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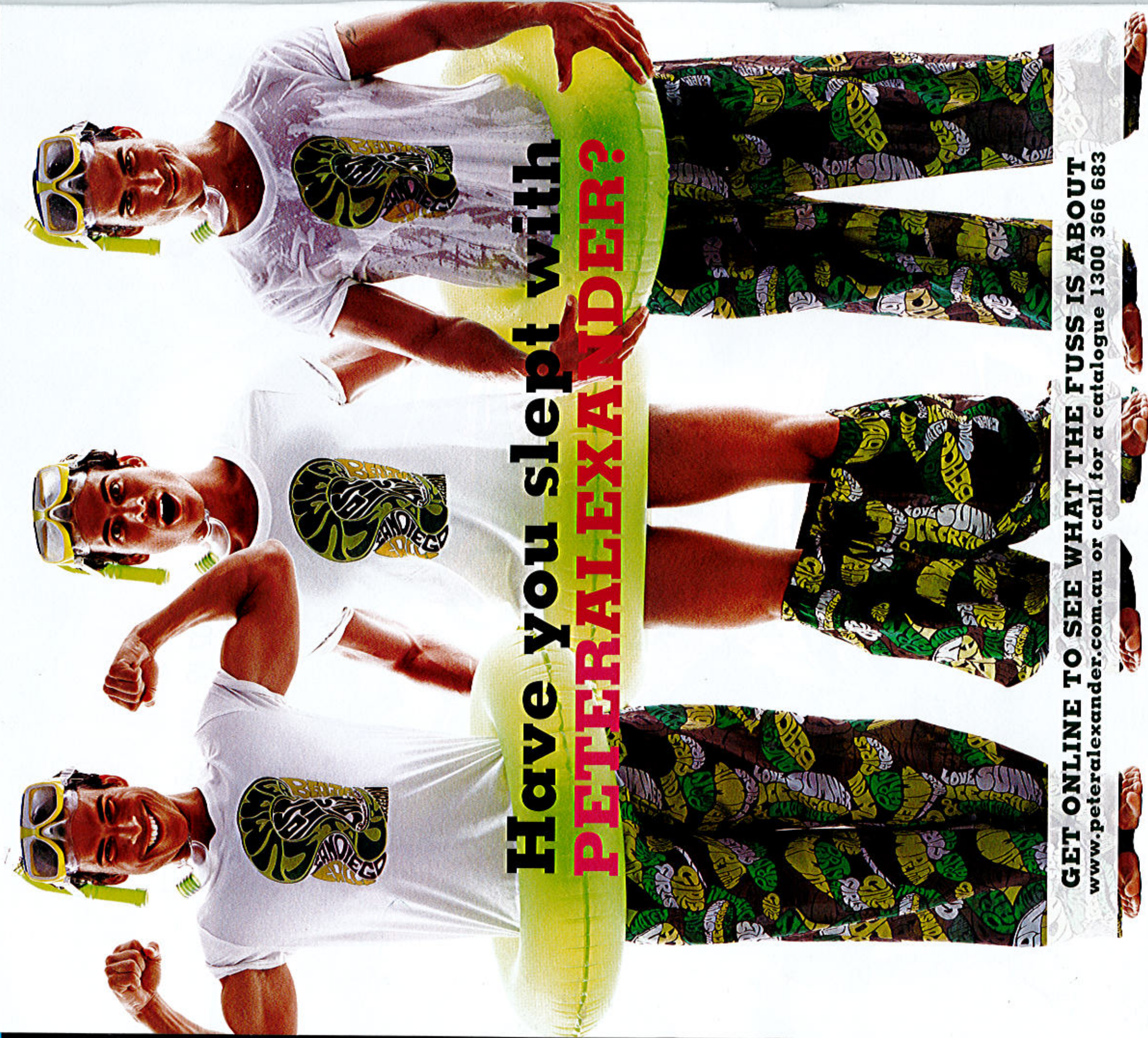
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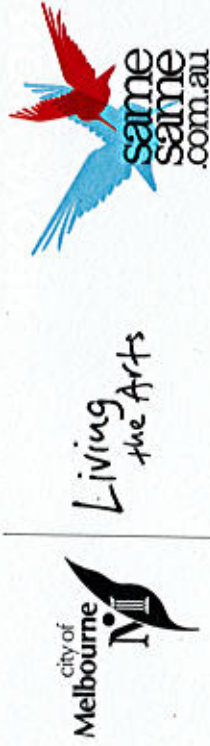
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Welcome

It's show time!

Midsumma 2007 is a showcase of Melbourne's hottest queer art and queer artists – and it's a showcase of you!

From Opening Night at Fed Square, featuring IOTA and the Beauty Queens and SistaShe, through three weeks of art, ideas, parties and parades, Midsumma is our chance to celebrate together as a community, and to show off to the world.

Highlights of this year's Festival include the stunning exhibition of work by painter *Juan Davila* at NGV International, the Midsumma premiere of *Ageboy* at The CUB Malhouse, *Novel Conversations*, featuring top queer writers and a superb range of Midsumma visual arts. For those who show themselves best on the dancefloor, there is the *Sunset Party* at Zinc on Opening Night, a huge new *Summa Cruise* on the Bay and what promises to be the biggest *T-Dance* ever, headlined by London DJ Alan Thompson.

Carnival will feature two stages of live entertainment from 11am to 6pm. Always a day for the whole family, the diversions will include UK performance artists *Supergirly* and *Ian Starr*, local diva *Cara Tyler* and indie bands *Violette* and *Long Walk Home*.

Melbourne's GLBT communities continue to enjoy Midsumma through the invaluable support of Major Sponsor City of Melbourne and public partners including *Tourism Victoria*, *Arts Victoria*, *VicHealth*, *City of Yarra*, *City of Stonnington*, *City of Port Phillip* and *Victoria Police*.

This year sees several new and returning sponsors including *IBM*, *GlaxoSmithKline*, *SameSame*, *Becks*, *NGV*, *Calvista* and *ACMI*.

My thanks also to the Patrons of Midsumma 2007. The generosity shown by members of our community in supporting Midsumma in this way is inspiring.

The Midsumma team – comprising four staff and over 120 volunteers – continue to give their time, energy and passion to do an outstanding job. Delivering a festival that gets bigger and better each year is never easy, and I am proud to call them my colleagues and friends.

So however you like to show yourself, Midsumma is your time to Show up, Show off and Show your Colours!

Glyn Cryer
Chair

We respectfully acknowledge that Midsumma takes place on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation.

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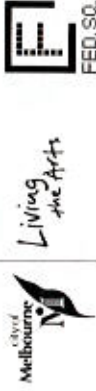
Premier Events

Opening Night

On Fri 19 Jan 2007, the heart of Melbourne will reveal its brightest GLBTI colours yet, as a diverse and exceptional mix of performers take over Federation Square. Show Up, Show Off and SHOW YOUR COLOURS!

Don't miss the party of all parties to kick off Melbourne's three week GLBTI Midsumma Festival. This year you'll be spoilt for choice as the entertainment and celebrations take place all over Federation Square representing the diversity of Melbourne and Australia's beautifully queer community. Whether you're into rock, pop, cabaret, freak shows, comedy, drag or booty shakin' beats, Midsumma Opening Night 2007 will show, and cater for, a community unbound by clichés (but occasionally partial to them...). Midsumma is a festival that is only as colourful as the community it represents. Be one of the thousands to paint 2007 a bright, smart, sexy, shade of <insert your favourite colour(s) here>.

Venue Federation Square, Cnr Flinders & Swanson St, Melbourne, Melway 1A,111
Date Fri 19 Jan
Time 6.00pm
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au



The Main Square

Launching the party at 6.00pm are the **Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus** – an award winning Australian choir whose passionate commitment to diversity and camaraderie through music has ensured its continued growth and success. Now numbering some 80 plus members in four vocal sections of Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass, the choir sings accompanied and 'a cappella' as well as sometimes using percussion and subtle choreography.

Helping the night along are MC's Mitzi and Hammond Wurlitzer and Anthony Menchetti

Mitzi and Hammond Wurlitzer are Skithouse stars and comedy legends Scott Brennan and Gal Wilson who transform into a salty old showbiz couple. **Anthony Menchetti** is a Raw Comedy winner, star of Foxtel's *thecomedychannel*, Melbourne International Comedy Festival favourite, Edinburgh Festival top pick and DNA columnist!

Heading the Main Stage line up are **!OTA** and **The Beauty Queens**, one of Australia's most enigmatic, talented and original singer/songwriters that embraces six ARIA Award nominations, four albums, seven singles and a stunning theatrical debut as the lead role in *Hedwig & the Angry Inch*, and... **Sista She**, Australia's own queer, feminist, rap, comedy, performance-cabaret act who are full of phat beats, white tracksuits, 80's hip hop dance moves and hilarious rhymes shooting off the tongues

Hot on their tails are **Claire Clarke**, a hot, sassy and a self-confessed wild child. She's about to show Australian audiences the future in pop/rock! Recently headlining at the City of Perth's Fairday with 15,000 in attendance Claire rocked the crowd and closed the show... **Suade** are five burly assorted gents who's a cappella music involves everything from outrageous comedy to tear-jerking tracks – all performed with just their voices. They're the Melbourne boys with a twinkle in their voices and a sparkle in their eyes!

Opening Night also provides a taste of **Rock Strip** – an all chick show like you've never seen before! Bringing together some of Australia's finest female musicians and performance artists featuring *The Purring Fur Maids*, MC Dame, Elizabeth Blast, Sprinkle Magic, Sex Intentis, Gita Supernova, The Town Bikes, Lewdy Lush, Jen Fonds & more... Plus **GLOVEBOX**, who have recently returned from a national tour of the USA where they performed with the likes of "Youth Group" and "Climber". The tour spanned over 20 states in 6 weeks and has well and truly launched GLOVEBOX onto the world stage... And **GenderSchmender**, a trans/queer/genderqueer performance and art group that are gonna show you what they're made of on Opening Night... so leave your sexist, classist, racist, transphobic and homophobic attitudes at home!

Plus many more, kings, queens and everything in between...

From left to right: Anthony Menchetti, Mitzi and Hammond Wurlitzer, !OTA and The Beauty Queens, Sista She, Claire Clarke, Suade, Rock Strip, GLOVEBOX GenderSchmender and Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus.

QTube

TV has always been our window on the world but brace yourself!

For the 2007 Midsumma Opening Night Party, we're bringing you Q-Tube – a new perspective on the world that's anything but straight. Come into our world and surf the channels between confession booths, music videos, short films, vox pops, video art, live performance and sneak peeks of all the excitement Midsumma has to offer.

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Directed by Nicholas Verso (Asphodel Films) and Mat G (Down the Shops).





Special Event – Tonight Show

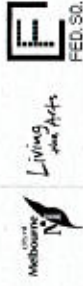
Join Midsumma darling, **Wes Snelling**, and his house band as they take you on a live two-hour televisual journey of all things comedy, camp and cabaret.

Situated in the architectural haven of BMW Edge, the Tonight Show provides a teaser of the many comedy cabaret events lined up for this Midsumma season, as well as a selection of the most 'out there' and outstanding local and international talent. Sit back and enjoy the songs, the stories, and the stories behind the stories as your host **Wes Snelling** interviews your favourite characters before they grace the Tonight Show stage. As one of Melbourne's finest, Wes delights audiences everywhere he goes with his distinctive blend of charm, wit and honey-coated voice.

Wes will be introducing a cavalcade of queer stars ... here's a taste... **The Butterfly Glee Club** will make you forget yoga, forget All-Bran and forget colonic irrigation. If you really want to do something that makes you feel good inside just SING with the hippest sing-along choir in town... **Lounge-Zilla!** Is an atomic blast of twisted music, naughty comedy with an outrageous X-rated 3-D finale... **Lola On-Collins**, a cabaret/comedy performer and Midsumma stalwart, Rachel Forgasz (My Life as a Dyke) is the self-proclaimed diva who laments with gusto, glamour, and gaudiness, the torturous tale of being the woman who everybody wants... **Lizzy Drip's** quick fire changes, glamorous costumes and outrageous parodies of all your favourite divas brings her 'Twisted Divas Tour' to Oz for the very first time... **Beau Heartbreak** blew audiences away during her sell out season at this year's Melbourne Fringe Festival with her convincing, and hilarious show, with a voice that will leave you breathless... **Kaye Sera** is a multi-talented singer, writer and media personality best known for her radio presenting on the JOY94.9FM, whose live cabaret act has been part of the Midsumma Festival for five years... **Yana Elana** is the ferociously talented Sarah Ward (Sista She) who pulls another smart, sexy and perfectly political character out of her bag of tricks... **Missfit & The Dandy Nongs** are irrepressible, iridescent and totally irresistible. Missfit returns to Midsumma with her singing and dancing Dandy Nongs in a dazzling account of how she has become the almost famous icon she is today!

From left to right: *Beau-Heartbreak, Kaye Sera, Lizzy Drip, Lola On-Collins, Federation Square, Wes Snelling, Yana Elana, Missfit & The Dandy Nongs & Lounge-Zilla!*

Venue BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne, Melway 1A.J11
Date Fri 19 Jan
Time 7.30 – 9.30pm
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
 www.midsumma.org.au



Side Show Alley

Come and join in the Freak Carnivale, and indulge in rides, fairy floss, face painting and balloon animals for the queer child in us all.

Featuring bewitching freaks of nature and award winning hit Side Show Curios, this Opening Night treat will bring you brilliant and bizarre antics from the minds and bodies of Directors, Jessica Murphy, ABODE, BluAfterGlow and Primal People. The roll call of Freaks on show include **Penny Machinations**... fascinating and 'fascinatingly ordinary, amazing and entrancing all rolled up into one... **Ms Fat Booty** is a Melbourne based aerial and hoola hoop performer who will dazzle audiences as she spins, shakes and wriggles with her collection of up to 70 hoola hoops... **Body Grind** will amaze with the raw hard energy of metal on metal, sparks flying and the sound of grinding. A combination of one boy one girl, power tools and metal plates... **Troupe De Natalia** swap between highly skilled circus artists and physical caricature perform to sensual burlesque kittens, delivering a unique and energetic live theatrical experience to all who desire to be enticed... **The Faerie Prince** exudes impish charm and circus skill, finding a perfect fusion to his mesmerising juggling style... **The Tokyo Love Kitten** has always been a strange character, constantly forming, reforming and transforming. Between painting, designing and deejaying, Tokyo spends her days managing fashion label, Rapunzel's Closet... **ABODE** is just that, a home to all things fetid and freak, bent, bizarre and brazen. Forget dark corners and dirty alleyways, **ABODE** enables the exploration of 'All Things Wicked' by providing a space that is safe, sassy, and confidently queer... **BluAfterGlow**, the Producers, and Primal People the talent, are the faces to 'All Things Unique' with fetish and flare. A collective of unique performance artists, **Primal People** have made their impact felt in scenes as diverse as movie productions, underground fetish parties and corporate events!

From left to right: *Penny Machinations, Body Grind, Ms Fat Booty & Tokyo Love Kitten.*

Venue BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne, Melway 1A.J11
Date Fri 19 Jan
Time 7.00 – 9.30pm
Price Free
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Premier Events

Zinc Sunset Party

See the shimmering colours of summer set on the Yarra from the decking of Melbourne's Zinc at Federation Square.

Showcasing some of Melbourne's favourite party DJs, performers and celebrities including special guest former Big Brother housemate, organic farmer and ex-model **David Graham**, the Zinc Sunset Party is the place to sink into Midsumma 2007 from dusk till the wee hours.

Featuring **SummaSlink**, an all-star performance 'not-just-a-drag-show' extravaganza co-produced by **Bumpy** (King Victoria), **Aida** (Lotus Nights) and **Opium Den**, who deliver a tasty sticky spread of GLBTI Melbourne's favourite Drag Kings, Drag Queens, TranzQueers, Burlesque/Dancers, Live Music, Culture Groups, Heart-Throbs & DJ's, with three shows from 11.00pm. Don't miss this all-inclusive Performance Paradise!

Your line up of DJ's for this climax to Midsumma's Opening Night Party includes **Jimi Harrison** who, at the sweet age of 22, has already strutted the Melbourne gay & lesbian stage having played **Pride March**, **Raw Hide**, **Winterdaze**, **Locker Room**. Jimi has adopted a style of house that is funky, energetic and highly addictive – playing artists such as **Hott 22**, **Shapeshifters** and **Freemasons**.... **DJ Mafia** is a renowned **Sneaker Freak** and **Hip Hop Junkie**, who has been **killin' 'em on the wheels of steel** for over 10 years, bein' the party starter wherever she plays. **Mafia** has a reputation for being the "Go To DJ" to get the crowd amped and ready to get the party started!...

Miss Eleni was drawn to the dance scene by her love of house music and the eternal search for that perfect female vocal. Getting her first break at **CandyBar**, she is now a resident of three years and takes pride in consistently delivering quality house sets. ... **Mo Ichi** blurs the lines between electro, house, minimal and tek. Remaining true, but not exclusive to the underground movement, she continues to promote the music that not only inspires her, but has helped shape her as a creative individual.... **Tokyo love kitten & Kid Lobotomy** are a **Dling duo** made in the age of big hair and lycra. Their style is trashy 80's mixed with indie alternative and they'll have you dancing like it's 1985. Musical taste ranges from **Cyndi Lauper** and **Madonna** through to **Dresden Dolls** and **Le Tigre**. This is a licensed event for 18's and over. ID may be required.

