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Welcome



Judy Small AM

Chair of Management Board
Midsumma Festival

On behalf of the newly revitalised Board of Midsumma Festival Inc – welcome to Midsumma 2023!

Once again, our CEO, Karen Bryant, and her tireless team have prepared a festival stuffed with goodies for every taste and interest.

“A Safe(R) Space”, 2023’s signature project comprises a suite of over 20 programs, commissioned, produced and curated by Midsumma. A Safe(R) Space will explore intersectional identity among our community’s members, drawing on previous years’ projects and breaking new ground in developing innovative ways of expressing and exploring some of the tensions arising from the broad diversity of people who identify as LGBTQIA+, thus attempting to provide some clarity around what “safe space” might mean for our community.

As well as the usual exciting mix of Midsumma-curated events, there has been a record number of applications for Midsumma’s open access program, which places Midsumma at the forefront of queer arts innovation in Australia.

This year, we bring back a favourite - Midsumma Extravaganza, at the iconic Sydney Myer Music Bowl on the eve of Midsumma Festival, 21 January 2023. As usual, we will begin with the three-week festival with the hugely popular Midsumma Carnival on 22 January, in Alexandra Gardens; and Midsumma Pride March will get us all onto the streets of St Kilda with rainbows shining on 5 February. Victoria’s Pride will provide a cracking end to the Festival on 12 February.

Make sure you don’t miss a thing by keeping this program close at hand or attend something you’ve never experienced before. You never know, Midsumma’s fantastic variety might get you hooked on something new and exciting!

I’ll see you out there – experiencing queer arts in all their wonderful diversity as only Midsumma can provide.

About Midsumma

Midsumma is Australia’s premier queer arts and cultural organisation, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences year-round.

In 2023, Midsumma Festival will expand over 23 days of summer, with a rainbow of queer events that highlight emerging and mainstream LGBTQIA+ arts and culture. Midsumma Festival’s program invites you to immerse yourself in the artistic expression of lived experience around gender and sexuality, queer history, and the celebration of new ideas that come to life through world-class art and performance.

Our festival program is made up of diverse art forms and genres, including visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events, and public forums. Featuring over 200 events in 2023, with involvement by over 1600 culture-makers in 120 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria.

Although the primary three-week festival is held in summer each year, we work year-round to provide artists, social-changers and culture-makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

For 35 years we have evolved with our communities and repositioned ourselves as a thought leader and cultural influencer, while keeping learning and diversity at the core of what we do. We have experienced rapid growth in audiences, breadth and scope of artist and community engagement, and depth of artistic partnerships.

While we stay committed to our roots, we have matured to become one of Australia’s most significant queer arts organisations, supporting generations of LGBTQIA+ cultural voices, discovering artists and starting conversations that shape queer art and culture forever.

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2023.



A message from the Victorian Government

For nearly three and a half decades, Midsumma Festival has stood as Victoria’s premier celebration of LGBTQIA+ arts and culture.

Much loved for its ability to bring the rainbow community together, the festival presents a vibrant and diverse program full of exciting, boundary-pushing artists.

In 2023, that program will see more than 500 culture-makers present over 200 events across 120 venues in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

From the iconic Midsumma Carnival and Midsumma Pride March to art exhibitions, theatre, live music, spoken word, films, walks, talks and more — there is something for everyone.

The Victorian Government is proud to partner with Midsumma to support LGBTQIA+ creativity and to set the national standard for LGBTQIA+ equality and inclusion.



A message from Sally Capp Lord Mayor of Melbourne

In a year of recovery, Melbourne is welcoming back many of the festivals we love, and the city is buzzing. Now Midsumma is set to sizzle over summer. The City of Melbourne is proud to be a long-term supporter of Midsumma as it’s a great exemplar of inclusion in our city. One of our much-loved cultural gatherings, it champions voices that might not always be heard.

Each year Midsumma’s entertaining arts events and spirit of celebration amplify the many diverse stories of our city. The festival recognises that the LGBTQIA+ community includes people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. All are welcome when Midsumma sets up its sensational stages in our city.

Now one of Australia’s most successful community events, Midsumma is a true Melbourne icon. With more than 250,000 attendees expected, this year’s festival may be the best ever, so do book in to see a show or wander down to the Carnival at Alexandra Gardens and join the celebration.



RACHEL SLADE
Group Executive,
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NAB Pride

A message from NAB

Out and proud in Summer is Midsumma Festival.

NAB have been part of Midsumma Festival for over 10 years, and we’re proud to again be part of this world-class festival, filled with events that celebrate our diverse and inclusive LGBTQIA+ community. In 2023 Midsumma Festival will again be a richly diverse and vibrant expression of talent and inclusion, and a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate as an LGBTQIA+ community.

At NAB we passionately believe that everyone, no matter how they identify, has the right to be their true selves. Midsumma Festival is a wonderful embodiment of this, offering an open stage for anyone in the community to share their story. We’re particularly proud of the festival’s approach to emerging artists, removing barriers that would traditionally limit an artist’s ability to have their LGBTQIA+ lived experiences heard.

NAB is honoured to be the principal sponsor and we pay tribute to the festival organisers, talented performers, and committed volunteers that make this celebration a success.

Artists and performers are at the heart of Midsumma. Thank you for sharing your stories, they make for an inspiring experience that not only entertains, but also enriches our community.

Volunteers bring Midsumma to life, making it possible for Melbourne’s LGBTQIA+ communities to celebrate their true selves. Midsumma Festival simply would not happen without you. Finally, congratulations to the Midsumma organising team. You deliver a world-class festival, filled with events that celebrate our diverse and inclusive LGBTQIA+ community.

We invite everyone to be ‘loud and proud’ at Midsumma Festival 2023 – everyone deserves to be heard and to belong.

Welcome to all and happy Midsumma!



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CEO Welcome



Karen Bryant
CEO Midsumma

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2023!
I find myself reflecting a lot at present, after the last few years.

On how far Midsumma has come in its history.... About the last few years' impact on all our lives (many of which are ongoing), and on the future... always the future.

Because Midsumma has always been about both our cultural histories, and our imagined futures. The ability to dream – because what is life without dreams to aspire to and change that can be realised?

I am extremely proud of everything that Midsumma is, and of the small part I have played in recent years as one of many custodians of this important organisation.

I think of the importance of diverse communities, of coming together and sharing creative stories of our individual and collective journeys, and of our hopes for the trip still ahead. For we are only midway on this road trip of ours – to PRIDE.

For me, personally, Midsumma has brought me a unique sense of place within 'community', of belonging in a way I never felt before, and to an understanding of the importance of supporting development in this sector we call the creative arts so that our stories can be shared, and our voices heard.

I look forward to Midsumma Festival 2023 with a renewed sense of optimism and hope – ready to once again be opened up to new realities and diverse perspectives. To new understandings and questions. And to celebration.

I can't wait to share it with you all. So, dive in, block out your diaries for 23 days over summer, and let new stories move, challenge and entertain you in unexpected ways. Whether you love storytelling, theatre, dance, visual arts, social events, or outdoor celebrations of art and love, there is something for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who has helped bring this program to reality, especially of course to all the artists, venues and event producers who share with you their passion, creativity, talent and above all themselves, despite the immense barriers faced. And to all the Midsumma staff and volunteers who work tirelessly for the artists and our audiences to bring it all to reality.

If this is your first Midsumma, welcome and Happy Midsumma! For those of you who have long been members of our family we hope you will deepen your journey with us. Let's see just how far this road trip can take us together shall we?

About

Acknowledgement of Country

Midsumma Festival was founded on the lands and waters of the Bunurong, Taungurung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Wadawurrung and Wurundjeri (Woiwurrung) peoples of the Kulin Nation. We continue our work on, and bring together visitors from, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands.

Midsumma acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are the First Peoples of these lands, and pays respect to First Nation Elders, past and present. Midsumma recognises their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land and acknowledges that Aboriginal sovereignty has never been ceded.

Cover Image



By Jack Lee, a Malaysian Chinese artist and architect based in Naarm/ Melbourne.

The front cover artwork is inspired by the recent people-led social change movements such as Stop Asian Hate, Black Lives Matter, and the lack of diversity on mainstream media. It aims to provide

a platform for the diverse and often marginalised groups within the LGBTQIA+ community, and through the power of visual representation and photography to deconstruct the systematic racism that is deeply embedded within society. See page 9 for more information on the work.

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This Guide

Navigating Event Listings

Subgenre

Location

Date

Day / Time

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Cabaret

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Title

Attention Seekers: Dolly Diamond and Tash York

Part Ted Talk and delusion, this award-winning cabaret duo will show why we all deserve attention... but they deserve it more!

Two great friends with two of the greatest egos. Each desperate for the limelight and each willing to do almost anything for attention.

"A side-hurting, tear-inducing (the good kind), night out." - Theatre People

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- Relaxed performance
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- Food available
- Visual rating
- Bar
- Three ticket discount

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Exploring Midsumma Festival 2023 signature theme of 'A Safe(R) Space', the hero image for 2023 presents queer creatives based in Naarm, with a particular focus on First Nations people and People of Colour.

The hero image, created by artist Jack Lee, is inspired by the recent people-led social change movements such as Stop Asian Hate, Black Lives Matter, and the lack of diversity in mainstream media. It aims to provide a platform for the diverse and often marginalised groups within the LGBTQIA+ community, and through the power of visual representation and photography to deconstruct the systematic racism that is deeply embedded within society.

Meet the artist:

Jack Lee

A Malaysian Chinese artist and architect based in Naarm/ Melbourne. Jack's practice spans from architectural projects to drawings, paintings, digital art, mixed media and photography.

His work often examines preconceived social norms and interrogates the construction of 'in-between' cultures, identity conflicts and diasporic values. Jack was recently a finalist in the 2022 Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award, and was awarded the Bundoora Homestead Art Prize for his work.

"I am fascinated by the history and culture of different places and identities. Looking through the lens of history to see the relevance of the past and uncovering the stories told through time, to me are beautiful." – Jack Lee

Meet the artists in the hero image:

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|---------------|---------------|
| - Ayman Kaake | - Jenna Lee |
| - D Flowers | - Marisa Mu |
| - Shin | - Thihwa Gill |
| - Aamer Ahmed | |

Visit midsumma.org.au/hero2023 to view the full profiles of each participating artist.

Midumma commissioned Jack Lee to create the hero image for Midsumma Festival 2023.

Image description: A photograph taken from above of a group of seven people of diverse ages, body types, skin tones, and clothing cradling one another on a background of dark to light orange featuring pencil drawn outlines of their bodies and four faded rainbow coloured rectangles layered across some of the forms.

Access Midsumma

At Midsumma, we recognise our responsibility to provide genuine access to our events and services wherever possible. For this reason, we have several ways for everyone to access information about our events, to view these sources visit midsumma.org.au/access. If you have any questions, feedback or would like any information in another format, please don't hesitate to contact us. Midsumma is National Relay Service Ready.

Accessible Events

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Visual Rating

- 100** Visual Rating: 100% - No sound, music or dialogue (e.g. an art exhibition).
- 75** Visual Rating: 75% - Some sounds and minimal dialogue, or dialogue is subtitled.
- <50** Visual Rating: less than 50% - Sound, music or dialogue is essential to fully experience the event, e.g. a music concert or mostly unsubtitled dialogue.

Wheelchair Access

- W** Wheelchair access varies from venue to venue. To check a venue's wheelchair accessibility, look for the wheelchair access symbol alongside an event listing. Midsumma relies on accurate information provided by the venues; we recommend contacting the venue to confirm their accessibility.

Alternative Format Guides

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Accessible Events

RP Relaxed Performances

Relaxed performances, or sensory friendly performances, are designed to create a safe and welcoming environment for people with learning difficulties and/or sensory and communication challenges.

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Tactile tours allow patrons who are blind or have low vision to have a hands-on experience of the work.

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Le Freak
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers Lea

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Auslan interpreter services provide equal access to arts and entertainment for people who are Deaf, their friends and families.

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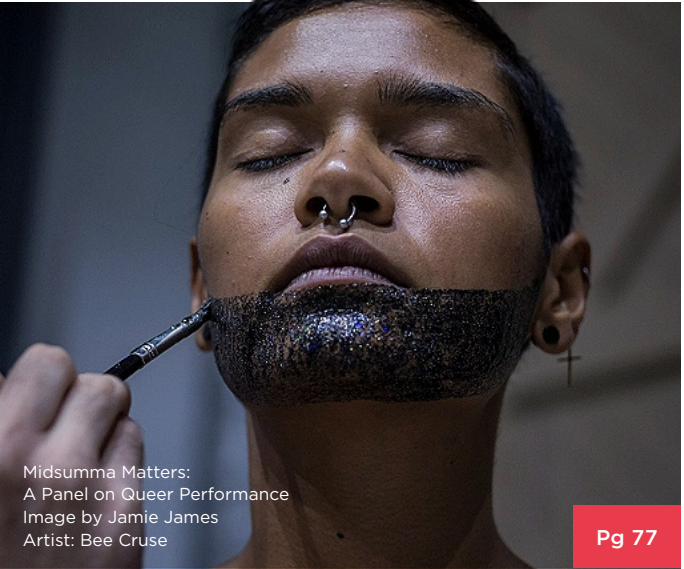
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Captions are displayed on a screen, enabling the audience/viewer to read what is being said.

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Cheers, Queers!

Midsumma Carnival

Kick-start the celebrations for Midsumma Festival 2023

Located in Alexandra Gardens in Melbourne's bustling CBD, Midsumma Carnival attracts over 120,000 people and entry is free. With endless things to see, do and eat your way through, Midsumma Carnival is an iconic all day outdoor extravaganza dedicated to kicking off our 3-week long festival.

As you wander around the 55,250 square metres of Midsumma Carnival, you will experience three performance stages, two food zones with a variety of choices, pop-up bars, and multiple stalls made up of queer friendly businesses, core community organisations and services for you to browse and even grab a free giveaway!

Bring your friends and family to one of our grass pavilions surrounding the stages to enjoy Carnival's entertainment. Our talented artists will leave you in awe with a variety of singers, drag artists, DJs, performers, and even an opportunity to show off your own talents with our Lipsync Limelight competition, or enter your pooch into the annual Dog Show.

