

WELCOME



MIDSUMMA—All Grown Up!

This year's theme is **"A Queer Coming of Age"** and marks 21 years of Midsumma. In 2009 you can experience the latest queer culture, art and performance at our four festival hubs and other venues across Melbourne...more than 100 unique performances and events in fact!

Most cultures hold ceremonies to celebrate the coming of age. Carnival is one of our community's ceremonies; both new and familiar. For some this Midsumma and Carnival will be their first. For others it will be the annual return to a large, vibrant gathering and a chance to feel connected to friends and experience a little Midsumma madness.

In 2009 we have a new visual identity, and the refreshed logo and new tagline reflects our desire to keep Midsumma inclusive and reflective of our broad, diverse community.

To all those involved with creating the festival over the past 21 years –we thank you. To the current festival team under Adam's leadership, particularly Molly, Simon and Tom; congratulations and well done from the Board. To our government partners and corporate sponsors, thanks for your support. We know and appreciate how much energy and generosity goes into making such a fantastic festival happen.

Have a superb Midsumma!

Lisa Watts

Festival Chair

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TICKETING

This year tickets to the majority of Midsumma events will be available online. For the first time there is one simple way to purchase tickets, a one stop shop if you will!




Head to midsumma.org.au and be the first to secure your place at the best festival in town!

Tickets are also available at Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston St Fitzroy.

For further information regarding ticketing please turn to page 80

FESTIVAL ICONS

Your Key to the Symbols in this guide.

-  Venue is wheelchair accessible
-  Over 18 event
-  Food available
-  Children/Family friendly event
-  Hearing Services available

VENUE DETAILS

Venue's are listed inside each event listing. For venue addresses and public transport details please turn to **page 76**.

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LYNNE KOSKY MP
Minister for the Arts

Victorian Government is proud to support the 2009 Midsumma festival.

2009 marks the 21st Midsumma festival. What began as a ten-day visual arts event in 1988 has truly come of age. Midsumma is now recognised as one of the top five gay and lesbian arts and cultural festivals in the world; each year attracting over 100,000 people to a range of events including visual arts, theatre, live music, film, cabaret, poetry, forums and community and family activities over three weeks.

Midsumma 2009 will kick off Melbourne's festival calendar in style with a free all-ages carnival in Alexandra Gardens. The festival then grabs the keys to the city and will present a range of events that celebrate, and give a voice to, Victoria's diverse GLBTI community to more than 60 different venues across Melbourne.

Festivals play an important role in celebrating our communities, expressing and exploring identity, fostering social cohesion and providing new opportunities for both artists and audiences. That's why the Victoria Government is committed to supporting arts and cultural festivals across the State.

Best wishes for a very happy 21st and have a fantastic festival.



DR KATHY ALEXANDER
Chief Executive Officer
City of Melbourne

With 21 years of gay and lesbian festivities under its belt, Midsumma has much to celebrate this year.

Melbourne is a city for artists and creative industries, where queer art and culture is sought out and celebrated, and where differences are viewed as opportunities for exploration and understanding. Midsumma captures these qualities and presents them to the people of Melbourne through exciting, challenging and entertaining events and activities.

Melbourne will host a carnival day at the Alexandra Gardens, the 'Pink Shorts' queer plays at the RMIT Theatre and an impressive city-based visual arts program.

The City of Melbourne is proud to be a major sponsor of Midsumma.



CR JUDY MORTON
Mayor, City of Yarra
(2008)

The arts play an important role in celebrating and exploring the diverse stories and identities in Yarra. Our 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 and we are extremely proud to have consolidated our support for this world-class event with a three-year partnership, funded through our Community Partnerships Grants Program.

Congratulations to Midsumma on 21 fabulous years thriving in the celebration of queer arts and culture.



TIM HOLDING MP
Minister for Tourism
and Major Events

Welcome to the 21st Midsumma Festival.

The Brumby Government is proud to support Midsumma, which comes of age this year with a growing number of events showcasing the diversity of Victoria's gay and lesbian community.

Midsumma offers something for everyone, with a range of exciting activities celebrating fashion, music, film, sport, family and culture. It's no surprise that the event attracts thousands of interstate and international visitors each year.

While visiting Victoria, be sure to take the time to discover the culture and natural beauty of our regional areas, and be swept up by Melbourne's vibrant nightlife, food and wine, theatre, museums and events.

I hope you enjoy all the festivities of 2009 Midsumma.

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CHRISTINE NIXON APM
Chief Commissioner
Victoria Police

Twenty one years of continually producing a strong, vibrant and colourful community arts and cultural festival is no mean feat and on behalf of Victoria Police I would like to congratulate Midsumma on its coming of age in 2009.

Midsumma is a fantastic annual event which relies heavily on the involvement of the community, many of whom are volunteers, to produce and promote the range of events that make the festival so successful. I congratulate all of the talented artists who have submitted such fantastic work this year.

Once again I am proud that Victoria Police will be involved in 2009's Midsumma Festival. Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers play an important part in connecting police and creating mutual trust with the GLBTI communities. Liaison officers will be attending the Carnival Day, Pride March and a range of other festival events and I encourage you to go up and say hello to them as well as the many general duties police who will also be working hard throughout this period.

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



PETER TATCHELL
Gay Human Rights campaigner

I began coming out at the age of 17, in 1969. Homosexuality was then totally illegal in Victoria. You could be jailed and be forced to undergo psychiatric treatment.

There were no gay helpines or organisations. I suggested setting up a gay campaign group. All my friends thought I was mad. So I began challenging homophobia by writing letters to the Herald and Sun newspapers. At first, I was scared to sign my name. I feared the editors might turn me in to the police. Forty years later, Melbourne is a different world, thanks to the efforts of countless queers who fought for justice.

Celebrate and enjoy the victories won, and keep pressing for the freedoms yet to come.

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 The Adam Lowe Group, and over 150 volunteers and various contracted agencies.

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.

OBJECTIVES

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;
- maximizes access and equality and
- is financially responsible.

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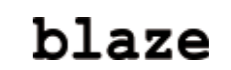
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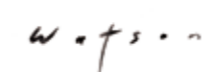
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VENUE PARTNERS





CARNIVAL

Midsumma is delighted to once again open the festival with carnival, our single largest event, taking place through the commitment of our principal public partner, The City of Melbourne.

Held in Alexandra Gardens beside the Yarra River this opening event provides free access to both queer and mainstream communities to the park. Throughout the daylight hours interact, and be entertained with queer centric and queer friendly performances. Picnick with family and friends, shop and browsing amongst the community and commercial stall traders.

It will include the **Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives Amazing Queer History Race** throughout the City of Melbourne, **Dulcie Du Jour's Dog Show**, as well as a **Showcase of Festival Acts and Artists** to whet the appetite for what is to follow in the three weeks of Festival and **Community Performances**.

For all the kids out there, big and small, **Polyglot Puppet Theatre** will be performing 'Hissy Fit' at 11.30am at the Main Stage.

Keep your eye out on **MCV** and **Canvas** for all things Carnival, including: maps, stage line-ups and Stallholders.

Alexandra Gardens

18 Jan, Sun 11am

Donation \$5

midsumma.org.au

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PINK SHORTS

MIDSUMMA'S QUEER SHORT PLAY COMPETITION

After the success of last year's inaugural competition, **Pink Shorts** is back with a vengeance!

Members of Melbourne's thriving independent theatre scene present a selection of short queer-themed plays never before seen in Melbourne. From theatre veterans to drama newbies, this season shows the queer community coming together to inspire each other and collaborate on new work, making for an exciting evening of new insights, new perspectives and brand new entertainment!

And that's not all - you get to choose who wins!

Presented this year in conjunction with the team at **RMIT**, scriptwriters from the **QLBTIQ** community were invited to submit a 10 minute queer-themed play which then heads through a panel of theatre folk who choose the final showcase. From there the call goes out to the community in search of directors

and actors. All participants generously donate their time to put on a diverse and stimulating night!

Be sure to support this project which nurtures emerging and established queer artists. Bring along your lover, your family, your friends and your workmates - there's something for everyone as **Pink Shorts** explores our multi-faceted community.

For more information or to see how you can get involved contact producer **Mark Wilson** at pinkshorts@midsumma.org.au or check out the website for more information!

RMIT—Kaleide Theatre
 3 Feb—7 Feb, Tue—Sat
 7.30pm
 Full \$20
 Conc. \$15
 Group (+8) \$15
 Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
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PRIDE MARCH VICTORIA

THE 14TH ANNUAL

Pride March 2009 is an open air celebration culminating in a **Pride March** down Fitzroy Street St Kilda and finishing with performances on the foreshore. Pride March 2009 is to express courage, solidarity, pride, diversity and a strong sense of community.

The program includes assembly at the parkland at the northwest corner of Fitzroy Street and Lakeside Drive, which is also the finishing point for a foot-race that commences in the Albert Park reserve near Albert Road and travels along Canterbury Road and Fitzroy Street. The countdown of The March is done by the Mayor of the **City of Port Phillip**.

Pride March is a Premier Event of the **Midsumma Festival**. **Pride March Victoria** is a proud member of **InterPride**.

**YOUR RIGHTS,
OUR RIGHTS,
HUMAN RIGHTS**
(International Theme for 2009)

Down Fitzroy Street to
Catani Gardens

1 Feb, Sun
Foot race 3.30pm
March 5pm
Catani Gardens
celebrations 10.30pm
Free
pridemarch.com.au

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VGLRL HUMAN RIGHTS

Kulin Room (Rooftop)
—City Village

25 Jan, Sun 3pm
(panel at 4pm)

By donation
vglrl.org.au

Are human rights the way forward for equality or simply more political jargon?

As Australia seeks to cement its place in the world as a leader on questions of human rights, we must question: on what basis?

In recent years, we have witnessed the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act to ease the intervention into the Northern Territory, the amendment to the Marriage Act to enforce disparity between opposite-sex and same-sex couples, and swinging support from both Government and Opposition for such simple questions as opposing the death penalty around the world.

In this Forum, we will gather experts from the field of international development, human rights advocacy bodies, international and local organisations to question the effectiveness of human rights for achieving equality in Australia and around the world.

Come, eat, drink, question and enjoy the afternoon sunshine while we consider whether human rights have come of age as the next chapter in equality or simply more feel-good political jargon.



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EXCLUSIVE MIDSUMMA PREVIEW SCREENING OF MILK

Village Cinemas
—Jam Factory

19 Jan, Mon 6.45pm

Full \$16

milkmovie.com.au

Presented by



Gay Rights Activist. Friend. Lover. Unifier. Politician. Fighter. Icon. Inspiration. Hero. His life changed history, and his courage changed lives.

In 1977, **Harvey Milk** was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, becoming the first openly gay man to be voted into major public office in America. His victory was not just a victory for gay rights; he forged coalitions across the political spectrum. From senior citizens to union workers, **Harvey Milk** changed the very nature of what it means to be a fighter for human rights and became, before his untimely death in 1978, a hero for all Americans. Academy Award winner **Sean Penn** stars as **Harvey Milk** under the direction of Academy Award nominee **Gus Van Sant** in **Milk**, filmed on location in San Francisco.

MILK—only at the movies January 29



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ROSS WATSON CLASSIC DE NOVO

Ross Watson Gallery

Launch: 23 Jan, Fri 6pm

23 Jan—8 Feb, Fri—Sun 11am—5.30pm

Free

rosswatson.com

Presented by

watson

Preview before it exhibits in Berlin in June. **Watson's** new realist, figurative paintings and edition prints, re-invent classical masterpieces incorporating portraits of today's popular gay icons, **Paul Licuria, Alex Baresi** and others.

As **UK's Gay Times** magazine's "Fave artist to the gay stars", his distinctive art enjoys a global audience, and is held in private and public collections including the **National Gallery of Australia, National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria** and **Sir Elton John**.



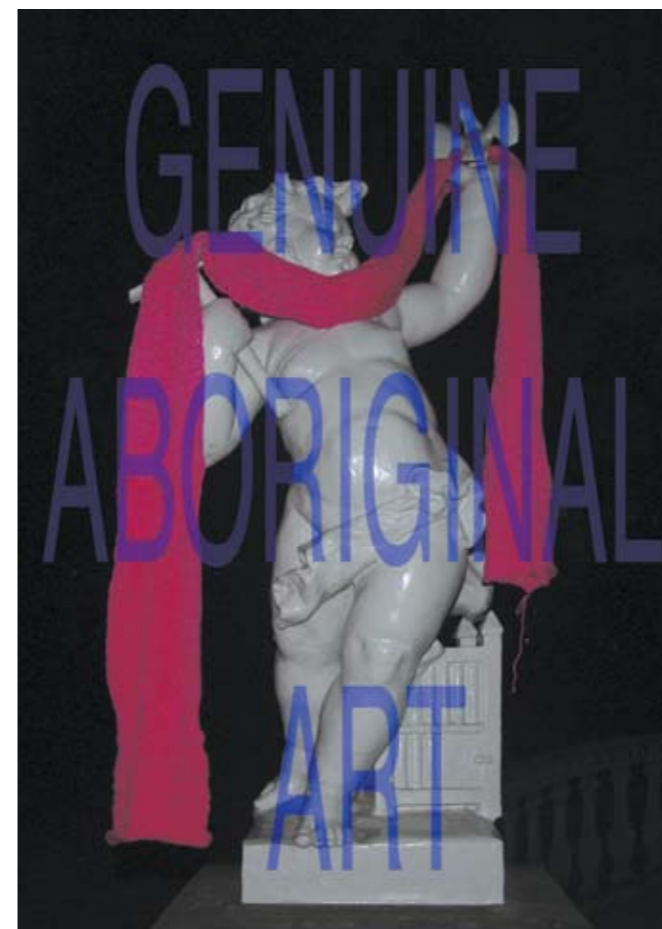
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THE GENUINE EXHIBITION

Australia Dreaming Art

Launch: 23 Jan, Fri 6.30pm

23 Jan—21 Feb, Wed—Fri 11am—6pm & Sat 11am—4pm

Free

australiadreamingart.com.au

Presented by

Australia Dreaming Art

Troy-Anthony Baylis is a visual and performance artist and a cultural agitator. **The Genuine Exhibition** is the 15th solo exhibition of **Baylis** art works. It includes new paintings and 'high-camp' knitted objects that challenge our perceptions of Aboriginality and art through landscape and other forms of ritual.