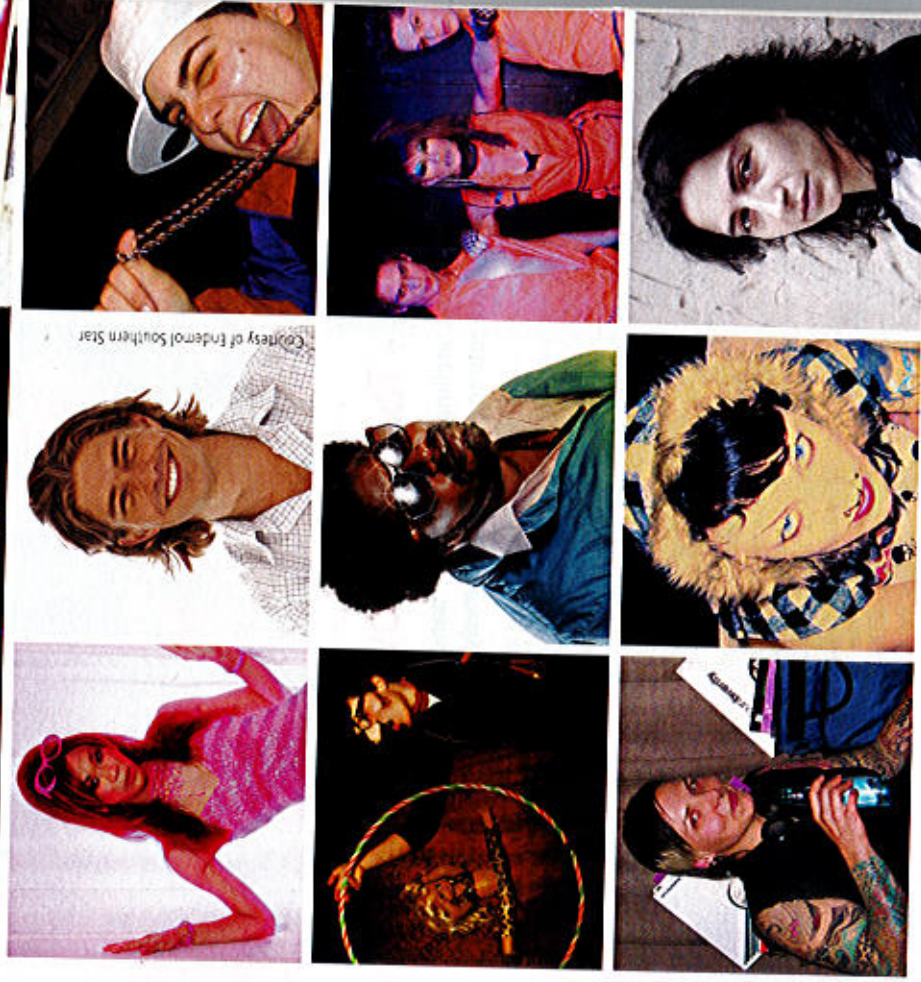
From left to right: **Jimi Harrison**, **Aida**, **David Graham**, **DJ Mafia**, **Elvira**, **Coco Ma\$\$**, **Regime**, **Mo Ichi**, **Kid Lobotomy** & **Miss Eleni**.

Venue ZINC, Federation Square, Melbourne, Melway 1A J11
Date Fri 19 Jan
Time 6.00pm till late
Price \$20 +bf. Limited numbers. Passouts available
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Premier Events

Juan Davila

Juan Davila is a major solo exhibition of one of Australia's most innovative and influential painters.

Davila's complex, beautiful and challenging paintings are known for their thorough interrogation of cultural, sexual and social identities, within an international context.

Incorporating text, found objects, appropriated imagery, photography and other media, Davila's paintings provide insightful critiques of themes including the Australian political system, cultural aspects of late capitalism, structures of the art world and sexuality. More recently, the artist has addressed the treatment of refugees in Australian detention centres in a series of nightmarish 'Woomera' landscapes referencing the suffering of detainees.

The exhibition will feature seminal works such as Davila's epic 1980s murals, rarely seen Chilean pieces, and new work created specifically for the show.

Venue NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Date All St Kilda Rd Trams, Melway 2F G8
Thu 30 Nov 06 – Sun 4 Feb 07

Time 10.00am – 5.00pm daily, closed Tue


Price \$10 Full, \$7 Con, \$25 Family, \$5 Members, \$12.50 Members Family

Info Bookings: 8662 1555, 8620 2222, enquiries@ngv.vic.gov.au, www.ngv.vic.gov.au

Image (right):

Juan Davila born Chile 1946, arrived Australia 1974.
Guacolda del Carmen Gallardo 2004.
Oil on canvas, 120 x 90 cm.

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Midsumma Festival and MU Student Union Ltd present the Union House Theatre production of:
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After a sensational sell-out season in 2006 at Melbourne University, Union House Theatre's production of *Rageboy* returns at The C.U.B. Malthouse with its jarring mix of death-metal, gay beats, albinism and Hey Dad. Comprising live action, film clips and a dissonant soundtrack, *Rageboy* is a very funny, very sad look at dysfunction and outsiders. A subversive comedy for the End Times.

Written by Declan Greene (BOG, Laugh Out Loud, Fat Camp), featuring professional and student actors from Melbourne University, and directed by Susie Dee (Tower Of Light, The Teratology Project and Berggasse 19 – The Apartments of Sigmund Freud for the 2005 Melbourne Festival) currently Artistic Director of Union House Theatre.

Venue Beckett Theatre @ The C.U.B. Malthouse, 113 Sturt St, Southbank
Tram 1, Melway 2F, F11
Date Wed 7 – Sat 10 Feb
Time 8.00pm Wed – Sat, plus 3.00pm Sat 10 Feb
Price \$20 Full, \$15 Con (+ bf)
Info j.byrt@union.unimelb.edu.au, www.midsumma.org.au
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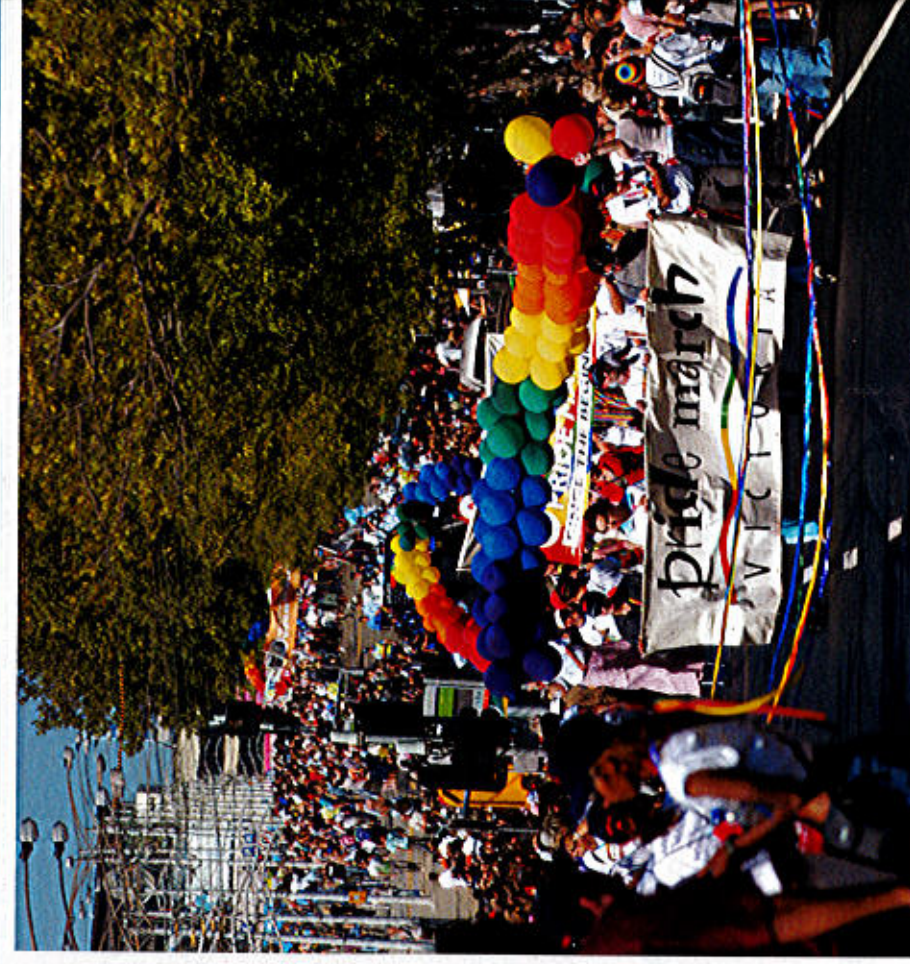


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Summa Cruise

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Over two levels, Melbourne's biggest floating dance floor will be transformed into a nautical oasis, where you will party the night away with a cocktail in one hand and a dance beat in the other. Hook up with your first mate or assemble a crew now to assure your passport to the coolest gig in town!

Summa Cruise is a sure sell-out so get a gang together and book now.

Venue Rivers' Voyager, 9 Central Pier, Harbour Esplanade, Victoria Harbour, Docklands (opposite Telstra Dome)
Melway 2E F5
Date Fri 2 Feb
Time 7.30pm boarding call for 8.00pm sharp anchors away (duration 4 hours)
Price \$50 Full (Plus bf), \$45 Con (Plus bf), Groups of 10 or more at con. price,
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In 2007, Pride March moves to the opening weekend of the Midsumma Festival. March down Fitzroy St into Catani Gardens to enjoy the free concert. Eat, drink, dance and sing until late.

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Assemble cnr Lakeside Dve and Fitzroy St, St Kilda. March travels down Fitzroy St and concludes with a free concert at the Catani Gardens till 11.00pm.

The Concert features the Money Online Stage, the Saturday Night Greyhound Karaoke Stage, great food and 2 licensed bars with all profits donated to Pride March.

Register your group at www.pridemarch.com.au. Don't want to march? Volunteers & Marshalls are always welcome. Register your interest or skills at www.pridemarch.com.au

Pride March Victoria is a member of InterPride, the international association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride coordinators.

Venue Fitzroy St to Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Tram 16, 96, Melway 58 A9

Date Sun 21 Jan

Time March commences at 5.00pm. Assemble from 3.00pm. Concert concludes 11.00pm

Price Free

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Carnival @ Treasury Gardens

You loved it so much last year, we're inviting you back to the beautiful Treasury Gardens for the 2007 Midsumma Carnival and we encourage you to loose yourself along the tree lined avenues, escape under the canopies of leaves and cruise through the picnicing parties on the lawns.

When you're done with that, hit the bars, graze the gourmet village, rush the stages and dig up the dance floor because this not just a picnic! Two stages and lots of active zones will keep you movin' through this mammoth event – the biggest on Melbourne's queer calendar.

All of your favourites are back plus heaps of new and exciting things to see and do... It's a lot of bang for five bucks!

Venue Treasury Gardens, Corner Flinders & Spring St, Melbourne
Melway 1B Q10. Easy access via Parliament Station, or the number 48, 70 or 75 tram along Flinders St
Date Sun 11 Feb
Time 11.00am – 6.00pm
Price \$5 donation upon entry
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
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Main Stage

Stake out your claim early if you want a prime view of the Main Stage at Carnival. The show kicks off at 12 noon and continues through till 6.00pm offering a rollercoaster of bands, divas, and DJ's.

Enceed by the sharp tongue and quick wit of **Dolly Diamond**, direct from Ye Olde London Towne, this stage will rock, roll and very likely rupture with song, dance, music and loads of spunk!

On the bill are **Cara Tyler**, one sexy hot dance diva for the "naughties", who is cutting up the floor with her three new singles "Like The Girls Do", "Divarosity" and "Dangerously Close" which are receiving mass airplay on both live and internet radio stations. Listen into JOY 94.9 in the next months as "Like the Girls Do" is added... **The Transylvanian**

Gypsy Kings with latest horras from Bucharest and traditional and popular hits from Romanian club scene. Nicu, Bobi and Jureca will amaze you with their Eastern romance and renown tribute to Queen... Few bands rival the intensity of **Long Walk Home's** stage show. Androgenous vocalist Charles Canth's haunting counter tenor, Jake Bowill's arresting electric violin and mandolin, Michael Robb's dynamic rolling bass and Aidan McLaren's expressive/ explosive drumming provide dramatic, intriguing, compelling and divisive sounds... **SuperGirly**... aka Lulu McClatchy, has decided that pop music has it coming and she's going to give it a good lashing of strong vocals, clever writing and a piss take that will leave you laughing from start to finish... **Violette** are four local girls who rip it up and know how to rock out. The order of the day is an unmistakable fusion of groovy beats and cool rock riffs... **Ian Starr** is all about dance floor drama. Opulence, Style and Glamour sum up his crossover Boy Band/Girl Band attitude. It's an International sound from an International boy

Check MCV for Carnival programming updates including the Main Stage line up.

From left to right: Ian Starr, SuperGirly, The Transylvanian Gypsy Kings, Violette, Long Walk Home & Cara Tyler.

Community Stage

If you've got something to show off, we've got the stage for you!

This stage is for you to bang your own drum, deal your own deck or open up your own closet. Whether you have something to sing out, shout out or show off, the Carnival Community Stage is open to new comers... but you need to register with us before the day.

Send your concept/bio/cd to communitystage@midsumma.org.au by Fri 19 Jan 07 to be in the running for a spot in the limelight. Stage time is limited so not all applicants can be accepted.

Check MCV for Carnival programming updates including the Community Stage line up.





Carnival Highlights

Be entertained by all of your Carnival favourites and some new attractions.

Dance Zone From Bootscoot to Ballroom, if you've got the moves, we've got the place. Brush up on your dance moves with a touch of 'Rumba, Samba, Cha Cha'. Grab your boots and dust off your elanims with the ever-popular 'Bootscooters' and see you on the dance floor!

Dog Show Now one of the longest running Midsumma events, and certainly the most loved, Dulcie Du Jour's famous Dog Show sets the dogs amongst the pigeons in this high camp romp through canine-land. Where dogs meet drag and cuddly coris, shaggy shizus and beely bulldogs all fight it out for Best in Show. Dulcie's Dog Show is limited to 50 entrants. Register at the Eagle Pack stand from 11.00am. Categories include Bold and Butch, Cultured & Camp, Owner/ Dog Look-a-Like, Survival of the Oldest and Young Achiever!

Kidz Zone The Rainbow Families Kidz Zone is a retreat for Mum & Mummy, Dad & Daddy and all the Family. When the kids tire of the hoi poloi or the drag queens start to look too scary come into the shaded, secure, friendly and safe Kidz Zone where you can let the little ones rip loose. Activities on offer include face painting, story telling, play music and art. Facilities for changing and feeding are also ideally located within the Zone.

Community Connections A chance to connect with our ethnic roots and get inspired to leave our comfort zones. Enjoy the birth of the VicHealth Community Connections hall, which will come to life under one roof and will offer an exciting gathering space. Opportunities include listening and learning about the aims and objectives of GLBTI cultural sub groups, embracing the essence of support networks who will inspire you to become further involved in giving them a voice, informal "mingling" sessions and entertaining performances. With some enlightening talks, innovative displays and interactive activities the VicHealth Community Connections hall will open your mind and ignite your spirit.

Sports Precinct Join Melbourne's GLBTI sporting groups as they gather together for one day to show off and celebrate their sporting diversity. Queer Sports Alliance Melbourne (QSAM) will be offering all Carnival-goers the opportunity to participate or look on while others play a variety of interactive sports as well as provide information on becoming involved in one or many of the groups present. QSAM offers tennis, volleyball, rowing, water polo, cycling and much more.

Fancy a Well Packed Picnic? Order your Summa Hamper prior to the day and enjoy that extra hour on Sunday morning to get over the night before. Midsumma caterers, Artistic Food are taking pre-Carnival orders for scrumptious gourmet picnic hampers. Treat your loved one or impress the whole gang with options for two people or more. Order now at www.artisticfood.com.au/summahampers.htm, or phone **9686 5866**

Check MCV for Carnival programming updates.



T Dance

Just when you think the Carnival is over... wait, there's more...

Funky tunes waft between the trees, twinkling stars shine beyond the disco balls and the cool grass massages your feet as you dance the night away. This is T-Dance, our glorious finale to Carnival and Midsumma 2007.

International DJ Alan Thompson moved from the UK to Australia in 2004 where, for Ministry of Sound, he recorded the 'Clubbers Guide To 2005' and in 2006, 'Housexy'. Alan brings his international reputation for deep, vocal, tribal, funky house to Midsumma's T Dance this year.

After T Dance, The Party kicks on at The Market until 5.00am, where resident DJ's, spectacular entertainment, lighting by Rob Lawry, a powdered floor and a pumped system will keep the party animal in all of us satisfied. Free entry for T Dance ticket holders and Midsumma Member card holders.

This is a licensed event for 18's and over. ID may be required.

Above: T Dance DJ Alan Thompson.

Venue Treasury Gardens, Cnr Flinders & Spring St, Melbourne
Melway 1B Q10. Easy access via Parliament Station, or the number 48, 70 or 75 tram along Flinders St
Date Sun 11 Feb
Time 5.00pm - 11.00pm
Price \$20 +bf pre sale. \$25 at the gate unless sold out
Info Bookings: www.SameSame.com.au



Film

Same Same Culture Club

A special open-air screening of the award winning film *Transamerica* under the stars at the Nissan Moonlight Cinema.

Come join SameSame.com.au for an evening of friends, fun and one of the hit films of the year, *Transamerica*, as part of the Same Same Culture Club. Held at the Nissan Moonlight Cinema in the Royal Botanic Gardens and starring rising star Kevin Zegers and *Desperate Housewives'* Felicity Huffman in her Golden Globe-winning role, this will be a gorgeous mid-Summer night to remember.

Venue Nissan Moonlight Cinema @ Royal Botanic Gardens Birdwood Avenue (near intersection of Domain Road) South Yarra. Tram 8, Melway 2L C2
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time Gates open 7.00pm, film starts at sundown
Price \$15
Info Bookings: 9417 5643, www.SameSame.com.au
www.cultureclub.SameSame.com.au



The 13th Annual Movies Under The Stars

Melbourne Queer Film Festival in partnership with City of Yarra presents 4 warm and romantic nights of queer film favourites on the banks of the Yarra.

BYO picnic hamper and cushions – prizes for best hamper. Treats this year include *Producing Adults*, *Balls*, *Cowboys and Angels*, and back by popular demand, *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love*. See details below.



Cowboys & Angels

Shane is a cute but hapless 20-year-old civil servant who takes up flat sharing with Vincent, a gay fashion student.