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd
Melbourne

Sun 22 Jan

**Midsumma
Carnival**
11am - 10pm

FREE

No glass or
erected marquees



Image: Midsumma Carnival
by Suzanne Balding



MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL 2023



- ★ Carnival Stallholders
- > Entrance to Gardens
- 🍴 Food Vendors
- ✚ First Aid
- 🍷 Bar
- 🚻 Toilets
- ♿ Accessible Toilet
- 💧 Free Drinking Water
- 🎫 18 + wristbanding
- 📍 Main Information Tent
 - Box Office
 - Wheelchair Charging Station
- 👤 Volunteers Tent
- 🏠 Event Headquarters
- 🐾 Dog Show Registration Tent

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Gardens**

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Midsumma Pride March

LOUD & PROUD

Grab your friends, family, and loved ones to flaunt your pride at Midsumma Pride March this year! Whether you join the parade by foot or wheel, with workmates or with family, with friends or with loved ones, as an ally or as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, Midsumma Pride March is the place to celebrate all gender expressions, sexualities, experiences, and personalities with colours, sparkle and style.

March with ferocity, uniqueness, and pride down Fitzroy Street in a kilometre long parade route to Catani Gardens. The march begins with the roaring motors of the Dykes on Bikes as per tradition. The march itself is led by the Boon Wurrung Elders, Rainbow Aboriginal Float, LGBTQIA+ youth and followed by the Premier of Victoria, Minister for Equality and the Creative Industries, and Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality. You'll be greeted at the end of the march with free entertainment, and festivities, including DJs and live performances by the iconic St Kilda beachside.

We march because we are fierce, fabulous, loved, diverse and proud. Join the Midsumma Pride March to march with those who can, and in solidarity for those who cannot.

Midsumma
Pride March
Fitzroy St
St Kilda

March starts 11am

Post-Pride
Celebrations
Catani Gardens
St Kilda

11am – 4pm

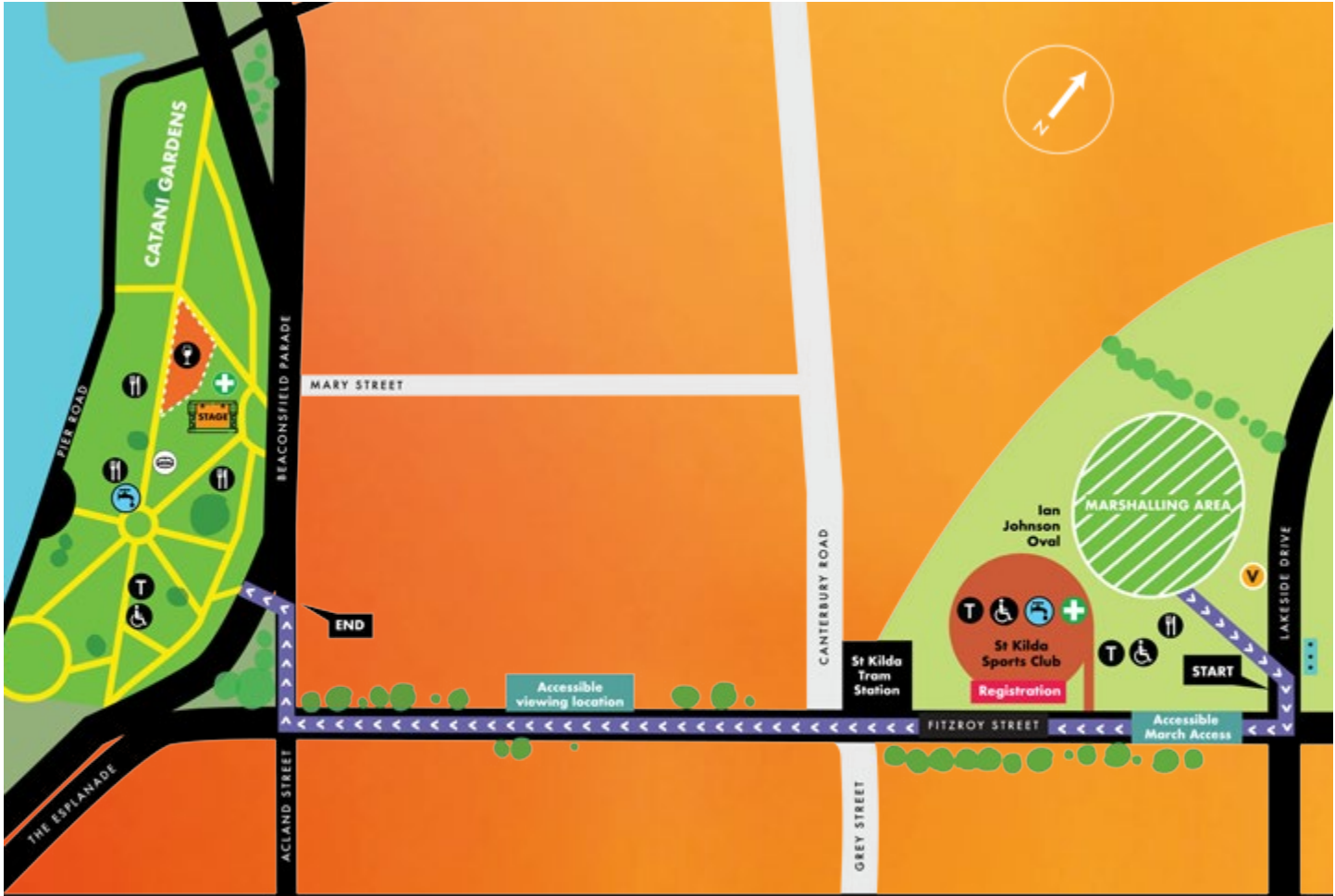
Sun 5 Feb

FREE

No BYO alcohol



Image: Midsumma Pride March 2022 by Suzanne Balding



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St Kilda

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March Route
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Vehicle Assembly
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Accessible Drop-Off Point
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Marshalling Area
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Food Vendor
- 💧

Water Station
- 🍷

Bar
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Marcher Registration
- 🕒

18 + Wristband
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Toilet - Existing
Gender neutral + Accessible
- +

First Aid

Victoria's Pride

Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Community and Culture across Victoria

Victoria's Pride (previously Melbourne Pride) will be held across the state from December to February, with over 14 events in regional and rural areas. The tour of state-wide events will culminate into a full-day and night street party in Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Street precinct on Sunday 12 February 2023.

The iconic precinct will once again host two live music stages with performances from musicians and artists – to celebrate Victoria's diverse LGBTQIA+ communities.

Victoria's Pride Street Party will showcase a range of arts experiences including live performances, musicians, comedians, speakers, circus performers, and drag artists. Throughout the day you can experience wellness activities, community stalls, street performers, and interactive events. Hundreds of local food and beverage traders and local businesses in the City of Yarra will open their doors to showcase their offerings.

Hot tip – keep an eye on the shopfronts for pop up performances, installations and artworks.

Victoria's Pride
Smith St and Gertrude St precinct
Melbourne Inner North

11am – 9pm

Sun 12 Feb

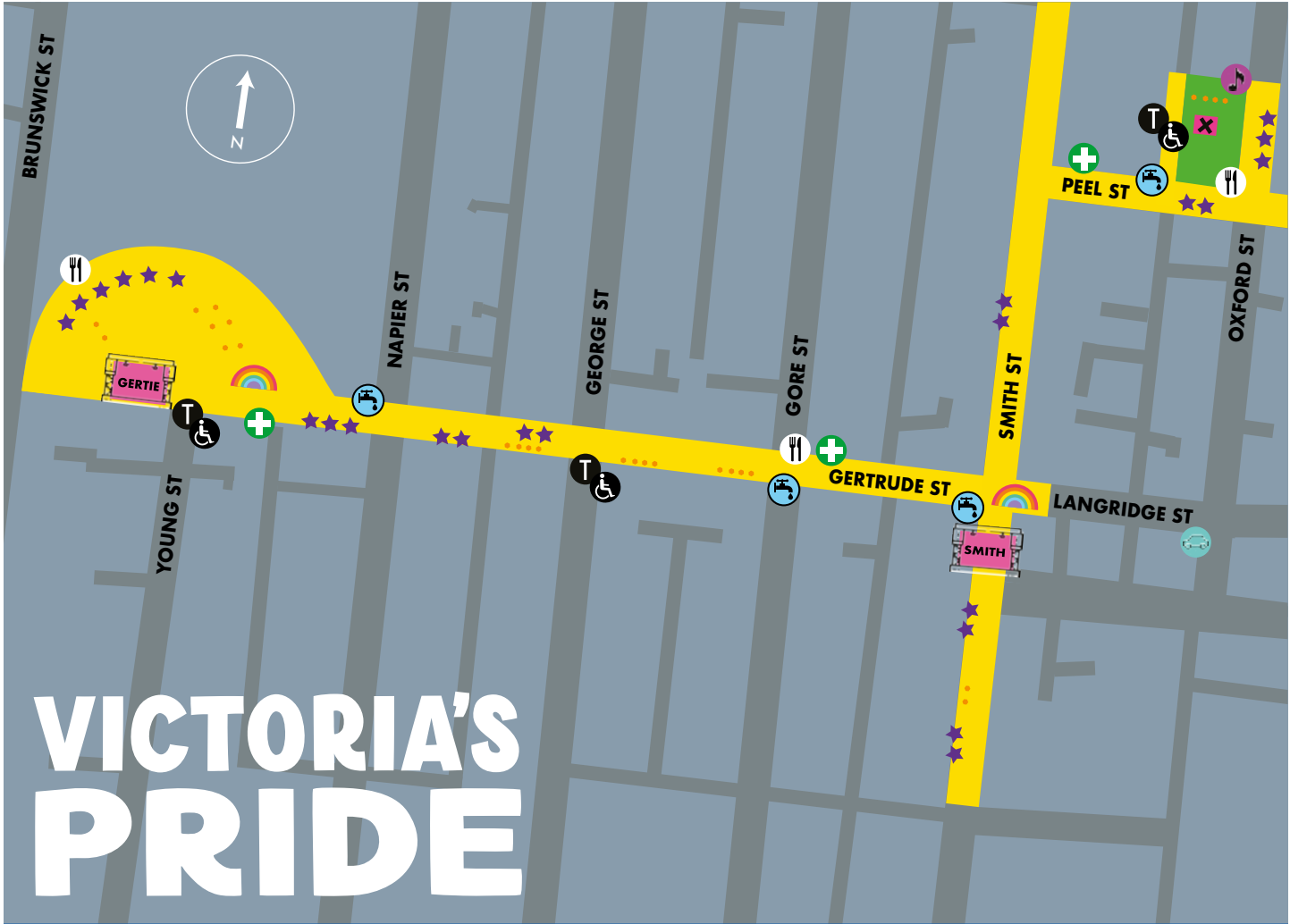
FREE

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Image: YUMMY at Melbourne Pride 2022 by Suzanne Balding

Victoria's Pride is a State Government initiative, delivered by festival partner Midsumma



VICTORIA'S PRIDE

Gertrude St + Smith St

See Full Map @ midsumma.org.au/vicpride

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| | Accessible Drop-Off | | RideShare Zone |
| | Food Vendors | | Activation Space |
| | First Aid | | Caravan Sounds |
| | Community Stalls | | Picnic Tables |
| | Toilets | | Performance Stage |
| | Accessible Toilet | | Event Precinct |
| | Free Drinking Water | | |

A Safe(R) Space

Presented by Midsumma Festival

A Safe(R) Space, commissioned and produced by Midsumma, is an artistic exploration of intersectional identity between different facets of Queer communities. Against a backdrop of increasing intersectional tensions within diverse LGBTQIA+ communities and cumulative impacts of COVID, this program will look at what defines a safe space for artists and communities. The program will uncover a range of work from artists across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum and how artists come together to collaborate and create within a resourced environment.



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AUNTY

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Beat Entertainment

11 Feb | Fringe Common Rooms

THE Inter-indigenational kiki! A fierce and fabulous First Nations, queer party!

Image: Pride Productions Andrew J Lieu



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Big Thick Energy

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Malthouse Theatre

10 - 11 Feb Performances & 11 Feb Workshops | Malthouse Outdoor Stage

Big Thick Energy is the brain-child of performance artist and booty manipulator Demon Derriere and has been curated to promote body positivity and liberation through movement, creativity and community.

Image: Big Thick Energy. Photo by She's An Artist



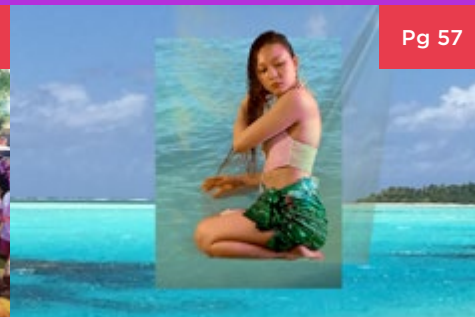
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Boundless: Launch Party of The Body Is More Than This

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Immigration Museum and Kin Francis

25 Jan | Immigration Museum

An outdoor summer party at the Immigration Museum to celebrate all genders and works in The Body Is More Than This.



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The Body Is More Than This

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Immigration Museum and Kin Francis

26 Jan - 12 Feb | Immigration Museum

We are more than our bodies. This exhibition breathes gender fluidity and body autonomy into the Immigration Museum.

Image: Luce Nguyễn-Hunt



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Cheers, Queers!

Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Victorian Pride Centre

27 - 29 Jan | Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette

The very best comics from Melbourne's thriving queer comedy scene are teaming up together for a fabulous new night of comedy: Cheers, Queers!



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Crafty Queers

Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Victorian Pride Centre

23 & 30 Jan, 6 Feb

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette

Pick up a new talent or refine your skills in the company of our fabulous community. Each Monday focuses on a different art form so why not come to all three!

Image: Nikki Russian Photography



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Fountain

Presented by Forest Collective, Midsumma Festival & Abbotsford Convent as part of Convent Live

3 - 5 Feb | Abbotsford Convent - Oratory

An orchestrated performance about approaching the world and the self with fluidity, and how such a shift can be revolutionary.

