## C midsumma festival

## MIDSUMMA VALUES

We promote, develop and celebrate queer arts and culture. We bring audiences and artists together.

We **strengthen cultural voices** of our communities and broaden the language of our allies. We **share stories**.

We create inclusive safe cultural spaces. Platforms for shared experience in a world which often underrepresents us.

We value diversity and we embrace difference.

We increase visibility, and amplify voices that might otherwise not be 'seen' or 'heard'.

We seek to better understand our own experiences and those of our communities within a broader **local**, **national and international** queer context.

We are outward focused, we engage externally. We **seek new perspectives** and paradigms; yet never forget the value of our past.

We offer time, place and space for our communities and allies to engage.

We are **committed to** a culture of shared responsibility.

We are a cultural connector and influencer.

We are a change-maker

We are **the intersection between** people, ideas, stories and experiences. We are a focal point for **connections** and **belonging**.

We are a *learning organisation*, one that is constantly asking questions (and never expecting to have all the answers). We learn and coach and support others in their learning.

We are constantly evolving; we are active. Progression and development lies at our core.

We collaborate and champion collaboration.

We embrace and applaud courage.

We have the confidence to *imagine positive futures*; and to challenge, inspire and take risks in pursuit of these.

We lead conversations and we listen. Thought and cultural **leadership** is a driving philosophy behind our actions.

We are aspirational.

We are globally relevant and connected.