Vincent isn't above making fun of Shane's squeariness to his cool friend Gemma, who happens to be the girl Shane is hot for. Trying to help, Vincent plays 'Queer Eye' on Shane's wardrobe. By the film's close, Shane is a changed man – but not in the ways you might expect. Impeccable performances, a healthy plot and a heart of gold provide a vibrant, fresh take on the rites of passage film genre.
 Dir: David Gleeson, Ireland, 2003, 89 mins.

Venue Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield. Melway 30 J12
Date Fri 26 Jan
Time Gates open at 7.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con
Info Bookings: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au
www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love

Randy is a white high school tomboy living with her lesbian aunt. *Evie* is a beautiful & pampered African American princess from the right side of the tra politics and prejudice and concentrates on the two young women's intense attraction for each other. *Two Girls* is a terrifically sweet low-budget romantic comedy that is bound to please. Dir: Maria Maggenti, USA, 1995, 95 mins.

Venue Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield. Melway 30 J12
Date Fri 2 Feb
Time Gates open at 7.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con
Info Bookings: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au
www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au

Balls

Sparks – and feet – fly when a forcibly outed gay goalie assembles an all-gay soccer team to challenge his old hetero club in a hilarious grudge match.

Ecki is a sweet, previously closeted gay man who plays goalie in his small town's soccer team. When he is caught flirting with another player, his homophobic teammates throw him out. He vows to return one day with an all-gay team that will grind the heteros into the dust, and so sets off to find his dream team. Ecki scours local gay bars and eventually assembles a hilariously motley but endearing crew of misfits.
 Dir: Sherry Hornam, Germany, 2004, 102 mins. German with English sub-titles.

Venue Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield. Melway 30 J12
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time Gates open at 7.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con
Info Bookings: 9827 2022, info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au
www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



Producing Adults

An unconventional love story addressing themes of friendship and fertility.

Venla works as a psychologist at a fertility clinic, deciding who should receive artificial insemination. Venla dreams of motherhood, a desire not shared by her speed-skater boyfriend, Antero, who's so unwilling to shoulder parental responsibilities that he undergoes a secret vasectomy. Her baby-making options seriously reduced, Venla can't help but think about her workplace where millions of sperm samples lay preserved. Will Venla ever become a mother, and with whom will she co-parent? Dir: Aleksí Salminen, Finland/Sweden, 2004, 100 mins. Finnish with English sub-titles.

Venue Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield. Melway 30 J12
Date Sat 27 Jan
Time Gates open at 7.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con
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The Devil's Playground



Schepisi's semi-autobiographical account of Catholic seminary school life in the 1950's.

A major critical success of the 1970's, the film charts the effects of rigid discipline sanctioned by religious authority on both the boys' tortuous adjustment to puberty, and on the brothers of the teaching order who struggle to live up to the strictures. Establishing Schepisi as one of Australia's most talented directors, *The Devil's Playground* was one of the first films to be selected for the Director's Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival.

Venue ACMI, Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne. Melway 1A J11
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time 2.00pm
Price \$8
Info Bookings: www.acmi.net.au

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Life

Life is the story of men on the edge of a brutal prison system and their relationships with the women they have loved and left behind.

To describe this beautifully composed, moving film as a 'prison drama' denies the director Lawrence Johnston's haunting movie the full range of it's compelling grip on any number of wider issues and universal concerns about love, life and the complexity of human relationships. Winner of the FIPRESCI International Critic's Prize at the 1996 Toronto Film Festival, *Life* was also nominated for four Australian Film Institute Awards and four Australian Film Critic's Circle Awards including Best Actor and Best Screenplay. Director Lawrence Johnston will introduce the film.

Venue ACMI, Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne. Melway 1A J11
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time 2.00pm
Price \$8
Info Bookings: www.acmi.net.au

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Our Queer Recollection



Curated by Spiro Economopoulos and Christos Tsiolkas, this collection of shorts, combining documentary and fictional treatments, features exploratory works that first gave voice to Australian queer experience.

In an age where the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras is telecast on television and where political and legal equality between queers and straights seems inevitable, this program reminds us a not so distant past where male homosexuality was invisible, lesbianism was never talked about and where transies survived in the underground world of crime and prostitution.

Venue ACMI, Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne. Melway 1A J11
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time 4.00pm
Price Free
Info Bookings: www.acmi.net.au

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Adolescence

Navigating the Agony & The Ecstasy

ACMI Collections presents this unintentionally hilarious (and often unconsciously disturbing) collection of instructional and educational shorts on everything from the onset of menstruation, to personal hygiene for young men, to choosing one's husband. From the 40's to the 70's, they provide a startling backward glance at the 'guidelines' society considered acceptable for the 'healthy' development of right-thinking, gender-balanced individuals.

Venue ACMI, Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne. Melway 1A J11
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time 4.00pm
Price Free
Info Bookings: www.acmi.net.au

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Spoken Word

Novel Conversations IV: Show & Tell

Novel Conversations, Midsumma Festival's signature spoken word event, is back featuring yet another fantastic line-up of acclaimed Australian authors: Dallas Anguish (Coffs Harbour), Todd Alexander (Sydney), Jesse Blackadder (Byron Bay) join locals Susan Hawthorne, Henry von Doussa and UK-based Jessica White. See www.midsumma.org.au for bios.

Set in a relaxed, panel-style setting, this event is a rare opportunity for the audience to get up close and personal with some of Australia's – and UK's – best, newest and favourite G&L literature authors. Ask the questions you've always wondered about and hear the authors' personal perspectives. A sure-fire sell out, get in quick! Emceed by Crusader Hillis.

Authors will be signing their books, available to purchase on the night.

AUSLAN signers must be booked by 11 Jan 07. Call Midsumma on 9415 9819 or email: admin@midsumma.org.au to book.

Venue Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram 96, 112, Bus 200, 201, Melway 2C A7
Date Thu 25 Jan
Time 7.00 – 10.30pm
Price \$15 Full, \$12 Con
Info admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au
Bookings: 9495 6589



'Omar and Enzo in the Big Talking Book' Launch

Join us before Novel Conversations for the launch of Colin Batrouney's first novel

'Omar and Enzo in the Big Talking Book'.

Colin Batrouney's 'Omar and Enzo in the Big Talking Book' is a compelling story. Multilayered and confronting, it deals with repression, violence and transformation. Colin is a writer, visual artist with solo and group shows, actor and director. 'Omar and Enzo in the Big Talking Book', supported by the Australia Council and published by Thompson Walker, is his first novel.

Venue Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram 96, 112, Bus 200, 201, Melway 2C A7
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Spoken Word

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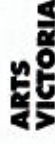
Michael's Farrell's poetry workshops take participants through what is experimental poetry, chance and other procedures, using linebreaks, images (including drawing), punctuation, pronouns, narrative, the Australian scene, reading lists, publishing your work in print and online, audience, magazines and blogs, how poetry relates to other art forms, as well as histories and trajectories of queer poetry. Australian queer poetry, how to read and hear poetry, and how queerness can be read.

The workshops will include writing exercises and tips on performing and promoting your own work. Use Michael and the group to learn about your own writing and its distinction: what makes it yours, and how to be true to this quality in presenting it.

Michael Farrell is known as an experimental poet and has published in a range of Australian and U.S. journals and anthologies including 'Best Australian Poems 2006'. His first book 'ode ode' (Salt) was shortlisted for the Age poetry prize in 2003; 'BREAK ME OUCH' (graphic poetry) has just been published by 3 Deep. He is currently co-compiling an anthology of contemporary Australian lesbian and gay poetry. Michael has taught poetry at primary, high school, university, and in community contexts.



Venue Fitzroy Town Hall Library Meeting Room, 128 Moor St, Fitzroy, Tram 112, 86, Melway 2C B9
Date Sat 13 and 27 Jan
Time 10.00am - 3.00pm, with 1hr lunch break
Price \$50 Full, \$30 Con (Midsumma and Vic Writers Centre members)
Info Morning & afternoon tea provided
 admin@midsumma.org.au
 Bookings: 9415 9819



Poetry Out Loud Competition

Poetry Slam Competition.

Homo haiku or lesbian lyricism? Get it written, get it in, and get it OUT there – loud & proud!

Midsumma's first ever poetry slam competition... individuals or teams – see www.midsumma.org.au for theme, rules, tips and entry forms.

The shortlisted entries will have the opportunity to win great prizes, including \$500 cash first prize, by performing their poetry at the Poetry Out Loud Slam (refer to separate event below). Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program and supported by Readings Bookstores.

Send to Poetry OUT Loud, Midsumma Festival, C1.17, The Convent, 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford VIC 3067
Closing date Thu 18 Jan, 5.00pm
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au



Poetry Out Loud Slam

Homo haiku or lesbian lyricism? Get up on stage and get it OUT there – loud & proud!

Shortlisted entries from the Poetry Out Loud competition will participate in Midsumma's first ever poetry slam... individuals & teams... 3 minutes only to wow your audience with the work to win the booty! Great prizes on offer, including \$500 cash first prize!

AUSLAN signers must be booked by 18 Jan 07, contact Midsumma office to book. Funded by the City of Yarra Cultural Festivals Sponsorship Program and supported by Readings Bookstores.

Venue The Glasshouse Hotel, 51 Gipps St, Collingwood
 Melway 2C F10
Date Thu 1 Feb
Time 7.00 for 7.30pm start... until it's over...
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au



Come As You Are

Readings about bisexuality and desire for more than one gender.

Performers are bi, straight, gay, trans and queer. Featured readers are: Aven Alzura, Tim Baxter, Peter Davis, Lisa-Skye Ioannidis, Jennifer Lee, Paul Mitchell, Jo Mundy, Megan Petrie and Catherine Padmore. Shelley O'Reilly will MC. Music performed by Duncan Graham. Image by Paul Rasche. Includes a door prize. Book early, all welcome!

Venue Dantes (upstairs), 154 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
 Tram 86, Melway 2C B11
Date Thu 8 Feb
Time 7.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$8 Con
Info Bookings: lisaskye@gmail.com



People's Performance Project

People together bringing worlds into being.

This progressive undertaking of grass-roots resistance brings people together in the spirit of community. Focusing on: bubbles of resistance rising beyond borders and binaries. Featuring queer spoken word, music and performance. This event builds alliances and friendships by sharing art and experiences. Come along get involved or sit back and enjoy the atmosphere.

Venue Abbotsford Convent, St Heliers St, Abbotsford
 Bus 200, 201, 207, Melway 2D C9
Date Fri 2 Feb
Time 6.30pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con, \$10 Groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 0402 552 109, callimesquare@hotmail.com



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Sport



Wet and Wild Water Polo

Melbourne Surge vs Sydney Stingers 2007 grudge match!

The Melbourne Surge water polo team take on the Sydney Stingers in their annual Melbourne based grudge match.

The Melbourne team has had its most successful year in the local competition and they are on fire to destroy the Sydney boys. Come down and support the local heroes (and watch all the boys wet and wrestling in their speedos!!!)

Venue South Yarra Sports Centre, 679 Chapel Street, South Yarra
Date Sat 27 Jan
Time 3:30pm
Price Gold coin donation
Info President@melbournesurge.org, www.melbournesurge.org



Vic Tennis Tournament 2007

This event is proudly brought to you by VicTennis – The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Association of Victoria Inc.

This Tournament is a round robin same-sex doubles team event, catering for women and men of all skill levels: (A) advanced; (B) proficient; and (C) beginners. If you don't register with a partner, VicTennis will attempt to find one. Entries close Sun Jan 14. A sausage sizzle and other food and drinks will be available at the venue.

Venue Elsternwick Park Tennis Club, cnr St Kilda St & Glenhuntly Rd, Brighton
Date Sun 21 Jan
Time Tram 67, Melway 67 D3
Price \$25 (Vic Tennis or Midsumma members), \$30 (non-members)
Info Bookings: www.victennis.com, victennis@aanet.com.au, 0403 983 701

Melbourne Spikers Volleyball Tournament 2007

Melbourne Spikers annual tournament will again have a national flavour with a large contingent of interstate teams.

There will be three levels of competition: A, B and Social. Community groups are encouraged to enter teams in the Social grade for a fun, team-building experience. Go on, try another sport for a day... Spectators are most welcome – for free!

Venue Kow High School Sports Centre, Burke Rd, Kew East
Date Sat 27 Jan
Time Tram 24, 48 Buses 201, 203, 205, 207, Melway 45 K3
Price 8:30am – 5:00pm
Info \$25 Full, \$20 Con (price includes lunch)
 Bookings: 05005 SPIKE (77453), info@melbournespikers.org.au
www.melbournespikers.org.au



Splash & Giggle

Have you ever wanted to give rowing a try? Well, here's your chance!

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

Venue Lord Somers & Power House Rowing Sheds, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
Date Melway 2L A11
Time Sat 3 Feb
Price 10:30am – 12:00pm (last boats leave 11:30am)
Info \$20 Full, \$15 Con
 Bookings: queerrowing@melbourneargonauts.com
www.melbourneargonauts.com



Ace Girls Free Tennis Night

Come out and swing with the Ace Girls.

Come out and hit with the Ace Girls at this free 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 the Pumphouse Hotel will follow the tennis session.

Venue Carlton Gardens Tennis Club, Nicholson St, Carlton
Date Tram 96, Melway 43 K5
Time Mon 5 Feb
Price 7:00pm – 9:00pm (dinner to follow)
Info Free
 Bookings: 0425 764 815, www.acegirls.org



Bent Kranks Bike Ride

Lattés to Lattés... Docklands to Altona Bike Ride by the Bay.

Join Bent Kranks for a fun day out on your bike! Meeting at New Quay at Melbourne Docklands our ride follows the coastal Bay Trail to Altona for lunch (purchase or bring your own). Bring your mountain bike or hybrid and a sense of adventure! Distance approximately 20km. Return by train, or ride back if you have the energy!

Venue Melbourne Docklands. Near the intersection of the Latrobe Street extension and Harbour Esplanade, Melway 2E K5
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time 10:00am
Price \$2 Full, \$1 Con (inc. Bent Kranks members)
Info No booking required. 0408 320 507, enquiries@bentkranks.com.au
www.BentKranks.com.au



Ride the waves with Bent Boards

Come surfing with Bent Boards, Melbourne's own GLBTI surfing group.

Little surfer boys and gals, catch a wave and ride the curl with Bent Boards, Melbourne's own surf group for GLBTI surfers of all levels and their friends. Learn how to surf or improve your technique with help from our expert gay-friendly coaches, then enjoy brunch on the beach with good vibes and friendly company. Bookings close 5:00pm Mon 29 Jan. Transport is not provided but car-pooling can be arranged.

Venue Torquay area (exact location to be advised)
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time 9:00am
Price \$20 Full, \$15 Con. for surfers and body boarders with own equipment or non-surfers (includes lunch) / \$50 Full, \$45 Con. for a two hour group lesson, wetsuit and surfboard hire, sunscreen (includes lunch).
Info Bookings: 0409 624 577, bentboards@bigpond.com
www.bentboards.net/firms.com



The Australian Same-Sex Dancesport Championships

Come dancing with the stars! Come dancing with the stars in the grandeur of the Melbourne Town Hall! Join the stars of the same-sex dance circuit fresh from Chicago and Montreal.

Over 30 competition events, with A grade finals after 6:00pm. Special guest celebrity performance at 8:00pm! Audience participation events, ChaChaCha & Waltz – register on the day before 5pm. Registration is FREE! Bar & Food available – no BYO. Children at concession rates.

Venue Melbourne Town Hall, 90 – 120 Swanston St, Melbourne, Melway 1A J9
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time 3:00 – 10:00pm
Price Presale \$20 Full, \$18 Con. Tickets at door \$25 Full, \$22 Con
Info Bookings: 9417 6072, info@dancecats.com.au, www.dancecats.com.au





QSAM

Queer Sports Alliance Melbourne is an umbrella group comprising clubs and individuals involved in Melbourne's queer sports and recreation scene.

QSAM is about:

- encouraging members of our community to get active with a sport or recreation club.
- sharing information, knowledge and expertise.
- creating safe places for members and friends of the queer community to explore the opportunities offered by sport and recreation.
- realising sport and recreation as an agent for social change, and
- facilitating participation in international queer sporting events.

QSAM facilitated the highly successful participation of Melbourne sports and recreation teams in the Chicago Gay Games 2006 and the Montreal World Outgames 2006. In the immediate future QSAM will pursue the development and participation in international sporting events in the Asia-Pacific, including fielding a GLBTI multi-sport team in the Australasian Masters Games in 2007. Then the focus is on the Copenhagen World Outgames in 2009 and the Cologne Gay Games in 2010.

QSAM is creating access to sport and recreation for people of all abilities and ages. QSAM is about encouraging people to incorporate participation in sport and recreation into their daily lives as part of a healthy lifestyle. If you thought sport wasn't your thing – then think again!

Info Contact QSAM on 0411 286 788, malcolmacampbell@hotmail.com, www.queersportsmelbourne.org



Outgames

Melbourne to bring Down Under the memories and momentum of Montreal.

It seems there's more to our two fair cities than just a love of food, the arts and the FINA World Swimming Championships (which were last hosted by Montreal).

The word on the street is that Melbourne is bidding to host the 1st Asia Pacific Outgames as a highlight of the 2008 Midsumma Festival. It is hoped that participants and their friends from around Australia and the Asia Pacific region will come to play for real Down Under. The Asia Pacific Outgames Melbourne 2008 will be the perfect warm up event for athletes and participants to go to the next World Outgames that will be staged in Copenhagen in 2009.

Plans and details for the Asia Pacific Outgames Melbourne 2008 are still being developed, but at the time of going to press the organising body Melbourne Outgames Incorporated had already received the Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association's (GLISA's) blessing and endorsement. GLISA staged the 1st World Outgames in Montreal where Melbourne athletes achieved 42 Gold, 20 Silver and 17 Bronze medals.

The plan is to have between 8 to 12 Sport Tournaments (from Volleyball to Ten Pin Bowling), a Cultural Component and a Human Rights Forum as part of Asia Pacific Outgames Melbourne 2008.

