MIDSUMMA '92
MELBOURNE'S GAY AND LESBIAN FESTIVAL
PARTYTIME!
A NEW TRADITION

Midsumma '92 is here!
Our back to basics approach this year has resulted in a
festival of amazing diversity,
and the biggest we've ever
had! A crazy combination of
culture and catastrophe, with
countless opportunities to
dance the summer way!
As you read on, you will
notice that Midsumma is, for
the first time, a gay and les-
bian festival. Welcome to
Midsumma '92 Lesbians of
Melbourne.

What to do now? This guide
contains all the hottest, up-
to-the-deadline news on the
forth Midsumma festival.
For these four weeks our
community can indulge in
visibility, pride and profi-
le. Every taste, every budget
(many events are not charg-
ing an entry fee), every finish,
every philosophy every
desire is catered to in the
festival.

All the information you need
is in this guide, but if you're
lost for direction there is
always the Midsumma '92
hotline (0655 10190) for
up-to-the-minute updates
or Midsumma HQ (8608080).
3GR are broadcasting a
half hour live update each
Festival day at 5.15pm with
previews of the day at 7.10
and 8.10pm (BS5 on the AM
dial).

The vital energy of our
volunteers, sponsors and the
friends of the festi-
val has got us this
tfar. The rest of it is
up to you.
Midsumma '92 is
your chance to
take this city.
So take it!

The Midsumma
'92 Team

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN!

TUES 21 JAN
Multicultural Safe Sex Event.
6:30 pm. Social Biology Resources Centre 139 Bouverie
Street Carlton. Picnic & Information. Informal discussion
on dealing with lesbian & gay issues in different cultures
and languages. Presented by Peer Education Project
For Information call Maurice on 483 6700.

WED 22 JAN
Lesbians Sex & AIDS
8:30pm. Eight St Community Centre 31 Hamssworth St,
Collingwood. Social gathering and Information. Informal
discussion on lesbian safe sex and HIV/AIDS issues.
Childcare provided. All women welcome.
Contact Jenny or Tinnem on 483 6700

THURS 16 JAN
HIV+-HIV-?
WHAT? KICK FORM WHEN? WHY? WHERE?
COLUMWOOD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE 30 COLUMWOOD &
HOOVER ST, COLUMBWOOD INFORMATION 483 6700

HIV POSITIVE OR HIV NEGATIVE - WHY ASSUME?

11AM 10-15k BIKE TOUR
1PM BAR-B-Q
Facilities provided
byo food & drink
Meet near Morell bridge
and Alexandria Ave
Melways Ref. 2G D11

INFORMATION 483 6700

SUN 19 JAN
RETURN OF THE

MELBOURNE STAR OBSERVER ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS MIDSUMMA PROGRAMME • Friday 10 January 1992
MOMENTS ECSTASIES
An exhibition by Marcus O'Donnell exploring the notion of the ecstatic moment in sexual and religious passions. 10am-2pm daily, Jan 15-29.
HAPPENS AT: Fringe Studio, Fitzroy
FREE INFO: 419 5648
STILL RUNNING: The Normal Heart
(Afternoon 2 Fl 650 1500)
VAC BEATNIC
Bring your bike for the VAC tour of popular seaside attractionsincluding the battle of the bans.
HAPPENS AT: Yarraville, St Andrews Ave 65. St Pauls Hotel 8pm FREE INFO: 450 6370
DOLCE DU JOUR
Midsummer has the most fun. If you read Le Diva's Suburban Safari and the Midsummer Plans of the Park, you'll save our picnic at hanging rock. With Dulcie Du Jour and the Queen of the Woods.
HAPPENS AT: Standing Room House $50+5% BOOKINGS: 885 3134
STILL RUNNING: The Normal Heart, Moments Ecstasies

