MID SUMMA FESTIVAL 1989
MELBOURNE
20–30 JANUARY
PROGRAMME
SOFTWARE: PERFORMANCES BY GAY MEN

Tuesday 24 January - Sunday 29 January
Tue-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm
Atheneum Theatre
188 Collins Street, Melbourne
tickets: $12, $8 conc
bookings 650 1977

A season of performances especially devised for the Mid Summa Festival, including two short plays by Peter Anthony Ryan entitled 'Hello Stranger' and 'Without Me I'm Nothing', a comical look at being young, alone and lost in the fast lane. Also 'Aqua Profunda', a movement piece by Bryan Smith of Danceworks, about "approaching the idea of greater freedom". Plus 'Up and Over The Famous Mountain' by Trevor Patrick and 'Holiday' by David Bonney.

THEATRE WRITERS FORUM

"Gay & Lesbian Theatre: Does it have a future?"
Saturday 28 January
Universal Theatre
19 Victoria Street, Fitzroy
2pm
tickets: $7 / $7 conc
information: MID SUMMA 419 2631

Dean Michael of Out Theatre will introduce Alex Harding ("Only Heaven Knows"), Sandra Shodander ("Framework/Blind Salome") and David Thompson, who will discuss the questions and issues in contemporary gay theatre, with an eye towards the future.

MID SUMMA BAZAAR

Saturday 21 January
Peel Street, Collingwood
10am-6pm
Information: MID SUMMA 419 2631

A day of street stalls, entertainment and excitement as Peel Street becomes the site of the Mid Summa Bazaar. Gay businesses will be offering everything from haircuts to fairy floss, find out about gay community groups - a family day with a twist!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 27 January
Fitzroy Pool
Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy
6pm
tickets: entrants $6, spectators $3
information: Fred 489 5105

Get Wet! ALSPORTS' Swimming Carnival will be serious and silly swimmers - freestyle, breaststroke, bondage race, underwater tunnel race, rescue race and more! Be there to cheer them on!

THE SEX EVENT

Saturday 28 January
Powerhouse, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
7pm
free
information: Richard 417 1759

You've never done anything like it! Six hours of 500 gay men discovering what it means to be Safe in '89, with a spectacular fireworks finish! The day will cover subjects like relationships, lifestyle and how to make safe sex great sex. A day of demonstration, discussion and discovery.

POETRY READING

"The Higher Love: Gay Poetry from the beginning"
Tuesday 24 January
8pm
Misfits
270 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Poet and performer Adrian Rawlings will read poems about gay love and life, from the Ancient Greeks through to the present day.

GAY FILM FESTIVAL

State Film Theatre
1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne
24 February - 3 March
full program & information: 651 1490

All new local and international productions of interest to gays and lesbians. Highlights include 'True Faith' by Melbourne filmmaker Lawrence Johnson, 'Garbo, Stiller & I', a documentary about the silent film director Mauritz Stiller and his relationship with Greta Garbo, plus Stiller's 1916 silent classic 'The Wings', thought to be the first gay film ever made.

PICK-A-HITT BENEFIT NIGHT

Monday 30 January
8.30pm
Last Laugh
64 Smith Street, Collingwood
tickets: $20/$16
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE DAVID WILMANS FUND
bookings 419 8600

Featuring Bob Downe and Coraex Hollow, all your favourite tunes from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Take a campy trip down memory lane, and have the chance to win fantastic prizes!

SERVICE OF BLESSING ON THE MID SUMMA FESTIVAL

Sunday 22 January
The Church, 325 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne
7pm
information: 882 5154

A celebration for believers and non-believers alike: the Metropolitan Community Church will conduct a special service of blessing for the Mid Summa Festival.

RESTAURANT EVENING

Tuesday 24 January
Bouzy Rouge
339 Queensbury Street
a la carte menu
9.30 Dulcie du Jour & friends
reservations: 328 1486

Make a group booking with your social circle and wine and dine in glamorous surroundings, then be entertained by the incomparable Dulcie du Jour and friends. Get witty, make new friends at this Melbourne Gay Friends event.

RED RAW

Sunday 29 January
Coode Road, West Melbourne
11pm - late
tickets: $25 door, $20 presale (venues + BASS)
information: 849 231

The ALSO Foundation's annual RAW party will be the spectacular finale to the Mid Summa Festival. DJs are David Kelly and Rob Davis, lighting by Paul Williams. This year's RAW party promises to be the biggest and best yet.