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QUEER CITY

Queer city is the collaboration between The City of Melbourne, Arts Victoria, Midsumma Festival, local galleries and artists from the GLBTI Community.

Launching on Monday the 19th of January at Platform space, heading up the hill to City Library before concluding at fortyfive downstairs.

The official after party starts at 9:00pm at Loop Bar featuring local DJ's.



Platform Space

Launch: 19 Jan, Mon 6.30

Party — LOOP
19 Jan, Mon 9.00pm
Free
midsumma.org.au

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Curated by Din Heagney

A special Platform group show featuring:

Jason Lingard
Freddie Jackson (US)
Jombi Supastar (US)
& Special Guests

Sample
HANNAH RAISIN
Untitled

Vitrine
LINSEY GOSPER
Femme Fatale

Majorca
SAM WALLMAN
The Fat Love



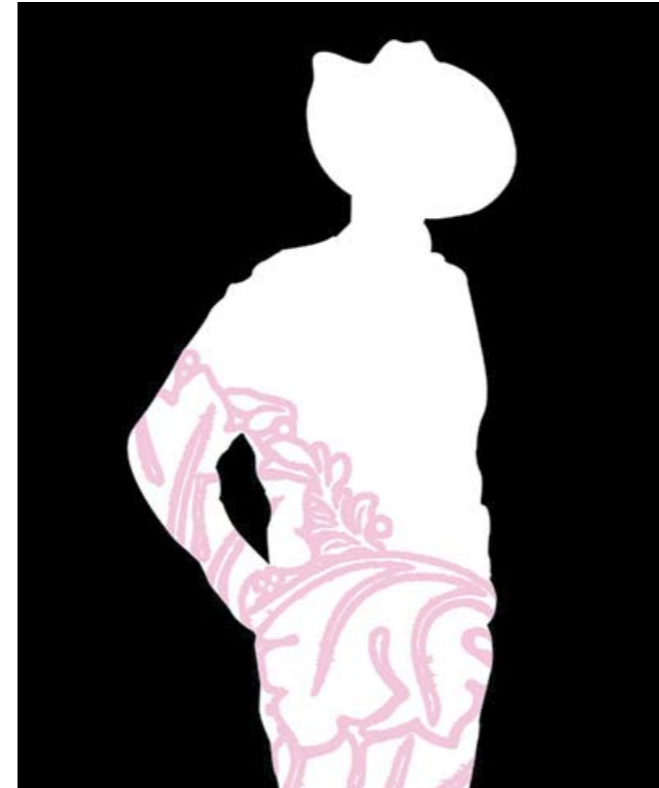
Image: Jason Lingard

Platform Space

Launch: 19 Jan, Mon 6.30

12 Jan—30 Jan, Mon—
Fri 7am—7pm & Sat
9am—5pm
Free
platform.org.au

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FORTYFIVE DOWNSTAIRS

fortyfive downstairs

Launch: 19 Jan, Mon 8pm

19 Jan—31 Jan, Tue—
Fri 11am—5pm & Sat
12pm—4pm

Free
fortyfivedownstairs.com



fortyfive downstairs

Ian Davey, 9 Days in Jogya
Ian Davey's exhibition '9 Days in Jogya' responds to the extreme contradictions and complexities of Indonesian culture and life. Davey chose Jogya because it is one city in Java that still has an intact history of traditional Islamic life, and displays that fundamentalism and tradition are usually at either end of the spectrum.

J Kristensen, Androgyny
Kristensen explores the diversity of gender recognition and association through the use of graphic iconic images that we have come to expect from this outstanding artist.

Michael Brady, RAWHIDE
Rawhide reproduces iconic 1950s illustrations depicting cowboys and horses in western landscapes. Each image, printed and assembled in sections, creates a vast patchwork that is further illustrated in pen and ink. This work comments on the connection between men, their horses and the land.

David Helmer, Mother Ship
"Have you recently exercised your imagination - engaged in a world of extraordinary possibilities? Creating my sculpture from hundreds of cells, I like to indulge in the idea that each one forms a refuge for the angels that surround us."

Image: J Kristensen

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GUILDFORD LANE GALLERIES

Guildford Lane Gallery

Launch: 26 Jan, Mon 6.30pm

21 Jan—1 Feb, Wed—
Fri 12pm—9pm & Sat—
Sun 12pm—5pm

Free
guildfordlanegallery.org



www.guildfordlanegallery.org

Anthony Cleave
She and He are still lost in their own world, with nothing left but each other. In the confines of their burnt out little room they drink and smoke. Enacting sex, desire, desperation, theirs is a perfect performance.

Clinton Hayden, ARTIFACTS OF MODERN LOVE
This series of self-portrait based photographic works are set out to explore ideas of personal mutability, fragments of self, narcissism, and the narrative of memory.

T J Bateson, Woven Figures
Bateson continues to explore weaving, in contrast to his City library exhibition Woven Fields, the woven tea bags have been replaced with photographic images of himself, woven into a lace net of masculinity.

Tim Craker, "MAP"
Tim Craker assembles a myriad of lids from plastic take-away food containers into a floating terrain in "Map". One throwaway plastic lid is just a plastic lid; hundreds of lids tied together, suspended, become something else altogether, and many things at the same time.

Rachael Simpson, Brigitte Lewis, Peter Van Der Merwe & Nick O'Keefe, QUESTION MARK
A deconstruction project Question Mark is a multi art form exploration of the limits of rationality uniting the dead end streets that are gender, race, sexuality, perception and reality.

Image: Clinton Hayden

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CITY LIBRARY

T J Bateson, Woven Fields

Woven Fields is the exploration of Bateson's love of muted tones contained within quiet surfaces. Bateson explores his attraction to woven surfaces of paint, paper, thread and colour.

Peter Hignett, Handyman

Handyman is a series of objects that comments on the generalisation that gay men are effeminate and not masculine.

Jo Harrison, HOT WET DOT

A short film about a gang of four young women who have been assembled to undertake a dangerous mission that involves hazardous stunts in an unsafe environment.

Image: T J Bateson



City Library

Launch: 19 Jan, Mon 7.30pm

12 Jan—8 Feb,
Mon—Thu 9am—7.45pm,
Fri 9am—5.45pm, Sat
10am—4.45pm, Sun
12pm—4.45pm

Free
citylibrary.org.au



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YARRA ARTS LAUNCH

Yarra Arts is the collaboration between **The City of Yarra**, **Arts Victoria**, **Midsumma Festival**, local galleries and artists from the **GLBTI Community**. Launching on Wednesday the 21st of January starting upstairs at **Dante's**, moving through **69 Smith Street** and then walking down the road to the official after party at the **Glasshouse Hotel**, featuring local DJ's and performers.

The \$5 cover charge for the after party raises funds for **Midsumma's 2010 Visual Arts Program**.



Party—
The Glasshouse Hotel

21 Jan, Wed 9pm
The first two stops are free, the party has a \$5 entry fee going towards the Midsumma Visual Arts program.
midsumma.org.au

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MAKE A FUSS

In their first collaboration, **Kelly Manning** and **Lock Morley** consider aspects of celebration in **Make a Fuss**.

Make a fuss plays with moments of merriment, which are captured, remembered and distorted by time. The work incorporates aspects of Melbourne's Queer history, and is based on the belief that celebrating difference is both universal and necessary!

Image: Kelly Manning and Lock Morley



The Library Art Space
J-Studios Artist Community

Launch: 27 Jan, Tue 6pm
23 Jan—4 Feb, Wed—Sat 12pm—6pm
Free
j-studios.org

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GIRLS KICK BALLS

A cross media collaboration, celebrating and exploring what football means to the girls who play it - be it fitness, the desire to win at all costs, community, style and sex.

The instillation is a photographic series by **Mia Mala McDonald** which was featured in the Amsterdam based magazine **G.L.U** and a documentary by **Monique Schaffer**, which focuses on three members of the MUGARS (Melbourne University Girls' Aussie Rules Squad) who give a raw, direct, amused and unequivocal account of their love of the game and its importance to them. The documentary was a finalist in the 2008 Melbourne International Film Festival 'Footy Shorts' competition.

Image: Mia Mala McDonald



Dante's Upstairs Gallery

Launch: 21 Jan, Wed 6.30pm
21 Jan—1 Feb, Mon—Sun 12pm—6pm
Free
dantesfitzroy.com.au

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69 SMITH STREET

69 Smith Street

Launch: 21 Jan, Wed 7.30pm
21 Jan—8 Feb, Wed—Sat 11am—5pm & Sun 12pm—5pm
Free
69smithstreet.com.au



5 rooms, 5 artists, 5 takes on the figure in space. In this exhibition the viewer will be challenged, inspired, confronted, welcomed and romanced as they move through each of the artists spaces. An exhibition that requires taking a large breath before entering.

Alexander Edwards, *Touch Me*

An invitation to feel. There's a link between touch and emotion that can't always be expressed or understood even by the person experiencing it. This series explores some of those feelings that are often misunderstood, unintentional and unsaid.

Rick Connors, *Affinity*

A thought provoking and provocative photographic exhibition by regional Victorian photographer Rick Connors.

A series of eleven untitled photographs, the collection explores the blurring of lines between people's initial attraction to sexually enticing images versus their own sexuality.

The images also explore the relationships people have with each other, as well as the relationship we have with ourselves.

Andrea Van Steen

A photographic exhibition of self-portrait nudes shot in everyday locations exploring the emptiness of the space and forms within it, whilst on a personal journey of accepting life on life's terms.

David Khan

This exhibition curated by Timothy Bateson from the forthcoming book of portraiture and physique photography entitled **NAKED DESIRE** by David Khan, is a study of men who are challenging themselves to be naked in front of a complete stranger to attain photos recording their natural beauty. This is seen in the vulnerability of the men, who are often new to being professionally photographed entirely, let alone without the protection clothes have come to provide.

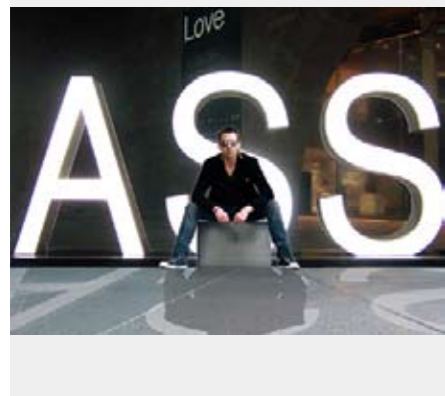
Chris Nash

Could I exist as just one of these elements

A series of photographic self-portraits exploring mind, body, energy and the question: "could I exist as just one of these elements?"

Image: Rick Connors

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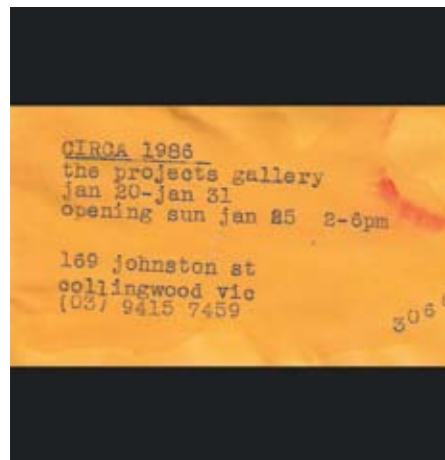
DEAN BECK—EXIT

A photographic exploration of the moments after sex by Dean Beck. Dean Beck, known for his documentary photography of the legendary Beyond parties, as well as his own daring life in sex, has concurrently taken hundreds of photographs exiting from one-night stands. Titled EXIT, this fascinating collection of images examines the light and dark of his encounters after the sexual act.

Hares & Hyenas
Launch: 2 Feb, Mon 6.30pm
 1 Feb—7 Mar, Mon—Wed 10am—7pm, Thurs—Sat 10am—7.30pm, Sun 12—6pm
 Free
hares-hyenas.com.au

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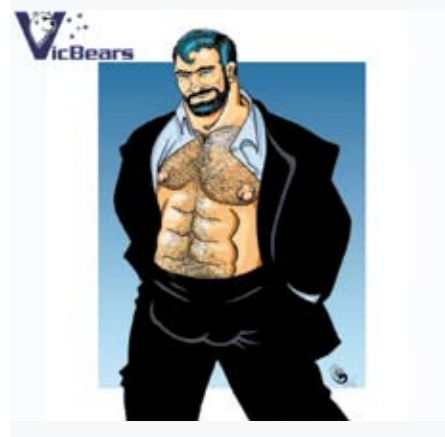
CIRCA 1986

CIRCA 1986....where were you?
 CIRCA 1986.... Explores the subject of hindsight and its varying characteristics. What guides trauma through violence? And how are we to navigate the aftermath? Consequence, as we come of age, makes more sense but if we understood the journey laid out for us, evolution would make no sense.