SOFTWARE
PROG 21-25 JAN
This year at the Universal 2, Software '92 will include works by lesbians and gay men in two programmes.
HAPPENS AT: Universal 2; Fitzroy $9.50 8911 BOOKINGS: 419 3771
AT SOFTWARE
An exhibition of 10 leading Melbourne gay and lesbian artists in the foyer of the Universal theatre. Jan 21 to Jan 31.
FREE INFO: 419 3311
PREVIEW: Late Crime Afternoon 2
STILL RUNNING: Moments Ecstasies

VAC LESBIAN SEX AND AIDS
HAPPENS AT: High Street Community Centre 31. Hanover St, Collingwood
FREE INFO: 450 6370

HATE CRIME
Muck in Melbourne: This presents powerful, prouctive and moving pieces about sexual violence and racism. Presented by World Action Group. Presented by 885 3134
FREE INFO: 450 6370

THE QUILT DISPLAY AND WORKSHOP
Four days of workshops to enable you to start and perhaps complete a panel to remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS. A Quilt gallery in the foyer of all of the Victoria's parades including new pieces on the Sunday. I want to experience, enjoy and remember those lost. Thurs 29 Jan - Sun 22 Jan.
FREE INFO: 455 3213

MIDSUMMA METROPOLIS
Visit Triath at the Midsumma after show coffee shop, Triath's show during Midsumma will be the Melbourne gay and lesbian venue. The Midsummer festivals will be at The Lakes, The Exchange and The 31 Places.
STILL RUNNING: The Normal Heart, Moments Ecstasies, Noel Coward

SATURDAY JAN 23
MIDSUMMA SPONSORS

MIDSUMMA RITES
The Circle is in Town
Stand up for your Midsumma Piper! The Midsummer 92 circle is in town and all of Melbourne is going to know about it. Meet the God and Goddess of Midsummer outside the GPO at 3.30pm as they launch Midsumma '92. They will provide the deities and the sun, but we need YOU to be the sacred circle. Wear gold and bring something to bang. Remember to smile for the camera.
HAPPENS AT: The GPO, Bourke Street Melbourne FREE INFO: 650 6800
CELESTIAL PUB CRAWL
Leaving the Midsumma Rite at the GPO the Midsummer Chapel will have the God and Goddess of Midsummer on a celebratory tour of the gay and lesbian venues. The Midsummer circle will be at The Lakes, The Exchange and The 31 Places.
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FLAUNT YOUR FETISH
A lesbian and gay night of indigeneous, dancing and mixed entertainment at ACMS warehouse. A Labyrinth fundraiser.
HAPPENS AT: Warehouse 85. First Floor FREE INFO: 419 6977
MIDSUMMA FREEDOM
A party for women by women 9.30pm
HAPPENS AT: Sarah Sands Hotel $4.50 INFO: 367 2872
BASSLINE
The other boys will be there, you may as well...
HAPPENS AT: BASSLINE
STILL RUNNING: The Normal Heart, Moments Ecstasies, Noel Coward

SATURDAY JAN 23
1PM BAR-B-Q Facilities provided byo food & drink
Midsummer Festival and Victorian AIDS Council
More Information Ring 453 6700
Meet near Moolls bridge and Alexandra Ave Melbouche Ref. 20 D11

WET X MEN
The sensation of last Midsummer, the X-Men are back, bigger and better at 7pm. Jennifer Anne Wells is deciding Melbourne's hottest list of '92. Evening.
HAPPENS AT: Alexandra Hotel FREE INFO: 907 5114

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL & VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL
MORE INFORMATION RING 453 6700
Melbourne International
LESBIAN & GAY FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL
JAN 21 - FEB 18

The success of last year's festival is back bigger and better! The best and newest gay and lesbian films from around the world. 30 sessions 30$00, 30$40, 30$50, 30$150 (platinum pass). All sessions for $100. Some sessions are available from: stereotype, departure, dictura and hare and harem.