Image: Max Lawrence



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Cherry

Presented by Midsumma Festival

8 - 11 Feb | The Butterfly Club - Downstairs

It's 2008 and 13 year old Sarah is watching RAGE when Katy Perry's 'I Kissed A Girl' comes on and her obsession begins. On a cloud of cotton candy, Cherry takes you on an intimate, bubblegum, pop journey that hilariously and insightfully celebrates the power of music to transform and enlighten in this one woman's thank you card to her idol.

Image: Lauren Orrell



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The future is bi+

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Bisexual Alliance Victoria

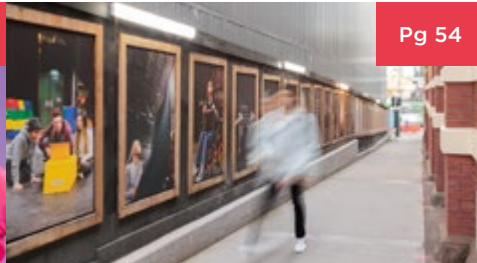
24 Jan | Harehole Melbourne

Are you attracted to more than one gender? Then join us for this online forum to share ideas and connect up with other bi+, pan, and multi gender attracted folk.

Image: Large Bi Pride Flag by James Dominguez



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A Safe(R) Space Outdoor Exhibition

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Metro Tunnel Creative Program

21 Jan – March | Franklin Street Frames
Visual artists have been selected by Midsumma and the Metro Tunnel Creative Program to exhibit their work in the Franklin Street Frames beside Melbourne City Baths. The works have been created by each artist to speak to Midsumma Festival's signature program, A Safe(R) Space, and what that means to each artist.

Image: James Henry showing Glimpses of Momentum, Theresa Harrison

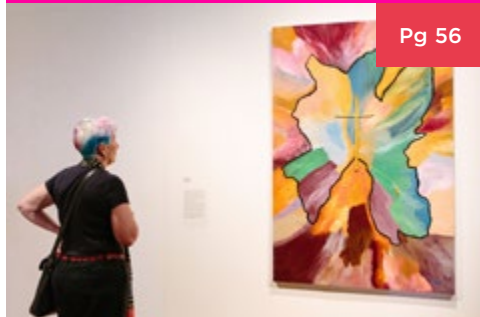
Polite Mammals

Presented by Midsumma Festival and ArtPlay

21 – 22 Jan, 27 – 29 Jan | ArtPlay

Award winning kids comedy group The Wholesome Hour have made a brand new show! It's about animals of all kinds: stinky, sparkly, real and imaginary.

Image: Theresa Harrison



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Midsumma X Incinerator

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

3 – 5 Feb, 7 – 12 Feb | Incinerator Gallery

A curatorial program of solo and group exhibitions at Incinerator Gallery celebrating LGBTQIA+ communities within and beyond Melbourne's inner Western suburbs.

Artwork: Todd Fernando, 2017.
Installation View: Maddee Clark, 2018.



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Musical Storytime: Introducing Teddy

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Orchestra Victoria, Melbourne Recital Centre and The Wheeler Centre

24 Jan | Melbourne Recital Centre – Primrose Potter Salon

Introducing Teddy is a gentle story about gender, being true to yourself and being a good friend, presented in an interactive concert format performed by the musicians of Orchestra Victoria with pre-show teddy bear picnic, presented by The Wheeler Centre.

Illustrated by Dougal MacPherson



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Midsumma Matters: The Future of Queer Arts

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Fed Square

4 Feb | Fed Square – The Edge

A free panel discussion, featuring leaders and luminaries from the arts world, will explore the future of Queer Arts in Australia and beyond.



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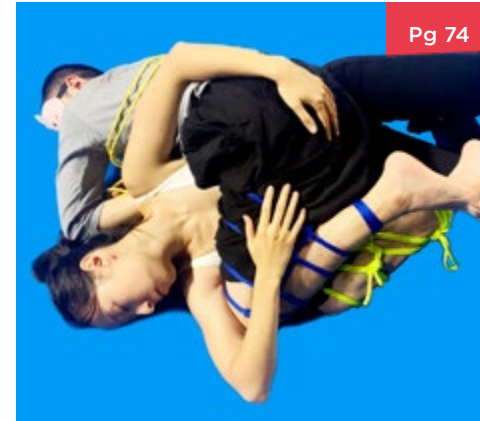
Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party

Presented by Minus18, Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

28 Jan | Immigration Museum

Night at the Museum is back IRL in 2023! Expect LGBTQIA+ performers, competitions, snacks, pride vibes, and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum's Becoming You exhibition after dark.

Image: Theresa Harrison



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ROPETIMES

Presented by Midsumma & Convent Live

4 Feb | Abbotsford Convent – Rosina Auditorium

Touching and Tying - A workshop in rope bondage and navigating intimacy, pleasure and consent.

Image: Luke George



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SINK - Simona Castricum X Carla Zimblar

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre

27 – 28 Jan

Simona Castricum has carved out a position at the very edge of what's next. Here she combines her talents with the light and projection marvel of Carla Zimblar to create a live sonic experience of uncommon depth.

Image: Billy Zammit



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Spill The Tea

Presented by Midsumma Festival, The Victorian Pride Centre & JOY Media

29 Jan | Victorian Pride Centre – The Forum

Spill The Tea is an opportunity to connect with community in an alcohol-free environment. Enjoy a live broadcast from JOY 94.9 on the grand staircase, explore the Australian Queer Archives, and browse iconic queer bookshop Hares and Hyenas while you're here.

Image: Brooke Lark via Unsplash



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Stranger Than Usual

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Abbotsford Convent

2 – 4 Feb | Abbotsford Convent – Magdalen North Laundry

A music performance designed for Deaf people, about Asphyxia's experience of being Deaf, queer, chronically ill and needing to use a wheelchair. With songs written by Asphyxia and a live band featuring Sarah Ward and Bec Matthews, it is presented in Auslan and English with projection art, vibrations and captioning. If you are hearing, join us to find out how Deaf people experience music.



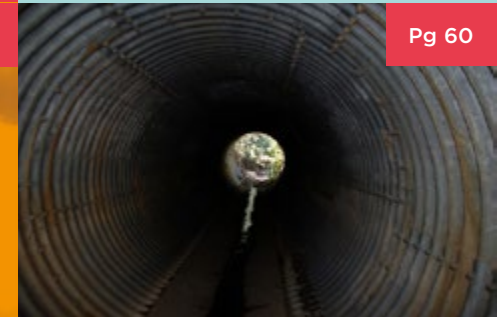
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Transmansplaining

Presented by Midsumma Festival & Trans Script

25 & 26 Jan | Victorian Pride Centre – Theatrette

"Transmansplaining" is an original one-man stage show based on the experiences of Ben, a self-described "short, balding, bearded, gay, trans man".



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Turbulence

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Alice's Garage

22 Jan – 12 Feb | Midsumma Digital Event

Five older LGBTQIA+ people share stories about the turbulence of ageing and how human connection helped to restore their hope, safety and wellbeing. Younger LGBTQIA+ collaborators respond to the digital stories with messages about the transformative power of reaching out to older community members.

Image: Dorothy McDonald

Midsumma Presents

Experience fresh collaborations between Midsumma Festival and some of Victoria's outstanding cultural institutions.



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A Composting Cabaret

27 – 28 Jan

A joyful landscape of performance offerings inspired by Mini Beast Disco's research play. Let the joy from the collaborative critterdom of children effuse back into your world - embrace your disco destiny!

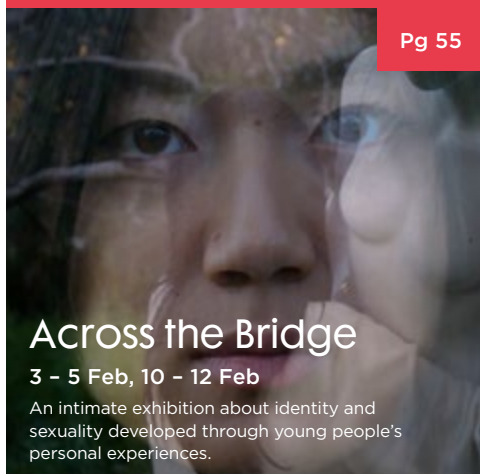


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ACMI x Midsumma

Various Dates

ACMI will host a curated selection of contemporary and classic queer cinema during Midsumma festival dates, including Plein Soleil, Flee, Stranger by the Lake, Joyland, Loving Highsmith and Moonage Daydream.



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Across the Bridge

3 – 5 Feb, 10 – 12 Feb

An intimate exhibition about identity and sexuality developed through young people's personal experiences.



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Rainbow Storytime

30 Jan & 6 Feb

Come along to the Pauline Gandel Children's Quarter for a singing, dancing and storytelling extravaganza! Celebrate and empower LGBTIQ+ rainbow families through children's picture storybooks with your pre-schoolers.



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Feral Queer Camp

21 Jan – 12 Feb

Be part of a new feral cohort who will see performance together and consider how we might develop a network of queer thinkers who can talk amongst ourselves and to others about queer performance.



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Homophonic!

27 & 28 Jan

Homophonic! is back for its 13th year of outrageously fabulous new classical chamber music written by LGBTQ+ composers.



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Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

31 Jan – 12 Feb

Midsumma and Australia Post present Australia's leading queer visual arts award, a showcase of outstanding queer, political, potent and personal art.



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Midsumma Extravaganza

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Arts Centre Melbourne, and Thomas Jaspers

21 Jan

Laugh under the stars as a fabulous all-queer line-up of comedians, singers and drag stars take over Melbourne's iconic Sidney Myer Music Bowl with a gorgeous live band for one night only.

Hosted by Joel Creasey and Kween Kong.

Midsumma Matters: A Panel on Queer Performance

4 Feb

How do we trace the LGBTQIA+ desire-lines linking artists and audiences – crossing social, cultural, political and regional boundaries?

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Mini Beast Disco

3 – 4 Feb

Mini Beast Disco is a wholesome and eco-focussed intergenerational disco spectacular, recommended for kids aged 3-9 and their family hordes.



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MQFF @ THE DRIVE-IN

3 Feb

MQFF is back again for a summer night of drive-in fun. Bring your mates, bring a date and enjoy queer cinema in the comfort of your car.

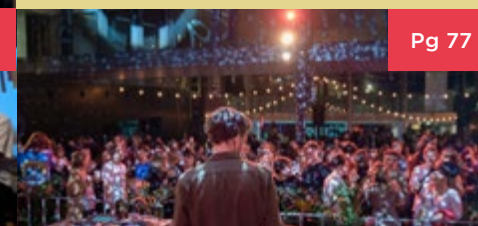


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NGV x Midsumma

Various Dates

In 2023, Midsumma and NGV will come together again to co-present a series of community-centred programs that draw from art and design at the NGV to explore a rich array of queer stories and experiences.



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Nocturnal x Midsumma

10 Feb

Soak up exclusive night time access, experiencing the museum with live music, museum tours and curator talks, pop up performances and the chance to explore the latest exhibitions.



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Pride and Joy

25 Jan

Join the musicians of Orchestra Victoria as they celebrate queer luminaries of the past, and contemporary voices lighting the way into the future.



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The Pier Festival

28 Jan

Queer Music Festival. Headline acts, local artists and DJs, Burlesque shows, interactive queer art mural, queer market stalls, food trucks, queer films and so much more....



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Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

23 Jan

Experience new queer work on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2023 Award selection.



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The Rainbow Tree by Fat Fruit

24-25 Jan, 27-28 Jan - Melbourne
11 Feb - Bendigo

What happens when you invite seven children from Rainbow Families to create a show? Everyone is welcome and anything is possible!

Midsumma Hubs

We are proud to introduce to you our Midsumma Hubs for the 2023 Festival.

These Midsumma Hub venues are dedicated to providing you with a diverse showcase of events, across the 23-day festival, to enrich your Midsumma Festival experience. Never miss a beat, with Midsumma Hubs there is something to see or do every day or night of the week.



Midsumma Festival Live at the Bowl 2021.
Image by Alisha Poor

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Theatre Works

Image: Underground Media

In 2023, Theatre Works' Midsumma Hub will be buzzing with 7 ground-breaking shows across 3 performance spaces. A truly queer program that embraces and celebrates the whole rainbow community. This year's highly anticipated line-up features a surrealist farce, a queer wedding, an exploration of the older lesbian experience, a trans cooking show, a fairy tale cum punk-tragedy, a queer garden with live music, cabaret acts and much more!

Theatre Works
14 Acland St,
St Kilda

Theatre Works Explosives Factory
Rear Laneway 67 Inkerman St,
St Kilda

THEATRE WORKS



BURGERZ by Travis Alabanza Pg 32 8 – 11 Feb
Daddy Developed a Pill Pg 35 23 – 24 Jan
Lemon Tree on Dreg Street by Amy May Nunn Pg 39 27 – 28 Jan, 30 – 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb
MILF and the Mistress Pg 42 27 – 28 Jan, 30 – 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb
promiscuous/cities by Lachlan Philpott Pg 43 21 – 24 Jan
Queer Garden Pg 52 27 – 28 Jan, 3 – 4 Feb, 10 – 11 Feb
Songs of the Flesh by The Danger Ensemble Pg 46 8 – 11 Feb

Victorian Pride Centre



The Victorian Pride Centre is excited to host a fabulous program of Midsumma events that connect, support and amplify LGBTIQ+ voices! With everything from art workshops to stand-up comedy showcases, to talks on science and social justice, our line-up reflects the rich diversity of Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities.