So come on Melbourne, it's time for you to get ready to welcome thousands of interstate and international GLBTI sports, recreation, cultural and conference enthusiasts to this city in 2008.

To show your support for Melbourne's bid please go to www.melbourneoutgames.org and register your interest and be sure to visit this year's Midsumma sports programme to check out our chances and um... talents!

Info www.melbourneoutgames.org

Equal Opportunity

Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria

Three out of every four discrimination complaints we receive are about unfair treatment at work.

When we bring the parties together for conciliation, one question we always ask those who have complained is: "What could your employer do now to resolve this situation for you?" And the most common answer: "I want to be treated with dignity and respect at work." Wouldn't it be great if this was a basic condition for every worker in Victoria?

Organisations that truly embrace 'diversity' make this promise and go further. In doing so they say, "It is safe here to be different. And as we value your difference and celebrate your uniqueness, we will place equity, flexibility and respect as cornerstones of our operations." This is one reason why such organisations are, more often than not, among the industry leaders in creativity, innovation, performance, service delivery and public reputation.

When it is safe to ask a difficult question like "Perhaps there's a better way?" without fear of punishment or payback, effective governance and management becomes more likely. When the diverse life experiences, skills and perspectives of those in the room can be honestly and thoughtfully applied to any problem or challenge, innovation is increased. When an organisation's actions earn the admiration and loyalty of the communities it serves, business – any kind of business – booms. Everyone's a winner.

Diversity is an ideal that directs how intelligent and progressive organisations interact with all their stakeholders – their staff, their clients, their contractors, their suppliers, their agents and volunteers, and the communities they do business with. There is no area of human endeavour – work, the provision of goods and services, education, sport, government, the arts – where this effort does not create real benefits, both tangible and intangible. Recognising and respecting diversity is a commitment to take special measures to involve both new and existing stakeholders.

The Commission congratulates Midsumma and its stakeholders for their acknowledgement, exploration and promotion of diversity. We encourage all Victorians, to support diversity and discover the benefits it brings.

The Equal Opportunity Commission is located at Level 3, 380 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Contact telephone 03 9281 7111, advice line: 03 9281 7100, toll free 1800 134 142 (country callers), or via www.eoc.vic.gov.au

Helen Szoke

Chief Conciliator & Chief Executive Officer

Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria

(renamed the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission on 1 Jan 07)

Embracing Diversity at IBM

The 'Big Blue' takes on a colourful hue at Midsumma

IBM is a proud sponsor of the 2007 Midsumma Festival and Volunteers Program 2007 and a proud champion of workplace diversity. For this global business the importance of workforce diversity is core to its business, its culture and is an inherent part of its heritage and values.

"In order to serve markets, we have to understand them, reflect their diversity and build a workplace in which every individual knows their opportunity to contribute is gated only by the quality of their ideas and job performance, and the integrity of their work."

Former IBM Chairman and CEO Louis V. Gerstner Jr, in 1994.

IBM believes in promoting the empowerment of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community both in the workplace and the community. Its inclusive culture is one where there is an open and welcoming environment, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

And its not just words! IBM:

- IBM sponsor an IBM GLBT Employee Float in the Sydney Mardi Gras
- IBM supports Melbourne Community Radio Station, JOY FM MELBOURNE by donating a Server to ensure Joy stays on air
- IBM send GLBT employees to represent Australia on the IBM global taskforce
- IBM sponsor and support an Australian GLBT Employee Network
- Joint Partnership with Sydney Star Observer to fight HIV/AIDS through the 'World Community Grid' Project
- IBM delivers a GLBT/Diversity workforce strategy

By going beyond acceptance, and encouraging diversity in all its forms, IBM is able to leverage its diversity into a business advantage that ultimately differentiates it from all other market competitors.

IBM looks forward to seeing you to Midsumma 2007, and invites you to show your colours by volunteering to the IBM Midsumma Volunteers Program.



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Messages of Support



John So

Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2007 Midsumma Festival. Midsumma is central to Melbourne's fantastic calendar of summer events. It kicks starts the new year with an exciting program, reflecting the artistic talent and cultural diversity of our city.

Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian event, Midsumma gives voice to Melbourne's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities and celebrates our city as a safe, diverse and welcoming place. This year don't miss the Queer City visual arts program and feature theatrical production Rageboy at the Malthouse Theatre. In 2007, Carnival also returns to the beautiful Treasury Gardens, a magnificent setting for the spectacular closing event.

The City of Melbourne is proud to support Midsumma, a festival offering a unique mix of arts, community and sporting events. We welcome visitors from regional Victoria, interstate and overseas to Australia's epicentre of all things culture!



Gregory Hywood

Chief Executive, Tourism Victoria

Melbourne's Midsumma will again attract thousands of interstate and international visitors to Victoria as we celebrate the 19th year of the Festival. The Victorian Government has been a long supporter of Midsumma, helping it to grow into Australia's premier gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival, recognised around the world.

Midsumma Festival's importance in helping make Melbourne one of the world's most appealing gay and lesbian destinations cannot be underplayed. The Festival also enhances Melbourne's reputation as a lively and cosmopolitan city and provides an important boost to the local economy.

In my first year as Chief Executive at Tourism Victoria, I am excited to see in the New Year with a great party, and the Midsumma Festival launches another eventful year in Melbourne in 2007. The Festival will highlight what the city does so well – entertain locals and visitors alike.



Cr Janet Bolitho

Mayor, City of Port Phillip

The City of Port Phillip is once again delighted to support Melbourne's Midsumma Festival, Australia's premier arts and cultural celebration. Port Phillip is well known for its support of the gay and lesbian community and has long recognised the contribution of the GLBTI community to economic, cultural and social development in the City of Port Phillip.

We are delighted to again be supporting Over & Out, an engaging artistic project for over 50's GLBTI people. Participants receive training and mentoring from a photographic artist and are given the opportunity to document their lives through photography. A series of photographs by each participant will be displayed as part of a signature visual arts exhibition within Midsumma Festival 2007.

We also look forward to again warmly welcoming over 50,000 people to Pride March on Sunday 21 Jan. We hope that you'll join us in this celebration of the diversity of the community in which we live, work and play.



Penny Hutchinson

Director, Arts Victoria

The arts are a catalyst for building strong, vibrant communities and the success of Midsumma is certainly testimony to this. The festival gives a proud, vibrant voice to our gay, lesbian and transgender communities.

Midsumma provides an opportunity for these communities to celebrate their heritage, achievements and stories through a diverse and novel program. In 2007 we are particularly proud to support Midsumma's visual arts program, the Spoken Word program, and feature theatrical production Rage Boy.

Like Midsumma, Arts Victoria through our arts policy Creative Capacity +, is committed to fostering innovation in the arts; giving audiences access to diverse and exciting arts experiences; and supporting and developing emerging artists. Access, community participation and creative engagement make Midsumma a true community event.



Cr Jackie Fristacky

Mayor, City of Yarra

Midsumma is a signature City of Yarra arts event. The arts play an important role in developing, exploring and celebrating the rich and diverse cultural life of the City of Yarra. Yarra's GLBTI communities are an integral part of our municipality and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our City.

The City of Yarra has supported Midsumma since 1995 and we are extremely proud to consolidate our support for this world-class event by entering into a three-year partnership with the organisers, funded through our Community Partnership Grants program.

It is wonderful to see Midsumma in their new Yarra home at the Abbotsford Convent and we look forward to working with the new members of the Midsumma team including a new General Manager and Green Officer



Christine Nixon

Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police

Melbourne's Midsumma Festival has become an integral part of the Victorian major events calendar and is an important celebration of Melbourne's diverse community. Victoria Police has been a long term supporter of Midsumma and we are again proud to support this important event.

Victoria has recently celebrated a 10-year benchmark for community safety. Community safety initiatives help promote safe practices to reduce the incidence of crime, violence and injury in our community. I encourage all Midsumma patrons to take proactive steps to prevent crime in their homes, workplaces and neighborhoods, and in broader public spaces throughout Midsumma this year.

Victoria Police members, including the many Gay and Lesbian Liaison Officers, will be showing their colours through their presence at many Midsumma events this year, by assisting with access to fair and equitable policing and playing an important role in the education of our members on the needs of the community.

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Getting Involved

Have your say

We'd like to know what you think. Drop us a line if you've had a great time any one of up to 100 Festival events this Midsumma. If there's something that you think we can do better, we'd love to hear from you too. Email your thoughts to haveyoursay@midsumma.org.au

Membership

Midsumma Festival Club Membership is your ticket to one hot summer, with the coolest card around. Receive invites to exclusive Midsumma events, enjoy member-only ticket offers and special deals from local bars, clubs and Festival sponsors. Stay up to date with latest Festival news with weekly member updates. Apply online at www.midsumma.org.au

Become a Member or Patron of Midsumma

By becoming a Member or Patron of Midsumma you play your part in presenting a festival of innovative artistic practice and presentation together with a unique cultural experience. As a Member or Patron you will receive invitations to Midsumma exclusive functions including Visual Art Launches, Opening Night VIP lounge and other special events.

Your application for Membership can be submitted by **returning this form** via mail to:
PO Box 223, Abbotsford, Vic 3067
or Fax: 9415 9817

By applying for Membership, you agree to be bound by the rules of Midsumma for the time being in force. A copy of our rules is available at our office, by request.

Are you renewing an existing membership? Yes No

Full Name:

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Position Title (if applicable):

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Do you wish to subscribe to our e-news list? Yes No

Midsumma is governed by current Australian privacy laws. Patrons will be recognised on the official Festival Website.

Are you happy for your name to be included? Yes No

Membership

Concession: \$18

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(2 individuals, plus children up to 14): \$75

Organisation: \$70

Patron

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Diamante: \$500

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VicBears 10th Birthday

VicBears

Happy Bear Birthday to VicBears who celebrate their 10th Anniversary this year with a line up of fun social events as part of Midsumma Festival.

VicBears is a social club for Bears and their admirers who meet monthly in Melbourne as well as hold annual events such as Southern Hibernation each June and Grrramplains Retreat each November.

For more information visit www.vicbears.org.au



Advance Australia Bear VicBears will take over Wet on Wellington

On Australia Day – Fri 26 Jan – VicBears will take over Wet on Wellington from 12 noon to 5.00pm. If you have been to one of VicBears Bear Soup events before, then you know what to expect. Full use of the venue plus the deck, pool, spa, sauna etc. Entry price includes lunch. This event is part of the VicBears 10th Anniversary celebrations.

Venue Wet On Wellington, 162 Wellington St, Collingwood
Tram 86, Melway 44 C5
Date Fri 26 Jan
Time 12.00 – 5.00pm
Price \$19 Full, \$17 VicBears Members / Midsumma Members
Info Bookings: editor@vicbears.org.au, www.vicbears.org.au



Bear Birthday Beer Bust

Join over 300 guys for a hot afternoon of beer and fun

If you are a member, or have been a member, or just like hanging out with men who like their men masculine, then you gotta join over 300 guys for a hot afternoon of beer and fun at The Laird. Men only event. Price includes all you can drink beer. Limited to 300 people so we suggest pre-purchasing your tickets.

Venue The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Collingwood
Train to Collingwood Station, Melway 2C H11
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time 4.00 – 7.00pm
Price \$50 Full, \$40 VicBears Members / Midsumma Members
Info Bookings: www.vicbears.org.au, or OUT Video, 108 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda & Dungeon Warehouse, 130 Hoddle St, Collingwood.
stephen@vicbears.org.au, www.vicbears.org.au



Bears on the Bay

Join the men of VicBears for a dinner cruise on Port Phillip Bay

Buffet Dinner is included. Dance to the sounds of "Disco on the Run". Drinks at bar prices. Boarding at 7.00pm, departs at 7.20pm sharp. Returns around 11.00pm. Limited to 100 tickets so get in quick. As with all VicBears functions this is a Men Only event, Part of the VicBears 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

Venue Rivers Dinner Cruises, Boatman's Landing, Waterfront City, Docklands (near the giant TV screens – past New Quay)
Date Fri 2 Feb
Time Boarding from 7.00pm, departs 7.20pm sharp
Price \$80 Full, \$65 VicBears Members / Midsumma Members
Info Bookings: www.vicbears.org.au or OUT Video, 108 St Kilda Rd, St Kilda & Dungeon Warehouse, 130 Hoddle St, Collingwood.
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Big and Burly Bear Bowling

Catch up with mates over a friendly game or two

VicBears take over KingPin at Crown for an afternoon of Ten Pin Bowling to celebrate VicBears 10th Anniversary. Catch up with mates over a friendly game or two. (join us for lunch at 12 noon – see separate event "mmmmm Pancakes"). Price includes two games, shoe hire and complimentary beer or soft drink on arrival.

Venue King Pin at Crown, Crown Casino Complex, Southbank
Tram 96, 109, 112, Melway 2F B9
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time 3.00pm
Price \$45 Full, \$35 VicBears Members / Midsumma Members
Info No need to book – just mention VicBears when you arrive.
editor@vicbears.org.au, www.vicbears.org.au



mmmmm...Pancakes

Join your mates for maple syrup and tonnes of pancakes

"Mmmm...Pancakes", a lunch to celebrate VicBears 10th Anniversary. Join your mates for maple syrup and tonnes of pancakes. Afterwards head along to our bowling event (see separate listing). This event is free to attend, just pay for what you eat and drink.

Venue The Pancake Parlour, Bourke St Mall, Melbourne
Melway 1C L5
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time 12.00pm
Price Pay only for what you order
Info Bookings: editor@vicbears.org.au, www.vicbears.org.au

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Queer City

Welcome to Queer City

Midsumma is here again and with it another fantastic Visual Arts Program.

Every year it gets harder for the Visual Arts Working Group to select the series of artists to participate because the quality of work just keeps on getting better and this year is no different....

At the top of the list we have Melbourne based Chilean artist Juan Davila's premier exhibition at the N.G.V. International. We also come into our second big year for our ever-growing Queer City with its annual "En Masse" tour and subsequent take over of Melbourne's inner city streets and gallery spaces. We offer collaborative sculpture projects, computer enhanced portraiture, the always "so hot right now" emerging show, public video projections, as well as a major photographic show Shifting Ground. We showcase artists and venues both familiar and unfamiliar as well as the extremely popular Girls On The Floor back for another night of debauchery and dancing.

So... take the next three weeks off, commit to chardonnay and hang out with some of Melbourne's best artists... three cheers for Midsumma!

Marcus Keating & Ros Abercrombie
Midsumma Visual Arts Directors



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Queer City Launch

Hook up with mates and graze through Midsumma's 2007 Queer City offering over a drink and a chat.

Enjoy the official Launch of Queer City at Upstairs Flinders at 6pm, followed by the walking tour of the exhibitions in the Queer City Program. Not to be missed by those who want to explore Midsumma's continuing public art program. Be sure to join us for a walk through Queer City in Australia's most Queer City!

Venue Meet at Upstairs Flinders, 1st Floor, 137 Flinders Ln, Melbourne (enter from Oliver Ln), Melway 1A L10.
The walking tour ends at Horse Bazaar, 397 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne. Melway 1A F5.

Date Tue 23 Jan

Time 6.00pm

Price Free

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HABITat Upstairs Flinders

Ashlee Laing and Alex Martinis Roe inhabit Upstairs Flinders with works that explore psychological, physical and social spaces.

Ashlee Laing's bodily stained and embroidered pillows communicate a poetic narrative that explores a private, self-regulated enclosure occupied by an inter-racial/cultural couple. Drawing on Valie Export's 1976 photographic series 'Body Configurations in Architecture', Alex Martinis Roe performs a series of physical actions that draw and reframe the gallery space, referencing in the process raunch culture and high end fashion.

Performances by Alex Martinis Roe on Sat 20 & 27 Jan and Sat 3 Feb, 2.00pm.