GRAND TRAM MYSTERY TOUR & PARTY

Saturday 28 January
Departs South Melbourne Depot
cnr Kingway & Dorcas Streets
7.30pm
tickets: $30
information: Michael 419 9037

The reason you have not moved to Sydney - the Grand Tram Mystery Tour and Party on a beautifully restored W class tram travelling to destinations unknown - dancing in the aisles. The tickets are strictly limited, so book early.

FIRST STEP

Sunday 29 January
Community Room, St Kilda Library
150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda
11am - 4pm, party 4pm - 6pm
free
information: Simon 650 5103 2-6pm Mon-Fri

Run by young people for young people (under 26 years), First Step is a fun day of informal discussions providing information on issues such as coming out, safe sex, health, relationships and identity.

GAY HISTORICAL TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Sunday 22 January
starts 11am cnr. Adderly & Stanley Streets, West Melbourne
lunch 1.30pm Bandstand, Edinburgh Gardens, North Fitzroy
cost: $2 includes tour, lunch and drinks
information: Louis 25 5486 or Graham 499 6334

This historical tour will include such significant places as Chapter House, St Paul's Cathedral, the Lobster Pot (a tiny beat with a colourful past) and the site of Society Five's first home in Carlton. You can do the tour on your bicycle or in your car. The tour will conclude with a picnic lunch. Remember when.

CAR RALLY

Sunday 22 January
starts 11am, Prahan Market Car Park
cost: $10 per car - proceeds to Ward 4 Committee through ALSOCare
information: Porter Street 329 5166 or Fred 489 5105

The ride of your life in and around Melbourne - remember the Wacky Race? The rally will finish late afternoon with a beach picnic so bring a hamper with you. Pre-pay your registration fee to be included in the draw for a special prize.

HISTORY

'The Sodom in the South Pacific'
Msmiths Basement
270 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 January
8pm
tickets: $5 / $6 conc
information: MID SUMMA 419 2631
MISS MELBOURNE DRAG
Friday 27 January
Mansion, 82 Queen’s Road, St Kilda
9pm
tickets: $5, table bookings available
information: Mansion 529 3165
See Miss Pascoe Vale, fly with Miss Tullamarine, experience Miss Moonoo Ponds. Not just another drag contest - a suburban battle royal of slap and tat. BYO Methy!

THE FABULOUS SINGLETTES in
STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE
opens January 11
Universal Theatre
19 Victoria Street, Fitzroy
Tue-Fri 8.15pm, Sat & Sun 7.30pm, Sat 10pm
tickets: $27.90, $16.90 conc, $19.90 groups
bookings: 419 3777

Direct from London, the Fabulous Singlettes are set to take you down memory lane with their potent mixture of Girl Group sounds from the 60’s, new flocks, hairdos and even more mascara!

ONLY HEAVEN KNOWS by Alex Harding
opens 2 February
Studio, Victorian Arts Centre
8pm nightly
tickets: $21, $12 conc. Discount Monday, Matinee Wednesday $12, $10 conc
bookings: 650 4888 or BASS

A love story set at Kings Cross in the 40s and 50s when gay for some meant bright and happy, but for others meant a world of private passions in the face of growing community prejudice. A warm, fresh musical love story; a young man’s journey of discovery, danger and love.

FESTIVAL RADIO
Your radio will be an essential accessory during the Mid Summa Festival. 3CR will feature reports, interviews, roundups and previews each day of the Festival. So if you want to hear reviews of events, would like to find out more about performers, exhibitors or speakers or simply want to know what’s on each day, tune in to 3CR - 85.5 on your FM band.

7.45 am and 5 pm weekdays - what’s on and roundups
5.15 pm weekdays - interviews and reviews
2.30 pm Sunday afternoons - arts events reviewed, previewed and excerpted on Art Attacks
10.30 pm - midnight Wednesday evening - The Lesbian and Gay Show: Melbourne’s only gay radio program.

SAFE 99
It’s more than sex; it’s about a new mood in summer 99. Watch out for special appearances of the Safe Singing Telegrams during MID SUMMA - taking the message of SAFE 99 to the streets. Keep your eyes on the skies, too, as SAFE ’99 takes flight.

DEVELOPING INTIMACY
The MID SUMMA Festival captured on Polaroid in an exhibition that will grow daily. See where you’ve been, see what you missed as the exhibition appears at Festival events every day of MID SUMMA. A travelling documentary with a difference. Smile!

FESTIVAL CLUB
You know your favourite venue. Give the venue the support they deserve and get out there during the Festival to make MID SUMMA a true community festival. Visit a venue you haven’t tried before, make new friends and, above all, play SAFE.