Victorian Pride Centre
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda

Image: Luke David

Archive Armour Pg 71 4 Feb	Marry Me A Little Pg 40 24 – 29 Jan	Spill the Tea Pg 67 29 Jan
Attention Seekers: Dolly Diamond and Tash York Pg 32 27 – 29 Jan	MRB @ Pride Centre Pg 52 2 Feb	Sunday Sizzle Pg 78 5 Feb
A Worthy Rival: Live Radio Play Pg 31 4 Feb	No Pride in Racism Pg 74 7 Feb	The GLAD Project Pg 58 22 Jan – 12 Feb
Cheers, Queers! Pg 34 27 – 29 Jan	Over the Rainbow and Through the Woods Pg 62 3 – 4 Feb	The Queer Geeks of Oz Pg 47 3 – 4 Feb
Crafty Queers Pg 71 23, 30 Jan, 6 Feb	Piano Bar x Pride Centre Pg 43 27 – 29 Jan, 2 – 4 Feb	Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap Pg 68 11 Feb
Exhibition – The Making of the Pride Centre Pg 55 22 Jan – 12 Feb	PRIDE RIDE Pg 81 28 Jan	Transmanning Pg 48 25 – 26 Jan
Frock Hudson's Storytime Sing-a-long Pg 62 4 Feb	Queens of the Pub Pg 57 22 Jan – 12 Feb	Wise Words Pg 74 9 Feb
Gay Stuff Markets Pg 66 4 Feb	Queers in Science Presents: Science at the Edge Pg 74 8 Feb	
Holding Space Pg 67 10 Feb		



Gasworks Arts Park

Gasworks Arts Park has been the south side hub for Midsumma Festival and a summer destination for high quality theatre, provocative art and fun nights out with friends for over a decade. Midsumma at Gasworks in 2023 will see a diverse and inclusive program spanning outdoor circus, cabaret, drama, comedy, visual art, live music, and twilight craft markets. Support independent artists as they bring our theatres, parklands and gallery spaces to life, and enjoy a drink on our outdoor terrace nestled in our beautiful park.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St,
Albert Park



Bleeding Heart Radicals Pg 55 22 Jan – 12 Feb
Code of Conduct Pg 34 7 – 11 Feb
Gasworks Twilight Craft Market Pg 66 27 Jan, 3, 10 Feb
Hot Summer Nights! Pg 38 23 – 25, 27 – 28 Jan
Let's Face It Pg 56 24 Jan – 12 Feb
Queer Playwriting Award Showcase Pg 44 23 Jan
Something in the Water Pg 46 24 – 28 Jan
Sounds on the Terrace Pg 52 27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb
Woman of SALT Pg 49 1 – 4 Feb

Abbotsford Convent

Just four kilometres from Melbourne's CBD, Abbotsford Convent is Australia's largest arts and cultural precinct—a place of arts, culture and learning. Renowned for its rich history, striking buildings, and an abundance of natural landscapes, the Convent works collaboratively with artists and arts organisations across all art forms to present a year-round program of diverse contemporary work that surprises, inspires and delights.

This year, we'll be featuring an array of incredible artists sharing work that champions creativity, inclusivity, wellbeing and community; everything from dance parties and creative rope workshops to lip synching and cabaret.

Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers St,
Abbotsford



A Composting Cabaret
by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

A Composting Cabaret Pg 30 27 – 28 Jan
Blankø Pop Pg 76 28 Jan
Fountain Pg 51 3 – 5 Feb
Mini Beast Disco Pg 62 3 – 4 Feb
ROPETIMES Pg 74 4 Feb
Stranger Than Usual Pg 46 2 – 4 Feb

Abbotsford
Convent.



The Butterfly Club

The Butterfly Club is a small theatre in the heart of Melbourne. We have plenty of shows, award-winning foyer bars, and an enormous collection of kitsch.

The Butterfly Club
Carson Place, off Little Collins St (between
Swanston & Elizabeth) in the Melbourne CBD



A Monster is Announced Pg 30 6 – 11 Feb	Queen Beaver Presents Beavers at the Butterfly Pg 43 1 – 4 Feb
A Southern Fairytale Pg 31 30 – 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb	ROBYN REYNOLDS: CAKE Pg 44 27 – 28 Jan
Cherry Pg 34 8 – 11 Feb	Transcendence Pg 48 23 – 28 Jan
Dickless Pg 35 8, 10-11 Feb	WELLLLLL SH*T Pg 48 2 – 4 Feb
Fruit Cake Comedy Pg 36 2 – 3 Feb	Woah, Alyssa! and Besties Pg 49 27 – 28 Jan
Liz and Mil Walk into a Bar Pg 39 23 – 28 Jan	
MAMIL: Middle Aged Man in Lyrca Pg 40 30 – 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb	

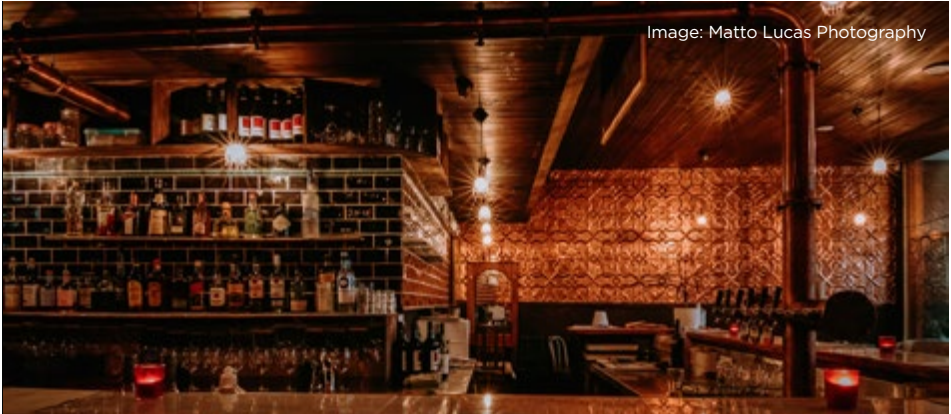


Image: Matto Lucas Photography

The Motley Bauhaus

The Motley Bauhaus is a newly renovated, proudly independent and inclusive multi-disciplinary arts space located just a stone's throw from the CBD on Elgin Street, Carlton. With a focus on the weird, wonderful and Motley, this stunning large venue has two performance spaces and a visual arts gallery that are jammed packed with innovative queer art this Midsumma Festival. Wander into this charming timber and brass finished modern bar for delicious cocktails, gluten free tap beer, conversation starting boardgames, and most importantly - art you can't find anywhere else.

The Motley Bauhaus
118 Elgin St, Carlton VIC 3053

Devastating Beauty Pg 35 6 – 11 Feb	The Last Brunch Pg 47 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb
Gays of our Lives Pg 36 31 Jan, 1 – 4 Feb	The Wilde Kind Pg 47 24, 28 Jan
Gold Star Failure Pg 36 1 – 4 Feb	
Irrelevant Body, Lay Beneath You Pg 38 31 Jan – 4 Feb	
Le Freak Pg 39 24 – 28 Jan	
Matty B's Naughty Island Adventure Pg 40 6 – 11 Feb	
Queer Floriography Pg 57 31 Jan, 1 – 4, 7 – 11 Feb	
Run by Stephen Laughton Pg 44 6 – 11 Feb	





Midsumma Westside

Midsumma Westside is a collaboration of Melbourne's western region Councils in partnership with Midsumma. It is a sumptuous slice of Midsumma Festival that programs the wonderful array of events taking place in the west. With exhibitions, drag, live music, performances, circus, pool parties, picnics and walks, the west is set to come alive. Midsumma Westside invites you to GO WEST this summer!

Image: Park Lounge - Artificial Studios featuring Bec Reid and Tristan Meecham of All the Queens Men

- Altona Civic Centre**
Colours of the Rainbow in a Diverse Community
Pg 55 | 22 Jan - 7 Feb
- Bluestone Church Arts Space**
Amplify: On the 23rd Day, Mars Was in Gemini
Pg 31 | 23 Jan
- Nothing to Hide: Voices of Trans and Gender Diverse Australia**
Pg 74 | 29 Jan
- The Big D**
Pg 46 | 1 - 3 Feb
- Thrive: Queer voices, out loud**
Pg 48 | 24 - 28 Jan
- Bowery Theatre**
Lucy Best Presents Queer Comedy
Pg 40 | 9 Feb

- Footscray Community Arts Centre**
Footscray Queer History Walk
Pg 72 | 28 Jan
- Kelly Park**
Park Lounge
Pg 43 | 4 Feb
- Laneway Gallery**
Manufactured Underwater
Pg 56 | 22 Jan - 12 Feb
- Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery**
Express Yourself
Pg 66 | 21 Jan, 3 - 4 Feb, 6 - 11 Feb
- Newport Community Hub**
Rainbow Family Picnic
Pg 63 | 28 Jan

- Seaworks**
The Pier Festival
Pg 68 | 28 Jan
- Sunshine Leisure Centre**
Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine
Pg 81 | 29 Jan
- The Substation**
Queer on Country by Peter Waples-Crowe
Pg 57 | 22 Jan - 12 Feb



VICTORIAN PRIDE CENTRE

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Pride of our Footscray Community Bar

Pride of our Footscray is the most colourful and diverse venue in Melbourne, famous for its mixed crowd, friendly team and fabulous live entertainment.

Pride's Midsumma Festival 2023 program is similarly colourful and diverse, with something for absolutely everybody, including First Nations drag, all-star drag bingo, loads of queer comedy and even a steamy male dance revue!

All up, it's six original shows that Pride's presenting across Midsumma Festival 2023, a sensational line-up for an iconic festival - see you there!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar
1/86-88 Hopkins St,
Footscray

Image: Pride Of Our Footscray

- All-Star Drag Bingo Party!**
Pg 76
28 Jan
- First Nations Drag Festival**
Pg 36
3 Feb
- Magic Men of Summer Risqué Revue**
Pg 40
27 Jan
- Queer Comedy Gala**
Pg 44
2 Feb
- This Summer's Comedy Headliner!**
Pg 47
4 Feb
- Womyn of Comedy!**
Pg 49
24 Jan

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THIS IS PRIDE AT WORK

THIS WAY FORWARD

We're committed to inclusion and belonging

At Woolworths Group, we believe our differences create a richness of ideas and perspectives. That's why we're committed to building a future where everybody can feel like they belong in our team.

Together towards a better tomorrow.

Find out more

Performance

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Image: Big Thick Energy.
Photo by She's An Artist

Interactive Performance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford

27-28 Jan	3hrs
Fri, Sat 7pm	
\$25 full \$20 conc	
△ Nudity Strobe lights Smoke/haze	
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Unfunded Empathy & Abbotsford Convent	

A Composting Cabaret

Grown-ups, it's your time to shine!

Your favourite colourful and energetic showgirls, Dandrogyny and Betty Grumble, are back at the Abbotsford Convent to bring you A Composting Cabaret.

A joyful landscape of performance offerings inspired by Mini Beast Disco's research play. Let the joy from the collaborative critterdom of children effuse back into your world - embrace your disco destiny!

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne

6-11 Feb	1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc \$30 group (min 6)	
△ Mild Language Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by The Butterfly Club	
Image: by Art For Artists	

A Monster is Announced

Starring Possible Prince X

You're invited to an abandoned manor, on a desert island, that's also a train. You have no idea why you're here, all you know is that somewhere in this room, there's a monster. Your only hope of survival is your host, the mysterious Possible Prince X, who insists on playing his original songs before offering any help (indeed, some things are worse than death). This murder mystery pop concert will keep you guessing until its final moments... or yours.

Performance

midsumma.org.au

Theatre



Midsumma Digital Event

24 Jan, 26 Jan, 29 Jan, 31 Jan, 2 Feb, 5 Feb, 7 Feb, 9 Feb	1hr 15m
Tue, Thu, Sun various times	
\$8 full	
△ Coarse language References to drug use Suicide references	
Presented by whalespiel	
Image: by Ty Liebelt	

A Pirate and a Cowboy Walk Into a Bar...

A digital experiment in queer storytelling

In a lonely little apartment somewhere, there's a lonely little queer trying to find themselves in a queer history that no one noticed.

Ty Liebelt (whalespiel) needs your help to tell an old and tired story in an impossibly new way. A medley of improvised spoken word, digital art, music, a side of queer history and a few vulnerable moments.

Spoken Word



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

4 Feb	50m
Sat 7:30pm	
\$25 full \$21 conc	
Presented by Demetra Giannakopoulos	

A Worthy Rival: Live Radio Play

Game. Set. War.

We are in the locker room before the start of a grand slam final. Two female tennis players, Victoria and Sam, are preparing to play the defining match of their careers amid stardom, rivalry, triumph and disaster. The battle begins.

Performed as a live radio play by three actors with an evocative soundscape.

Comedy



The Improv Conspiracy, Melbourne

2-5 Feb	1hr
Thu-Sat 7pm Sun 6pm	
\$25 full \$20 conc	
△ Coarse language	

Am I Doing This Right?

A queer sketch show

We're here, we're queer, we're... honestly full of fear because being a functioning gay man nowadays is exhausting and traumatising, y'know? Jayden Masciulli, Simon Hawkings and Allen Dorsey explore all their queer insecurities (every last one of them) in an exhilarating hour of hilarious sketch. Don't stay in and watch old episodes of Reba (it's tempting, we know!) - come and see if we are, in fact, doing this right.

Theatre



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne

30 Jan-4 Feb	1hr
Mon-Sat 8:30pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc \$30 group (min 6)	
△ Coarse language Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by Gavin Roach	
Image: by Jordana Dale	

A Southern Fairytale

The story of a gay Christian growing up in the Deep South

Based on real events, this solo show takes you on a wild journey as one young man tries to find his footing in both his queer identity and relationship with God.

Follow along as he journeys in and out of the closet, deals with the very real impacts of conversion therapy, excommunication and a father who believes that a demon has possessed his son.

Theatre



The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran

31 Jan-4 Feb, 7-11 Feb	1hr
Tue-Sat 7pm	
\$25 preview \$35 full \$28 conc \$28 group (min 6)	
△ Coarse language	

A Year of Dating

Looking for love? You've come to the wrong place...

A Year of Dating is a comedy about looking for love and not finding it - again and again. Winner of the 2021 QPAS Queer Playwriting Award for her debut play Coming Out, Lucy Holz returns with a funny, daring and honest exploration of modern dating culture.

Rejecting the idea that women need a relationship to be successful, this show is a hilarious journey through the world of online dating.

Variety



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray


23 Jan	2hrs
Mon 7pm	
\$15 full \$10 conc	
△ Nudity Coarse language Long periods of standing Loud noise Themes of a sexual nature	
Presented by Maribyrnong City Council	
Image: by Angelita Biscotti	

Amplify: On the 23rd Day, Mars Was in Gemini

An evening of multi-disciplinary performance-art by creatives with roots in the Western suburbs

Guest curator Angelita Biscotti brings together Mohamed Chamas, Daniel R Marks, Scotty So and Cher Tan to respond through movement, stories and sound to the latest updates in planetary motion.