Venue Upstairs Flinders, 1st Floor, 137 Flinders Ln, Melbourne (enter from Oliver Ln)
Melway 1A L10

Date Fri 19 Jan - Sat 3 Feb

Time 11.00am - 6.00pm Tue - Fri, 11.00am - 4.00pm Sat

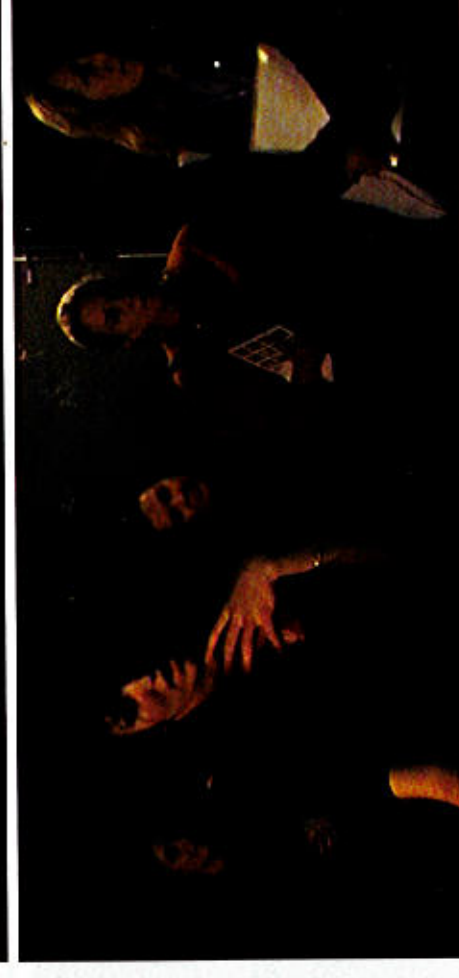
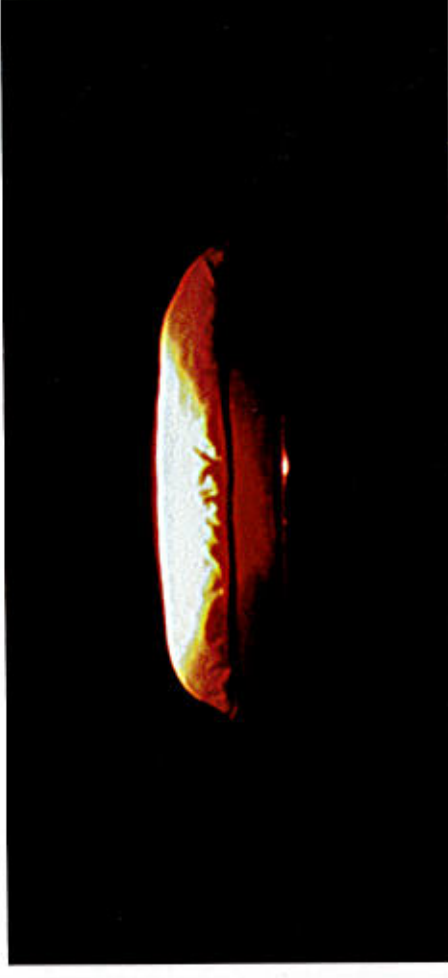
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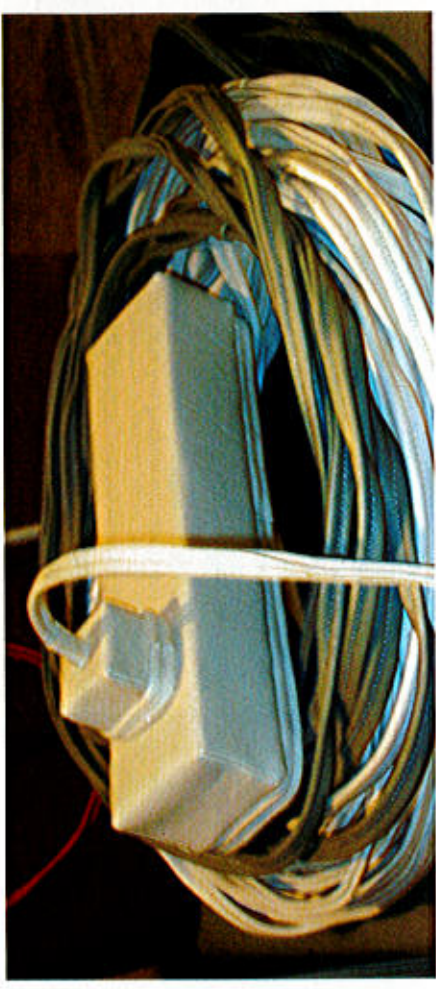
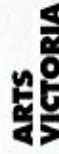
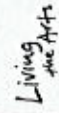


Passing Through

The work of Carly Fischer is often tricky. Her site responsive sculptures are unassuming and clever. Upon first glance the works be easy to miss, but once they draw you in, show themselves to be full of questions about beauty, refuse and absence.

Queer Street is proud to present Carly within the Flinders Lane Platform Spaces. Image Courtesy of the Artist and Helen Gory Gallery.

Venue Platform Space, Degraeves St Underpass off Flinders Lane, Melbourne.
Melway 1A H 10
Date Mon 22 Jan – Fri 9 Feb
Time 6.00am – 7.00pm Mon – Thu, 6.00am – 9.00pm Fri,
6.00am – 12.00pm Sat
Price Free
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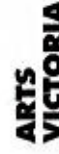
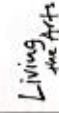


Girls on the Floor

A one night only evening of steamy all girl performers and video artists.

Girls on the floor turn it up to 11 this year with more music, more noise and more trash fun. The night will present girls with guitars, Motley Crue inspired performances and video projections.

Venue LOOP, 23 Meyers Place, Melbourne
Melway 1A N8
Date Wed 7 Feb
Time 7.00pm till late
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au



City Library

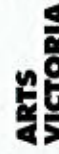
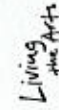
Queer City continues within the spaces at the City Library, with big to small and plenty in between.

The works of Sal Cooper capture moments of humour, discovery and contemplation.

Urban lifestyles, violence and romance are central to both Andrew Atchison and Daniel Dorall's practices. The interaction of these works carry a sense of humour and sensitivity in the way they convey their subtexts.

The artists here at the City Library offer us narratives which are heartbreakingly romantic and comical, with a hint (and sometimes more) of danger. Image: Andrew Atchison.

Venue City Library, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Melway 1A H10
Date Tue 23 Jan – Sun 11 Feb
Time 8.00am – 8.00pm Mon – Thu, 8.00am – 6.00pm Fri, 10.00am – 1.00pm Sat
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au





Yarra Arts

Yarra Arts Launch

Join us at Seventh Gallery as we proudly unveil this years Visual Arts Program, presented in the City Of Yarra.

Once again we're ready to kick off our Yarra Arts Program with drinks and presentations at the ever popular Emerging Show at Seventh Gallery in Gertrude St.

And after a few drinks, a look at the work and some necessary speeches; we'll stroll over to Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces to see Scott Campbell's sculptural installation.

Venue Seventh, 155 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
 Tram 86, Melway 14 J20
Date Tue 16 Jan
Time 6.00pm
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



Sickle Cell 2

Local Artist Scott Campbell's sculptural installation dealing with sickle cell anaemia pervades the front space of the Gertrude St Gallery.

Scott Campbell has installed a work suggestive of cellular processes and the status of our understandings of disease and health on the microbiological level. The installation is called 'sickle cell 2' and is informed by the knowledge that the genes that carry sickle cell anaemia help acquire immunity against malaria and the strange benevolence of this fact.

Venue Gertrude Contemporary Artspace, 200 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
 Tram 86, Melway 14 J20
Date Tue 16 Jan – Sun 28 Jan
Time 24/7 viewing
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
 www.midsumma.org.au



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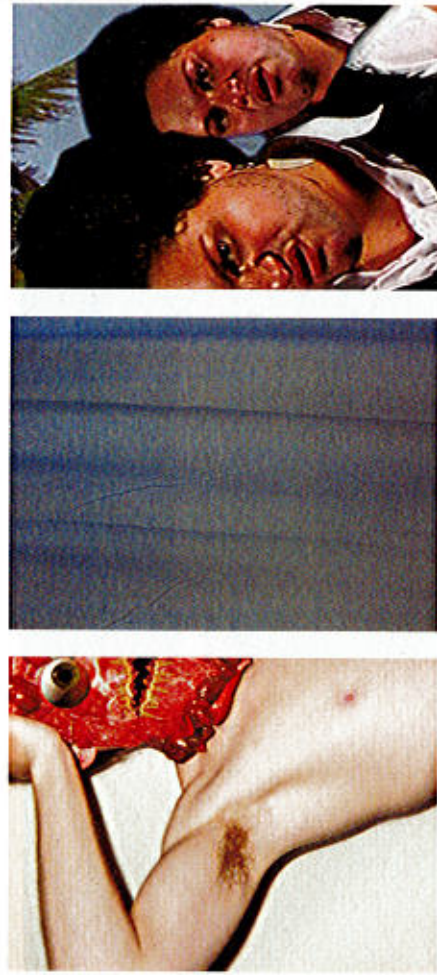
Under Construction

Under Construction is Midsumma's annual Emerging Artist exhibition which brings together three of Melbourne's most talented unsigned artists.

Our annual Emerging show for 2007 sees the unveiling of three of Melbourne's hottest unsigned artists. The artistic practices of Jason Lingard, Jay Matthews and Salote Tawale; in one way of another, all deal with different ideas of 'construction'.

Their works convey ideas about, social, personal, family orientated constructions, media constructions and the construction of one's own emotions via all of these factors. Image courtesy of the artists.

Venue Seventh, 155 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
 Tram 86, Melway 14 J20
Date Tue 16 Jan – Sat 10 Feb
Time 12.00 – 6.00pm, Tue – Sat
Price Free
Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au
 www.midsumma.org.au



Shifting Ground

Yarra Arts presents Shifting Ground, a Photo-Media Exhibition based around the fluidity of social and individual identities.

Several artists engage in role-playing for the camera, constructing queer or alternative identities for the camera. Clues to the subject's age, occupation, sexual identity and even gender are often concealed or distorted through the use of props and costumes such as masks, prosthetic devices and mirrors. Artists include Maree Azzopardi, Denis Chapman, Ray Cook, Jesus Manongdo, Jesslyn Moss and Naomie Sumner.

Curator: Edwina Bartlem, Image Courtesy of Ray Cook.

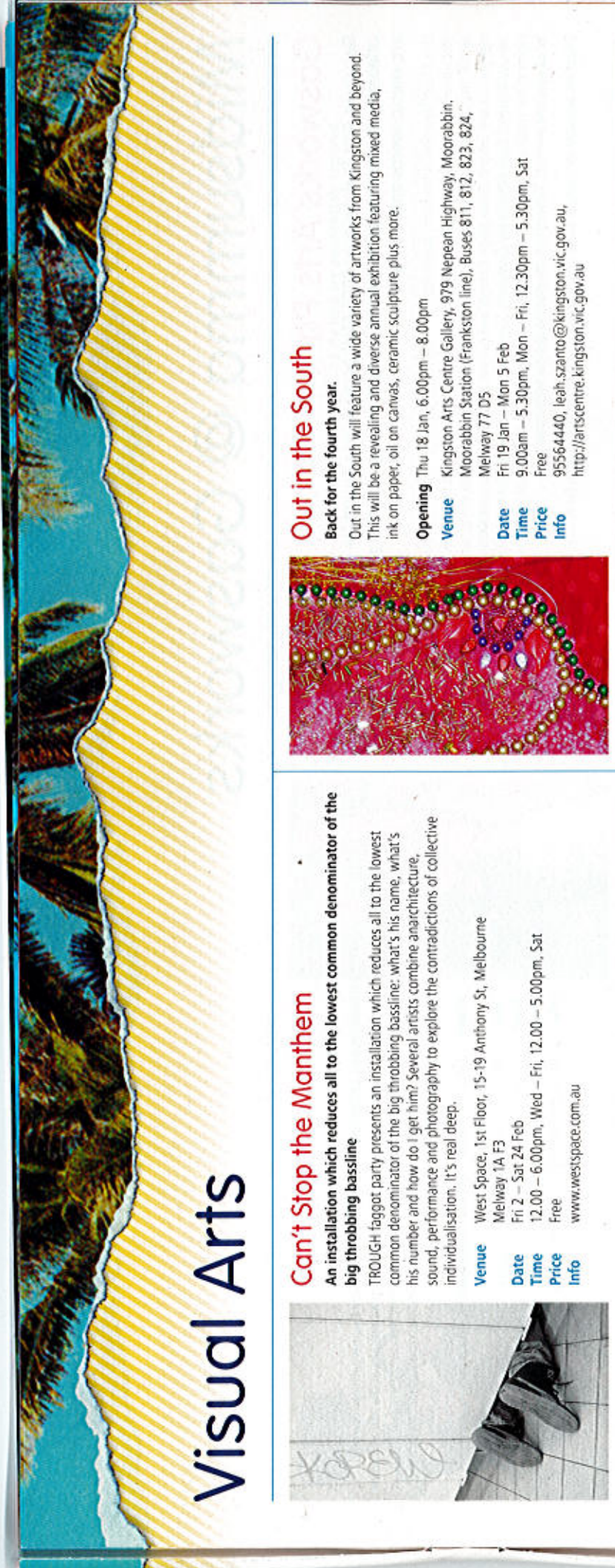
Launch Fri 26 Jan, 6.00 – 8.00pm
Venue Red Gallery, 157 St Georges Rd, Nth Fitzroy, Tram 112, Melway 14 K1.
Date Tue 23 Jan – Sat 10 Feb
Time 12.00 – 6.00pm, Tue – Sat
Price Free
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Visual Arts

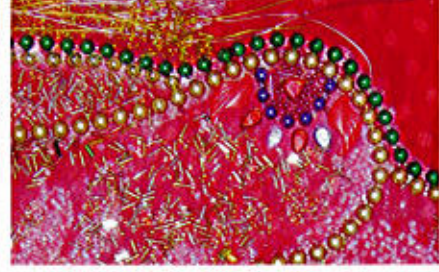


Can't Stop the Manthem

An installation which reduces all to the lowest common denominator of the big throbbing bassline

TROUGH faggot party presents an installation which reduces all to the lowest common denominator of the big throbbing bassline: what's his name, what's his number and how do I get him? Several artists combine anarchitecture, sound, performance and photography to explore the contradictions of collective individualisation. It's real deep.

Venue West Space, 1st Floor, 15-19 Anthony St, Melbourne
Melway 1A F3
Date Fri 2 – Sat 24 Feb
Time 12.00 – 6.00pm, Wed – Fri, 12.00 – 5.00pm, Sat
Price Free
Info www.westspace.com.au



Out in the South

Back for the fourth year.

Out in the South will feature a wide variety of artworks from Kingston and beyond. This will be a revealing and diverse annual exhibition featuring mixed media, ink on paper, oil on canvas, ceramic sculpture plus more.

Opening Thu 18 Jan, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue Kingston Arts Centre Gallery, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, Moorabbin Station (Frankston line), Buses 811, 812, 823, 824, Melway 77 D5
Date Fri 19 Jan – Mon 5 Feb
Time 9.00am – 5.30pm, Mon – Fri, 12.30pm – 5.30pm, Sat
Price Free
Info 95564440, leah.szanto@kingston.vic.gov.au, <http://artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au>



They Shoot Homos Don't They?

A group show of homos that shoot

International homo art almanac 'they shoot homos don't they?' presents a group show of homos that shoot. Photography work by Paul Knight (AUS), Peter Maloney (AUS), Bruce LaBruce (CAN), Miles Collyer (CAN), Matthias Herrmann (GER), Slava Mogutin (RUSS), Benjamin Alexander Huseby (UK), Dino Dinco (USA), Paul Mpagi (USA) and prvdncr (USA). Come join the brotherhood.

Venue Neon Parc, 1/53 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Melway 1B N8
Date Thu 18 Jan – Sat 3 Feb
Time Wed – Sat, 12.00pm – 6.00pm or by appointment
Price Free
Info 9663 0911, info@theyshoothomosdontthey.com
www.theyshoothomosdontthey.com



OVERVIEW

Following Ross Watson's successful London Europride exhibition, this landmark 31st exhibition and book launch includes paintings and edition prints spanning 25 years.

Past series are represented providing a fascinating overview including the various series, which the national gallery, National Gallery of Victoria, and National Portrait Gallery have purchased his art from. This significant exhibition demonstrates the resilience of his career, and how his art has earned an international reputation and audience.

Venue Ross Watson Gallery, 465 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Tram 96, Melway 44 A1
Date Thu 25 Jan – Sun 11 Feb
Time 11.00am – 6.00pm, Thu – Sun
Price Free
Info 0407 865 127, ross@rosswatson.com, www.rosswatson.com



Disco Saved My Life

An exhibition by Michael Brady

A themed installation featuring paintings that evoke the atmosphere and energy of 1970s nightlife. Step into a different kind of exhibition space, where light, sound and art merge into a true disco experience.

Venue Gallery 14, Ground Floor, 14 Raglan Street, North Melbourne
Tram 57 Tram, Melway 43 E5
Date Fri 19 Jan – Wed 14 Feb
Time 12.00 – 5.00pm, Thu – Sun
Price Free
Info 0415 529 421, info@gallery14.com.au, www.gallery14.com.au



Rougesque

Lavish paintings based on the opulent world of the carnival and burlesque.

Michael Porter's vibrant large scale paintings twist and distort our preconceptions of gender, femininity and masculinity. 'Risqué (adjective) [risk ay, ree skay] suggestively implying sex, alluding to sexual conduct in a way that is close to being indecent or in bad taste.'

Opening Sat 27 Jan, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue Collingwood Gallery, 292 Smith St, Collingwood
Tram 109, Melway 44 B4
Date Sat 27 Jan – Thu 8 Feb
Time 12.00pm – 8.00pm
Price Free
Info 0412 292 046, michaelporter2006@hotmail.com



Mangina

A queer appropriation of a childhood fantasy, college boy party trick and rugby club legend!

Sticking your dick between your legs to create a faux vagina is a well-worn college boy party trick, but is this alpha male posturing the end of the story? Mangina probes this anatomical manoeuvre to muse on childhood, shake the safe foundations of heterosexual social space and expose the murky erotic boundaries between lovers, would be lovers, friends.

Launch Sat 20 Jan, 8.00pm
Venue Brunswick Street Gallery, 2/322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram 112, Melway 2C B6
Date Fri 19 Jan – Thu 1 Feb
Time 11.00am – 5.00pm daily
Price Free
Info 0439 385 739, peter.vandermerwe@gmail.com, robotcoup@gmail.com



Midsumma @ Gasworks

Gasworks Arts Park

Gasworks Arts Park (winner 2006 Melbourne Fringe Award for Best Venue) celebrates Midsumma by becoming a hub of activity exploding with performance, art, music, words and cocktails.

Direct from New York is the comic queer duo LOUNGE-ZILLA! Acclaimed theatre practitioner Donna Jackson reprises her much-loved *Car Maintenance Explosives and Love*, while some of Australia's best female musicians perform over two nights. The talented Rachel Forgasz presents an unforgettable camp poean to vanity, while Deborah Robertson explores identity in a one-woman dance piece. Comedy and cabaret in the Gasbar includes Shirley Billing's *Vanity Shirley Style*, Jules Wilkinson's *Dude Where's My Girlfriend?*, *Sing Along to the Sound of Bent Musicals* karaoke piano bar, and two nights of the words and music event *Tranzlezbian Gendermash*. With affordable prices and a new bent on programming for all ages and interests, Gasworks is the place to sample Midsumma.

Discounts available for multiple show bookings. Visit www.gasworks.org.au for details.



Kids @ Gasworks

Days of magical family moments.

Family events at Gasworks during Midsumma include theatre performance, and workshops in sword-lighting, creative movement, photography at the zoo and some special surprises! While you're here, families can enjoy the café, browse at Books Illustrated, play in the park or stop by the beach. Visit gasworks.org.au for more details including dates and times.

Venue Gasworks Studio Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
Date Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Time Mon 22 – Thu 25 Jan
Price Various
Info Various
 Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au

Donna Jackson's Car Maintenance Explosives and Love

One woman, one angle grinder and a very short fuse.