HAPPENS AT: National Theatre, 30 Bathurst and Carlisle streets, 3000
BOOKINGS: 30 1017

An evening with Noel Coward without Noel Coward with Jon Finlayson

A Picnic Season
Sojourn on the north lawn of the splendid flowerlit gardens, where Governments once envisaged our beautiful State

"Pleasant" 336 Glenferrie Road, Malvern
THURSDAY 16 - SATURDAY 19 JANUARY
Picnic at 7.00pm Performance begins at 8.00pm
Bookings: Yvonne 882 3134

Prepare your picnic and a rug or two is advisable

gay and lesbian support group for young people by young people (under 26)

DROP IN GROUPS
young men first and third saturday each month young women second and fourth sunday each month
2pm at ross house 249 flinders lane in the city (between swanston and elizabeth streets)

what's the definition of love and passion? we have the tshirt for you. only $20 from our stall at the carnival

also don't forget our boyzone dance party on saturday 19th january which we are co-producing with midsummer (see programme)

VICTORIA NETWORK
masque house 249 flinders lane melbourne 3000

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AUSTRALIAN DRUMMER BOY
The latest presents the Victorian Hall of the Australian Drummer Boy Carnival.
HAPPENS AT: The Victorian Hall
INFO: 417 3522

YOUNG SOUL REBELS
Estate presents the Melbourne Hall of the Young Soul Rebels.
HAPPENS AT: The Estate
INFO: 417 3522

SOFTWARE '92
PROG 2, 28-31 JAN
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HAPPENS AT: The Universal
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

THE PROFESSIONALS
Melbourne is proud to host a new gay and lesbian business group. Movers and shakers are invited to a dinner to discuss the concept of a new networking group for lesbians and gay business people, entrepreneurs and professionals.
HAPPENS AT: The Angel Club
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

CARANATA
HAPPENS AT: Lincoln Hall, Queensland 30, Carlton. Entry includes supper, Bavaria, all drinks included.
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

BLACK MARKET
One night only. A soap opera of sin from Berlin - Kurt Weill, Bertilo Brecht, Marlene Dietrich.
HAPPENS AT: The Happy Valley
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

BINGO
HAPPENS AT: Warehouse 30, Her Majesty's Hostel of Fun 30
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Melbourne's premier showgirl's bar in a frank and open discussion on 1960's drag in Melbourne. Make-up demos, bonnet cars and社会各界的

Barbara Cruickshank and a team of experts will perform at Melbourne's biggest event for glamour.
A celebrity panel will discuss drag in Melbourne and society. 8.00pm - 10.00pm at Barbras above Stockland. HAPPPENs AT: Teets, North Melbourne
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

FLAMINGO
HAPPENS AT: Flowers 30
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

GAY HISTORIC TOUR
Join us on the fourth tour around Melbourne's famous entertainment spots, clubs, cafes, pubs and bars Friday night Lisa and let the Lesbase Guide and Gay Archives take you on the town.
HAPPPENs AT: Free: 30 - 3000
INFO: 313
BOOKINGS: 419 3777

LESBIAN & GAY FESTIVAL FESTIVAL

MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL

MIDSUMMA presents the first Midsumma Carnival. The gay and lesbian groups and businesses of Melbourne come together to create a carnival of songs, entertainment and carnival rides at the annual midsumma carnival.

Fun for all the family! Scale include food, drinks, entertainment, stalls, show contests and carnival rides.

1.00pm till 9.00pm, Albert park oval. Tickets $8-

REFUND AND INFORMATION SERVICE
PHONE 03 650 5103 BETWEEN 12.00 AND 5.00PM

DURING MIDSUMMA
Visit our stall at the midsumma carnival and try your luck with us for only 20c.

THE LADY presents the Melbourne Hall of the Australian Drummer Boy Carnival. Movers and shakers are invited to a dinner to discuss the concept of a new networking group for lesbians and gay business people, entrepreneurs and professionals.