Cabaret



An Evening with Brenda

An evening of queer musical excellence!

‘An Evening with Brenda’ is a night of singing, laughs and buffoonery starring Brenda Bressed: Melbourne’s premier up-and-coming singing drag queen! Join Brenda as she tells the story of her life growing up in the outer South-East suburbs of Melbourne, woven through some of the classics of now and then. Witness the epitome of fabulous drag and see why she’s been called “a queen with a voice”!


Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds

9-10 Feb, 12 Feb	1hr
Thu, Fri, Sun 7:30pm	
\$26 full \$20 conc	

Presented by Brenda Bressed

Image: photographed by Daniel Sutton | graphic design by Lexie Summers

Theatre



La Mama HQ, Carlton

27 Jan-4 Feb	1hr 20m
Mon-Sat 7:30pm Sun 4pm Relaxed: 29 Jan 4pm	
\$30 full \$20 conc \$8 mob tix	

⚠ Violence | Reference to sexual violence | Suicide references | Religious trauma


Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Darren Gill

Jupiter, Venus and Mars are the planets that are visible from Earth. Did you know that? And did you know that most of the planets in our solar system are named after Roman Gods? Not all, only some . . .

Billie and Kit’s relationship used to be a fairytale. Peter was a straight A student and Dann had his own place. But after a while, it all goes south.

Cabaret



Attention Seekers: Dolly Diamond and Tash York

Part Ted Talk and delusion, this award-winning cabaret duo will show why we all deserve attention... but they deserve it more!

Two great friends with two of the greatest egos. Each desperate for the limelight and each willing to do almost anything for attention.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

27-29 Jan	1hr
Fri-Sun 6pm	
\$30 full \$28 conc	


⚠ Coarse language

Presented by Dolly Diamond & Tash York

Image: by That Photo Place

"A side-hurting, tear-inducing (the good kind), night out." - Theatre People

Cabaret



Speakeasy Theatre, Melbourne

28 Jan	1hr
Sat 7pm	
\$25 full \$20 conc	

⚠ Coarse language | Adult themes

Presented by Perry Byrnes

Image: by Johnno Solo

Perry Byrnes debuts his first vaudeville show, sharing his many stories and misadventures about his bizarre love life with men. From why flirting and food don't mix to how I met my ex; with songs by Pink, Michael Bublé, Elle King and many more. Come along and enjoy an hour’s worth of entertainment at Melbourne’s best vaudeville venue.

Variety



Big Thick Energy

A body positivity festival taking up space and celebrating all bodies

Big Thick Energy is the brain-child of performance artist and booty manipulator Demon Derriere and has been curated to promote body positivity and liberation through movement, creativity and community. Our variety festival features skill sharing workshops, local artisan markets, hosted by A Plus Market and two evenings of high energy entertainment.

Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank

10-11 Feb Performance 2hrs 30m Workshops 50m	
Performances Fri-Sat 7:30pm Workshops Sat hourly 12-4pm	
Workshops \$35 Performance \$45	

⚠ Nudity | Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Strobe and Loud Music

Presented by Malthouse and Midsumma

Auslan at all events

Theatre



Theatre Works, St Kilda

8-11 Feb	1hr
Wed-Sat 7:30pm	
\$30 preview \$35 full \$30 conc	

⚠ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Real meat is cooked on stage

Presented by Theatre Works

Image: by Underground Media

BURGERZ by Travis Alabanza

A trans cooking show with a recipe for reclamation

Hurled words. Thrown objects. Dodged burgers.

After someone threw a burger at them and shouted a transphobic slur, they became obsessed with burgers. Part cooking show, part reclaiming of an act of violence - BURGERZ explores how trans bodies survive and how, by them reclaiming an act of violence, we can address our own complicity.



Midsumma at the Convent

Abbotsford Convent is Australia’s largest arts and cultural precinct, and a proud Midsumma Hub in 2023.

This year’s line up is bursting with everything from dance parties and creative rope workshops, to lip synching and cabaret.

Featuring

Asphyxia
Betty Grumble
Blankë Pop
Dandrogyny
Forest Collective
Luke George
and more...



Scan for full line up



Abbotsford Convent.

Comedy



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

27-29 Jan	1hr
Fri 7:30pm Fri-Sun 9pm	
\$30 full \$28 conc \$26 group (min 6)	

Presented by Midsumma Festival and the Victorian Pride Centre

Cheers, Queers!

An all queer comedy showcase

The very best comics from Melbourne's thriving queer comedy scene are teaming up together for a fabulous new night of comedy: Cheers, Queers!

Held across three nights at Melbourne's new home for LGBTQIA+ communities, the Victorian Pride Centre, Cheers, Queers! promises to be a hilarious evening for community and allies, featuring a different line-up each night.

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne

8-11 Feb	1hr
Wed-Sat 7pm Auslan: 10 Feb 7pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc \$30 group (min 6)	

△ Strobe lights | Loud Noises | Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a guardian

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Lauren Orrell

Cherry

It's a little bit cabaret, a little bit comedy and a whole lot of Katy Perry

It's 2008 and 13 year old Sarah is watching RAGE when Katy Perry's 'I Kissed A Girl' comes on and her obsession begins. On a cloud of cotton candy, Cherry takes you on an intimate, bubblegum, pop journey that hilariously and insightfully celebrates the power of music to transform and enlighten in this one woman's thank you card to her idol.

"A creative masterpiece" - ATYP

Theatre



Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne

1-4 Feb, 8-11 Feb	1hr
Wed-Sat 8pm	
\$25 full \$15 group (min 6)	

△ Coarse language

Presented by Ryan Henry and Gavin Roach

Image: by Cameron Grant

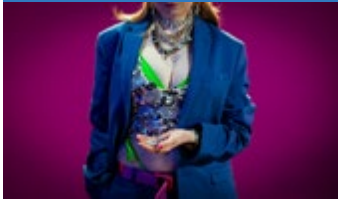
CULT by Ryan Henry

Don't stop when you're tired... Stop when you're dead!

The ripe sweat of men in spaghetti-strap singlets have blurred your senses. That's not a heart attack, it's just your heart rate perfectly synced to the deafening house music.

More than just a story about gaining the strength to crush a watermelon between your thighs, reacquaint yourself with self-love, as you laugh, cry and maybe vomit, while being personally victimised by an elliptical trainer.

Theatre



Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda

23-24 Jan	1hr
Mon, Tue 7:30pm	
\$35 full \$30 conc	

△ Coarse language | Latecomer lockout | References to drug use

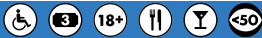
Presented by Tail of Tales Productions and Theatre Works

Daddy Developed a Pill

A surrealist farce set over one chaotic night of deviance and debauchery

Cynthia's Daddy developed a pill that made her family very rich. Twenty years later, Cynthia has become the daddy's girl, girlboss she was always destined to be. It's Don's Party meets Euphoria, meets an Apple keynote. Come for the gender f*ckery, stay for your dying need to impress Daddy and finally be his good little girl.

Cabaret



The Toff, Melbourne CBD

2 Feb	2hrs 30m
Thu 8pm	
\$45 full \$35 conc	

△ Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing

Presented by C J Stewart Productions

Image: by 3 Fates Media

CinemaSong Vol. 2

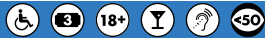
The ultimate 80s movie soundtrack experience

CinemaSong returns for an all out 80s tribute to the decade's greatest cinematic songs, from Fame to Flashdance, Beaches to Beetlejuice.

So join Melbourne's cabaret icons for a nostalgic romp featuring a live band and backing choir led by the ever-effervescent Peppy Smears (Bowie Ball Australia).

This show will have you Footloose and Dirty Dancing after your 9 to 5.

Cabaret



Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds

27 Jan	2hrs
Fri 8pm	
\$27.50 full \$23 conc	

△ Coarse language

Presented by Club Clocktower

Image: by Randy Roy

Club Clocktower: Kong's Takeover

Your fave drag ruckus

Kong's Kings is taking over Club Clocktower! Your favourite drag king and drag thing collective is serving subversive drag debauchery, all hosted by the charming surrealist painting come to life, Randy Roy.

Feast upon camp drag silliness and creativity that will have you snort laughing your cocktail all over your cheeseboard. Don't say we didn't warn you! Doors open at 7pm.

Cabaret



Piano Bar Northcote, Northcote

26 Jan, 2 Feb, 9 Feb	1hr 30m
Thu 7:30pm	
\$35 full \$25 conc	

Presented by Dean Arcuri

Image: by Phil Soliman

Dean Arcuri is Out of this World!

Arcuri isn't afraid of putting himself out there

Singing sensation Dean Arcuri sets his sights to the stars as we blast off in an evening of campary, comedy and of course, cabaret. Experience the musical machinations and belting ballads of Arcuri in 3D, shining brightly as the star in the centre of his own universe with special guests in tow... Buckle up as we shoot for the moon in an evening you'll be sure to gravitate towards!

Cabaret



The Motley Bauhaus - Cabaret Stage, Carlton

6-11 Feb	1hr
Mon-Sat 7:15pm	
\$25 full \$20 conc	

Presented by Christopher Fieldus

Image: by Matto Lucas Photography

Devastating Beauty

"Sumptuous poetic stylisation" - Aussie Theatre

Told through their signature style of song and prose poetry, cabaret queen Christopher Fieldus divulges the detail of an incendiary crisis of personality. Featuring music by the likes of Celine Dion, Róisín Murphy and The Killers, this queer, contemporary Narcissean epic promises to dazzle as deeply as it devastates.

"Humorous, personable, heartbreaking, and joyous to watch" - Theatre Travels

Theatre



Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park

7-11 Feb	1hr 15m
Tue-Sat 8:30pm Sat 3:30pm	
\$27 preview \$32 full \$28 conc \$24 group (min 6)	

△ Violence | Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Transphobia | Homophobia

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Code of Conduct

The premiere season of an award winning new Australian play that's both deeply personal and ripped-from-the-headlines

Paul is the new teacher on staff, and he's expected to play by the rules – he's signed the Code of Conduct after all. But everyone at the school has their own way of playing the game. When boundaries in and out of the classroom are crossed, relationships and identities within the school are set to explode.

Theatre



Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran

9-12 Feb	2hrs
Thu-Sat 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm	
\$35 full \$20 conc	

△ Sex scenes | Coarse language | Smoke/haze

Coming Out

A searing satire of online queer culture and fluid sexuality

Lynda and Simon have been happily married for twenty-five years. They have two college-aged children and a perfectly presentable middle-class life. Simon has never found the right time to tell his wife about his fluid sexuality, but she's about to find out. Don't you want to be there when she does?

Variety



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

10 Feb	5hrs 30m
Fri 9pm	
\$25.50 full \$17.50 conc \$30 door sale	

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Image: by Frank Horrocks

DICE

DICE stands for "Diverse, Inclusive, Creative, and Extraordinary" event, which is aimed at creating a safe space full of representation and accessibility. DICE performers aim to represent a wide variety of communities including: Transgender, AFAB, BIPOC, drag queens, kings and in-betweens, burlesque and all kinds of other art forms from emerging and established performers. Performances are intermingled with a banging dancefloor for good vibes all night long.

Comedy



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne

8 Feb, 10-11 Feb	1hr
Wed, Fri, Sat 5:15pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc	

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a guardian

Presented by Justin Sider

Image: by Ezra Alcantra Photography | Design by Jessie Appleyard

Dickless


An award-winning journey of self discovery and dick recovery

Drag king, heartbreaker, booty shaker and competitive lap dancer; join Justin Sider on the search for his weiner.

A one-man, one-hour, hilarious musical in drag.

"Justin has done a bloody good job in challenging masculine and physical-form gender stereotypes. ★★★★★" - Pelican Magazine, 2022

Variety



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

4 Feb

Sat 8pm-2am | drop-in available from 10:30pm

Entry from 8pm: \$44.99 full | \$24.99 conc
Drop-In Entry from 10:30pm: \$15 full | \$10 conc | \$9 door

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | References to drug use

Drag Roast'n'Rave

The library is open, set to 100 degrees and Roasting!

Seven drag powerhouses from Naarm take to the stage to DRAG the world of Drag... and each other! Keeping the roast just how you like it is your Roast Master, Abril LaTrene.

Joining this celebration of drag is the Devlish DJ Blayzn, keeping the "rave" raging right up until 2am!

Pop-up shows all night long from some of Melbourne's favourite drag superstars!

Dance



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

3 Feb 2hrs

Fri 8pm


\$20 full | \$10 conc

First Nations Drag Festival

A joyful celebration of First Nations drag

Join Pride of our Footscray as we celebrate the stars of First Nations drag. This was a very special and moving night last Midsumma and we're delighted to be able to present more wonderful First Nations performers in 2023.

Cabaret



Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran

3-5 Feb 1hr

Fri, Sat 7pm | Sun 4pm

\$39 full | \$36 conc

△ Smoke/haze | Sexual references

Presented by Smoke and Mirrors Productions & Mama Alto

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

Follies Girl

Classic vaudeville cabaret meets contemporary queer glamour

Acclaimed cabaret diva and trans icon Mama Alto takes on a new adventure. Inspired by the Folies Bergère, the Ziegfeld Follies, and the golden age of MGM movie musicals, Mama Alto is "Follies Girl." There's no business like show business, and this stunning hour of vaudeville delights will transport you to a classic era of mid-century glamour - reinterpreted with contemporary queer flair.

Comedy



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne

2-3 Feb 1hr

Thu, Fri 5:30pm

\$37 full | \$33 conc | \$30 group (min 6)

△ Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian

Presented by Fruit Cake Comedy


Image: by Masa Tamaoki

Fruit Cake Comedy

Hello you gorgeous angel

Mystic Moira (box wine drinker, clairvoyant, numerologist, crystal dealer) brings you a night of side-splitters and mixed nuts. A delectable line-up of fruity comedians share their juiciest stand-up sets. After partaking in the spiked fruit cake, they all come back on to entertain with a wacky lip-sync. Crowd participation is ramped up with a quirky scoring system designed by Mystic Moira and her angels.