Enter the sensual world of lubricated nipples, throbbing eight-cylinder engines and ultra buffed duco for an explosive night of theatre, glam rock, acrobatics and automotive lust. Donna Jackson is a fuse welding petrol bomb, who'll blast you off the garage walls as she demonstrates how to love your car, service and tune your explosives and blow up your relationship.

Preview Wed 24 Jan, 7.30pm
Opening Thu 25 Jan, 7.30pm
Venue Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
 Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Dates Fri 26 – Sat 27 Jan, 7.30pm, Sun 28 Jan, 4.00pm, Tue 30 Jan – Sat 3 Feb, 7.30pm, Sun 4 Feb, 4.00pm, Tue 6 – Sat 10 Feb, 7.30pm
Price \$27.50 Full, \$22.50 Con, \$22.50 group of 10, \$22.50 Tuesday all tix, \$17.50 Preview
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



Dude Where's my Girlfriend?

Warning: this show uses celebrities in unintended ways and contains random facts about lesbian sex.

Everything Jules Wilkinson knows she learnt from television... which is probably why she's one lesbian short of a happy couple, even though she's a famous celebrity with a Myspace page. "Lewd, agreeable and terribly funny." Helen Razer, *The Age*.

Venue Gasworks Foyer, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
 Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time 10.15pm
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



Variety... Shirley Style

Our perennial Midsumma favourite funny girl Shirli dishes up an hour of salacious songs, sinful dancing and show-stopping stand-up.

With special dancey-pants guests, karaoke queens, cocktail kings and bitchy door prizes. It's a little bit late at night... and perfect for a little late night: "Variety... Shirley Style."

Venue Gasworks Foyer, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
 Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Date Fri 26 Jan & Fri 2 Feb
Time 10.15pm
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



Sing Along to the Sound of Bent Musicals

Wilkommen, Bienvenue... Welcome to a return season of Gasworks' musical theatre live karaoke piano bar... with a bent spin.

We're calling all Friends of Dorothy to build up every (angry) inch of courage, and come rain on our parade. Sing your own bent musicals, accompanied by our pianist. BYO sheet music, or choose from our selection when you get here!

Venue Gasworks Foyer, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
 Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Date Fri 9 Feb
Time 10.30pm
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



Tranzlezbian Gendermash

A PJ & Bumpy production.

Following on from the popular Tranzlezbian Readings, held regularly over the last 6 years at King Victoria drag kings, Gendermash is a deliberately controversial, positive, and sexed up journey starring Gender creators, morphers, questioners and revellers. Starring, over 2 nights: The Kill Room, PJ Fotiades, Lian Low, Tom Cho, Aren Z Aizura, Bumpsonator, Mandy Siegel, Jacq Tamlyn, Beau Heartbreaker and very special glamour guests, including San Francisco super star Veronica C Combs (pictured).

Venue Gasworks Foyer, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
 Tram 1, Melway 2J H7
Date Sat 27 Jan & Sat 3 Feb
Time 10.15pm
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



She's Queer Folk

Judy Small and award-winning Lou Bennett & the Sweet Cheeks feature in this not-to-be-missed live music concert.

Don't miss Australian folk icon Judy Small, whose songs are sung all over the world in concert halls, at political rallies and around campfires, performing alongside ex-Tiddas member Lou Bennett & the Sweet Cheeks, whose powerful harmonies and lyrics speak of compassion, truth, love and heartache.

Venue Gasworks Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park
Tram 1, Melway 21 H7
Date Sat 20 Jan
Time 8.00pm
Price \$20 Full, \$15 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



She's Queer 2

Stories of love, journeys and the land are passionately explored in this one-night-only concert.

Dynamic upcoming singer/songwriters Michelle Parsons, Milk the Duo and Liz Stringer combine their talents for this concert of folk/roots covers and original tracks that combine vibrant harmonies and fine musicianship with energy and humour.

Venue Gasworks Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park
Tram 1, Melway 21 H7
Date Sun 28 Jan
Time 7.30pm
Price \$20 Full, \$15 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



The Deconstruction

Solo dancer Deborah Robertson unravels identity and physical history through movement and projected image.

A woman's exploration of her own identity through the stories held in her body. Through movement and projected image we are invited to become witnesses as she peels away the layers of her physicality to reveal the life she has led. What are the events that form who we are?

Venue Gasworks Studio Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
Tram 1, Melway 21 H7
Date Tue 30 Jan – Sat 3 Feb
Time 6.30pm
Price \$18.50 Full, \$14.50 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



The Paris End With Lola On-Collins

The tragic tale of being the woman everybody wants. Performed by Rachel Forgasz (My Life as a Dyke).

She's sassy. She's sexy. She's a self-proclaimed diva. Join Lola on-Collins as she shares the torturous tale of being the woman who everybody wants. Sung in the style of Bassey and with the tongue-in-cheek fashion you've come to expect from writer/performer Rachel Forgasz.

Venue Gasworks Studio Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
Tram 1, Melway 21 H7
Date Wed 7 – Sat 10 Feb
Time 9.15pm
Price \$14.50 Full, \$10.50 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au

LOUNGE-ZILLA!

The Armageddon of Queer Comedy.

An atomic blast of twisted music, naughty adults-only cabaret and an outrageous X-rated 3D finale that has to be believed.

The winner of 'Best Comedy' and 'Best Musical' at the USA Columbus National GLBT Theatre Festival and 'Best Of Fest' and 'Best Cabaret' at the San Francisco Fringe Festival takes over Midsumma with this hilarious evening of original song and hilarious hi-jinks.

Hailed by critics internationally as a bawdy blend of musical-comedy burlesque, improv, audience participation and witty reverie. As divas, singers, comedians and sexperts, New York cabaret duo LOUNGEZILLA! has exploded across the globe including in New York, Toronto, San Francisco, Prague and Singapore.

"Laugh so hard you nearly wet your pants!" (Seattle Gay News)

"Hilarious... clever show... incorporates cartoonish hyperbole, masterful subtlety, strong singing, interactive shtick, amusing props, outrageous costumes, partial nudity, profanity and a truly monstrous X-rated finale that can't be described in a family newspaper." (Columbus Dispatch)

Venue Gasworks Theatre, 21 Graham Street, Albert Park.
Tram 1, Melway 21 H7
Date Wed 24 Jan – Sat 27 Jan & Tue 30 Jan – Sat 3 Feb
Time 9.15pm
Price \$27.50 Full, \$22.50 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 3253, gasworks.org.au



Premier Events



We Built This Rainbow City

For one day only, local children's theatre company Polyplot take up residence at ArtPlay for this special Midsumma event. Kids of all ages are invited to join in for a day of building fun and intricate constructions.

The space is filled with cardboard boxes – some large, some small. All taped up and easily handled. There are pathways in the space; small roads that mark out the City. The boxes are jumbled in the areas between the roads; piled up higgledy piggledy. The participants enter the space and start to pile boxes on top of each other – making order from the chaos. Little by little shapes of buildings appear, towers grow, cubbies are constructed. Tunnels are formed and the labyrinth begins.

We Built This Rainbow City is a happy project and one that little children would be entranced by, as it is a real playground. Some people stay for half an hour and some people stay for the duration!

On hand are the Builders – clad in overalls, tool belts, whistles and hard hats. They are the heart and soul of the construction site and they help people whenever necessary. They also dance, perform physical routines, keep the paths clear, make sure people have enough boxes to work with, take people on tours of the city and generally muck around.

Over the day things will be built, knocked down and rebuilt, again and again. At the end the city is pulled down and stomped on like a giant sandcastle and the whole thing is sent off to be recycled.

This project looks at teamwork, ingenuity and fun on a grand scale. Provoking laughter, community and endless possibilities, We Built This City is one of the happiest events you'll ever experience.

Venue ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr, Melbourne
Melway 18 R12
Date Sun 28 Jan
Time 1.00 – 5.00pm
Price \$5 per child under 15
Info admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au
Bookings: 9415 9819



Living the Arts

polyplot



Over & Out

Over 50 Out & Proud

Over & Out: Over 50 Out & Proud, a visual arts project that provided an opportunity for senior gay men and lesbians to photographically document their lives and those around them.

This exhibition of their work encourages us to recognise and celebrate their lives and the valuable contribution of our senior members within the GLTBQ and broader communities.

The participants attended ten weekly workshops and field trips throughout October to December 2006. The workshops included training in the use of a manual camera and photography techniques by professional photographic artist, Angela Bailey.

This is the second project in Midsumma's "Living Queer" Series, that encourages everyday people who are not artists, to come together and celebrate their commonality and differences within the gay and lesbian community, and as a result, the broader community.

A floor talk and afternoon tea for seniors will be held at 2.00pm on Sun 28 Jan – see separate listing below for details and bookings.

Launch Wed 24 Jan, 6.00 – 8.00pm

Venue Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park,
21 Graham St, Albert Park. Tram 1, Melway 2J H7

Date Tue 16 Jan – Sat 10 Feb

Time 9.00am – 5.00pm

Price Free

Info 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au

www.midsumma.org.au



ARTS VICTORIA



Seniors Exhibition Floor Talk & Afternoon Tea

A seniors floor talk and afternoon tea

Over & Out: Over 50 Out & Proud project provided an opportunity for senior gay men and lesbians to photographically document their lives.

On Sun 28 Jan, seniors are invited to attend the exhibition and a free afternoon tea with floor talk by facilitating artist Angela Bailey and participants. Community bus pick-up & drop off points available. Bookings essential.

Venue Angela Roberts-Bird Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram 1, Melway 2J H7

Date Sun 28 Jan

Time 2.00 – 3.00pm

Price Free

Info admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

Bookings: 9415 9819



ARTS VICTORIA





Juan Davila born Chile 1946, arrived Australia 1974. *Hysterical Tears* 1979 (detail). Oil on canvas, 178.0 x 661.5 cm. Collection: Courtesy of the artist. © The artist, courtesy of Kall Rolfe Contemporary Art

Juan Davila

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Cabaret

The Butterfly Club

Festival Hub The Butterfly Club welcomes Midsumma friends to their comfy lounges, cocktails and eclectic decor. The perfect place to see a show or for a drink after you've seen a show elsewhere.

The Butterfly Club is hosting theme nights over Midsumma, changing weekly. Free entry. Dress: neat casual or in theme – those in theme receive a free Shanghai Butterfly Cocktail on arrival. For details on each weekly theme, go to www.thebutterflyclub.com

Venue The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Tram 112, Melway 2K DZ
Date Wednesday through Sunday
Time from 6.00pm til late
Info Bookings: Tel 9690 2000, www.thebutterflyclub.com



Bob Downe... Live & Swingin'

Old, New, Borrowed & Blues!

What a Midsumma cabaret treat! BOB DOWNE is getting all jazzy for his debut Butterfly Club season. Joined by Music Director JOHN THORN and a cookin' little band, Bob will be singin' and swingin' jazz, show and pop standards – old faves like 'Yeh Yeh', 'Wives & Lovers', through to 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' and 'The Beat Goes On', with wild new arrangements of classics like 'Frankie & Johnny' and 'Summertime'. Promises Bob: "The feel will be Olde Worlde Nightclub... the last time you saw me up this close was in the boo at a dance party!"

Venue The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Tram 112, Melway 2K DZ
Date Sun 21 Jan, Sun 28 Jan, Sun 4 Feb, Sun 11 Feb
Time Two shows nightly, 7.00pm and 9.00pm
Price \$28 Full, \$25 Con, \$25 Groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com
www.thebutterflyclub.com



Tina Del Twiste

Not bitter, but quite twisted. She is an experience not to be missed.

Tina is interested in the blues, the jazz, the music. She has been performing globally on stage and screen for over 50 years. Not bitter, but quite twisted. She recently performed a sellout season during the Melbourne Cabaret Festival. The current talk of the town, she is an experience not to be missed.

Venue The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Tram 112, Melway 2K DZ
Date Sat 20, Fri 26, Sat 27 Jan / Fri 2, Sat 3, Fri 9, Sat 10 Feb
Time 10.30pm
Price \$22 Full, \$18 Con, \$18 groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com
www.thebutterflyclub.com



Missfit & The Dandy Nongs in Show Yourself!

The irrepressible, iridescent and totally irresistible Missfit returns with her singing and dancing Dandy Nongs in a dazzling account of how she has become the almost famous icon she is today! Missfit holds a mirror to her audience and asks the question 'are you happy with your make-up?' A tribute to individuality, self-expression and solidarity, SHOW YOURSELF! is more than a cabaret show... it's a happening! This show sold out in 2006 so don't miss this Midsumma must-see!

Venue The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Tram 112, Melway 2K DZ
Date Fri 19 Jan – Sat 10 Feb, Thu to Sat only
Time 9.00pm
Price \$26 Full, \$22 Con, \$22 groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com
www.thebutterflyclub.com



The Dinner Party

Can someone please pass a knife to cut the tension – or the host's wrists?! Joe's only coming if Matthew isn't. Matthew's only coming if he can sit next to James. James can come, but he's bringing his new boyfriend Nathan – who's Joe's ex. Sarah and Kelly split up last week, but will never forgive you if you invite the other, and not them, and someone's asked Shannon – who had a thing for James, but hooked up with Melanie who used to stalk Kelly... Dinner's served!

Venue The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Tram 112, Melway 2K DZ
Date Thu 1 – Sat 3 Feb, Thu 8 – Sat 10 Feb, Thu to Sat only
Time 7.00pm
Price \$20 Full, \$15 Con, \$15 groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com
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Cabaret

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Venue The Comics Lounge, 26 Errol St, North Melbourne

Tram 57, Melway 2A,110

Date Sat 10 Feb

Time Doors open 8.00pm, Show time 9.30pm

Price \$25

Info Bookings: 9348 9488 by credit card (plus b/f) or at the door on the night



Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough

The 70's and 80's Show

Mamma Mia, here we go again! You should be so lucky to be taken down a yellow brick road to the days when Molly Meldrum had hair and Michael Jackson had a nose. Head on down to the YMCA for a boogie wonderland of ABBA, Culture Club, Madonna, Kylie and Queen with Cabaret latte (formerly leader of the Pack).

Venue Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Tram 72 78,79, Melway 58, E5

Date Thu 1, Fri 2, Sat 3 Feb

Time 9.00pm

Price \$27.50 Full, \$22.00 Con

Info Bookings: 8290 7000, cabaretlatte@bigpond.com

Table bookings available.



Up Too Close And Personal

What is the show about? Well, it's about 70 minutes – BOOM BOOM!

When was the last time you went to a cabaret and had a real belly laugh? Just imagine entertaining your belly for 70 minutes by a cabaret singer with the most divine voice and a pianist with the most wicked sense of humour. Put David, the divine singer and Mark, the wicked pianist together and you have a night to remember!

Venue Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, Moorabbin station (Frankston line), buses 811, 812, 823, 824, Melway 77 D5

Date Sat 3 Feb

Time 8.00pm

Price \$24 Full \$22 Con, \$120 table of 6

Info Bookings: 95564440, mary.sofis@kingston.vic.gov.au

<http://artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au>



Dolly Diamond

... in the ruff!

Dolly returns for even more Midsumma mayhem with a collection of material – some old, some new, lots borrowed and slightly blue.

Familiar punters will know what to expect from this sparkling diva. For the uninitiated, prepare to be dazzled with live vocals, razor sharp wit and lots of audience participation!

Venue Chapel off Chapel, Little Chapel St, Prahran

Tram 72 78,79, Melway 58, E5

Date Thu 8 – Sat 10 Feb

Time 8.30pm Thu & Fri, 7.00 & 9.00pm Sat

Price \$25 Full, \$20 Con

Info Bookings: 8290 7000



Seemingly Most Innocent

The Songs of Alan Menken

Melbourne performer Drew Downing presents the songs of Disney and Broadway composer, Alan Menken. Supported by a sensational band, Drew journeys through Menken's masterpieces including films such as Aladdin, Hercules, Newsies and Broadway musicals Beauty and the Beast and Little Shop of Horrors.

This is a one-off cabaret event that is heartfelt and exciting. Don't miss out.

Venue Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran

Tram 72 78,79, Melway 58, E5

Date Sat 3 Feb

Time 7.15pm & 9.15pm (2 shows)

Price \$35 Full, \$28 Con

Info Bookings: 8290 7000



King Victoria Drag Kings

Drag king trans queer club Fridays, starring bevies of bent beautiful drag shows & djs

King Victoria is Melbourne's famous weekly drag king trans queer performance club. Stars like Rocco D'Amore, Koko Mas\$, Beau Heartbreaker, Nana Doris, Mr Kewl, Elviro, Scott Twat, Max Fokter, Evan Better, Randy Dean, Dykos2Men and Bernard Incredible, guarantee a crazy, funny, sexy night. After the shows, DJs like Fu, Serenade, Pansy Pants and Tokyo Love Kitten play till closing time.

Venue Opium Den, 176 Hoddle St, Abbotsford

Collingwood Train Station, Bus 246, Melway 2C H9

Date Fri 2, Fri 9, Fri 16 Feb

Time Happy hour 8.30pm, Showtime 10.30pm

Price \$10 Full, \$8 Con

Info Bookings: 94172696, info@kingvictoria.com, www.kingvictoria.com



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Kaye Sera and The Opium Den, Melbourne's newest live music venue, launch a very special cabaret season.

Join us for a bouquet of our most celebrated cabaret performers. Included on the bill are David Rogers-Smith, Mark Jones Andrea Rienets, Andrew Threlfall, Ms Josephine, Lulu and of course, Kaye Sera.

Venue Opium Den, 176 Hoddle St, Abbotsford

Collingwood Train Station, Bus 246, Melway 2C H9

Date Sat 20, Sat 27 Jan, Sat 3, Sat 10 Feb

Time 8.30pm

Price \$15

Info Bookings: 9417 2696, www.kayesera.com



Show Your Colours

SummaBands

Show your colours and support for Midsumma in 2007 by sporting your SummaBands. For just \$5 get the coolest festival fashion accessory around.

Collect 'em, swap 'em or keep 'em all to yourself.

With that distinctive allure of rubber, a combination of sexy colours and a limited edition of all-black, the SummaBand will change the way you see Summa!