The Projects
Launch: 25 Jan, Sun 2pm—6pm
 20 Jan—31 Jan, Tue—Sat 11am—5pm
 Free
theprojectsgallery.com.au

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MANCERBEAR ART

VicBears with Hares & Hyenas presents the graphic art of Mancerbear. Mancerbear has drawn some fantastic new work for Midsumma to be featured at Hares & Hyenas. His work has featured in Australian and international publications and exhibitions. Proudly supported by VicBears.

Hares & Hyenas
Launch: 13 Jan, Tue 6.30pm Includes readings (Free)
 1 Jan—31 Jan, Mon—Wed 10am—7pm, Thurs—Sat 10am—7.30pm, Sun 12—6pm
 Free
vicbears.org.au

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KICK GALLERY

& MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL PRESENT

Bridie Lunney, Snap Shot
 Blurring the line between the personal snap shot and documentary photography Bridie Lunney creates a salon style exhibition with images that cross-reference each other and allow the viewer to unravel an overarching narrative.

Leigh Backhouse, Black Light
 Leigh Backhouse's nascent 'Black Light' revisits similar moods, explored by "Deadline At Dawn"; held in August 2006 at Kick Gallery: dark edges, dark visions; exquisite mysteries and ambiguities; other voices, other worlds. These images are nocturnes. Paintings of the night.
 Image: Bridie Lunney



Kick Gallery
Launch: 23 Jan, Thu 6.00pm
 Jan 21—Jan 31, Wed—Fri 12pm—8pm & Sat 12-5pm
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kickgallery.com

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21@21

A showcase of work by 21 lesbian artists at 21 Easey St Gallery. 21 years of Midsumma, 21 lesbian artists, @ 21 Easey Street Artist Studios and Gallery. Experience a diverse range of original artwork including painting and photography, drawing, ceramics, multi-media and more.

Easey Street Artist Studios and Gallery
Launch: Fri 23 Jan, 6.30pm
 24 Jan—8 Feb, Sat & Sun 11am—3pm
 Free
easeystartists.com

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BIG BLAK DOT

A group art exhibition of Indigenous out and proud artists. Come join us at the Koorie Heritage Trust for a group art exhibition of Indigenous out and proud artists living it up in Melbourne.
 Image: Clint Lingard

Koorie Heritage Trust
Launch: 22 Jan, Thu 3.00pm
 22 Jan—27 Feb, Mon—Sun 10am—4pm
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korieheritagetrust.com

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THE BUTTERFLY CLUB

Close your eyes and imagine a two-storey Victorian house crammed full of dolls, memorabilia and a mix of Asian, European and home-grown kitsch, festooned with fairy lights and furnished with comfortable lounge seating, period pieces and a few things naughty and delighting.

Then add two well-stocked bars, three lounges, and a covered courtyard with a garden bordering on the bizarre.

Finally, throw in a range of shows quirky and eclectic enough to match our décor, and you have arrived at Midsumma's craziest performance hub.

Open your eyes and come see for yourself!

The Butterfly Club

204 Bank Street
South Melbourne, 3205

THE BUTTERFLY CLUB



THE BEST OF THE FEST

HOSTED BY TREVOR JONES

The Festival Hub presents a showcase of nightly changing comedy, music theatre, cabaret and burlesque at its finest.

Globe trotting master of the piano bar and rock, pop and jazz music stylist Trevor Jones, hosts the best performers from across the Festival and beyond. The Festival Hub presents a showcase of nightly changing comedy, music theatre, cabaret and burlesque at its finest.

The Butterfly Club

17 Jan—7 Feb, Fri & Sat
10.30pm

Full \$23
Conc. \$18
Group (+8) \$18
Bookings:
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A STRING OF COLOURED LIGHTS

Step right up, step right up...

A travelling carnival, the last of its kind, sweeps through Melbourne on the summer breeze. These 'carnies' bring with them a collision of colourful sounds and songs that tell tall tales, capturing the highs and lows in the lives of these travelling performers.

The Butterfly Club

22 Jan—25 Jan, Thu—
Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm

Full \$23
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DR SKETCHY'S

ANTI-ART SCHOOL

"Dr Sketchy's will cure you of every boring art class you've ever been to" - The Sunday Age

This Midsumma Dr Sketchy's features the stars of the festival. Come along and sketch them each Saturday. Dr Sketchy's is the perfect antidote for boring, typical art classes. Host Mel Knight brings fun, excitement and a bit of cheek back to life drawing with kooky contests and bodacious burlesque beauties.

The Butterfly Club

17 Jan—7 Feb, Sat
4pm—6pm

Full \$20
Conc. \$15
Group (+8) \$15

Bookings:
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THE TWINK & THE SHOWGIRL

Talent is no respecter of age when cabaret perennial Phil Scott, on the wrong side of 30 in so many ways, teams up with dynamic young singer/actor Vincent Hooper.

Wait a minute! Vinnie's doing Streisand numbers while Phil's singing Amy Winehouse and Altar Boyz! Nothing's what it seems when the TWINK meets the SHOWGIRL (or is it the other way round?). A fun show with songs of every make and model, EYE CANDY, ear candy, some hot piano, and a few laughs at the generation gap.

The Butterfly Club

22 Jan—25 Jan, Thu—
Sat 9pm, Sun 8pm

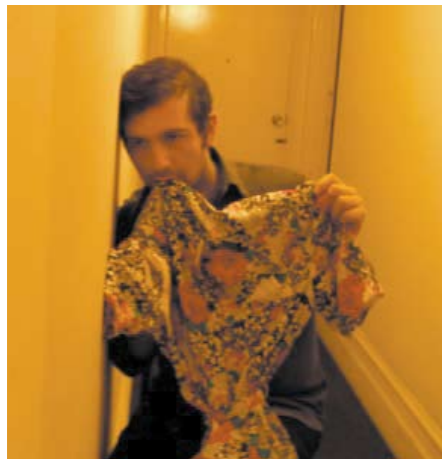
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THE MAN IN THE CORRIDOR

Musical tales that will make you think about the one that got away and the banging from the couple next door.

In the corridor he loiters at night. Dancing with one foot inside the door, the other in her dirty high heel. Singing songs for her, he becomes her. Left with a suitcase of questions and the clothes he thought she would have taken with her, he's just glad you could make it over for a drink.

Written and performed by Fernando Ariel Gallardo.

The Butterfly Club

15 Jan—18 Jan, Thu—
Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm

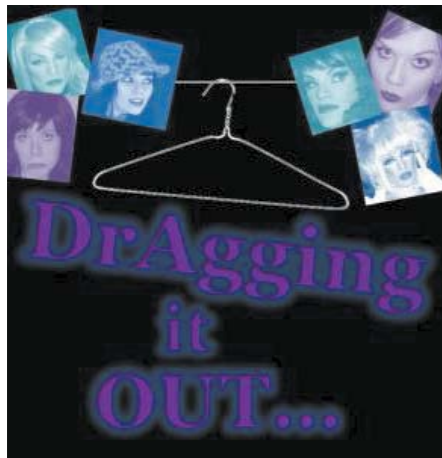
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DRAGGING IT OUT

Erin Cornell confronts her worst fear – sifting through the years of clutter in her wardrobe, only to DRAG out a little more than she expected ...

Co-written by David Wisken and Erin Cornell.
Accompanied on piano by David Wisken.

The Butterfly Club

15 Jan—18 Jan, Thu—Sat 9pm, Sun 8pm

Full \$28
Conc. \$23
Group (+8) \$23

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TO SIR WITH LOVE???

What's a little cabaret without some corporal punishment!

Can you find your inner fetish and the man of your dreams? Come and find out in this comedy collision of musical medleys that put the singing back into S&M! **Dean Arcuri** returns as a cast of characters that take cabaret to a whole new level, straight to the dungeon!

The Butterfly Club

5 Feb—8 Feb, Thu—Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm

Full \$23
Conc. \$18
Group (+8) \$18

Bookings:
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deanarcuri.com.au

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HAPPILY EVER AFTER: THE PRINCESS FIFI WAY

A Guide to Getting Your Very Own Happy Ending, From the Gospel According to Disney

Make way for royalty! All bow down - **Princess Fifi** is descending upon the Butterfly Club to enlighten us all from the scriptures of Disney, and help us find that happy ending we've been after. So gather up your gown and crown: it's time to get in tune with your inner Princess... Depressing and dowdy? Never! Predictable and passé? No way! Sassy and satirical? Of course - she is a Princess after all!

BYO tiara and sceptre. Magic mirrors available on request. Lost slippers may be claimed after the show.

The Butterfly Club

29 Jan—1 Feb, Thu—Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm

Full \$23
Conc. \$18
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GASWORKS ART PARK

Midsumma at **Gasworks** offers dynamic queer programming across theatre, spoken word, visual arts and music. Just a 15 minute tram ride from **Federation Square** and two minutes walk to the beach, **Gasworks Arts Park** is a vibrant community hub that houses two theatres spaces, three gallery spaces, resident artist studios and four hectares of parkland. There's also ample free parking, restaurants nearby and support for equal access. Gasworks offers programming for the LGBTIQ, disability, Deaf, Indigenous and local communities, as well as regular kids' holiday programming, monthly Farmers' Markets, and support for local and resident artists.

Gasworks Arts Park

21 Graham Street
Albert Park, 3206



SNAP!

SameSame.com.au presents an exhibition of outstanding photographic images captured in the past 12 months, from their best scene photographers around Australia.

The exhibition presents a revealing snapshot of who we are right now. Their amazing photography is alive with magic, colour and movement, capturing the energy of the moment and the true spirit of our community.

Gasworks Arts Park —Foyer and Gasbar

15 Jan—8 Feb, 9am—5pm Everyday
Open late on performances nights

Free

gasworks.org.au



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JERKER

A pornographic elegy with redeeming social value.

Jerker comes with every warning - nudity, offensive language, simulated sex, and smoking. Bert and J.R. are San Francisco faggots. Their beauty transcends any considerations of age, race, body type or traditional 'good looks'. They communicate through high-tech devices, yet never actually meet. They share sex, love, everyday life and ultimately death. Jerker is their story.

WARNING: Explicit Sexual Nature & Nudity

Gasworks Arts Park —Studio Theatre

13 Jan—7 Feb, Wed—Sat 8pm
Preview Tue 13 Jan & Wed 14 Jan, 8pm

Full \$28
Conc. \$25
Group (+6) \$23
Preview \$18

gasworks.org.au



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BEHAVING BADLY

Photographers Ross Brownsdon and Travis de Jonk exhibit their second collection of fetish inspired images from their award winning 2009 calendars, **BAD BEHAVIOUR** and **MISS BEHAVIOUR**. Dark and erotic, fun and humorous, these extraordinary images celebrating the expression of fantasy and the art of alternative desires, are created with great sensitivity and detail, making them captivating and sexy.

Gasworks Arts Park—Angela Roberts Bird Gallery

15 Jan—8 Feb, 9am—5pm Everyday
Open late on performances nights

Free

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HAPPY CHAPS

A humorous, haughty and heartfelt delve into the musical theatre closet.

Devanesen Productions presents a cabaret homage to musical theatre's 'Happy Chaps'. No, not bottomless leather pants; but the characters, composers and themes of shows that critique and commend the gay lifestyle of men and women. Forget descending chandeliers, helicopters and witches...lose the feathers, sequins and fans...

Devanesen Productions is taking it off for this queer-sical revue!

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

29 Jan—31 Jan, Thu—
Sat 9.30pm

Full \$25
Conc. \$23

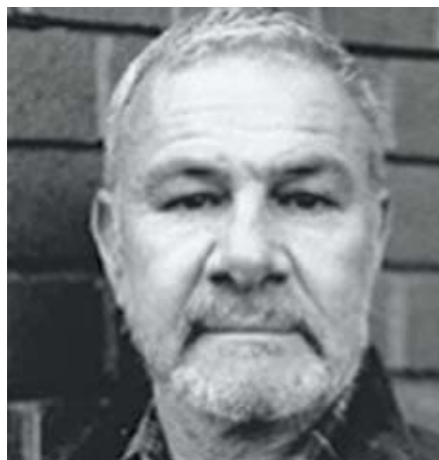
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LITTLE BLACK BASTARD

A story of survival and a thrilling account of a life saved by art.

Acclaimed Indigenous writer and performer **Noel Tovey** presents his one-man performance **Little Black Bastard**. Noel leads the audience through his remarkable life journey as a homeless child in the 1940s, rent boy sent to Pentridge Prison aged 17 and then his rags-to-riches story as a dancer, actor, singer, choreographer and director.



Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

5 Feb—7 Feb, Thu—Fri
8pm, Sat 4pm

Full \$26
Conc. \$20
Group (+6) \$20

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UPSTART ALLEY VIII

The **Upstart Alley troupe** brings you another raucous party, teeming with dazzling displays of pervy performance and gender piracy. Belt yourselves in to witness spectacular feats of gender piracy and glamorous rebellion by performers from near and far, then get filthy to some live tunes from a band and DJs.

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

7 Feb, Sat 9.30pm

Full \$20
Conc. \$13
Group (+10) \$13

Bookings:
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Lucky Lai

GENDERMASH

The wildly popular Translesbian Gendermash showcases trans/lesbian/queer writers and songwriters. Gendermash is deliberately controversial, positive, funny and maybe a little ...strange ... Sexy word nerds and dirty word flashers include **Yana Ilana**, **Lian Low**, **Jade Starr** (Syd), and more!

AUSLAN interpreted event.

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

17 Jan, Sat 9.30pm

Full \$18
Conc. \$15
Group (+8) \$15

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George Voulgaropoulos

YOU HAVE THE BODY

FIONA MCGREGOR

You Have the Body is an interactive durational performance exploring the experience of unlawful detention. The audience is invited to participate in a series of actions which culminate in a one-on-one encounter with the artist.

Bookings advisable. Call Gasworks 9699 3253

Gasworks Arts Park
—Foyer and Gasbar

17 Jan, Sat 12pm—6pm

Free
All tickets are Australian
bank note donation

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Karen Marisa

"SWEET DELIVERANCE"

THE PERVERTED SUNSHINE TOUR!

In Sweet Deliverance Vixen Noir traces the evolution of her sexuality from horny little toddler to the inimitable Sex Goddess she is today. Funny, edgy and raucous, Sweet Deliverance employs a fierce mix of storytelling, poetry, monologues, songs, burlesque and dance.

WARNING: Explicit Sexual Nature & Nudity

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

10 Feb—14 Feb, Tue—
Sat 8pm

Full \$26
Conc. \$20
Group (+8) \$21

Bookings:
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www.gasworks.org.au



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A FEAST IN FOUR COURSES—

FOUR FACES

Adelaide's Feast Festival and Jay Robinson present **Four Faces**

Four Faces puts four characters under a microscope; a peepshow of the personal. An exploration of love, desperation, gratification and the gay human condition presented through four solos. Performed by **Jay Robinson**, choreographed by **Gerard Van Dyck, Anton and Troy Mundy**.

"See the sweat literally pouring off Robinson's impressive form"

— Adelaide Advertiser

Tickets to all 4 shows Full \$70, Conc. \$60

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

21 Jan—24 Jan, Wed & Fri—Sat 4pm

Full \$23
Conc. \$18
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A FEAST IN FOUR COURSES—

THE STORY OF MEREDITH CROCKLEY

Adelaide's Feast Festival and Libby O'Donovan present **The Story of Meredith Crockley**

Libby O'Donovan's show delves deep into the gossip and secrets that veil the lives of women in rural Australia. With original compositions by **O'Donovan** and direction by **Andrea Lemon**, this production was a sell-out success at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival garnering 'five star' reviews at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

"Astounding show." — Adelaide Advertiser

Tickets to all 4 shows Full \$70, Conc. \$60

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

22 Jan—25 Jan, Thu 7pm, Fri 9.30pm, Sun 3pm

Full \$23
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A FEAST IN FOUR COURSES—

I WAS A TEENAGE DIRTY OLD MAN

Adelaide's Feast Festival and Eric Kuhlmann present **I Was a Teenage Dirty Old Man**

What's a boy doing down the park when he should be at school? What's he doing back there at night when he should be tucked up sleeping? **Eric Kuhlmann** explores these questions and more with 14 songs and a lot of laughs.

"Extremely funny ... like Ian Dury meets Billy Bragg in a public toilet." — Adelaide Advertiser

Tickets to all 4 shows Full \$70, Conc. \$60

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

21 Jan—25 Jan, Wed & Sat 9.30pm, Sun 8pm

Full \$23
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A FEAST IN FOUR COURSES—

CORRECTION TOUR

Adelaide's Feast Festival and The Bad Father present **The Correction Tour**.

From the small European country of Klamidia, this hilarious lycra-clad duo robot dance their way through electro-pop madness. Devo meets Dali. A glamorous stage spectacular as a vehicle for their offbeat ideology; resplendently complete with backing dancers, video projection and some thumping beats.

"A glamorous stage spectacular, resplendently complete with backing dancers, video projection, and some thumping beats. Forging their own unique musical genre. Unapologetic." — Triple J

Tickets to all 4 shows Full \$70, Conc. \$60

Gasworks Arts Park
—Gasworks Theatre

22 Jan—25 Jan, Thur 9.30pm, Sat 7pm, Sun 6pm

Full \$23
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CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL

Chapel Off Chapel is the City of Stonnington's premier arts centre. Great performance venues and gallery spaces, in and over the foyer, make Chapel Off Chapel the first choice for those seeking out the best of Melbourne arts. Audiences love the Chapel for many reasons - stylish surrounds, friendly staff, a great bar and the excitement of getting up close and personal with the arts. These all combine to keep locals and visitors alike returning again and again.

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel Street
Prahran, 3181

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Mz JOSEPHINE INTO THE PINK!

Mz Josephine Is Into The Pink, for a sizzling hot cabaret season.

Don't miss this Hot Pink adventure in gender, emotion, music and colour. Reserve your tickets for Mz Josephine's uber H.M.F. hot pink gender romp of a Cabaret. A variety entertainment revelling in luscious big iconic ballads and blues numbers; surreal stories from the third age as seen by the third eye through rose coloured glasses.

Directed by **Jacq Tamly**.

Chapel Off Chapel
—The Loft

29 Jan—1 Feb,
Thu—Sun 8pm

Full \$25
Conc. \$20
Group (+10) \$15
Bookings:
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josephinefisher.com



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IN CAMERA (Huis Clos)

BY JEAN-PAUL SARTRE

Hell Is Other People

Three strangers locked in a small room try to puzzle out why they have been brought together. **Jean-Paul Sartre's** famous psychological thriller *In Camera* brings into sharp focus the voyeurism of sexual tension, the terrors of secrets coming to light, and the horror when judgement falls.

Translated by **Stuart Gilbert**.



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Kurt Sneddon

TREVOR ASHLEY PRESENTS

SHOWQUEEN

Sydney's most successful cabaret night comes to Melbourne.

Showqueen Sundays have become Sydney's most successful long running cabaret night. Hosted by **Trevor Ashley** (Priscilla, the musical), **Showqueen** features the incredible talents of many of Australia's best and up and coming cabaret and music theatre performers.

Starring: **LUCINDA SHAW** (Spamalot, Hedwig), **MARGI DE FERRANTI** (Mamma Mia, Aspects of Love), **DAVID HARRIS** (Miss Saigon, Damn Yankees), **MATHEW ROBINSON** (My Fair Lady, Metrostreet), **MONIQUE MONTEZ** (Saturday Night Fever, Dusty), **JAMES MILLAR** (The Hatpin, Lovebites), **HAYDEN TEE** (Titanic, Les Mis) plus **BEN KENNEDY** and our fabulous band.

Chapel Off Chapel
—The Chapel

16 Jan—18 Jan, Fri—Sat
8pm, Sun 8:30pm

Full \$30
Conc. \$25
Group (+10) \$25
Bookings:
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ZANNA, DON'T!

THE HIT OFF-BROADWAY MUSICAL

A place where nobody dared to go...until now.

Set in an alternate and topsy-turvy world where everyone grows up gay, *Zanna Don't!* is a show about high school the way it should have been! But when a boy and a girl dare to fall in love during the making of a controversial school musical about 'straights' in the military, *Zanna* the matchmaker tackles heterophobia in his own unique way. Featuring a cast full of hot young talent, this show's message of embracing diversity will challenge the way you view love.

Produced by **Quirky Productions** and directed by **Luke Gallagher**.

Chapel Off Chapel
—The Chapel

30 Jan—14 Feb, Wed—
Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm, Fri
13 & Sat 14, 7.30pm &
10.00pm

Full \$35
Conc. \$32
zannadont.com.au



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BY CHANCE 4 MIDSUMMA

A Special Midsumma Edition of the dice-rolling Cabaret Show featuring Trevor Jones.

After wildly successful shows in Melbourne and Perth, **Trevor Jones** presents a special Midsumma edition of his unique cabaret show. With a huge repertoire in all genres, the song list for this show is determined by you, the audience, with a simple roll of the dice.

Chapel Off Chapel
—The Chapel

21 Jan—23 Jan,
Wed—Fri 7.30pm

Full \$25
Conc. \$18
Group (+10) \$18
Bookings:
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THE GLASSHOUSE HOTEL

The jewels in the crown of Melbourne's Queer and Alternative precinct of **Collingwood** and **Fitzroy** is without question **The Glasshouse Hotel** and its sister venue, **Dantes**. Both venues feature cabaret, rock, carnival, dance, poetry, comedy, drag, karaoke, debauchery, fetish and everything in between!

Come enjoy **The Glasshouse**, one of the hubs of **Midsumma** madness that prevails every night of the festival until 5 am on weekends and 1 am weekdays.

The Glasshouse Hotel

51 Gipps Street
Collingwood, 3066

THE GLASSHOUSE



LAUGH OUT LOUD

THE BIG GAY COMEDY NIGHT

It's back following last year's successful season! A night of stand up comedy from Australia's best gay comics. An assorted mix of your favourite gay comedy stars from radio, TV, stage and screen plus the odd international surprise guest. See 5 brilliant comics for the price of one!

The Glasshouse Hotel

24 Jan—7 Feb, Sat 8pm

Full \$15
Conc. \$12
Group (+5) \$10

Bookings:
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anthonymenchetti.com



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OUTBLACK CELEBRATION

BLACK, PINK & PROUD

Don't be shame, be game! OutBlack - Melbourne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ Mob - is b(L)ack to present a night of music, dance and drag. Featuring **Deena Deadly**, **Constantina Bush**, **Miss Yukeye** and the stunning **Nikki Ashby**; along with a couple more sparkly surprises! Black, Pink, Blue, White...All welcome!

The Glasshouse Hotel

24 Jan, Sat 8pm

Full \$8
Conc. \$5
Elders Free

Bookings:
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TUFF MUFF

THE TOUGH GIRLS' GLAM SLAM TENNIS PARTY

It's LOVE ALL! When Tuff Muff celebrates chicks with balls.

Snap on a headband and Nappy San your whites because you need to be ready on centre court for the first Tuff Muff of 2009. With TM's team of party providers, **Lady Lamenta**, **Red Light Disco** and **Peter Kung**, this is a hot summer party for Melbourne's hardest hitting queers.

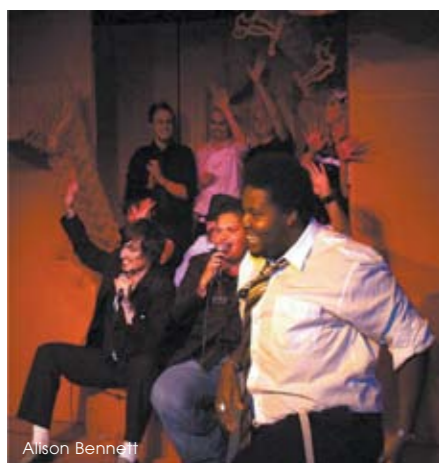
The Glasshouse Hotel

17 Jan, Sat 9pm
Full \$10
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

myspace.com/tuffmuff-party

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Alison Bennett

KING VICTORIA DRAG KINGS

King Victoria rams right through Midsumma Festival - every Friday night - featuring sexy, controversial drag, trans, queer performers like **Rocco D'Amore**, **Winnie Royale**, **Bust Herr**, **Rougie & Raunchy Sparkle**, **Rabbit Hutch**, **Nana Doris**, **Koko Mas\$** and more with hot DJs.

The world famous drag kings of **King Victoria** ram right through the Midsumma Festival - every Friday night - featuring sexy, funny, bent and controversial drag, trans, queer performers like **Rocco D'Amore**, **Winnie Royale**, **Bust Herr**, **Max Fukter**, **Rougie & Raunchy Sparkle**, **Justin Teliquer**, **Rabbit Hutch**, **Nana Doris**, **Koko Mas\$** and more with hot DJs like **Mafia**, **Pansy Pantz**, **Barely Legal** till very late.

The Glasshouse Hotel

23 Jan & 30 Jan, Fri
10pm
Full \$12
Conc. \$10
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
kingvictoria.com

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EASY

Underground House For Everybody

EASY celebrates it's 1st Birthday and invites everybody to join in on the party! **Miss Eleni** and **Rob Gilbert** man the decks to deliver an underground house party in a fun, friendly, atmosphere - with an EASY crowd to match! Joining them is none other than Sydney's **Mandy Rollins!**

Tickets also available at the door.

The Glasshouse Hotel

7 Feb, Sat 11pm
Full \$22
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
myspace.com/easytogether

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LADYTRIX PRESENTS QUEERTRIX & THE 52 PICK UP MELBOURNE LAUNCH

The hottest deck around!

For one night only, **Queertrix** brings you some of Melbourne's finest queer performers to grace the petite stage at the fox hotel with an evening of musical and circus mayhem.

Also Presenting: **52 Pickup**, a truckstop themed deck of cards featuring tranny truckers, diner darlings, hitch-hiking hotties, serial killers, and hunky highway hitmen.