Comedy



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton | Midsumma Digital Event

31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr

Tue-Sat 7pm

\$28 full | \$24 conc | \$8 digital

△ Coarse language | Latecomer lockout

Image: by Jack Dixon-Gunn

Gays of our Lives

The gayest soap opera you've never seen!

Drama! Double crosses! And plenty of champagne!

Andy Balloch and Justin Porter, the multi-award nominated team behind 'Cher and Retweet' (Australian Podcast Awards - Best Comedy Podcast), play every character in this completely improvised soap opera!

"Expertly absurd" - The Age

Comedy



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton

1-4 Feb 1hr

Wed-Sat 5:30pm | Auslan: 3 Feb 5:30pm | Relaxed: 2 Feb 5:30pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Coarse language | Latecomer lockout | Depictions of genitalia

Presented by Gin and Titters

Image: by Garry Foster

Gold Star Failure

Failing is an artform

People call Jacci Pillar an overachiever, but they really want a Goldstar Failure award. Goldstar Failure is dropping out of five degrees to finally become a social scientist, when you don't even like people. It's three cis-het relationships, only to come out of the closet in your 40s. Jacci can't decide if they are an anthropologist who does comedy, or a comedian doing a political science PhD or if they are just a joke. Come cheer for more failure with this nerdy narrative and musical comedy!





STRIPES FOR ALL TYPES



PROUDLY SUPPORTING MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Stomping Ground has donated more than \$70,000 to support the new and emerging LGBTQIA+ artists of Midsumma Futures, through proceeds from our limited edition PRIDElweiss Midsumma Ale.



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Cabaret



Speakeasy Theatre, Melbourne
21 Jan, 27 Jan, 4 Feb, 10 Feb 1hr
Fri, Sat 6:45pm |
Supporting act: Hank You Very Much
\$35 full | \$25 conc
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Suicide references | Coarse language
Presented by Dirk Strachan-Thornton with Speakeasy Theatre

HOLLYWOOD

A tragedy inspired by true events

Inspired by the story of Peg Entwistle, told through the eyes of a modern actor, "Hollywood" follows a young gay actor trying to make it in Hollywood. As he navigates the shark infested waters of corrupt predatory agents and being told to hide his true identity, he does what he can to be a star.

Supporting act: Hank You Very Much - Person Natalie is Hank the Drag King. Hank is a hopeless rebel, a romantic without a cause, a dude amongst dudes.

Circus



Gasworks Arts Park - Park, Albert Park
23-25 Jan, 27-28 Jan 1hr 20m
Mon-Wed 7pm | Fri, Sat 8pm
\$45 full | \$35 conc | \$35 group (min 6)
△ Nudity | Adult themes | Recommended for ages 15+
Presented by Gasworks Arts Park & Red Canvas Productions

Hot Summer Nights!

Glam, glitter & circus

'Hot Summer Nights!' is an outrageously fun circus cabaret hosted by the exuberant and charismatic cabaret sensation, Tash York. A night of big hair, laughs and insane skill, this show will seriously turn up the heat, featuring some of Australia's finest cabaret and circus performers. Presented as part of Circus In The Park, get steamy under the stars for this outdoor circus spectacular.

Theatre



Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT), Albert Park
26-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb, 8-12 Feb 2hrs
Wed-Fri 7:30pm | Sat 2:30pm | Sat, Sun 5:30pm | Opening: Thu 26 Jan 7:30-9:30pm includes one free glass of champagne after the show
\$39 full | \$29 conc | \$35 group (min 6)
△ Sex scenes | Violence | References to drug use

In The Ghetto

Winner of 50 Years: Queers & Pioneers at Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT) for Midsumma 2022

Loaded contemporary queer drama. Two misfits living in Melbourne's 'Gay Ghetto', Prahran. Their volatile relationship is punctuated with bitchy back-biting, financial stress and addiction. Jet wants a stable home for their 'imaginary daughter.' Quiver is a macho larrikin who flirts with the drug trade. Outrageous humour, diagnoses and action unravel in a shuddering climax.

Theatre



The Motley Bauhaus - Cabaret Stage, Carlton
31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr
Tue-Sat 7:15pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc
△ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Suicide references | Themes of transphobia | Partial nudity
Presented by Ez Kenworthy and Jay Gold

Irrelevant Body, Lay Beneath You

A visual and performative exploration of gender

To extract queerness is complex, yet in friendship it brings solace, and vastly similar struggles rise to the surface. 'Irrelevant Body, Lay Beneath You' is a show which marries physical theatre with a collection of statements, passages and excerpts (self-devised) that describe the aesthetic currency of queerness.

Theatre



National Theatre, St Kilda
10-12 Feb 1hr 50m
Fri, Sat 7pm | Sun 2pm
\$69 full | \$64 conc
△ References to drug use
Presented by Skunkworks Community Limited
Image: by Carl McKinnon

JUDY AUSTRALIA 1964

Relive the Judy Garland concert tour of Australia that made headlines around the world

One of Australia's greatest jazz singers, Nina Ferro, becomes Judy Garland in this recreation of The Legend's infamous tour of Australia in 1964. Experience the highs of her two spectacular Sydney concerts and the devastation that was Festival Hall in Melbourne. Be moved by Ferro's dramatic interpretations of many of Garland's show-stopping songs.

Theatre



Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
3-5 Feb, 10-12 Feb 1hr
Fri, Sat 7pm | Sun 6pm
\$20 waged | \$5 unwaged | \$12 low income | \$40 make a difference - buy a ticket for yourself and donate a ticket to somebody who cannot afford one
Presented by Julie Peters

Julie Peters is Mutton

Fortunately, "Mutton is the new lamb"

Julie goes through her photo archive and chats with people she met and never did - Macbeth's witches, her younger self, teachers, movie stars, friends - to wonder why we have gender, trans and the sausage sizzle.

A reprise of the 1998 Fringe Festival award winning hit show, "I dream therefore I am".

"She's almost as good as she used to be" - THE RUBICON RAG

Interactive Performance



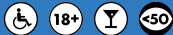
La Mama HQ, Carlton
4 Feb
Sat 12-3pm
\$30 full | \$20 conc | \$10 child | \$8 mob tix
Presented by La Mama Theatre
Image: by Darren Gill

La Nonna's Saucy Sauce Day

Let's get saucy!

At the height of summer when the tomatoes are at their best, join La Nonna for the sauciest day of the year. Centred around the age-old tradition of the 'sauce day', La Nonna invites you to La Mama Theatre, in the heart of Little Italy, for the beautiful ritual of chopping, crushing and bottling the summer's tomatoes, with a special line-up of storytelling, dance, music and food. This is a queer family festa you don't want to miss.

Theatre



Theatre Works, St Kilda
27-28 Jan, 30 Jan-4 Feb 1hr
Mon-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 2pm
\$30 preview | \$35 full | \$30 conc
△ Coarse language | References to drug use
Presented by Dirty Pennies Theatre and Theatre Works
Image: by Underground Media

Lemon Tree on Dreg Street by Amy May Nunn

You are cordially invited to a wedding like no other...

20-something misfits, Twiglet and Boots, are trying to make the most of their last days of summer. But with a Possum marrying their lemon tree, a Cowgirl officiating the ceremony and a Vulture circling the property, things are bound to get juicy... 'Lemon Tree on Dreg Street' is a heart-on-its-sleeve ode to oddballs and outsiders.

Circus



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
24-28 Jan 1hr
Tue-Thu, Sat 8:30pm | Fri 9pm | Audio Described: 27 Jan 9pm | Tactile Tour: 27 Jan 8:15pm
\$35 full | \$25 conc
△ Nudity | Coarse language
Presented by Elle Diablo, Themme Fatale
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers Lea

Le Freak

Le Freak is the retelling of sideshow from the inside by trans, queer, disabled and sex worker performers.

Le Freak is a celebration of the freak, the weird, the different. A stage where the wild and silly can be the profound, joy is practiced as a radical act of dissidence and the audience is invited to feel uncomfortable but excited.

Tactile Tour: For the tactile tour on 27 Jan, please arrive for 8:15pm before the show at 9pm.

Cabaret



Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran
27-29 Jan 1hr 10m
Fri, Sat 7pm | Sun 6pm
\$45 full
△ Coarse language
Presented by The Local Lesbians
Image: by Joel Devereux

Lesbian Love Stories

But you don't look gay?

Lesbian Love Stories is an intimate cabaret performed by three local lesbians, and a rockin' pianist. The show features anonymous true tales of love from across the globe, delivered through song and speech by powerhouse women with the vocals to match. Stories will be shared, drinks may be spilled, and we promise not to tell anyone how you smudged your lipstick...

"It's funny, it's witty and it's brave! ★★★★★" - Broadway World

Dance



Temperance Hall, South Melbourne
11 Feb
Sat 1-6pm
FREE
Presented by Temperance Hall
Image: by Hamish McIntosh

Like a Knife, the Horizon

"All my life I've lived with a future which constantly diminishes but never vanishes" - Mark Doty

'Like a Knife, the Horizon' explores queer time through self-destruction. A durational performance-installation for four dancers, the cast run toward each other across five hours: trying to reach a point between them, and exhausting themselves in the process.

Theatre



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne
23-28 Jan 1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm
\$37 full | \$33 conc | \$30 group (min 6)
△ Coarse language | References to drug use | Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian
Presented by The Butterfly Club
Image: by Sarah Hartnell

Liz and Mil Walk into a Bar

"People think we're gay." "We are gay." "No, like lesbians." "We are like lesbians."

Liz is an uptight lesbian that needs to get out more and Mil is a self-destructive bi disaster.

'Liz and Mil' is a raucous sex comedy that is also a tender exploration of queer friendship and community, in the vein of Fleabag and Broad City.

Performance

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Comedy



Bowery Theatre, St Albans

9 Feb	1hr 30m
Thu 7pm Doors: 6:30pm	
\$20 full \$15 conc	
⚠ Coarse language References to drug use	
Presented by Lucy Best and The Bowery Theatre	
Image: by Rachel Mia	

Lucy Best Presents Queer Comedy

With award-winning & critically acclaimed performers

Supported by Creative Brimbank, The Bowery Theatre is delighted to bring you Queer Comedy.

Join the compere beyond compare, the host with the most, Lucy Best, for a dazzling night of comedy.

Featuring Annie Louey, Charlie Lewin, Sunanda Sachatrakul and Jaxson Garni.

"Tastefully outrageous ★★★★★" - Arts Hub

Circus



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

27 Jan	2hrs
Fri 8pm	
\$34 full \$29 conc	
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Nightclub & Bar	

Magic Men of Summer Risqué Revue

A celebration of the male form doing magical things!

The festival just got hot! Watch our incredible line up of male entertainment fire up the Pride of our Footscray stage with burlesque, circus, cabaret, dance and more. Unashamedly a night of celebrating fine masculine form, the night features some of Australia's most talented and alluring performers.

Comedy



Comedy Republic, Melbourne

28 Jan	1hr 30m
Sat 9pm	
\$30 full	
⚠ Coarse language Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by Comedy Republic	

Main Stage: Extra Queer Supershow

Celebrate queer comedy excellence and howl with laughter as Comedy Republic presents an all-queer edition of its signature sellout lineup show

Join a heap of our favourite LGBTIA+ comedians and experience why Main Stage has quickly become one of Melbourne's biggest weekly shows. Gather your pals, revel with the lively, fun-loving crowd, and relish in total queer comedy joy!

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne

30 Jan-4 Feb	1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc	
⚠ Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by Faff & Sass Productions	

MAMIL: Middle Aged Matt in Lycra

These days, you can literally be anything you want. So why oh why do middle-aged cis-gendered Hams like Matt choose bikes and lycra? Take a hilarious ride as Middle Aged Matt In Lycra navigates Woke culture, contemporary popular music, drag, Instagram and the southern hemisphere's hugest lycra fetish.

Musical



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

24-29 Jan	1hr
Tue-Sun 7:30pm Sat 1pm	
\$35 full \$25 conc \$25 group (min 6)	
Presented by Adrian Barilà & Adam Canny	

Marry Me A Little

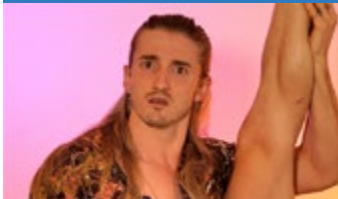
A Stephen Sondheim review

The Australian same-sex premiere of Sondheim's Off-Broadway review.

Two single men spend a Saturday night alone in their apartments, reminiscing and fantasising about relationships to cope with their loneliness.

A bittersweet tale of love and survival, 'Marry Me A Little' brings new life to a collection of often unheard songs by Stephen Sondheim.

Comedy



The Motley Bauhaus - Cabaret Stage, Carlton

6-11 Feb	1hr
Mon-Sat 8:45pm	
\$28 full \$25 conc \$25 frontline workers \$24 group (min 6)	
⚠ Sex scenes Coarse language References to drug use	
Presented by Matt Barron	

Matty B's Naughty Island Adventure

Everything is magic when you're cooked like a crooked chook and feelin' slick as chips!

This twinkly little bush nymph will be your guide and teacher while we traverse around a magical island, unlocking its mysteries. Prepare to get sexual, get active and to get an education because we're going on a RIDE, BABY!

"He sure can belt out a tune and cut a rug when he's not busy dry humping something" - Squirrel Comedy

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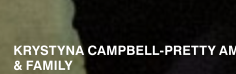
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FASHION CHAMPION



This exhibition was organised by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, in partnership with the National Gallery of Victoria.

Top left and background: **Jožef Tominc** *Man in Ottoman dress* 1830–40 (detail), National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Purchased with funds donated by Luisa, Simona and Luca Valmorbida in memory of Carlo Valmorbida, 2010; Centre: **Alexander McQueen** *Look 30* (detail), from the *Dante* collection, autumn–winter 1996–97. Photo © Robert Fairer © Alexander McQueen. Model: Kristen McMenamy; Bottom: **Alexander McQueen** *Look 15* (detail), from the *Horn of Plenty* collection, autumn–winter 2009–10. Photo © Robert Fairer © Alexander McQueen. Model: Kamila Filipcikova

Variety



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Sidney Myer Music Bowl

21 Jan

Doors 6:30pm | Show 7:30pm

\$49

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne, Midsumma Festival and Thomas Jaspers


Image: by Suzanne Balding

Midsumma Extravaganza

Midsumma's grandest show - in the Sidney Myer Music Bowl

Now in its fifth fabulous year, the Midsumma Extravaganza is kicking off Australia's biggest ever pride season in style! Laugh under the stars as a fabulous all-queer line-up of comedians, singers and drag stars take over Melbourne's iconic Sidney Myer Music Bowl with a gorgeous live band for one night only. This event sells out every year so get in early!