THE QUILT PROJECT: AN AUSTRALIAN AIDS MEMORIAL
From Friday 20 January
Venue to be announced.
WORKSHOP
Wednesday 25 January
St Mark’s Church Hall, Cnr Moor & George Sts
Fitzroy
from 6pm
information: general 616 7721
technical 329 9966
donations (materials) 417 1466

The QUILT project is a nationwide campaign to memorialise those who have lost in the AIDS epidemic. A workshop for anyone interested in producing a quilt panel will be held on Wednesday 25 January, so come along and see how you can get involved in this important project.

DREAMS OF MEN: TURNING FANTASY INTO REALITY
Sunday 29 January
Club 80
10 Peel Street, Collingwood
12noon - 6pm
tickets: $2 PROCEEDS TO THE DAVID WILLIAMS FUND
information: Bob 416 1880

Vision Club, in association with Jackaroo, Laurie’s Leather World and Cruiser, with special assistance from Club 80 present an exhibition of erotic art and fantasy wear - uniforme, leather, you name it - all on live models. Catering for every taste explored.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM
Fri 20 / Sat 21 / Thu 26 / Fri 27 / Sat 28 January
8.45pm
Royal Botanical Gardens
enter via Gate H, Alexander Ave
tickets: $19.90, $12.90 conc
bookings 650 1977

Shakespeare’s immortal tale of fairies, fantasy and frolicking presented by FSPPP in Melbourne’s own Royal Botanical Gardens. A rare theatrical treat - not to be missed!

BONUS! Use your ticket for free entry to Mandate after the show!

RAGE ON WHEELS
Wednesday 25 January
Fun Factory Rollerskating Rink
Cnr Chapel Street & Toorak Road, South Yarra
7.30pm
cost: $3 includes skate hire
information: Victorian Network 650 5103

Young, gay and under 26? Then Rage On Wheels is for you! Organised by the gay youth support group, Victorian Network, it’ll be an excellent night of thrills and spills on roller skates. Peter, our guest DJ will be playing the latest dance trax and someone will win over $100 in records.

Mid Summa Madness
Sunday 22 January
7th Heaven at Zuzu’s
168 Exhibition Street, City
11pm - late
entry: $7
information: 662 0511

High tide at 7th Heaven. Surfs up - get down, twist and pass the tanning butts! Beach yourself - watch out for the shark! Hotter than hell, and twice as much fun. Celebrate Mid Summa at this crazy indoor beach party - costumes encouraged.

Gay figures and incidents in history tend to become invisible when history is written for the dominant culture. Robert French from the Gay Archives Project addresses this problem in his presentation illustrated with slides. Covering such aspects as homonoimism among aboriginal tribes, sodomy and the convict system, famous scandals through to the advent of gay liberation. There will be an opportunity for discussion after the presentation.

GAY & LESBIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE
Saturday 21 January
St Marks Church Hall, Cnr Moor & George Sts
Fitzroy
11am - 4pm
free
information: Michael 417 1759

Find out about the state of play in contemporary gay studies. Speakers include Dennis Altman, Rosemary Pringle, Gary Dowsett and Barbara Creed. Workshops will be run about Lesbians in Women’s Studies, the History of the Gay Movement and Lesbian and Gay Relationships.

CAMPING WEEKEND
Friday 20 - Sunday 22 January
at Lincola
via Cruisers Motorcycle Club Inc
PO Box 57 Altona 3018
free
information: 398 2327 7-9pm

Spend the weekend at a remote campsite in spectacular Gippsland high country - bushwalks and swimming on site. Own transport, camping gear, food and drink required. Nonmotorcyclists very welcome. Map and instructions on how to get there available on request.

MISS AIDSG
Linden Gallery
26 Acland Street, St Kilda
18 January - 5 February
Weekdays 1pm-4pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm
free
information: Linden 534 2396

Australan Centre for Contemporary Arts
Dallas Brooks Drive, The Domain, South Yarra
28 January - 26 February
Tuesdays 10.30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 2pm-5pm
free
information: ACCA 654 6422

Two exhibitions in the visual arts including painting, photography, graphics, installation and drawing. Accompanied by a series of essays, the exhibitions will address critical responses to the international crisis that is AIDS. More than 40 artists addressing issues of sexuality, prostitution, women’s fertility, IV drug-use, political persecution and medical and scientific knowledge, will be represented.

OPENING NIGHTS
Linden - Tuesday 17 January 6-8pm
ACCA - Friday 27 January 6-8pm
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The MID SUMMA Festival is a non-profit organisation run as a service to Melbourne's gay community. MID SUMMA will be held annually; the ideas and assistance for new events are always welcome. Annual membership of the Festival is available which gives you a voice in setting the direction for MID SUMMA. Call the office on 419 2631 for more details.

**THANK YOU** to the many individuals, organisations and businesses who have supported the MID SUMMA Festival.

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