The Fox hotel

24 Feb, Sat 7pm doors, 8pm show

Full \$15
Conc. \$10

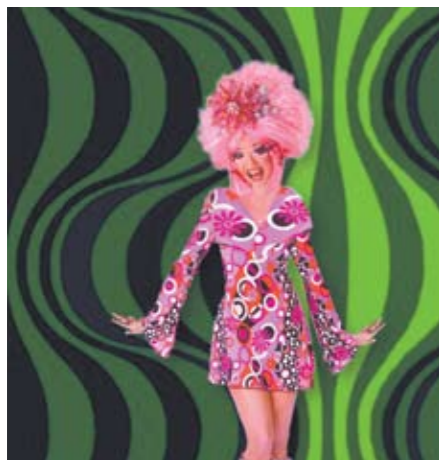
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FACEBOOK: ladytrix TRIXY



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CAMPING OUT

An intimate cabaret revue inspired by the 'camp' scene of the 1960's

Kaye Sera introduces you to Melbourne's 'camp' social scene in the swinging 60's. Val's Coffee Lounge, the Windsor and the infamous Australia Hotel's Marble Bar, but three of the many rendezvous sites for the discerning and not so discerning homosexual alike. Featuring interviews from the folk who were there.

City Village

5 Feb—8 Feb, Thu—Sat 7.30pm, Sun 5pm

Full \$15
Conc. \$10

Group (+10) \$8
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

kayesera.com



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DIRECT FROM INSIDE

Life's A Show; Come and Meet The Cast and Crew

A production is taking place inside the body of one woman. When you've been performing for years on end, the cast keeps growing and misunderstandings between the cast and crew reach breaking point, even the most dedicated director is stretched to the edge. But the show must go on...

La Mama Theatre

21 Jan—1 Feb, Thu—Sat 8pm, Wed & Sun 6.30pm

Full \$25
Conc. \$12

Group (+10) \$12
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

lamama.com.au



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AS YOU DO

Seymour and Stanley return with a gay lifestyle show that is as camp as Liberace's closet.

"Have you been feeling yourself lately? Not sure where to place your poof? Let us guide you with our experienced hands." Join Australia's senior gay couple, Seymour and Stanley, in a hilarious gay lifestyle show that is guaranteed to entertain, inform and put the colour back in your cheeks.

Written and Performed by **George Filev & Michael Firth**

Theatreworks

28 Jan—7 Feb, Tue—Sat 9pm. Preview 28 & 29 Jan

Full \$20
Conc. \$15

Preview & Tue \$10
Bookings:
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theatreworks.org.au



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DEAD QUEEN

Sex and Cyanide. These are a few of my favourite things!

Vicious ex-lovers, hot hustlers and the most glorious deaths of a piss-elegant musical theatre queen. From the wicked pen of award-winning writer **Steven Dawson** comes this film noir free-for-all as a big nasty queen gets it in the back and everyone has a weapon and motive.

For phone bookings please call 03 9305 5333
Warning: Contains strong language and nudity

**Mechanics Institute
 Performing Arts Centre**

14 Jan—14 Feb, Tue—
 Sat 8pm

Full \$29
 Conc. \$20
 Group (+10) \$20
 Members (JOY) \$20
 Bookings:
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outcast.org.au

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FORBIDDEN BROADWAY

GREATEST HITS VOLUME 1

Award winning theatre company SHooSH! Productions presents this riotous spoof of Broadway musicals and the well known stars of Broadway. See Liza, Ethel, Barbra and many more strut their stuff on the Melbourne stage!

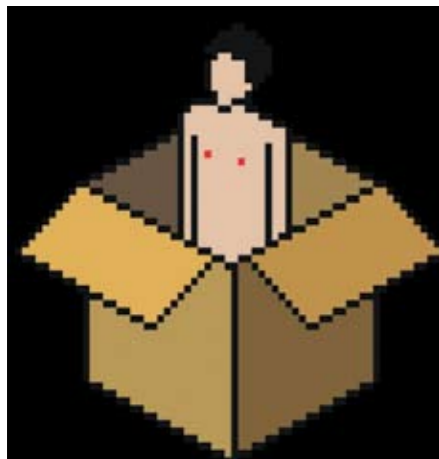
Cromwell Road Theatre

4 Feb—8 Feb, Wed—Fri
 8pm, Sat 2pm & 8pm,
 Sun 5pm

Full \$31
 Conc. \$28
 Group (+12) \$28
 Bookings:
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Sex. Blackmail. Online dating. Just like your office.

Three squirm-inducingly funny tales which give workplace relations a bad name from Green Room Award winners, Act-O-Matic 3000 (The Laramie Project).

"The three monologues that form Human Resources are acerbic, funny and unsentimental" — Sydney Morning Herald.

The Dog Theatre

21 Jan—7 Feb, Wed—
 Sun 7.30pm

Full \$20
 Conc. \$15
 Group (+10) \$15
 Bookings:
 midsumma.org.au

actomatic3000.com

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GENESIS: RE-CREATED

The word of the Lord never sounded so outrageous

A completely derivative concept! The bastard child of Kurt Weill and the Goon Show accidentally became a reverend in an on-line mega-church! Now God has a lover called Steve and a pushy stage mum. Adam took out a couple of ribs so he could...

Live On Stage AND Broadcast on **JOY 94.9**

**Trades Hall
 Old Council Chambers**

27 Jan—31 Jan, Tue—Fri
 8pm, Sat 3pm & 8pm

Full \$15
 Conc. \$10
 Group (+8) \$10
 Redeem your sins \$20
 Bookings:
 midsumma.org.au

samplecreative.com

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INSIDE THE FRAME

Kaye Sera's whirlwind tour of the National Gallery of Victoria.

It's all about interpretation. **Kaye Sera** takes you on a whirlwind tour of the **National Gallery of Victoria's** stunning collection revealing astonishing facts along the way. This guided tour includes interviews with local queer artists about the work that has influenced them. For art lovers and art philistines alike.

**National Gallery of
 Victoria**

25 Jan, 2pm

Free
ngv.vic.gov.au

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ORLANDO

Same person, just different sex!

Orlando lives through five centuries and many disguises. He is page to Queen Elizabeth I, beau at King James' Court, Ambassador to the palaces of Constantinople, and he undergoes a miraculous transformation. While revolution explodes around him he sleeps, and upon waking finds he has become a woman.

A playreading.

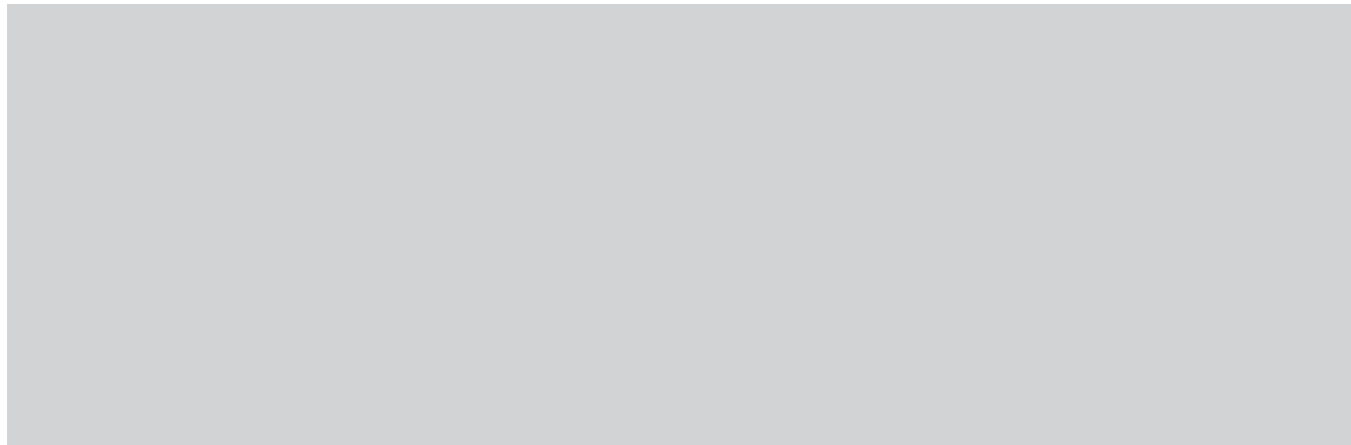
La Mama Theatre

24 Jan, 1.30pm

Full \$12
 Bookings:
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THE DREAM CHILDREN

La Mama presents a Fly-On-The-Wall Theatre production

Nothing lasts forever...Steven and Terry have been living in a happy and stable relationship for six years. After trying to adopt a baby with no success, a chance post on the Internet leads them to a pregnant street girl but this only leads to more difficulties than they had anticipated!

Carlton Courthouse

17 Jan—7 Feb, Wed—
 Sat 8pm & Sun 6.30pm

Full \$25
 Conc. \$12
 Group (+10) \$12
 Bookings:
 midsumma.org.au

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REWORKS

Classic musical theatre altered for aficionados who crave a little variation in their musical appetite.

Food, wine and classic cabaret with a difference. Take a tantalising Broadway and Off-Broadway playlist from shows including West Side Story, Les Miserables and Wicked, each receiving a genre twist deviating from its original melody and performed by three tempting yet satisfying women. For all music and musical theatre-inclined indulgers.

Burrinja

—Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre

30 Jan—8 Feb, Fri & Sat 8pm, Sun 4pm

Full \$21

Bookings: midsumma.org.au

the4thwall.com.au



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THY WILL BE DONE

A new play that explores the lives of a young Catholic priest and his gay male lover.

Explores the lives of two men, a young Catholic priest and a local musician, who meet when Father Bell is posted to the coastal town of Apollo Bay and they unexpectedly forge a lifelong connection. "Funny, tender and unguarded"

Written by **Kevin McGreal**.

Directed by **Liz Perry**.

Theatreworks

28 Jan—7 Feb, Tue—Sat 7.30pm

Preview 28 & 29 Jan

Full \$20

Conc. \$15

Preview & Tues. \$10

Bookings: midsumma.org.au

theatreworks.org.au



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CIRCUS! CIRCUS!

PRESENTED BY THE BLOW WAVES

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! All you butch freaks, boy treats, clown chubs, ringmasters, bearded hicks, carnivores, she freaks and sideshow sally's the carnal carnival: CIRCUS! CIRCUS! Is in town! Come and cruise the two debauched floors of the Big Top at Melbourne's own: The Tote Hotel.

Doin' it live **THE BLOW WAVES, THE BLUSH FOUNDATION, GHETTO PUSSY** plus direct from Sydney **DJs SVETA, SEYMOUR BUTZ** and more super exciting acts to be announced at www.theblowwaves.com

The Tote Hotel

17 Jan, Sat 9pm
Full \$20
Conc. \$18
Group (+4) \$18
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
theblowwaves.com



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GODDESS GROOVES

WOMEN WHO ROCK!

Goddess Grooves celebrates contemporary female musicians by showcasing some of our community's finest. This year **Michelle Parsons, Emma Wall, Rosie Burgess** and guests will delight you with their dulcet tones, awesome beats and sensational original music. Join these fabulous local performers for another awesome night of entertainment. Don't miss it!

The Clifton Hill Hotel

24 Jan, Sat 7.30pm
Full \$16
Conc. \$12
Group (+10) \$14
Bookings:
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cliftonhillhotel.com



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DT'S MUSIC+WINE

An evening of acoustic music with great wine and cheeses.

Features live acoustic acts doing a range of cover songs and original material throughout the evening. To enjoy the beautiful music, there will be great wine specials for you to try out along with a selection of gourmet cheeses to delight your palate. A night for all to enjoy!

DT's Hotel

21 Jan, Wed 8.30pm
Free
dtshotel.com.au

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JAZZ TRADE

SUMMAJAZZ GOES TO MARKET!

Enjoy a cruisy Sunday afternoon taking in the contemporary rhythms of Jazz under the glass atrium of the Prahran Market. A day for GLBTI friends and families.

The Prahran Market

25 Jan, Sun 12pm
Free
myspace.com/garth-ploog



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ACMI CELEBRATES THE CAREER OF ACTRESS JUDE KURING

Fans of Prisoner Cell Block H would instantly recognise Jude Kuring, who played the character of Noeline Bourke in the late 70s. But that wasn't her only time 'inside'. She also played an escaped convict in Tom Cowan's rarely seen 'Journey Among Women' and recently appeared in Timothy Spanos' 'Prisoner Queen'.

PRISONER EPISODE 122 + BUCK HOUSE PILOT EPISODE

Our tribute to actress Jude Kuring opens with one of her star turns in Prisoner. Kuring's permanently grimacing Noeline Bourke was by this stage no stranger to Wentworth prison. Screens with the pilot episode of Buck House (1995, 22 mins), billed as the world's first gay and lesbian sitcom.

Directed by **Leigh Spence**, 48 mins, Australia, 1980, DV Cam. Courtesy Fremantle Media

JOURNEY AMONG WOMEN

In what must have been a sign of things to come, Jude Kuring plays Grace, one of a group of female convicts who are liberated from their British penal colony. A bi product of gender politics which was raging at the time of production, Journey Among Women attempts to reinterpret Australian history from a female point of view.

Directed by **Tom Cowan**, 93 mins, Australia, 1977, 35mm.