Theatre



Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda

27-28 Jan, 30 Jan-4 Feb

1hr 15m

Mon-Sat 8pm | Sat 2pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language | Dominance/submission themes

Presented by Red Hot Productions and Theatre Works

MILF and the Mistress

A rare and powerful theatrical event that centres the older lesbian experience

Two sons, two cats, one dog, one wife, one quarter acre block, one rainbow-hued suburban dream and one very frustrated MILF.

Can having everything you ever wanted stop you from becoming everything you ever needed? Does happily ever after simply expire?

Alison Henderson has it all but that's not enough.

Comedy



Alex Theatre St Kilda - Theatre 1, St Kilda

11 Feb

1hr

Sat 7pm

\$45 full | \$35 conc | \$40 group (min 6)

△ Latecomer lockout

Presented by Hot TKT events


Myra DuBois: Be Well

Internationally acclaimed drag comedy!

With her passion for compassion and flair for giving care, the "bust a gut funny" (Graham Norton) Myra DuBois calls out to the disadvantaged, downtrodden and tyrannised of the world with her manifesto for mental health: AdMyrism! But are you ready to receive the acid-tongued, funny to the bone, call?

Leaving audiences across the globe in physical pain from laughter!

Interactive Performance



Testing Grounds, Melbourne

1-11 Feb

Mon-Sun 7am-1pm

FREE

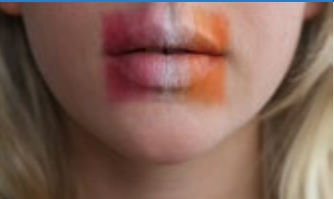
Presented by Sara Cowdell

Not as simple as it sounds

Bodies, history and sound in a collision of echos

Performance artist Ivan Lupi offers an intimate yet powerful act of mourning dedicated to each one of the estimated 100,000 homosexuals who have been arrested, abused and killed during the Holocaust. The artist will repeatedly play a triangle instrument for eleven days, in order to reach 100,000 strikes and beyond. You are invited to come and witness, as well as participate in playing the hanging triangles.

Dance



Temperance Hall, South Melbourne

10-12 Feb

Fri, Sun 12-5pm | Sat 12-6pm | Performance: Sat 3pm-5pm

FREE | booking required for performance

Presented by Temperance Hall


Image: by gemma+molly

Our + Anthem

This Midsumma, Temperance Hall Presents Our + Anthem, a video installation and durational performance by collaborative duo gemma+molly. Our + Anthem invites audiences to witness a choreography of the lips, aimed at amplifying queer representation and art.

Our + Anthem accentuates lesbian intimacy and harnesses the energy of queer activism.

Theatre



Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne

1-4 Feb, 8-11 Feb

1hr

Wed-Sat 6:30pm

\$25 full | \$15 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language

Presented by Gavin Roach

Image: by Cameron Grant


Outlier by Marcus Bateson

One dark night on a Dublin sports field, James meets a guy he wishes he hadn't

A lonely university student from rural Ireland struggles to remember what is real and what is imaginary.

Still reeling from the events of the night before, James must confront the murky world of consent and online hook-up culture.

Variety



Kelly Park, Werribee

4 Feb

Sat 6-10pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham City


Image: by Artificial Studios featuring Tristan Meecham and Bec Reid

Park Lounge

An LGBTQIA+ Celebration

Park Lounge returns with a fabulous line-up of LGBTQIA+ performances hosted by the boisterous duo Tristan Meecham and Bec Reid of All the Queens Men. Be dazzled as your hosts take you on an evening of performance, dance, music, comedy and theatre. Celebrate and support everything that is glorious about our queer community in the heart of Werribee.

Interactive Performance



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda

27-29 Jan, 2-4 Feb

3hrs

Fri-Sun 10pm | Thu 9pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

△ Coarse language

Presented by Piano Bar Group

Image: by Peter Foster Photography | featuring Andy Pobjoy

Piano Bar x Pride Centre

Join Andy Pobjoy and the team from Piano Bar for a night of drag fabulousness, singalongs, extra special guests, and your favourite songs by request

Piano Bar is a regional Victorian institution. Established seven years ago, Piano Bar venues are a beacon for LGBTQIA2+ people in regional places. Join us for the hilarity, the campery and a fabulous top-of-your-lungs singalong.

Theatre



Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne

1-4 Feb, 8-11 Feb

1hr

Wed-Sat 9:30pm

\$25 full | \$15 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language | Smoke/haze

Presented by Gavin Roach


Image: by Cameron Grant

Peter Fechter: 59 Minutes by Jordan Tannahill

Based on real world events

On the Death Strip of the Berlin Wall in 1962, from gunshot to final breath, an adolescent Peter Fechter hears the lives of family, friends, and strangers unfolding in the city around him - dozens of voices converging in the moment of his death and illuminating his decision to risk it all for love.

Theatre



Theatre Works, St Kilda

21-24 Jan

1hr

Sat, Sun 2pm | Mon, Tue, Sat 7:30pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc

Presented by wreckedallprods and Theatre Works

Image: by Underground Media

promiscuous/cities by Lachlan Philpott

How can we know a city when we don't even know ourselves?


They've written endless songs about this city.

Can you feel the street's pulse, how it rushes through your veins like a drug?

He's in trouble, she's falling in love, they're cheating, she's trapped and he's alone.

But keep moving since we mustn't fall behind.

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne

1-4 Feb

1hr

Wed-Sat 7pm

\$37 full | \$33 conc | \$30 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language | References to drug use | Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian

Queen Beaver Presents Beavers at the Butterfly

Entertaining queers for over 25 years!

The Beavers are back and getting their cabaret on! More tunes! More variety! Plus highlights from Beavers Behaving Badly, Beaver Las Vegas and more. Entertaining crowds from Northcote to Nevada, this is a threesome you don't want to miss - come let the beavers play!

"Trio has the wow factor" - Northcote Leader

Performance

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Comedy



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

2 Feb	2hrs 15m
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Thu 7:30pm

\$29 full | \$24 conc

⚠ Coarse language

Presented by Pride of our Footscray in conjunction with Footscray Comedy Club

Image: by Adrian Prosen

Queer Comedy Gala

The premier comedy night of the festival

An all-star cast of Australia's best queer comedians, together for the comedic event of the festival. Laugh loud and proud as the Queer Comedy Gala presents eight hilarious stand-up acts, all there to provide the laughs we all still need and deserve. This event was completely sold out last Midsumma, so come and experience what the buzz is about.

Comedy



The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne

27-28 Jan	1hr
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Fri, Sat 7pm

\$37 full | \$33 conc | \$30 group (min 6)

⚠ Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian

Presented by The Butterfly Club

Image: by Monica Pronk Photography

ROBYN REYNOLDS: CAKE

Award-nominated comedian Robyn Reynolds

From concentration camps to coffee cake, nothing can prepare you for the hilarious and heartwarming CAKE.

"Clearly talented in the structure and timing of comedy, it's not hard to see why she's a fast-rising comic" - *Theatre Travels*

Musical



The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran

12 Feb	1hr 30m
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Sun 4pm | Sun 7pm

FREE booking required

⚠ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Suicide references

Send Nudes

A staged reading

Five strangers who become the victims of a hacker blackmail scam forge a strong connection as they navigate the violation of privacy, its effect on their livelihood, work and relationships. A new musical inspired by true events demonstrating the power of people coming together in support and solidarity to regain control of their narrative.

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

23 Jan	1hr 30m
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Mon 6:30pm

\$22 full | \$18 conc

⚠ These are new works; full content warnings TBA

Presented by Midsumma Festival & Gasworks Arts Park

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focused theatre works

Join us for a unique night of fresh excerpts from our top 4 finalists: Ramona Glasgow by Ellis Austin Finnie; HELL FIRE, mortal boys by Henry Kelly; Numa and Karl: Extraordinary Man That He Was by Em Chandler; Waterfowl by Callum Mackay. Experience new queer work on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2023 Award selection.

Theatre



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton

6-11 Feb	1hr 10m
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Mon-Sat 7pm

\$25 full | \$15 group (min 6)

⚠ Coarse language | Smoke/haze | References to drug use

Presented by Gavin Roach

Image: by Cameron Grant

Run by Stephen Laughton

"Ben Stuart's stamina and dedication as an actor deserves the utmost praise"

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Yonni's devoutly religious family is preparing for the weekly Sabbath, but he can think only about his schoolmate, Adam. As the evening's events unfold - some of them real, some of them imagined - Yonni learns what it means to love, to lose, to rebel and to grieve.

Theatre



La Mama HQ, Carlton

22-25 Jan	1hr 25m
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Sun 4pm | Mon-Wed 7:30pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc

⚠ Violence | Smoke/haze | Suicide references | Coarse language | Latecomer lockout

Presented by La Mama Theatre

Image: by Darren Gill

Shadowfall

By BYTE - a fusion of theatre, dance, film and music

In the early light of a late winter morning, a group of people stand hushed, staring up in disbelief at a building. Jazz, a young woman, looks down at them. She's like a butterfly caught in a cold urban landscape. Jazz is curious about the people, their loves, hopes & dreams.

"It is a play that will resonate with all who bear a sense of loss or long for the fulfilment of their hope and dreams." - *Peter Wilkins, Canberra Times*

THEATRE WORKS

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL HUB

PROMISCUOUS/CITIES

BY LACHLAN PHILPOTT

22 - 24 JAN | *how can we know a city when we don't even know ourselves?*

📍 THEATRE WORKS

DADDY DEVELOPED A PILL

BY TAIL OF TAILS PRODUCTIONS

23 - 24 JAN | *a surrealist farce set over one chaotic night of deviance & debauchery*

📍 EXPLOSIVES FACTORY

LEMON TREE ON DREG STREET

BY AMY MAY NUNN

27 - 28 JAN | *you are cordially invited to a wedding like no other...*

📍 THEATRE WORKS

MILF AND THE MISTRESS

BY RED HOT PRODUCTIONS

27 - 28 JAN | *a rare and powerful theatrical event that centres the older lesbian experience*

📍 EXPLOSIVES FACTORY

QUEER GARDEN

EVERY FRI + SAT NIGHT

a queer celebration of live music, cabaret and spoken word poetry

📍 THEATRE WORKS BLACKBOX OUTDOOR STAGE

BURGERZ

BY TRAVIS ALABANZA

8 - 18 FEB | *a trans cooking show with a recipe for reclamation*

📍 THEATRE WORKS

SONGS OF THE FLESH

BY THE DANGER ENSEMBLE

8 - 11 FEB | *"the flesh whispers, the flesh screams. do you dare listen?"*

📍 EXPLOSIVES FACTORY



Theatre



Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre
24-28 Jan 1hr
Tue-Sat 8:30pm | Family: 28 Jan 12:45pm | Relaxed: 26 Jan 8:30pm
\$30 full | \$25 conc | \$85 family | \$18 child
△ Audience participation | Evenings: 18+ | Nudity | Sex scenes | Coarse language
Presented by Scantily Glad Theatre
Image: by Kenton Doupe, featuring S.E.

Something in the Water

Winner - Best Theatre, Adelaide Fringe 2021

Enter into the wacky world of sea monsters in high heels and angry mobs with tiny pitchforks as Grumms transforms from a normal human girl to a creature from the deep. Spellbinding video projection, puppetry and laugh-out-loud physical comedy combine in this absurd exploration of gender.

Saturday matinée: Family friendly
Evening shows: Strictly 18+

Theatre



Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda
8-11 Feb 1hr
Wed-Sat 7:30pm
\$28 preview | \$35 full | \$30 conc
△ Nudity | Violence | Smoke/haze | Sexual imagery
Presented by The Danger Ensemble and Theatre Works

Songs of the Flesh by The Danger Ensemble

"The flesh whispers, the flesh screams. Do you dare listen?"

The Danger Ensemble present a highly physical, deeply intimate and queer-as-f*ck tour de force. 'Songs of the Flesh' is contemporary theatre at its finest, a coming-of-age fairy tale cum punk-tragedy that follows a young man and his exhaustive pursuit in the name of his love.

Comedy



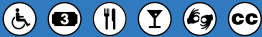
The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran
25-29 Jan 1hr
Wed-Sun 8:30pm
\$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 opening
△ Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Suicide references | Sexual references
Presented by Darby James
Image: by Liv Morison

Spunk Daddy

Sperm donation and existential stickiness

Darby James debuts his fast-paced laugh-out-loud musical comedy cabaret about sperm donation. As he embarks on a journey of genetic questionnaires and medical screening, Darby ponders the sticky questions about why people choose to bring children into a chaotic world that could go up in flames at any second. You get the jizzt.

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Abbotsford Convent - Magdalen North Laundry, Abbotsford
2-4 Feb 1hr
Thu-Sat 8pm
\$28 full | \$18 conc
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Abbotsford Convent

Stranger Than Usual

Sign singing, music and powerful vibrations!

A music performance designed for Deaf people, about Asphyxia's experience of being Deaf, queer, chronically ill and needing to use a wheelchair. With songs written by Asphyxia and a live band featuring Sarah Ward and Bec Matthews, it is presented in Auslan and English with projection art, vibrations and captioning. If you are hearing, join us to find out how Deaf people experience music.

Comedy



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
1-3 Feb 1hr
Wed-Fri 7pm
\$23 full | \$17 conc
△ Coarse language | References to drug use | Suicide references
Presented by Scrunch'n'Fold Productions
Image: by Daniel Sutton and Adam Sparnon

The Big D

Experience the hilarious, heartfelt and raw tale of Drag, Drinking and Determination

The Big D is a first-person adventure that will take the audience through a side-splitting exposé of the sequin and alcohol-soaked world of drag. Based on the big and brave life of Abril LaTrene and her unmasked self, Shaun Birtles, The Big D combines comedy, cabaret, drag, storytelling and song. A cutting-edge, laugh-out-loud, lump-in-your-throat night at the theatre is guaranteed.

