPORTS PRECINCTS

Melbourne's queer sports clubs are open to people of all abilities and ages. There's sure to be something there for you. Check them out at the sports precinct at Carnival Day. Come down and support your local GLBTI sportsmen and women as they gear up for the 1st World Outgames in Montreal and the Gay Games in Chicago.

Venue: Midsumma Carnival, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne
Date: Sun 12 Feb
Time: 12.00noon - 6.00pm
Price: Free
Info: qsam@melbourneargonauts.com



FAIRFIELD TO ELTHAM BIKE RIDE

JOIN BENT KRANKS FOR A FUN DAY OUT ON YOUR BIKE!

Meeting at Fairfield Park car park, our ride follows the picturesque Main Yarra trail to Eltham for lunch (purchase or bring your own). Bring your mountain bike or hybrid and a sense of adventure! Distance approximately 24km. Return by train, or ride back if you have the energy!

Venue: Fairfield Park Car Park, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: 10.00am
Price: \$2 Full, \$1 (includes Bent Kranks members) No bookings required
Info: 0412 611 282, bentkranks@hotmail.com



VIC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Vic Tennis Tournament is a very popular annual sporting event held during the Australian Open to attract a variety of local and interstate tennis players of all standards and abilities. The tournament is a doubles event for both men and women. All are welcome. Please visit our website for updates... this will be huge!

Venue: Tulip Street Tennis Centre, 107 Tulip St, Sandringham
Date: Sun 29 Jan
Time: 11.00am - 4.00pm (later if needed)
Info: 0425 816 824, victennis@aanet.com.au, www.victennis.com





GLAMOURHEAD SHARKS POOL PARTY

SPLASH & GIGGLE RETURNS TO THE COLLINGWOOD LEISURE CENTRE AS THE GLAMOURHEAD SHARKS AQUATICS CLUB HOST THE 2006 POOL PARTY!

Guaranteed to be the 'fleshiest' ticket in the Midsumma program, come and see hot boys and girls show off their summer tans and sexy togs. Contests, prizes and racy races set to the latest DJ spun tunes will ensure the night will go off! This event is a fundraiser to assist the Glamourhead Sharks Swimming team and the G-Sharks Water Polo team's attendance at the 1st World Outgames in Montreal, July 2006.

Venue: Collingwood Leisure Centre, Hoddle Street (Cnr Turnbull), Clifton Hill
Date: Sat Feb 11
Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Price: \$15 Full, \$12 Con.
Info: www.glamourheads.org

MELBOURNE GAY & LESBIAN DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOLLOW THE COUPLES AS THEY ARE PUT THROUGH THEIR PACES TO REACH THE FINALS.

Competitors travel from all over Australia and New Zealand every year and range from beginners to professionals. The atmosphere on the dance floor and in the audience is fabulous, lots of energy! Come cheer for your favourite couple! Bar & food service available.

Venue: Collingwood Town Hall, 140 Hoddle St, Collingwood
Date: Sat 21 Jan
Time: 3.00pm - 10.00pm
Price: \$20 Full, \$15 Con.
Info: 9417 6072, info@dancecats.com.au



MELBOURNE G-SHARKS VS SYDNEY STINGERS

WATER POLO GRUDGE MATCH!

The Melbourne G-Sharks water polo team take on the Sydney Stingers in their annual Melbourne based grudge match. The Melbourne team has been kicking some booty in the local competition and they are on fire to destroy the Sydney boys.

Come down and support the local heroes and watch all the boys wet and wrestling in their Speedos!

Venue: South Yarra Sports Centre, 679 Chapel St, South Yarra
Date: Sat 28 Jan
Time: 3.30pm
Price: Free
Info: www.glamourheads.com



CREDITS & GET INVOLVED

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.

WHO IS MIDSUMMA?

Midsumma is brought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board directs all aspects of the festival, working with 2 full time staff, 2 event production staff, over 50 volunteers and various contracted agencies. They include:

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Ros Abercrombie Visual Arts
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We also acknowledge the input of retired Board Members: Andrew Heslop and Kim Northmore.

STAFF

General Manager Sheah Sutton
Festival Manager Brenton Geyer
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Major Events Geraldine Kirby
Stephen Mattson

Business Development Manager Kylee Smith

SUB COMMITTEES

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

PROGRAMMING

Ros Abercrombie, Glyn Cryer, Sasha Cunningham (Chair), Kris Darmody, Justine Hyde & Lee Matthews.

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM CURATORS

Queer Street: Ros Abercrombie, Felicity Hardy, Solate Ana Tawale; Girls on the Floor: Ros Abercrombie, Solate Ana Tawale; Gerrude St: Jeff Kahn; Uncovered: Lucy Elliot; CCP: Edwina Bartlem, Meredith Martin; Tram Project: Marcus Keating; Liquid Aesthetics: Edwina Bartlem & Meredith Martin.

The Visual Arts Working Group would like to acknowledge the support of Scott Campbell.