PRISONER EPISODE 35 + BUCKHOUSE PILOT EPISODE

Regarded as one of the highlight episodes of Jude Kuring's time inside Cell Block H, this action packed episode finds her fellow inmates even more out of control. Screens with the pilot episode of Buck House (1995, 22 mins), billed as the world's first gay and lesbian sitcom.

Directed by **Leigh Spence**, 49 mins, Australia, 1979, DV Cam

PRISONER QUEEN

Our tribute to actress Jude Kuring concludes with her most recent screen appearance. Returning to the screen after a 20 year hiatus, Jude plays an ageing actress who had once appeared in a women's prison drama series and is now diagnosed with leukaemia.

Directed by **Timothy Spanos**, 98 mins, Australia, 2004, Digi Beta

ACMI Cinemas

Prisoner Episode 122 + Buck House Pilot
7 Feb, Sat 2pm
Free

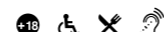
Journey Among Women
7 Feb, Sat 4pm
Full \$8

Prisoner Episode 35 + Buck House Pilot
14 Feb, Sat 2pm
Free

Prisoner Queen
14 Feb, Sat 4pm
Full \$8

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MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: FOUR NIGHTS OF GREAT QUEER CINEMA

The Melbourne Queer Film Festival – Driven by Volkswagen in partnership with City of Yarra presents four warm and romantic nights of queer film favourites on the banks of the Yarra.

BYO picnic hamper and cushions—prizes for best hamper.

JUST THE TWO OF US

This vintage lesbian melodrama has it all: contrived dialogue, hilarious early '70s fashion design and sets to die for (avocado shag carpet, anyone?). Whether you want to re-live the agony of being a lesbian in the '70s, get a bit of perspective on how far we've come, or just have more fun than you've had in ages—this is the movie for you!

Directed by **Barbara Peeters**, USA 1975, 75min

OUTING RILEY

This coming out comedy charmer is back by popular demand after a successful MQFF 2008 screening. **Bobby Riley** is a 30-something, knockabout Irish Catholic guy from Chicago. He also happens to be gay, and completely in the closet to most of his family, until...

Directed by **Pete Jones**, USA, 2004

SHELTER

A favourite on the GLBTI film festival circuit, Shelter has picked up a swag of awards. Forced to give up his dreams of art school, Zach spends his days working a dead-end cooking job and helping his needy sister, Jeanne, care for her 5-year-old son, Cody.

Directed by **Jonah Markowitz**, USA, 2007

ITTY BITTY TITTY COMMITTEE

If you loved D.E.B.S then Itty Bitty will be right up your alley.

Dumped by her girlfriend, rejected from the only college to which she applied and wearing an A-cup in a C-cup world, Anna laments her life.

Directed by **Jamie Babbit**, USA, 2007

Fairfield Amphitheatre

Just the Two of Us.
23 Jan, Fri 7pm

Outing Riley
24 Jan, Sat 7pm

Shelter
30 Jan, Fri 7pm

Itty Bitty Titty Committee
31 Jan, Sat 7pm

Full \$13
Conc. \$11
Group (+10) \$11
Bookings:
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HERE, NOT HERE

WRITINGS ABOUT TRAVEL AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PLACE

Hares & Hyenas

20 Jan, Tue 7.30pm
Fiona McGregor's Strange Museums
 book launch at 6.30pm

Full \$15
 Conc. \$10
 Group (+8) \$10
 Bookings: midsumma.org.au

hares-hyenas.com.au

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Three writers chart the disparate territories of travel and place.

FIONA MCGREGOR *Strange Museums*

An edgy and seductive journey through Poland, it asks difficult questions about Poland's history, its ongoing antagonism towards Jews and queers and uncovers an inspirational tradition of dissidence that has made art an urgency.

DMETRI KAKMI *Mother Land*

The moving autobiographical story of a boy's love for his Greek-Turkish island life and the furious opposition between two hostile cultures. He witnesses and takes part in acts of violence that erode his basic idealism and humanity.

URSZULA DAWKINS

Dawkins spent ten years writing the emotional landscape in the form of erotic short stories that moved from Australia to San Francisco and beyond. In 2004 she travelled to Germany and Iceland. The resulting work-in-progress explores cultural affinities that lie across centuries, and homelands both exotic and banal.



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For phone bookings please call 03 9495 6589
 Auslan interpreters on request.

the inaugural sex write-off competition

SEX WRITE-OFF

Hares & Hyenas

Entries close 5pm, Sat, 7 February.

Submit your entries to:
 Inaugural Sex Write Off, Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy VIC 3065.

hares-hyenas.com.au

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Writing about real experiences of male on-male sex

The **Inaugural Sex Write-Off Competition** is seeking short stories about male-to-male sex as it really happens. Stories of up to 3,000 words are invited by writers to describe the real sex that happens between men. Is anal your thing? With or without a condom? Do you deep throat or rim your way to ecstatic states? Fuck-buddy with a friend? Does tantric float your boat or is drinking piss more you? Are sex toys a bonus? Tweaked or sobre, online or in real time - what sort of sex are you having? Write about where it happens, how it happens, when it happens and what you do. To reward you for your candour, talent and honesty, we are offering a first prize of \$2,000 and two commendation awards of \$500 each.

Judged by **Christos Tsiolkas**, **Colin Battouney** and **Neil Armfield**, finalists will be notified in early March for possible inclusion in a late-March reading.

Sponsored by **Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Clinic**.



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MUMMY DEAREST

Dante's —Back room

29 Jan, Thu 7.30pm
 Full \$14
 Group (+5) \$10
 Conc. \$11

Come with Mum for concession prices!
 Bookings: midsumma.org.au

A night for queer people to celebrate their mums... or not!

From the people who bought you **Come As You Are 1 & 2** and **Femme Fever 1 & 2**. A night of brilliant performers from all sides of the queer spectrum converge to talk about mums. Hear stories of heartbreak, hilarity, weirdness, and even sexiness. Performers include **Tom Cho**, **Richard Watts**, **Lisa-Skye Ioannidis** and **Peter Van Der Merwe**.



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NOVEL CONVERSATIONS

Hares & Hyenas

27 Jan, Tue 7.30pm
 Full \$15
 Conc. \$10
 Group (+8) \$10

Bookings: midsumma.org.au
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Hares & Hyenas

The latest work by Australian queer novelists in reading and discussions.

Midsumma Festival's long-running spoken word event is back featuring a line-up of four acclaimed authors. **Christos Tsiolkas** reads from **The Slap**, a vitally relevant tale of the consequences that occur when a man slaps a child not his own, and the shocking ricochet effects it has on a group of friends. Award-winning playwright and novelist **Patricia Cornelius** reads from her novella-in-progress, **Love**, based on the highly successful play about a love triangle amid drugs and prostitution in St Kilda. **Ashley Sievwright's The Shallow End**, on the surface a traditional mystery about a lap swimmer who disappears from the Prahran Pool, does a gentle belly flop and becomes the story of its unnamed narrator witness. **Geoff Knight's Fathom's Five** delves into mysteries, traps and treasures, scrolls and secrets in a Da Vinci-style queers' own adventure thriller.

For phone bookings please call 03 9495 6589
 Auslan interpreters on request.



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QUEER HISTORY WALK

The Archives ramble through Melbourne's very queer history.

Naked saints. Cross-dressing saints. Same-sex marriage in the church - in the nineteenth century! Melbourne has a very queer history. Join the gang from the Archives on our annual ramble through the streets of Melbourne, beginning this year at the State Library. Who knows where we'll all end up.

Australian Lesbian and Gay
Archives

State Library of
Victoria—Forecourt

25 Jan, Sun 4pm—6pm

Full \$15

Conc. \$10

Group (+10) \$10

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

alga.org.au



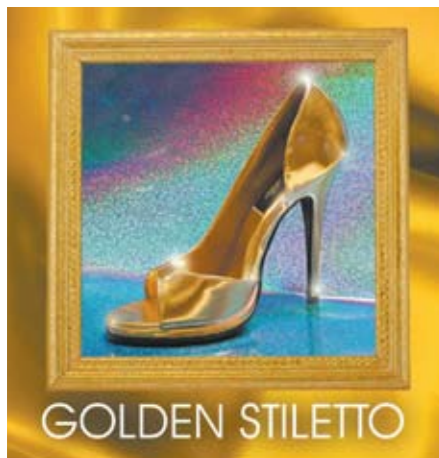
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GOLDEN STILETTO RALLY

A fun, camp foot rally around Richmond where everybody has a little laugh!

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.

DT's Hotel

31 Jan, Sat 3pm

Free to attend

Team/per person \$5

Proceeds to Midsumma

dtshotel.com.au



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THE RAINBOW CHA CHA

A fun & funky show for big-spirited kids and their grown ups.

The **Rainbow Families Council** invites you to come and enjoy Cha Cha Sam with her music made with love and laughter on an all singing, all dancing rainbow cha cha adventure. Fuelled by the ukulele and great backbeats, Cha Cha Sam is upbeat and interactive with lots of singing, dancing and heaps of fun.

Suitable for ages 3-10 and their grownups
Tickets also available at Rainbow Families Council Stall & Midsumma Kids Zone

Northcote Town Hall
—Studio 1

24 Jan & 31 Jan, Sat
10.30am

Full \$8

Conc. \$8

Family \$25

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

rainbowfamilies.org.au



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OPEN HOUSE & FACES

Lesbian Open House discussion group and Faces dinner group combined event - dinner and discussion.

Open House and **Faces** are both long-running Melbourne lesbian social groups. Come along and join us for our Midsumma gathering. Free entry, dinner from 6.30pm, \$10 bbq option or full menu, no booking required. Optional discussion group upstairs at 8pm. Live women's music is on in the venue for the night.

British Crown Hotel

5 Feb, Thu 6.30pm

Free

openhousemelbourne.com

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



JOY 94.9 PICNIC

Get away from the city and enjoy a picnic in the country.

Spend a day in the company of friends at the **JOY 94.9** Picnic at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon. Held in 10 acres of beautiful gardens you'll be serenaded by the **Melbourne Rainbow Band, MGLC** and **Motafrenz** will have cars on display.

BYO picnic, drinks and alcohol. No BBQs or pets.



Forest Glade, Mt Macedon

26 Jan, Mon 10am—3pm

Full \$15
Conc. \$10
Bookings: midsumma.org.au
joy.org.au



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PRIDE & RESPECT PICNIC

OutBlack is teaming with The ALSO Foundation to present another **Pride & Respect Picnic**.

Break bread with Melbourne's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQ community, relax under the trees and be entertained by some special guest performers.

BYO drinks, food and a rug - we'll provide some bush tucker, drinks and entertainment. An event for everyone; and the gardens have 'dogs off leash' areas so feel free to bring your pooch.

Edinburgh Gardens—Rotunda

25 Jan, Sun 1pm
Free



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PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
rainbow families council

FAMILY PICNIC

A fun family get-together supported by the **Rainbow Families Council**.

Join us in the Edinburgh Gardens for our 4th annual family picnic! Bring a picnic tea (BYO everything), swing on the monkey bars, compete in a fun soccer match (kids vs grown ups) and catch up with new and old friends.

Lots of shade and space, fenced playground & skate park. Meet near the playground.

Edinburgh Gardens

8 Feb, Sun 3pm—6pm
Free

rainbowfamilies.org.au



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GLOBE

MIDSUMMA EVENT

Fruits in Suits/Blend.

GLOBE celebrates Midsumma with a combined **Fruits in Suits** and **Blend** event. Ladies and gents come and enjoy an evening of business and social networking over drinks and finger food.

TBA—please check the website

22 Jan, Thu 6pm—8pm
GLOBE mem. Free
GLOBE non-mem. \$10
Bookings: midsumma.org.au
gaybusiness.com.au



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COMMUNITY EVENTS



MIDSUMMA CAR RALLY

Get your pride & joy, your old jalopy or rare collectable vehicle and join us in this fun and friendly car rally! Scream your lungs out through the Victorian countryside and suburbs alike on this hilariously fun day.

You won't get lost - we'll make sure you make it to our picnic lunch spot in plenty of time for a convivial catch-up with all the other rallyers. And the finishing point will be close enough to Melbourne for you to get home by 5pm ish so you can freshen-up for your next Midsumma social engagement of the day.

Exciting prizes to be won. All proceeds going to the **Burnett Institute.**



Como Park North

25 Jan, Sun 9.30am—3.30pm

Full \$16
+ \$5 per passenger
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
motafrenz.org.au



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ST DOROTHY DAY

CELEBRATE WITH GOD

Celebrate, rejuvenate or discover yourself with God in a loving, inclusive and welcoming space. Alfresco dinner to follow.

St Agnes Anglican Church

30 Jan, Fri 6.30pm

Free



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CARNIVORE

DIFFERENT DRUMMER PRESENTS

When Carnival is done and dusted, get your freaky little self to the Kitten Club for the after-party, Carnivore!

Now in its fourth year, the Carnivore party moves to the **Kitten Club** in '09, right in the heart of the city and just a few minutes walk from the gardens. Guest DJ is the indescribable, indefatigable, electric, eclectic **DJ Sveta (Sydney)** who is right at home behind the decks whether it's at the Sleaze Ball or Mardi Gras in Sydney or at Mr Black's in New York City or right here at a queer little electro-house party in Melbourne. We've also got **Pete Kung**, Melbourne's finest disco/electro purveyor, and your hosts for the evening, the **Different Drummer Djz**, aka **emagica** and **Danny C**. If you want an alternative to one of the big commercial gay clubs after **Carnival** this year, then honey this is it.