Keep an eye out for our SummaBands sales teams at Opening Night, Carnival Day and venues all over.

Ticketing

Tickets to your favourite Midsumma events are now available on-line at www.SameSame.com.au

SameSame.com.au is a new national gay and lesbian website that takes you inside Out Australia. From local news on what's happening in Melbourne, to feature stories and reviews, Same Same has everything you need to stay up to date with what's going down.

Festival members enjoy \$5 off the standard ticket price for this summer's hottest parties; Opening Night Zinc Sunset Party, the notorious Summa Cruise and the ever famous T-Dance with international DJ Alan Thompson (Limit one ticket to each event per member).

Get on-line at now: www.SameSame.com.au



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Jan 16- Feb 17 Tues - Sat 8pm
No show 26th Jan

Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre
Cnr Sydney & Gleniyon Rds, Brunswick

Bookings 9305 5333, Haros & Hyonas, Out Video & Ticketek 132 849

FOUR QUEENS: FULLY COMMITTED

The very funny sequel to a queenly television comedy



Jan 26, 27, Feb 2, 3, 6, 9, 10 @ 10.30pm
Mechanics Institute, Brunswick
Bookings 9305 5333, Haros & Hyonas, Out Video and Ticketek 132 849

Performance



The Complete Idiot's Guide To Pornography

By Steven Dawson

Jane Austen is on her last lungs and desperate for a hit. In the meantime another more modern writer is about to come to a sticky end... It's Sense and Sensibility meets Sex in the City and the sluts are winning. Why can't the characters just fall in love and stop taking their bloody clothes off? Perhaps all Mr Darcy really needs is a good Rodger-ing. Warning: Contains frock coats and nudity. Mr Dawson should be ashamed of himself!

Venue Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre, Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick, Tram 19, Melway 29 G8
Date Tue Jan 16 - Sat Feb 17. Tue - Sat only. No Performance Fri 26 Jan
Time 8.00pm
Price \$30 Full, \$22 Con, \$22 Groups of 10 or more
Info 9305 5333, Hares & Hyenas, Out Video & Ticketek 132 849
outcast@sub.net.au www.outcast.org.au



4Q2 - Four Queens: Fully Committed

By Steven Dawson

Out Cast Theatre and Steven Dawson's gloriously disgusting sequel to the comedy gem Four Queens in Hawaiian Shirts. After a brief spell in the tropics Tom & Kyle are getting hitched and everyone's doing their best to screw things up! Four screamingly talented actors completely debase themselves by playing everything from flautent in-laws and pissed marriage celebrants to an army of catering slugs. Fast, furious and very filthy.

Venue Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre, Cnr Sydney & Glenlyon Rds, Brunswick, Tram 19, Melway 29 G8
Date Thu 25, Sat 27 Jan & 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 Feb
Time 10.30pm (70 mins)
Price \$20
Info 9305 5333, Hares & Hyenas, Out Video & Ticketek 132 849
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The Two Frocks in Domestic Deluxe

Your opportunity to frock up!

Filamena and Florence live together in divine domesticity, drinking tea and looking for love. They manipulate crockery and each other, while seeking Mr/Ms Right. Whoever thought that baking a cake could be so cathartic, setting tea so competitive, and weddings such an undercover target? Frock up and join them in their world of petticoats, dance, fitness rituals, puppetry and sleuthing.

Venue La Mama at the Carlton Courthouse, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton
Date Tue 23 Jan - Sat 10 Feb
Time Tue & Sun 6.30pm, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 8.00pm
Price \$20 Full, \$10 Con, \$10 groups of 8 or more
Info 03 9347 6142, bookings@lamama.com.au, www.lamama.com.au



The Object of Desire

"He was unconventional in love as he was in art..."

He was beautiful, charming, talented, loving and promiscuous - a 'Darling of the Gods'. Gay British artist Duncan Grant endeared everyone to him. Famous artists, writers and intellectuals, including essayist Lytton Strachey, artist Vanessa Bell, economist Maynard Keynes and novelist David Garnett. Grant was a sensualist, a man who was before his time and didn't know it.

Venue La Mama, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton
Date Tram 16, Melway 2B G5
Time Wed 24 Jan - Sun 11 Feb
Price Wed & Sun 6.30pm, Thu, Fri, Sat 8.00pm
Info \$20 Full, \$10 Con, \$10 groups of 8 or more
 9347 6142, bookings@lamama.com.au, www.lamama.com.au



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by Jason Triggs

Picture this... a share house, a commerce/law student, an aspiring actor and a medical student. Let Ash, Max and Adam take you on their journey and see through their eyes what everyone may see... labels, perception, identity and lust. Don't miss this hot new Australian work starring Melbourne's hottest young actors.

Venue Cromwell Road Theatre, 27a Cromwell Road, South Yarra
Date Tram 8, 72, Melway 58 E4
Time Wed 31 Jan - Sat 3 Feb
Price 8.00pm (Sat 3 Feb 2.00pm)
Info \$20 Full, \$18 Con, \$12 Group of 6 or more
 0439 653 577, lmctheatre@yahoo.com.au
www.lighthousecandletheatrecompany.com.au



Closer Than Ever

Each song in Closer Than Ever is a story: an intimate, insightful tale about love, security and happiness - and holding onto them in a world that pulls you in a hundred different directions at once.

A musical for all races, sexual preferences and anyone who has fallen in love, out of love or for those who don't believe in love. Closer Than Ever is musical theatre for all audiences today.

Venue Cromwell Road Theatre, 27a Cromwell Road, South Yarra
Date Tram 8, 72, Melway 58 E4
Time Wed 7 - Sat 10 Feb
Price 8.00pm
Info \$30 Full, \$27 Con, \$27 Group of 6 or more
 9471 4432, shootsprods@hotmail.com

Summa Nights @ ACMI Lounge

By day a funky, relaxed restaurant bar, by night ACMI Lounge hosts Summa Nights, Midsumma 2007's festival lounge.

ACMI Lounge at Federation Square transforms into Melbourne's queer hub, where you can call in after work for a smart cocktail or meet friends for a quick dinner. Whether you're on the way to the nights' Midsumma program feature, having a coffee and debrief afterwards, or just looking for a queer social vibe in the centre of it all, Summa Nights @ ACMI Lounge will be open late, with free entry.

From Thu to Sun nights, catch live performances featuring some of the Festivals' arts program highlights from cabaret to comedy. Sat evenings will see Midsumma's favourite DJs take to the decks with some cool sounds and a lounge feel.

Venue ACMI Lounge, Main Square (next to Chocolate Buddha), Federation Square, Melbourne, Melway 1AK11
Date Fri 19 Jan - Sat 10 Feb
Time Every evening until late
Price Free
Info www.midsumma.org.au or festival updates on Joy 94.9



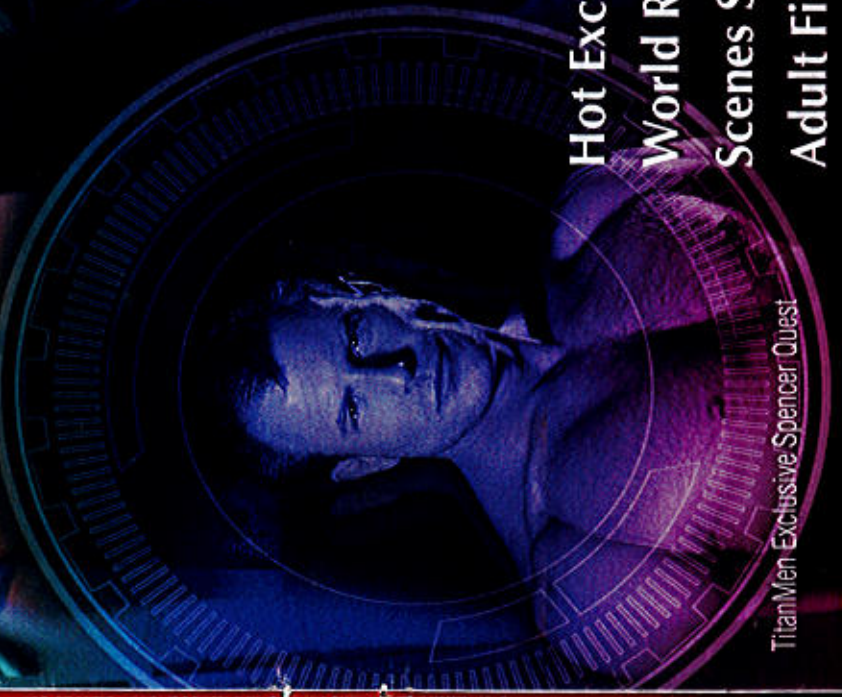
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Cruising

Two guys sit in their car and audiences climb into the backseat. Two Guys sit in their car and audiences climb in the backseat for a unique fly on the wall experience. Marvel at our two studs as they explore the dizzying array of controversies surrounding cruising. Buckle up as writer/performer Kevin McGreal provides a thrills and spills account of the ultimate date from Hell! Be Quick. Numbers limited.

Venue Meet at Ice Cafe, 30 Cato St, Prahiran
Tram 72, Melway 2L J10
Date Wed 31 Jan – Sat 10 Feb
Time Wed – Sat 7.00pm, 7.30pm, 8.00pm, 8.30pm (30 min duration)
Price \$12, tickets from Ice Cafe
Info 9510 8788



the help word

A bit like the TV show – but plumper and intentionally funny! What happens when three lesbians and a poof get together? They bitch and moan of course, gossip and giggle, drink far too much and do silly things. But it's entertaining, it's stand up comedy! Featuring Hannah Gadsby, winner of RAW Comedy 2006 and runner up in So You Think You're Funny at Edinburgh. Supported by Jody Ekert, Vanessa Hill and Ben Zabel.

Venue Glitch Bar and Cinema, 318 St Georges Rd, North Fitzroy
Tram 112, Melway 30 C10
Date Thu 1 – Sun 4 Feb
Time 8.00pm
Price \$15 Full, \$12 Con
Info Bookings: 9489 9799, info@glitch.com.au, www.jodyekert.com



Her Aching Heart

By Bryony Lavery. Historical lesbian romantic comedy – complete with songs, and lust! Sexy! Wickedly funny!

Inspired by the writings of Daphne Du Maurier et al. An historic romp of lesbian love and desire juxtaposed with a blossoming contemporary liaison. Add an exploration of gender and class, a comment or three on the nature of relationships: set it against a musical backdrop and you have "Her Aching Heart". Witty and outrageous!

Venue Old Council Chambers Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street
(Cor Victoria & Lygon), Carlton South, Tram 23, 24, 40, Melway 28 F,11
Date Wed 24 Jan – Sun 11 Feb
Time Wed – Sat 8.00pm, Sun 6.30pm
Price \$22 Full, \$17 Con, \$20 Groups of 8 or more
Info Bookings: 0404 889 613, wishingwellip@gmail.com.au



Gay Conversion School Drop Out

A brilliant comedy about one gay mans' experiences in a Christian gay conversion school.

When Anthony told his parents he was gay they sent him to a gay conversion school in the hope of straightening him out. Direct from sell-out seasons at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Melbourne Comedy Festival (formerly 'Ants Pantz') Anthony tells this hilarious tale in stand up, theatre and song.

"Gay or straight, you'll laugh your head off." – ScotsGay(UK).

Venue Bar Open, 317 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
Tram 112, Melway 2C B6
Date Thu 1 – Sun 11 Feb (Thu to Sun only)
Time Thu – Sat 8.00pm, Sun 4.00 & 7.00pm
Price \$19 Full, \$15 Con, \$14 groups of 3 or more
Info Bookings: 9347 5503, anthony@anthonymenchetti.com
www.anthonymenchetti.com

Live Music



Goddess Grooves

Be entertained by a smorgasbord of lesbian musicians – originals and covers – a Goddess Grooves jam.

Goddess Grooves celebrates contemporary female musicians, by showcasing some of our community's finest. This year coming together for a gutsy, lesbian midsumma jam session of urban-folk, rock, pop, blues and more. Join local artists Michelle Parsons, Emma Wall, Jade Leonard, Anna-Leisa Veltz and Perth singer/songwriter, Mishka (plus guests) playing originals and covers: solo and with each other. Another unforgettable night.

Venue The Artery, 87-89 Moor St, Fitzroy, Tram 112, Melway 43 K4
Date Sat 20 Jan
Time 7.30pm – 10.30pm
Price \$15 Full, \$12 Con, \$12 groups of 12 or more
Info Bookings: 0417 161 098, 9415 9200, info@theartery.com.au
www.theartery.com.au



Jade Starr's DreadCircus

Acoustic music written by Transgender artist Jade Starr

DreadCircus is a rollercoaster ride into the mind of an eccentric, honest, talented transgender artist and the journey that has come to pass and lies ahead. Her lyrics paint portraits of Honesty, Love, Transition, Uncertainty and Hope.

Venue Arthouse Hotel (Thu 1 Feb), Cherry Bomb (Fri 2 Feb),
Pony (Sat 3 Feb), Espy (Wed 7 Feb), Revolver (Thu 8 Feb),
Laundry (Sat 10 Feb)
Time 9.00pm
Price Various. Please check www.dreadcircus.com
Info Bookings: www.dreadcircus.com

Community



History Walk

This year the Archives returns to St Kilda, for many years the heartland of camp Melbourne.

We'll explore well-known landmarks such as the Baths and the Prince of Wales for their queer historical content, hear about Val's Café 31, the Old Boys Coffee Shop, and the many haunts that made St Kilda a magnet for camp men and women in Melbourne and beyond. 50 limit first-in-first-served. Register early by phone or email (below), nominating preferred date and leaving contact details.

Venue Meet at Luna Park entrance, The Esplanade, St Kilda
Tram 96, 16, Melway 58 A10
Date Sun 28 Jan, 4.00pm and repeated Sun 4 Feb 11.00am
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con (includes program)
Info Bookings: 9499 1769, algarchives@hotmail.com



Out and Loud

Gay and lesbian choirs from all over Australia and New Zealand combine to present a concert of passion, fun and joy.

Featuring over 200 performers on stage for the finale, this concert is the culmination of the first Out and Loud Festival, a celebration of gay and lesbian choral singing and the power of the human voice and spirit.

Venue Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St, Melbourne
All Swanston St Trams, Melway 43 HB
Date Sun 18 Feb
Time 2.00pm
Price \$33 Full, \$25 Con, \$69 2 Adults, 2 Children, \$9 Under 9
Info Bookings: Ticketek 13 2849, www.ticketek.com.au



Rainbow Families Picnic Day

Proudly presented by the new Rainbow Families Council of Victoria and Love Makes A Family campaign.

A Midsumma get-together for rainbow families, prospective parents and friends at Hays Paddock. The all abilities, fenced playground features a shady, covered sandpit, accessible equipment such as slides, swings, a trampoline plus nearby ovals for cricket or soccer! BYO everything.

Venue Hays Paddock, Longstaff St, off Kilby Rd, Kew East
Melway 45 J1
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time 11.00am - 2.00pm
Price Free/BYO Picnic Lunch
Info Bookings: 0411 593 607, www.rainbowfamilies.org.au



Pride Worship Service

God Loves You and Accepts You Just as You Are

A Christian celebration of the community and Pride.

There will be singing, prayers and message, then participant in the Pride March as a group behind the church banner.

Venue Metropolitan Community Church of Melbourne, 271 Burnley St, Burnley
Tram 75, 49, Melway 2H E8
Date Sun 21 Jan
Time 2.30pm
Price An offering will be collected through the worship service
Info Bookings: No booking required. 0438 811 553
contact@mccmelbourne.com, www.mccmelbourne.com



DT's Golden Stilletto Rally

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

Venue DT's Hotel, 164 Church St, Richmond
Tram 78, 79, Melway 2H A4
Date Sat 3 Feb
Time Teams must register by 3.00pm
Price Free to attend. \$5 to enter a team. Proceeds to Midsumma
Info Bookings: 9428 5724



Matrix Masked Ball

This is THE event of the year - night for lesbians.

Your chance to dress up, dance and catch up with old and meet new friends. Dance to music played by DJ Kim. The Masked Ball has replaced Satin and Silk. This event will be as great as we can make it and all we need is you to join us at the Northcote Town Hall to make it greater. BYO event. Women only.

Venue Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St, Northcote
Tram 86, Melway 30 F9
Date Sat 17 Feb
Time 7.30pm - 12.30am
Price \$40 Full, \$30 Con
Info Bookings: 9364 7748, 9798 7435, jken1@vtown.com.au
Please contact for group/table bookings



Motafrenz Car Show & Picnic

Join Motafrenz Car Club members for our annual Car Show at Como Park.

Enjoy a summer's afternoon picnic and admire a fabulous collection of exotic, vintage, veteran and everyday cars. Vote for your favourite car in the People's Choice Award competition. Enter your car or motorcycle for judging. No need for you to be a Motafrenz member, but you'll need to register by 31 Jan. Registration forms are available from the Club's website at www.motafrenz.org.au

Venue Como Park, Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra. Tram 8, Melway 2M C3
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time Exhibitors to arrive by 11.00am.
Spectators welcome from 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Price Exhibitors \$10 per car and \$5 for motorbikes (\$8/4 Con)
Spectators & passengers will be invited to donate a gold coin
Info Bookings: 0439 392 160, 9830 0980, antrex@bigpond.net.au, www.motafrenz.org.au



St Dorothy's Day Celebration

The 11th Annual St Dorothy's Day Celebration at St Agnes Anglican Church in Glen Huntly.

Come and join in a Eucharistic Celebration with an alfresco meal to follow. There is no charge for this Midsumma Event - but collections during Mass will benefit the AIDS Chaplaincy at Alfred Hospital.

Venue St Agnes Anglican Church, 114 Booran Rd, Glen Huntly
Tram 67, Melway 68, D5
Date Fri 9 Feb
Time 6.00pm
Price Free

Community



Joy Picnic

JOY 949 annual Australia Day Picnic. A chance to relax with friends at Mt Macedon.

Now in its 10th year the picnic attracts up to 500 people to private gardens that have taken over 50 years to develop. Bring your picnic blanket, food and drink and be serenaded by the Melbourne gay and lesbian chorus and Rainbow Band.