HAPPENS AT: The Lady present
INFO: 417 3522

BUTCH & FEMME

PASTA BUSTA 2
THE RECOVERY
screen after Red Flows at the Laddie with a glass and a pie. From 2.00pm - 2.30pm. For all the pie you can eat.
HAPPENS AT: The Laddie
INFO: 417 3522

BREAKFAST CLUB
breakfast Brenda Alia Sattler's and or overnight digs.
HAPPENS AT: Breakfast Club
INFO: 417 3522

AN EVENING

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The Midsummer '92 Mediaton is the most sophisticated the festival has ever presented. Festival updates and information are available on:

3CR RADIO MIDSUMMA
Every morning at 7.10 and 8.10am and evening at 5.15pm. Interviews, late-breaking news and reports. Music, film and theatre will also crop up on the relevant 3CR shows. 3CR.865AM is radio Midsumma.

BIG TED DOES MIDSUMMA
The full Midsumma program is on the Big Ted Bulletin Board. Dial (mobile) 03 509 6067 24 hours.

MASTERNET
MIDSUMMA
You will also see Midsumma '92 news in the mainstream press, on television news and current affairs, and on the cooler radio stations. Keep your eyes and ears open!

HOT TALK
Our daily 3CR update will also be presented on our O555 recorded information line in case you miss it. Dial 0555 10190.

MIDSUMMA HQ
Through all the madness of the festival the Midsumma office will be our mission control. If you want to book for an event or need some personal attention call (03)

"young soul rebels makes 'jungle fever' look like 'guess who's coming to dinner'."
SAN FRANCISCO ADVOCATE

"challenging and provocative"
GAY TIMES

"high voltage!
Julien celebrates the energies of his hip young performers and he has just the camera moves and rhythms to do it.
"BOSTON GLOBE

"a british movie with balls"
ARENA

The impending success of the Festival might have caused you all to forget that earlier in 1991, we faced some serious problems. Many in the community publicly doubted that Midsumma could survive.

"YET HERE WE ARE!
After a successful '91 Festival (having returned a small profit), Midsumma embarked on ambitious plans to make the festival bigger and better.

Chiel among these was having a full time coordinator throughout the year rather than for three months as in previous years. WHOOPS! Like the rest of the country, we didn't expect the recession to bite quite so hard.

For Midsumma there followed a demoralising period of fund raisers which failed to get off the ground and public relations disasters. None of this was due to lack of volunteer support or effort we just seemed to lose our magic.

In our desperate attempts to reverse our fortunes, you may remember things got publically a little messy.

September saw us minus our co-ordinator, most of our prior board members, and with no major debts but no funds either. Most people involved in the Festival were exhausted and the thought of a festival after the year's trauma seemed just too much.

The mostly new Midsumma Board chose to take on the challenge of initiating a cash-neutral Festival for 1992.

Networking our way around town, we asked people to run, fund and profit from their own events rather than Midsumma taking on the many events we had done previously. Our attitude was: "It's your festival, you take the risks and you make the profits". Sponsorships, previously mostly cash, were sought in kind to reflect the current economic environment. Midsumma itself would run a bare minimum of events to cover its own costs, while providing a skeleton structure for the festival.

IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED!
Midsumma '92 has been constructed from brute force, volunteer slave labour, favours and adrenaline. This Festival will require a cash outlay of a mere $4000, but the actual value were we paying salaries, rent on the office, etc, would be many, many times this amount.

Midsumma '92 is the Festival we had to have. The community and those that will benefit from the Festival this year, will have to assist the Midsumma Board in addressing how we ensure that the Festival can be sensibly supported and developed for the future.

Jeffrey Grad - PRESIDENT

THE MIDSUMMA '92 BOARD
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MIDSUMMA '92 THANKS
PETER JOHNSON JIM HYDE RON THIELE SIMON JACKSON CHELLE DORSEY DARREN WADSWORTH PAYNE KERRY KEIRLE BOB KERRY JAMES COLIN SHERYL & STEPHEN AT 3CR GARY DREW CALDER JOHN

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VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL/GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE
THE ALSO FOUNDATION
MECCA
3CR - COMMUNITY RADIO
OUTRAGE TRAVEL
MIDSUMMA ARE AIDED BY

"quilt project"
preview fundraiser
sunday february 2nd
12noon
phone keno for details 650 2100
SEASON COMMENCES FEB 7

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