The Kitten Club

267 Little Collins St
(between Swanston & Elizabeth)

18 Jan, Sun 11pm—4am

Full \$10

myspace.com/carnivoreparty



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BUCK & RIDE GRAND FINAL

After 12 months of time trials, it's time to find Circuit's Cowboy 08. Gay blokes have always identified with blue denim and cowboys. It's a gay uniform thing or pigroot for those who know. Circuit combines both to bring you our "Buck & Ride" Grand Final Night. This is a Saturday night dedicated to cowboys and denim, as cowboys will always be a point of "go to". Perhaps it's the rough, rugged and slam me or get slammed look they have, or is it simply that they might be the best "ride me" sex animal.



Circuit Bar
24 Jan, Sat 9pm
Free
circuit.com.au



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MIDSUMMA MOONING 2009

Melbourne's Premier Bare Arse & Wet Jock Competition
No Attitude Guys! present a staple Midsumma event. This men-only charity fundraiser has guys baring their butts on stage to win prizes, and maybe a few fans in the crowd. 2009 sees the introduction of the 'wet jock' segment, ensuring the crowd gets an all-round view of the contestants.

The Laird Hotel
24 Jan, Sat 10pm
Full \$11
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
laird.com.au



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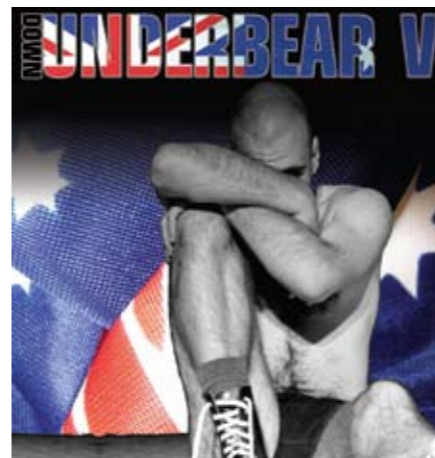
BEAR SOUP

Join Melbourne's bears in this afternoon of fun in the pool, spa & sauna. Advance Australia Bear VicBears will be taking over Wet on Wellington from 1pm for one of our famous Bear Soups! Admission includes the deck, pool spa & sauna and a fabulous lunch provided by VicBears and Wet on Wellington.

Wet On Wellington
26 Jan, Mon 1pm—5pm
Full \$20
VicBears Mem. \$18
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
vicbears.org.au



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DOWNUNDERBEAR

Break out your underwear and sportswear and come enjoy Midsumma with bears and their admirers. Join Melbourne's vibrant bear community getting down to their best shorts and tighty whitey's and having a lot of fun! Special guest DJ's Seymour Buttz and Phil Mezza will keep the music pumping while you get into the fun as only bears know how!

The Laird Hotel
25 Jan, Sun 9pm
Full \$16
VicBears Mem. \$11
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
vicbears.org.au



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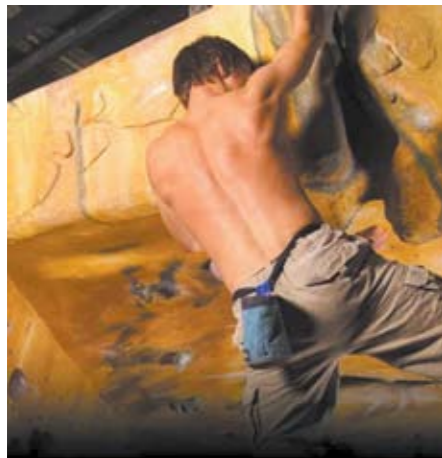
VICBEARS DEN NIGHT

Join the bears as they meet and greet for Midsumma. VicBears monthly bear gathering. Join the bears and their admirers as they gather for their regular meet and greet at The Laird Hotel. Justin J Bear, famous Sydney cabaret performer will be there to entertain the crowd during the evening along with regular DJ later in the evening. BBQ from 7pm.

The Laird Hotel
31 Jan, Sat 7pm
Free
vicbears.org.au



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NOMADS ROCKCLIMBING

Rockclimbing - no experience necessary, just the desire to have fun!
 Safety instructions, harness and shoe hire are included. Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for sports: no short t-shirts and no jewellery, skirts or tight jeans. Tie back long hair. Bookings required a week prior. Limit: 30 climbers per session – last year both sessions booked out! So get in QUICK!

Hardrock CBD
 21 Jan & 4 Feb, Wed
 6:45pm
 Full \$19
 Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
home.vicnet.net.au/~nomads/

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NOMADS URBAN WALK

Easy, scenic walk through beautiful bush settings near the heart of Melbourne!
 From the corner of Victoria & Walmer Sts in Victoria Gardens, we'll follow the Yarra River to the iconic **Fairfield Boathouse** for afternoon tea, visiting **Dights Falls** (pictured), **Studley Park Boathouse**, **Kane's Bridge** and **"Fruit Bat Villa"** enroute.

Register by Friday January 23rd to thenomadsinc@yahoo.com.au or 0428 447 539.

Victoria Gardens
 25 Jan, Sun 10.30am
 Free
home.vicnet.net.au/~nomads/

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SAME SEX D'SPORTS 09

Salsa, Tango, Quickstep or Waltz On Down - for the most entertaining and glamorous sport around!

Shimmy on down to Collingwood for an evening of dancing fun and excitement, it's same sex dancing at it's best! Couples from around Australia & New Zealand will compete in an atmosphere of friendly rivalry; doin' the Cha Cha Cha, Samba, Jive, Waltz, Paso Doble, Tango... and much more. Audience participation lessons are included.

Collingwood Town Hall

31 Jan, Sat 6pm

Full \$21

Conc. \$16

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

dancecats.com.au



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YOU YANGS BUSH WHACK

Drag out your mountain bike and explore the You Yangs bush trails with Bent Kranks.

Join Bent Kranks for a great day out mountain biking! We'll be cutting loose on the brand new **Kurrajong trail** network at the **You Yangs Regional Park**: 10 km of purpose-built, non-technical trails. Meeting point is at the Park Office, Turntable Drive. Bring your mountain bike and a sense of adventure!

You Yangs Regional Park

31 Jan, Sat 10am

Full \$5

Conc. \$3

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

bentkranks.com.au



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ACE GIRLS TENNIS

Come and try tennis with the Ace Girls

Come out and hit with the Ace Girls at this women's tennis night. Get fit, meet women of all ages and dust off your tennis game. All standards are welcome from beginners to advanced. All you need is a racquet and we'll do the rest.

Dinner at 9pm at the nearby Pumphouse Hotel will follow the tennis session.

Carlton Gardens Tennis Club

2 Feb, Mon 7pm
 Full \$7
 Conc. \$6
 Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
acegirls.org



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ELTHAM BIKE RIDE

Ride the Yarra trail and enjoy a picnic in Eltham with Bent Kranks

Join Bent Kranks for a fun day out on your bike! Meeting at Fairfield Park car park, we will ride the picturesque Main Yarra trail to Eltham for a picnic lunch. Bring your mountain or hybrid bike and a sense of adventure.

Distance 24km, return by train or ride back.

Fairfield Park Carpark

24 Jan, Sat 10am
 Full \$5
 Conc. \$3
 Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
bentkranks.com.au



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OUR SPORTING LIVES

An Olympic-sized gathering to tackle homophobia in mainstream sport.

Is homophobia a problem in mainstream sport? Want to hear what two Olympians have to say? Want more than a talkfest? Join a team of peak **LGBTIQ** and sporting organisations in the hottest sports gathering this summer. Let's take action and make sure homophobia in sports does not go unchecked.

For further information please contact **Daniel 0431 157 957**

City Village

17 Jan, Sat 2pm
 Free
 See "Challenging Homophobia In Mainstream Sports Initiative" on Facebook



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MIDSUMMA BOWLS

Play for fun or play to win!

Take some grass and control your bias - come and be part of the inaugural Midsumma lawn bowls event. Following on from the successes of the 1st Asia-Pacific Outgames, there'll be both competition and just-for-fun events. The perfect pre-Pride March activity! Supported by QSAM.

Melbourne Bowling Club

1 Feb, Sun 11am
 Full \$25
 Bookings:
midsumma.org.au



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4X4

Melbourne's Men Only Party 4x4 is back for Midsumma 2009.

Come spend the afternoon at 'The Laird Hotel' where the drinks are flowing in the famous beer garden, whilst Melbourne's most popular DJ's are spinning the vinyl. There's no dress code but sexy is definitely the order of the day.

For further details, visit www.4x4party.com.au



The Laird Hotel

1 Feb, Sun 2pm
Full \$8
Door \$12
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
4x4party.com.au



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MIDSUMMA BEYOND

Beyond's Annual Midsumma Leather Event.

Beyond returns for its annual Midsumma event, now in its 8th year. Melbourne's premier Leather party is well known for its sexy men, awesome music, lighting and mind-blowing lasers. With our reputation built on providing a friendly, attitude free environment, the Midsumma BEYOND will be no exception...Beyond recovery will continue after the main party has finished.

Inflation Nightclub —Geddes Lane

31 Jan, Sat 11pm
Full \$51
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
beyondblack.com.au



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FOAM-A-SEXUAL

The dirtiest way to get clean in 2009.

The **Peel Hotel** presents the long awaited return of FOAM-A-SEXUAL- the day party, for boy's and their toys. With a full cloakroom and showers supplied free of charge there is no excuse for leaving wet or dirty. Tickets also available at the bar at The Peel, Solaire Solarium Collingwood, BANG Clothing or Hares & Hyenas



The Peel Hotel

8 Feb, Sun 2pm
Full \$15
Bookings:
midsumma.org.au
thepeel.com.au



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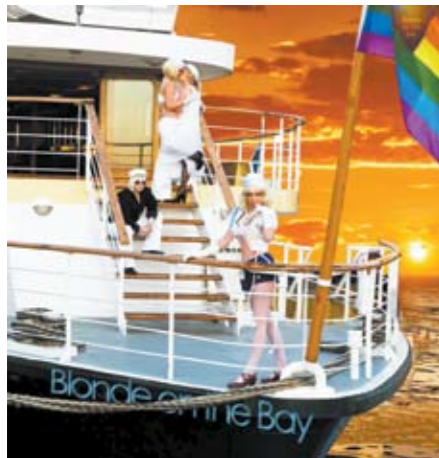
There is something about getting naked that many men cannot resist, especially with other men. Is it the raw nature of men exposed or what they do when exposed? Circuit is bringing **Point Impossible, Kings Beach, Oblisk** and **Lady Jane** to Smith Street, Fitzroy.

Sircuit Bar

19 Jan, Mon 7.30pm
Free
sircuit.com.au



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BLONDE ON THE BAY

A sunset seduction for girls who like girls.

Blonde on the Rocks is ecstatic to invite all sailor girls aboard for a sultry summer night cruise. Spend the glamour of the cocktail hour on the outer decks as the sunset lights the bay on fire, then revel in Blonde's special brand of decadent delight, set afloat.

Victoria Star Cruises

6 Feb, Fri 7.30pm

Full \$50

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

myspace.com/blonde-ontherocksmelbourne



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MISS CONCUBINE PARTY

Miss Concubine - where East meets West and Girls meet Girls.

Join Melbourne's hottest underground dyke DJs **Beaker, Mo Ichi, Madem'j** along with **Drag Kings Rocco D'Amore, Rabbit Hutch** and others as we celebrate Chinese New Year with a pink twist. Dance away Australia Day long weekend at Loop. Chinatown was never this sexy!

Loop

25 Jan, Sun 9pm

Full \$15

Door \$20

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au



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PINKALICIOUS

Shining a light on the dance party scene for stylish lesbian's.

A new style of femme party chic. An uplifting dance event for Melbourne's party girls. Pinkalicious promises a party that's fun and friendly for femme and stylish lesbian's.

The Precinct

31 Jan, Sat 9pm

Full \$25

Conc. \$20

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

pinkalicious.com.au



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SONIC DOLPHIN PARTY

Where the Wild Things Are (jungle adventure)

Dance to trance Where the Wild Things Are. Sonic Dolphin presents Melbourne's hottest DJ's, with lasers by **Oracle**, for our 6th **VAC** fundraiser. Release your deepest animal instincts, hunt or be hunted, explore the jungle arena. Prizes awarded for best-costumed Wild Thing.