Venue Forrest Glade, Mt Macedon Rd (off Calder Hwy), Mt Macedon.
A printable map is available on www.joy.org.au

Date Fri 26 Jan
Time 10.00am - 5.00pm
Price \$15 Full, \$10 Con
Info Bookings: 9699 2949, admin@joy.org.au, www.joy.org.au



Festival Jack-Off

The Melbourne Wankers 16th Annual Jack-Off Party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No lips below the hips. Standard club rules apply. Visit our web site for further details.

Venue Bay City Sauna, 482D Glenhunity Rd, Elsternwick
Tram 67, Melway 67 H3

Date Mon 22 Jan & Mon 12 Feb
Time Arrive between 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Price \$16
Info Bookings: 9646 6502, wankers@a1.com.au
www.home.aone.net.au/~melbournewankers/



Motafrenz Midsumma Car Rally

Join Motafrenz for a great drive through a beautiful part of the country along roads you have probably never travelled before.

Test your navigating and treasure hunting skills in a fun way as you drive to our secret meeting place for lunch and swapping of stories about your adventures on the open road. All roads will be sealed. Bring your e-tag, picnic lunch or bbq and afternoon tea.

Venue Depart at Melbourne Zoo Carpark (opposite Royal Park Station)
Melway 29 E11

Date Sun 28 Jan
Time Leave 10.00am sharp
Price \$10 per car
Info 9830 0980, 0439 392 160, antrex@bigpond.net.au



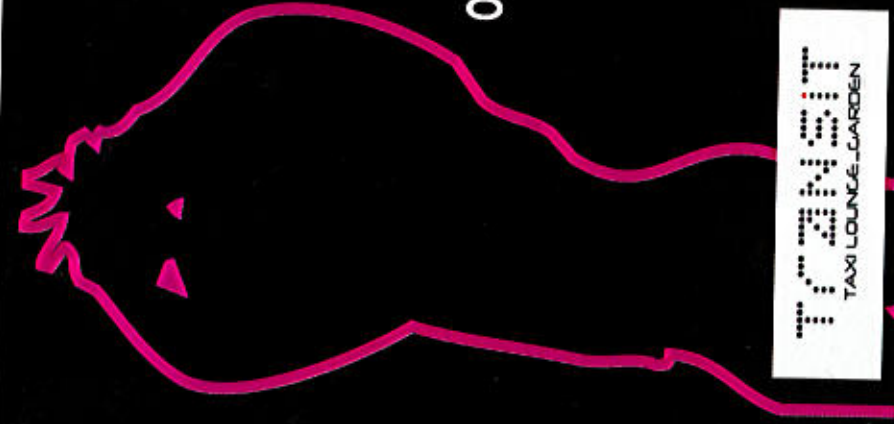
Mooning 2007

Here is your chance to show off your best assets and do something for your community at the same time - **MOONING 2007**.

Each year the Men of Melbourne get together to see who has Melbourne's Best Arse. This annual competition is presented by N.A.G. and the Laird Hotel and is a fund raiser for The David Williams Fund.

Venue Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford
Train to Collingwood Station, Melway 2C

Date Thu 25 Jan
Time 9.30pm
Price \$10
Info Bookings: 9417 2832, 9417 2832, hotel@lairdhotel.com



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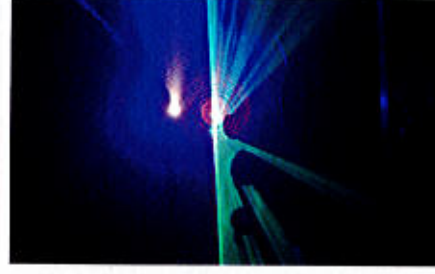


RED RAW

25th birthday celebration.

For a quarter of a Century, Red Raw has been there to help celebrate the diversity of Melbourne's gay and lesbian community. Join thousand of party-goers both past and present for Red Raw's 25th birthday.

Venue Fri 26 Jan
Date 10.00pm - 8.00am
Time Bookings: 9827 4999, also@also.org.au
Info www.also.org.au



Beyond

Returns for its annual Midsumma event, now into its 6th year.

Melbourne's premier leather party has men, music and lighting that will blow you away. Renown for its friendly, no-attitude atmosphere BEYOND is a Melbourne favourite and the first party of 2007 will be no exception. Ticket price includes Recovery!

Venue Sat 3 Feb
Date 11.00pm - 7.00am
Time \$60 includes recovery
Price 0421 380 535, info@beyondblack.com.au
Info www.beyondblack.com.au



Courtney Act's Search For a Bent Cover Boy

...Get in the Act.

The hottest boys in Melbourne will duke it out for a personal assessment with the country's most exclusive modeling agency "Chadwicks", a hot fashion shoot in bent magazine as well as a huge package of fabulous prizes. Courtney will deliver the hottest boys in the least amount of clothing legally allowed in a licensed venue - don't miss it. Got the look? Register now at www.bentmagazine.com

Venue Xchange Hotel, 119 Commercial Rd, 5th Yarra
 Tram 72, Melway 2L G9
Date Fri 26 Jan, Fri 2, Fri 9, Fri 16 Feb
Time 9.00pm
Price \$10 Full, \$5 Con
Info Tickets at the door only



Blonde on the Rocks

A personal invitation to join the sassiest girls in Melbourne at Blonde on the Rocks.

Blonde on the Rocks brings Melbourne girls a special Midsumma celebration. On Australia Day, Blonde is the only place to be for girls looking for something atmospheric, sexy and a little bit bent. Join us for shows, beats and everything sassy over three levels.

Venue Eurotrash Bar, 18 Corrs Lane, Chinatown, Melbourne
Date Fri 26 Jan
Time 8.00pm
Price \$12 Full, \$10 Con
Info Tickets available on the door from 8pm on the night
blondeontherocks@yahoo.com.au



Emerald Clutch

Hosted by Billi Lime with resident DJ Lady Lamenta and special guests.

Kick back or Razz up for Emerald Clutch every Sunday during Midsumma and beyond. Old fashioned hosting by Billi Lime and kitsch cocktail music by resident DJ Lady Lamenta, amongst other guest performances and DJ's. Queer folks of all persuasions are invited to 'Masquerade' on 28 Jan and 'Go Troppo' for the 4 Feb Tropicana themed Clutch!

Venue Alia Bar, cnr Gertrude & Smith St, Fitzroy
 Tram 86, Melway 44 B6
Date Sun 21 & 28 Jan, Sun 4 & 11 Feb
Time 9.00pm - 4.00am
Price \$6 Full, \$4 Con
Info hildylinegrrr@yahoo.com.au



SheBar

A women's only night featuring Michelle Parsons and DJ Riffraf with music from the 70s to today.

SheBar is a women's only night held on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, especially for Melbourne's lesbian and bi women's community. Running into the 4th year, SheBar provides a fun and friendly environment with regular live acts, femme DJ and special events.

Venue The Bendigo Hotel, 125 Johnston St, Collingwood
 Buses 200 to 207, Melway 44 C4
Date Sat 10 Feb
Time 8.30pm - 1.00am
Price \$10 Full, \$8 Con
Info 0419 992 966, shebar@netspace.net.au

Foam-a-Sexual

The Peel brings you FOAM-A-SEXUAL- the day party.

The Peel Hotel has been unashamedly gay for well over a decade. Foam-a-Sexual is sure not to disappoint. With a full cloakroom and showers supplied free of charge there is no excuse for leaving wet or dirty... Special guest life savers will be the boys from Surge, Melbourne's gay water polo team. As well as hot Go Go boys and special giveaways for the least dressed to the best dressed.

Venue The Peel Hotel, cnr Peel & Wellington St, Collingwood
 Tram 86, Melway 2C E11
Date Sun 4 Feb
Time 2.00 - 10.00pm
Price \$15 pre sale
Info Pre sale tickets from The Peel, BANG or Hares & Hyenas: 9419 47 62
www.thepeel.com.au



Boys only Summer Party

Kicking off The Peel Hotel's weekend of Summer is Boy's Only Beach Party.

The Peel is renowned for it's male only theme parties, with hot all male entertainment, DJ's and VI's as well as more cruise and dark corners than your favourite bath house.

With 4 bars, dance floors, 3 DJ's and room to cruise, it will be great place to lose your boyfriend and pick up a new one!

Venue The Peel Hotel, cnr Peel & Wellington St, Collingwood
 Tram 86, Melway 2C E11
Date Fri 2 Feb
Time 9.00pm till late
Price \$5 Entry at the door on the night. Free entry for board shorts and Speedos!!!
Info 9419 4762, www.thepeel.com.au



Xchange Hotel

The Xchange has been a vital part of Midsumma since the early years operating a Bar at the St Kilda Park events and later the Bar and Rooftop Xtravaganza that were the highlight of the Commercial Rd Street Parties.

In recent years we've been actively involved at Midsumma Carnival running a bar and providing top Drag entertainment all day. This Year the Xchange will be hosting many Special Events during Midsumma including an outrageous night with 'Lizzy Drip' direct from the UK and Courtney Act's 'Search For a Male Model'

With 'Savage', Melbourne's Top Show, on Friday's right thru to 'Tailor Trash Sundays' with Barbra and Candee in then afternoon, there is entertainment for all and Shows 5 night a week, including our famous Music/Video DJ mixes so you can Dance and Party until late! We're open every day with happy hour 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Xchange Hotel 119 Commercial rd, 5th Yarra 9867 5144, www.xchange.com.au



The Peel Dancebar

The Peel has always been a gay male bastion in Melbourne and unashamedly gay. With 2 of the Biggest Boy's only events planned for this festival The Peel will be sure not to disappoint anyone with out a handbag!

Friday February 2nd Boys only - 2 dance floors, 4 bars, 4 DJ's cruise rooms and more! Sunday February 4th Foam-a-sexual, The daytime male only suds and play party from 2pm, will be the dirtiest way to get clean this mid-summer, recovery in the front bar from 9pm. Be quick there are limited tickets available! (available from Bang, Hares and Hyenas and the Peel)

Don't forget The Peel's regular, Wednesday to Sunday from 9.00pm to the early hours of the next day With 2 dance floors, 4 bars and no cover charge (excluding events). All Midsumma roads lead to the Peel.

The Peel Dancebar Cnr Wellington & Peel St, Collingwood 9419 4762, www.thepeel.com.au



The Market Hotel

The Market is Melbourne's premier gay nightclub, located on Commercial Rd, in the heart of the gay strip.

Open Thursday to Saturdays & Sundays on long weekends from 10.00pm till very late, showcasing top international and national DJ's, live performances & drag production. The stable of 6 DJ's play current house/dance music & the lighting rig mesmerizes with FX from 70's disco to the latest technology.

The venue hosts many special events through the year and we look forward to the official after party for Midsumma T Dance 2007, trading till 5.00am with the Market's resident DJ's & a bit of campery!

The floor is powdered & the system pumps.

The Market Hotel 143 Commercial Rd, South Yarra 9826 0933, www.markethotel.com.au

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Our Mission

Midsumma is committed to presenting an annual arts and cultural festival that, within a safe and healthy environment, celebrates the pride and diversity of Victoria's lesbian, gay and allied communities. Midsumma Festival Inc is a non-profit association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Act and is overseen by a Board of Management, elected by the Membership.

The Objectives of the Midsumma Board

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

Who is Midsumma

Midsumma is brought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board directs all aspects of the festival, working with 1 full time staff, and part time administration and event production staff, over 50 volunteers and various contracted agencies. They include:

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Sub Committees

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

Programming: Ros Abercrombie, Sasha Cunningham, Glyn Cryer, Marcus Keating.

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Join Midsumma

Midsumma is a not-for-profit organisation. This means we can only survive with financial support from government, corporate sponsorship and most importantly, the generosity of Melbourne's gay and lesbian community. As we prepare to launch another great program for Midsumma Festival 2007, we call on your support to help produce another world class Midsumma. There are three ways that you can show your support – join as a Festival Club subscriber, become a patron, or volunteer. For more info check the website or email admin@midsumma.org.au

Become a Patron – make a tax deductible donation. As we launch into another eclectic program for 2007, we are also calling on the continuing support of key members of the Midsumma community to assist with the cultural development of the Festival and to contribute our ongoing success.

Recognition as a Patron of Midsumma will be offered to individuals and business' donating \$250 or more to the Festival. As a Patron of Midsumma you will automatically enjoy all the benefits of membership and Festival Club subscription, in addition to recognition as a Patron in the Festival Guide and Website. We also welcome Patrons to a series of exclusive Patrons events throughout the year. Patronage symbolises your committed partnership with an organisation dedicated to celebrating, nurturing and strengthening our community. For more info check the website or email patrons@midsumma.org.au

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

We are seeking volunteers to assist in all aspects of the festival, whether it's doing front of house for one of our premier events or assisting with Carnival day. Midsumma Festival continues to grow each year, bringing you bigger and better arts, parties, community and sporting events, as well as the fabulous Opening Night Party and Carnival Day. Whatever your interests and skills, we want you to join us in making Midsumma the very best it can be! Please contact the Midsumma office or email volunteers@midsumma.org.au. The 2007 Volunteer Program is proudly powered by IBM.



Board Positions

Now in its 19th year, the Festival is going through an exciting growth stage and offers a stimulating and rewarding environment for its volunteer board. Midsumma's constitution provides for up to 16 Board Members with elections held in May each year. In preparation for the next AGM, Midsumma is calling for expressions of interest for the positions that may be open on the Board at the next AGM. Be part of our preparations for our 20th anniversary by forwarding your confidential expression of interest, together with brief details of your skills and experience, to glyn@midsumma.org.au

Thank You

The staff and board extend its sincere thanks to all those individuals, community organisations, local councils, government departments and agencies, corporate sponsors, families, friends and lovers who have made this Midsumma possible.

Get involved Now in its 19th year, the Festival is going through an exciting growth stage and offers a stimulating and rewarding environment for its volunteer team. Without the committed support of our volunteers across a wide range of roles, there would not be a Midsumma.

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While many of the executive and operational functions of the Festival have been performed by members of the Board (operating as a Board of Management), the Festival's vision is to resource the organisation more comprehensively so that the Board can focus on prudential supervision and review, strategic direction and visioning the future of the Festival and of queer life in Melbourne more generally.

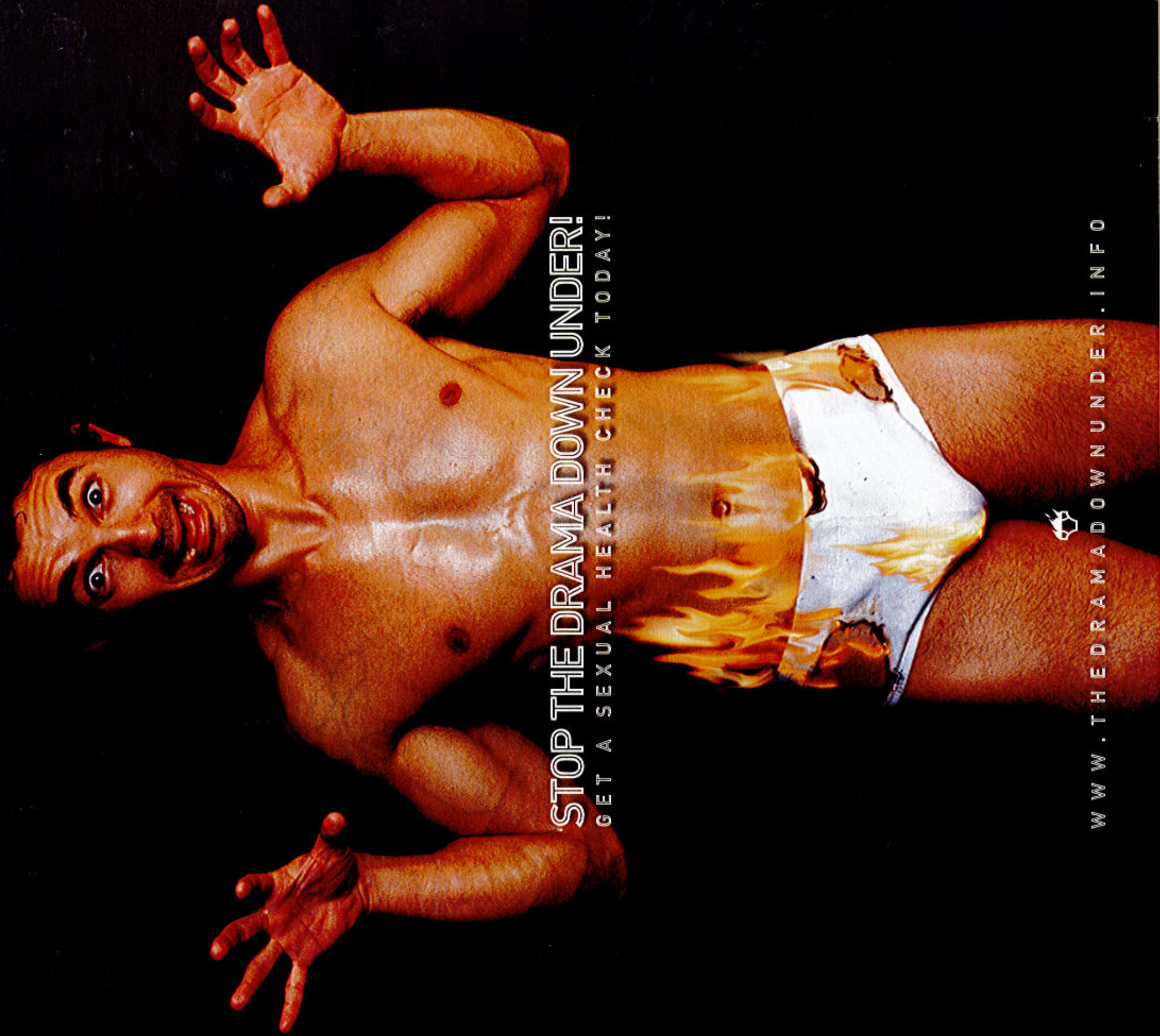
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