MAJOR EVENTS

Ray Arthur, Dori Bicchieri, Glyn Cryer, Kris Darmody (Chair), John Ellis, Jono Francisco, Fontaine Kenealy, Kieran McGregor & Renata Roberts.

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JOIN MIDSUMMA

Midsumma is a not-for-profit organisation. This means we can only survive with financial support from government, corporate sponsorship and the generosity of Melbourne's gay and lesbian community. As we prepare to launch another great program for Midsumma Festival 2006, we are also calling on the support of Melbourne's Midsumma community to ensure our continued success. We put on Midsumma for you. There are three ways that you can show your support – join as a member, become a patron, or volunteer.

Being a member of Midsumma is an important way of showing your support all year round. Our members form our core group of constituents, who guide and shape the festival each year. Membership gives you voting rights at our AGM and access to a host of special events along the way. If you'd like to become a member, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: admin@midsumma.org.au

BECOME A PATRON – MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OVER \$250

This year, Midsumma offers community members an opportunity to donate directly to the Festival through the Midsumma Patron Program. Recognition as a Patron of Midsumma will be offered to individuals, couples, families and businesses donating \$250 or more to the Festival. As a Patron of Midsumma, you will automatically become a member of the Festival. Patronage, like membership, symbolises your partnership with an organisation dedicated to celebrating and strengthening our community. Patrons will be entitled to receive a full tax deduction for their donation to the Festival. Full details of our Midsumma Patron Program, including the tax and other benefits of being a patron, as well as the different levels of patron support, are posted on our website. Achieving DGR status has been an important milestone in Midsumma's history as a cultural organisation, and we plan to personally invite all our members and supporters in the Midsumma community to support us in recognising this historic achievement. For further details, please contact: brenton@midsumma.org.au

VOLUNTEERS – NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO GET INVOLVED AND EXPERIENCE MIDSUMMA FROM THE INSIDE!

We are seeking volunteers to assist in all aspects of the festival, whether its doing front of house for one of our premier events or assisting with Carnival day. Midsumma Festival continues to grow each year, bringing you bigger and better arts, parties, community and sporting events, as well as the fabulous Opening Night Party. Whatever your interests and skills, we want you to join us in making Midsumma the best it can be! Please contact the Midsumma office on: (03) 9415 9819 for details.

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BOARD POSITIONS

Now in its 18th year, the Festival is going through an exciting growth stage and offers a stimulating and rewarding environment for its volunteer team. Midsumma's constitution provides for up to 16 Board Members. Elections are held in May each year. In preparation for the next AGM, Midsumma is calling for expressions of interest for the positions that may be open on the Board at the next AGM.

While many of the executive and operational functions of the Festival have been performed by members of the Board (operating as a Board of Management), the Festival's vision is to resource the organisation more comprehensively so that

the Board can focus on prudential supervision and review, strategic direction and visioning the future of the Festival and of queer life in Melbourne more generally. The Festival enjoys strong relationships with sponsors, government and semi-government agencies and a wide range of supporting organisations.

Please forward your Expressions of Interest, together with brief details of your skills and experience, to the Midsumma Office.

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PREMIER EVENTS

T DANCE

CELEBRATE THE FINALE OF THE FESTIVAL AT THE BIGGEST AND MOST DISTINCTIVE DANCE PARTY ON MELBOURNE'S QUEER CALENDAR.

This is where Carnival goes ramp up a few notches, move to a different pace, extend the pleasure and make their moves. T Dance is a swaying mass of 4,000 queer party animals in their natural habitat – under the trees of the Treasury Gardens, we will rock you!

Bought to you by Midsumma and the Market, we present a party that is raw, revolutionary and right up there with the best. Fully appointed with an ample selection of refreshments (if we don't run out), a stunning selection of showgirls (if they are still standing) and a state of the art aural assault (if the generator holds out). We want, they might be, and it will.

The Market's resident DJ's James Fraser, Tony Svehla, Henri, Queen Martine, & Carmine S. Romano dance on the decks from 5.00pm till 11.00pm, interrupted only for a Zowie Knox production show of Royal deliverance. Be here and be queer.

Venue: Midsumma Carnival, Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Date: Sun 12 Feb

Time: 5.00pm – 11.00pm

Price: \$10. No pre sale. Tickets available from 12.00 noon at the Midsumma Information Caravan

T Dance is a licensed event for 18's and over. ID may be requested.

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



AFTER PARTY!

CONTINUE THE PARTY AT THE MARKET TILL 5.00AM, WITH RESIDENT DJ'S PETER MCNAMARA, FRISKY & LUKE BOWDITCH.

Lighting by Rob Lawry.