Chasers Nightclub

25 Jan, Sun 12pm

Full \$40

Conc. \$30

Group (+10) \$35

Door \$45

Bookings:
midsumma.org.au

sonicdolphin.org.au



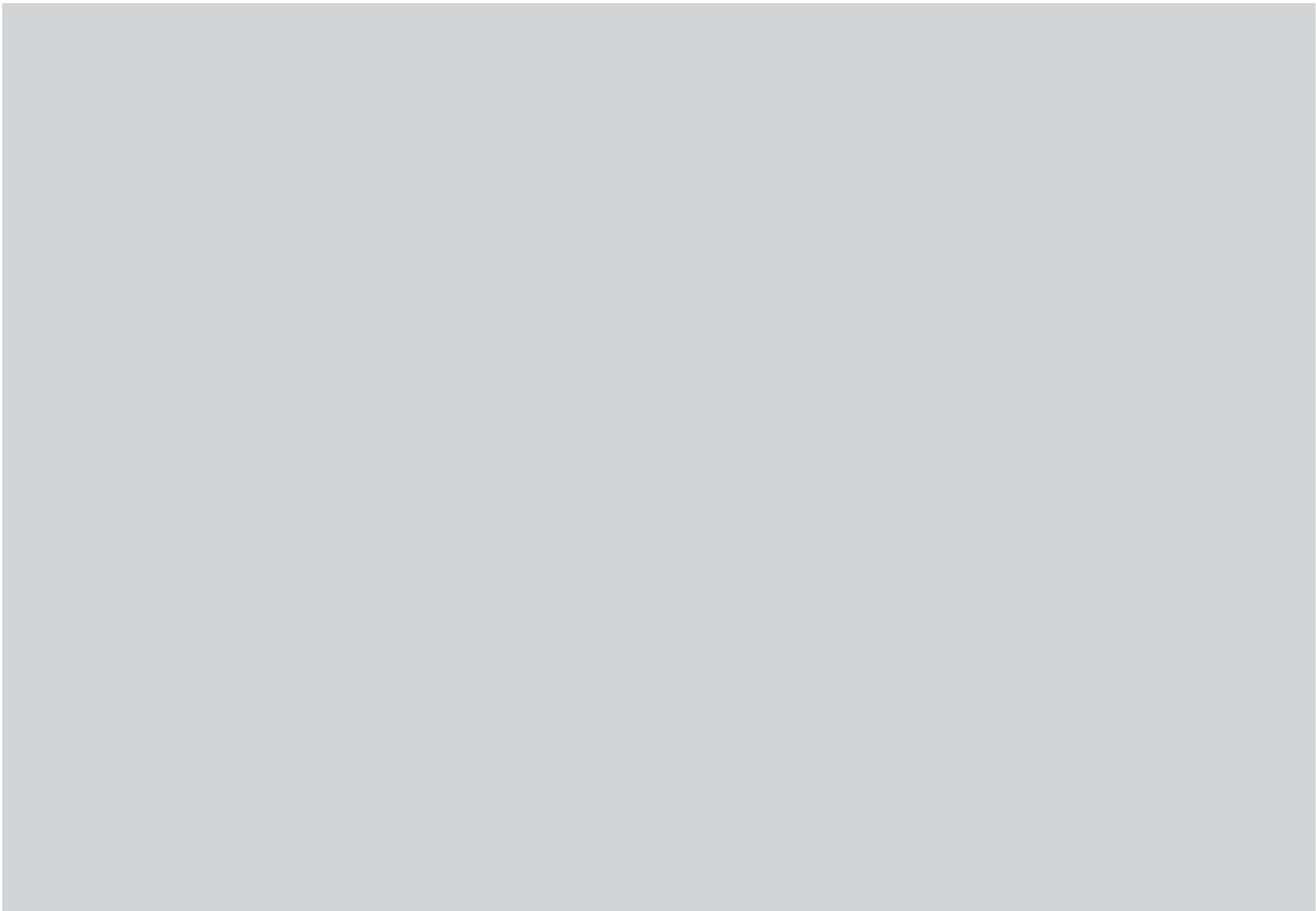
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JANUARY

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BUTTERFLY CLUB										
The Best of the Fest, hosted by Trevor Jones	•						•	•		
Dr Sketchy's Anti-Art School	•							•		
The Twink and the Showgirl						•	•	•	•	
Dragging it out	< 15	•								
The Man In The Corridor	< 15	•								
Happily Ever After: The Princess Fifi Way										
To Sir with Love???										
A String of Coloured Lights						•	•	•	•	
THE GLASSHOUSE										
King Victoria Drag Kings							•			
Laugh Out Loud								•		
Carnivore		•								
Tuff Muff	•									
Out Black								•		
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PERFORMING ARTS										
As You Do										
Camping Out										
Genesis: Re-Created										
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Circus! Circus!	•									
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Just the Two of Us - MQFF							•			
Outing Riley - MQFF								•		
Shelter - MQFF										
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FEBRUARY

EVENT	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 31	Sun 01	Mon 02	Tue 03	Wed 04	Thu 05	Fri 06	Sat 07	Sun 08
BUTTERFLY CLUB													
The Best of the Fest, hosted by Trevor Jones				•	•						•	•	
Dr Sketchy's Anti-Art School					•							•	
The Twink and the Showgirl													
Dragging it out													
The Man In The Corridor													
Happily Ever After: The Princess Fifi Way													
To Sir with Love???			•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•
A String of Coloured Lights													
THE GLASSHOUSE													
King Victoria Drag Kings				•									
Laugh Out Loud					•							•	
Carnivore													
Tuff Muff													
Out Black													
Easy												•	
PERFORMING ARTS													
As You Do		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•
Camping Out										•	•	•	•
Genesis: Re-Created	•	•	•	•	•								
The Dream Children	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	
Inside the Frame													
Direct From Inside		•	•	•	•	•							
A Narrow Time for Angels	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
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Thy Will Be Done		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	
Human Resources		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	
MUSIC													
DJ's Music+Wine													
Goddess Grooves													
Jazz Trade													
Circus! Circus!													
FILM													
Just the Two of Us - MQFF													
Outing Riley - MQFF													
Shelter - MQFF													
Itty Bitty Titty Committee - MQFF													
ACMI- Prisoner Episode 122 + Buck House Pilot Episode (unclassified 18+)													
ACMI- Journey Among Women (R18+)													
ACMI- Prisoner Episode 35 + Buck House Pilot Episode													14 >
ACMI- Prisoner Queen (unclassified 18+)													14 >
LITERATURE													
Mummy Dearest													
Here, Not Here													
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VENUE LISTING

69 Smith Street
69 Smith Street, Fitzroy
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM LINE: 86 STOP: 15

ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image
Flinders Street, Federation Square, Melbourne
TRAIN STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 24, 30, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 13

Alexandra Gardens
Alexandra Avenue, Melbourne
TRAIN STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 14

Australia Dreaming Art
116 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 14

British Crown Hotel
14-18 Smith St, Collingwood
TRAM No. 86 STOP: 15

Broken Mirror Studios
2C Staley Street (Level 1, Upstairs) Brunswick
TRAIN LINE: Upfield STATION: Brunswick
TRAM No: 19 STOP: 22
BUS No. 508 STOP: Sydney Road/Blyth Street

Burrinja, Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre
351 Glenfern Road, Upwey
TRAIN LINE:: Belgrave STATION: Tecoma
BUS No: 699 STOP: Matson Drive/Glenfern Road

The Butterfly Club
204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
TRAM No: 112 STOP: 128
BUS No: 970 STOP: Dorcas St/Clarendon St

Carlton Courthouse
349 Drummond Street, Carlton
TRAIN LINE: City Loop STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67 STOP: 72:1
BUS No: 251 STOP: Elgin Street/Rathdowne Street

Carlton Gardens Tennis Club
Nicholson Street, Carlton
TRAIN LINE:: City Loop
STATION: Parliament
TRAM No: 86, 96 STOP: 12

Catani Gardens
Beaconsfield Parade, St Kilda
TRAM No: 16, 96 STOP: 135

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham
STATION: Prahran
TRAM No: 72 STOP: 31
BUS No: 216, 219, 220 STOP: Chapel Street/Commercial Road

Chasers Nightclub
386 Chapel Street, South Yarra
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham/Pakenham
STATION: South Yarra
TRAM No: 72, 78, 79 STOP: 31 (72), 47 (78-9)

The Clifton Hill Hotel
89 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Clifton hill
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 23

City Library
253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 13

City Village
225 Bourke Street, Melbourne
STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 86, 96 STOP: 7

Collingwood Town Hall
140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
BUS No: 246 STOP: Gipps Street/Hoddle Street

Como Park North
Corner Alexandra Road & Williams Road, South Yarra
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham/Pakenham
STATION: South Yarra

Cromwell Road Theatre
27A Cromwell Road, South Yarra
TRAIN LINE: Cranbourne/Pakenham
STATION: Hawksburn
TRAM No: 8 Tram Station: 31

Dante's
150-156 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 14

The Dog Theatre
42a Albert Street, Footscray
TRAIN LINE: Werribee/Williamstown
STATION: Footscray

DJ's Hotel
164 Church Street, Richmond
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: West Richmond
TRAM No: 78 STOP: 62

Easey Street Artist Studios and Gallery
21 Easey Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 19

Edinburgh Gardens
Corner St Georges Road and Alfred Crescent, North Fitzroy
TRAIN LINE: Epping STATION: Rushall
TRAM No: 112 STOP: 21

Fairfield Amphitheatre
Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
TRAIN LINE: Hurstbridge
STATION: Fairfield

Fairfield Park Carpark
Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield
TRAIN LINE: Hurstbridge
STATION: Fairfield

Forest Glade, Mt Macedon
Mt Macedon Road, Mt Macedon
TRAIN LINE: Bendigo STATION: Gisborne

fortyfive downstairs
45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop STATION: Parliament
TRAM No: 48, 75, 70 STOP: 7

The Fox Hotel
351 Wellington Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Victoria Park
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 21

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham Street, Albert Park
TRAM No: 109 STOP: 128

Geddes Lane
Geddes Lane, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Southern Cross Station
TRAM No: 48, 70, 75 STOP: 2

The Glasshouse Hotel
51 Gipps Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 15

Guildford Lane Galleries
20-24 Guildford Lane, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 19, 24, 30, 57, 59 STOP:

Hardrock CBD
Cnr Franklin & Swanston Streets, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 24, 30, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 8

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy
TRAM No: 96 STOP: 15
BUS No: 200, 201, 202, 207
STOP: Nicholson/Elgin St

The Jam Factory, Village Cinemas
500 Chapel Street, South Yarra
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham/Pakenham
Train Stop: South Yarra
TRAM No: 78, 79 STOP: 48

Kick Gallery
239 High Street, Northcote
TRAIN LINE: Epping STATION: Northcote
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 31

Koorie Heritage Trust
295 King Street, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop STATION: Flagstaff

Kulun RoomRooftop, City Village
225 Bourke Street, Melbourne
STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 86, 96 STOP: 7

La Mama Theatre
205 Faraday Street, Carlton
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 1

The Laird Hotel
149 Gipps Street, Abbotsford
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
BUS No: 246, 301-9, 313, 315-16, 319, 340, 350

The Library Artspace J Studio Artist Community Inc.
100 Barkly Street, Fitzroy North
TRAIN LINE: Epping STATION: Merri
TRAM No: 96 STOP: 22

Loop
23 Meyers Place, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Parliament
TRAM No: 86, 96, 95 STOP: 9

Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre
Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Roads, Brunswick
TRAIN LINE: Upfield STATION: Brunswick
TRAM No: 19 STOP: 21
BUS No: 506 STOP: Albert St/Paisley St

Melbourne Bowling Club
138 Union Street, Windsor
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham STATION: Windsor
TRAM No: 5, 64, 78, 79 STOP: 32 (5,64); 44 (78, 79)

National Gallery of Victoria
180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
STATION: Flinders Street
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 14

Northcote Town Hall
189 High Street, Northcote
TRAIN LINE: Epping
STATION: Northcote
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 31

The Sir Robert Peel Hotel
113 Wellington Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 16

The Prahran market
163 Commercial Road, South Yarra
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham STATION: Prahran
TRAM No: 72 STOP: 30

The Precinct
525 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop STATION: Southern Cross
TRAM No: 55 STOP: 6

Platform Space
Degraeves Street Subway Melbourne
STATION: Flinders Street

The Projects
169 Johnston Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Victoria Park
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 19

RMIT Kaleide Theatre
360 Swanston Street, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 1

Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson Street, Carlton North
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge STATION: Clifton hill
TRAM No: 96 STOP: 18

Sircuit Bar
103-105 Smith Street, Fitzroy
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 19

St Agnes Anglican Church
114 Booran Road, Glen Huntly
TRAIN LINE: Frankston STATION: Glen Huntly
TRAM No: 67 STOP: 58

State Library of Victoria, Forecourt
328 Swanston Street, Melbourne
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 22 STOP: 6

Theatreworks
14 Acland Street, St Kilda
TRAIN LINE: Sandringham STATION: Balaclava
TRAM No: 96, 16, 79, 112 STOP: 143

The Tote Hotel
71 Johnston Street (Cnr Johnston & Wellington), Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Victoria Park
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 19

Trades Hall- Old Council Chambers
54 Victoria Street, Carlton
TRAIN LINE: City Loop STATION: Parliament & Melbourne Central
TRAM No: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 22, 25, 64, 67, 72 STOP: 7

Victoria Gardens
Cnr Walmer & Victoria Streets, Abbotsford
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge STATION: North Richmond
TRAM No: 109 STOP: 24

Victoria Star Cruises
Dock 9, Central Pier, Victoria Harbour, Docklands
TRAIN LINE: City Loop
STATION: Southern Cross
TRAM No: 70, 48, 86

Wet On Wellington
162 Wellington Street, Collingwood
TRAIN LINE: Epping/Hurstbridge
STATION: Collingwood
TRAM No: 86 STOP: 15

You Yangs Regional Park
Turn Table Drive, Little River
TRAIN LINE: Geelong
STATION: Little River