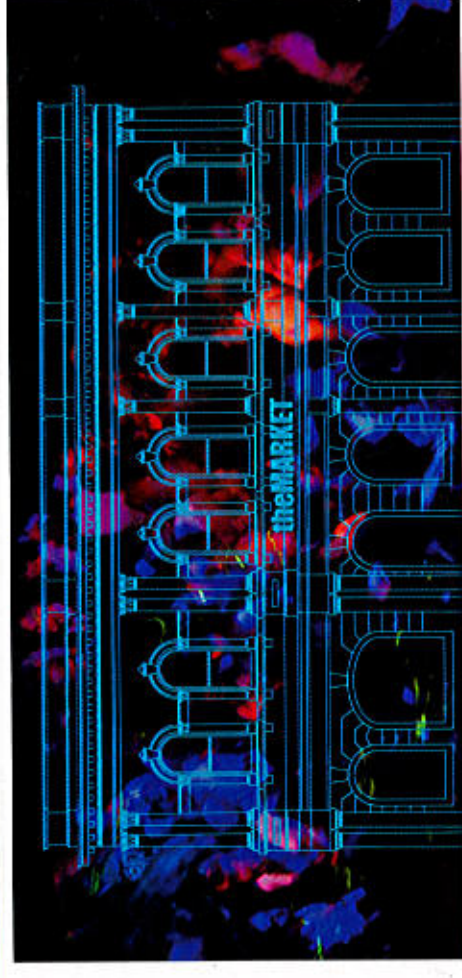
The floor is powdered & the system pumps!

Venue: The Market, 143 Commercial Rd, South Yarra

Date: Sun 12 Feb

Time: 11.00pm – 5.00am

Info: 9826 0933, www.markethotel.com.au, www.markethotel.com.au

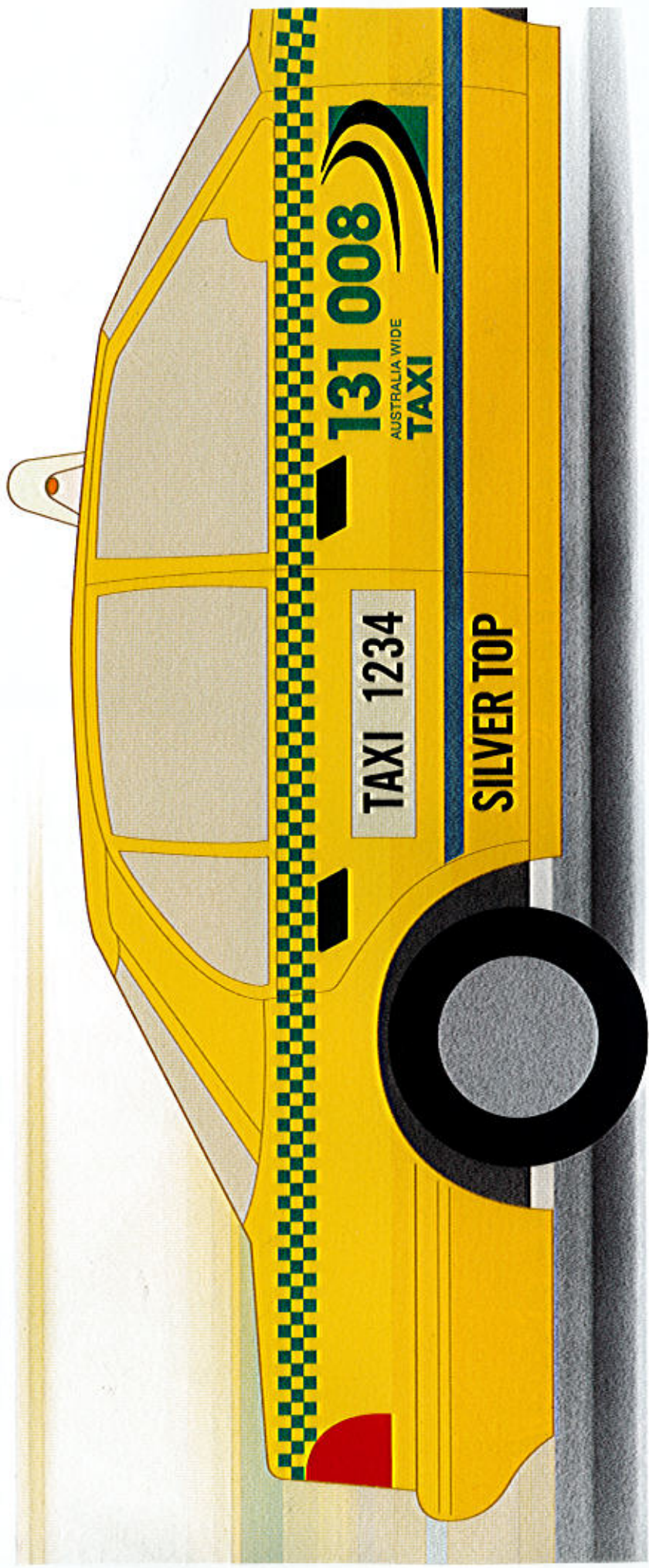


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