Theatre



fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne
22 Jan, 24-29 Jan 1hr
Tue-Sat 7:30pm | Sun 5pm
\$49 full | \$39 conc | \$39 group (min 6)
Image: by Sarah Walker, featuring Kristie Smyth

The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven

Join Queen Jesus for a revolutionary, award-winning theatre piece in which bread is shared, wine is drunk and familiar stories are shared by a transgender Jesus.

"Never had I been so viscerally affected by a play to the point it altered my psychology. 'Jesus, Queen of Heaven' made me euphoric, and I felt healed." - Tahney Fosdike

Theatre



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr
Tue-Sat 8:30pm
\$30 full | \$25 conc
△ Coarse language | Transphobia
Presented by Darwent & Gray
Image: by Teddy Darling

The Last Brunch

A delectable new musical!

When Bea is invited to brunch by her ex-boyfriend Brandon, the last thing she expects is for him and his partner to announce their engagement. The news sets in motion a series of conversations and confrontations, as secrets are revealed and old flames rekindled, threatening not only the wedding, but the concept of brunch itself! Darwent & Gray present a campy, irreverent skewering of queer conformity and an insightful portrayal of heartbreak and the need to let go of the past.

Comedy



The Improv Conspiracy, Melbourne
2-5 Feb 1hr
Thu-Sat 8:15pm | Sun 7:15pm
\$25 full | \$23.50 conc | \$22 group (min 6)
△ Coarse language
Presented by Improv Conspiracy Productions

The Remix

Improvised comedy inspired by true stories

A storyteller tells truthful tales which are sampled and remixed by our amazing team of improvisers, creating a brand new show every night.

"These guys make improv an art form ★★★★★" - Herald Sun

Theatre



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
3-4 Feb 1hr
Fri, Sat 9pm
\$25 full | \$18 conc
△ Violence | Coarse language | Horror | Use of replica weapons
Presented by Queer Geeks of Oz
Image: by Scarlettte Baccini

The Queer Geeks of Oz

When coming out as a Geek is harder than coming out as Queer!

Much maligned as geeks, these queers find themselves a marginalised group WITHIN a marginalised group. On air once a week with their own radio show, The Queer Geeks of Oz bring their own brand of nerdiness to the LGBTQIA+ airwaves of Australia.

Theatre



La Mama HQ, Carlton
6-12 Feb 1hr 10m
Mon, Tue, Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Wed, Sat, Sun 4pm
\$30 full | \$20 conc | \$8 mob tix
△ Nudity | Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Sex scenes
Presented by La Mama Theatre
Image: by Darren Gill

The Six Guys an Immigrant Trans Person of Colour will date in Melbourne

Finding humour in harsh realities

Diving into the intersectionality of multiple marginalisations in a world run by men. After being uprooted and thrown into the world's biggest crisis, D now has to face an even bigger challenge: finding themselves in the "most liveable city in the world". A hybrid of stand-up and situational comedy.

Theatre



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
24 Jan, 28 Jan 1hr
Tue, Sat 7pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc
△ Violence | Reference to sexual violence | Sexism
Presented by Jaimee Doyle

The Wilde Kind

When five of the college's most well known men are asked to speak as witnesses for students' poor conduct, everyone is puzzled as to what will happen. Follow these six AFAB performers step into a space and time foreign to them to explore a slice of Edwardian queer male life.

Comedy




Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
4 Feb 2hrs
Sat 7:30pm
\$30 full | \$24 conc
△ Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray and Footscray Comedy Club
Image: by Adrian Prosen

This Summer's Comedy Headliner!

The headliner is here!

For one night only, this summer's headliner appears at Pride of our Footscray. Don't miss it!

Theatre



Thrive: Queer voices, out loud

An original work of verbatim theatre

Thrive is the story of the trailblazers and future-makers; of LGBTQIA+ Victorians, young and old.

Real life, larger than life and in their own words.

This is the story of planting the seed. This is the story of watching it grow. This is the story of how to thrive.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray	
24-28 Jan	2hrs
Tue-Sat 7:30pm Post show Q&A: all dates	
\$30 full \$20 conc	
⚠ Coarse language Suicide references References to lived experiences of homophobia and transphobia	
Presented by Black Apple Theatre	

Comedy



TICFLIX

Completely improvised versions of your favourite streaming shows!

Watch our stellar comedic improvisers bring to life an electrifying dance movie, the explosive drama of the Real Housewives and so much more! Every show is different, every show is improvised.

The Improv Conspiracy, Melbourne	
2-5 Feb	1hr
Thu-Sat 9:30pm Sun 8:30pm	
\$25 full \$23.50 conc \$22 group (min 6)	
⚠ Coarse language	
Presented by The Improv Conspiracy	

Comedy



Woah, Alyssa! and Besties


Midsumma's hottest comedy night!

Hilarious gays Col + Fil team up with their comedy besties to bring you a silly, sexy hour of sketch comedy + stand-up that just WON'T QUIT. With a brand-new super secret line-up each night of Melb's most GORGE comedians, you'll have to come both nights if you wanna find out who our Top 8 is.

"A Guaranteed Good Time" - Sydney Morning Herald

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne	
27-28 Jan	1hr
Fri, Sat 10pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc	
⚠ Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Image: by Emma Holland	

Variety



Woman of SALT

They said she couldn't - so she did

Step into a world where embracing your fury is the only option. Woman of SALT is the dangerously enticing story of one woman's journey through Life, Love and Drag. Bella Nitrate bares ten years of scars in a production unlike any other.

Experience the unmerciful cosmos of life as an AFAB girl in a man's world and how she learnt to embrace her rage and use it to Stand A Little Taller.

Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park	
1-4 Feb	1hr
Wed-Sat 8:30pm Opening: Wed 1 Feb 8:30pm	
\$39.70 full \$36.70 conc	
⚠ Coarse language Strobe lights Latecomer lockout	
Presented by Bella Nitrate	

Theatre



Transcendence

Love us. Hate us. You'll never change us.

Fifteen-year-old William is feeling anxious about an upcoming camp his parents are forcing him to attend. With an unwavering father hovering near and two best friends who know that he's keeping something from them, William just wants to work things out for himself... because William doesn't think he's supposed to be a boy.

A Writers' Block Theatre production.

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne	
23-28 Jan	55m
Mon-Sat 8:30pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc \$30 group (min 6)	
⚠ Violence Latecomer lockout Sexual references Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by The Butterfly Club	
Image: by Leo Pontonio	

Theatre



Transmansplaining

The story behind the man behind the beard

'Transmansplaining' is an original one-man stage show based on the experiences of Ben, a self-described "short, balding, bearded, gay, trans man". Using humour and storytelling, he reveals his unique perspective on life as a transgender man. Drawing on his skills as a natural raconteur and comic, Ben shares his poignant and often humorous observations about life pre- and post-transition.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS	
Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda	
25-26 Jan	1hr 15m
Wed, Thu 9pm	
\$35 full \$25 conc	
⚠ Nudity Coarse language Suicide references Suitable for ages 15+	
Presented by Midsumma Festival & Trans Script	

Comedy



Womyn of Comedy!


A night of riotous comedy and wonderful performance, no mansplaining required!

A huge queer night of life-affirming comedy, featuring some of the best female and non-binary comedians in Melbourne today. Plus a couple of stunning Drag King performances as a festival bonus!

Melbourne is experiencing a golden age of queer talent and WOMYN OF COMEDY will showcase much of it, at one of the most inclusive and colourful venues imaginable. Laugh loud and proud!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray	
24 Jan	2hrs
Tue 7:30pm	
\$25 full \$19 conc	
⚠ Coarse language	
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Footscray Comedy Club	

Cabaret



Ziegfeld Boy

A boylesque in salacious technicolour

Vaudeville the way it should have been; a decadent world of glitz, glamour, and most importantly; glutes. In the indulgent tradition of the Ziegfeld Follies, never before has so much talent, style and muscle been packed into so little clothing. Featuring some of the most infamous diva songs of the 20th Century reimagined for the gay-male-gaze, including "Le Jazz Hot", "Heatwave", "Get Happy" and many more!

Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran	
3-5 Feb	1hr
Fri, Sat 9pm Sat 5pm Sun 6pm	
\$39 full \$36 conc	
⚠ Nudity Smoke/haze Sexual references	
Presented by Smoke and Mirrors Productions	
Image: by Jake O'Donnell	

Theatre




Trophy Boys

A black comedy drag extravaganza about privilege, power, and high school debating

It is the biggest night of Melbourne's academic calendar: the Grand Finale of the Year 12 Interschool Debating Tournament. The all-boys team from the elite St Imperium college are ready to totally annihilate their sister school, until...

fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne	
2-5 Feb, 7-12 Feb	1hr 15m
Tue-Sun 7:30pm Sat 3:30pm	
\$43 preview \$43 full \$30 conc	
⚠ Coarse language Reference to sexual violence	
Presented by The Maybe Pile	

Cabaret



WELLLL SH*T

Ever been on a date where you can't stand the person and thought "how do I get myself out of here?" Ever had those awkward moments where everyone in the room was staring at you and made you think to yourself... well sh*t?

Frankie G has gone through many of these moments and he is ready to share his traumatic experiences with you... because he can't afford therapy, and gratification from people laughing at him seems healthy... right?

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne	
2-4 Feb	1hr
Thu-Sat 10pm	
\$37 full \$33 conc	
⚠ Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/legal guardian	
Presented by Faff & Sass Productions	

Image: Underground Media

Music

🦿 18+ 🍷 <50



Penny's Bandroom, Brunswick
4 Feb
Sat 3pm-2am
\$30 full
⚠️ Coarse language
Image: by Tanya Volt

BONEZ Alternative Queer Party

Australia's Alternative Queer Party

BONEZ is a home for the LGBTQI+ punk rockers, misfits, queer legends, allies and everyone in between with bands, drag, burlesque, lipsyncs and DJs!

🦿 🦿 <50 🌐



Carlton Baths Community Centre, Carlton
29 Jan 4hrs
Sun 4pm
\$10.50 full | \$6.90 conc
Presented by Carlton Baths Community Centre - YMCA and City of Melbourne

Carlton Baths Pride Party

In celebration of the Queer community and allies, Carlton Baths will host an afternoon of family-friendly fun including live music, giveaways and activities for all to enjoy.

Come and enjoy performances from your favourite LGBTQIA+ artists, connect with local community organisations and experience a range of fun, recreational activities throughout the centre.

Popular Music

🍷 🍷 <50



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Oratory, Sacred Heart Building, Abbotsford
3-5 Feb 1hr 40m
Fri, Sat 7:30pm | Sun 5pm
\$34 full | \$27 conc | \$32 senior | \$32 frontline workers | \$20 student

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Forest Collective and Abbotsford Convent as part of Convent Live

Fountain

An orchestrated performance about approaching the world and the self with fluidity, and how such a shift can be revolutionary

Fountain will comment on the inherent tension between the queer individual coming up against the world, and how one explores these tensions and uses them as a process for growth and renewal. Lawrence creates lush baroque pop music with an experimental edge, expressing vulnerability as a form of resistance.

Popular Music

🦿 18+ 🍷 <50



The Night Cat, Fitzroy
11 Feb
Sat 7-10:30pm
\$45 full | \$40 conc
⚠️ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing | Limited seating available
Presented by Brooklyn Runaways and Antipodes Theatre Company

Bowie Ball

Melbourne's annual celebration of David Bowie

Bowie Ball is back and bigger than ever! Grab your lycra jumpsuit and get ready for an anything-goes extravaganza bringing together the best in music, art, fashion, and entertainment. Douse yourself in glitter at our makeover stand, stop by our other-worldly photo booth, win a prize for best dressed, and dance along to every Bowie hit, performed live. Let your inner lightning bolt fly! Hosted by Peppy Smears.

Popular Music

🦿 18+ 🍷 🦿 <50 🌐



Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel Theatre, Prahran
11 Feb 3hrs
Sat 6pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc
⚠️ Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Suicide references | References to transphobia
Image: by Frankie Pan

Dubhessa

With special guests Ashbel

Join us for a night of heavy experimental music at the iconic and intimate Chapel Off Chapel, witnessing two acts vividly purge and reclaim themselves and their space.

Supporting act Ashbel are avant-party tragics deconstructing postmodernist ecstasies.

Headliners Dubhessa find beauty in darkness through raw and defiant trans femme theatrical post-punk.

Classical

🦿 🍷 AD <50 🌐 RP



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton
27-28 Jan 2hrs
Fri, Sat 8pm | Sat 2pm | Relaxed: 28 Jan 2pm
Fri, Sat 8pm \$35 full | \$25 conc | Sat 2pm \$20

Presented by Midsumma Festival, La Mama Theatre & Miranda Hill

Image: by Darren Gill

Homophonic!

New classical music by LGBTQ+ composers!

Homophonic! is back for its 13th year of outrageously fabulous new classical chamber music written by LGBTQ+ composers. We're bringing the disco ball to the concert hall and celebrating homosexual harmonies, sapphic symphonists and the soundworld of today's queer composers. Featuring the Homophonic! Pride Prize! performed by The Consort of Melbourne, and the Homophonic! chamber ensemble.

Popular Music



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
2 Feb 1hr
Thu 7:30pm
\$20 full | \$15 conc
Presented by Melbourne Rainbow Band
Image: by Luke David Photography

MRB @ Pride Centre

You've seen us strut our stuff on Fitzroy Street, now hear what we get up to during the rest of the year. The Melbourne Rainbow Band is proud to present a one hour showcase of our favourite music both old and new in this sit down concert. Featuring a mix of the popular as well as some classics, there is bound to be something that gets your toes tapping.

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Melbourne Recital Centre - Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Southbank
25 Jan 1hr 30m
Wed 7:30pm
\$50 full | \$40 conc
Presented by Orchestra Victoria, Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre
Image: by James Geer

Pride and Joy
A celebration of queer composers across time and place

The voices of LGBTQIA+ composers can be heard in music throughout history, yet this is often omitted from historical retellings, and so from our collective memories. Join the musicians of Orchestra Victoria as they celebrate queer luminaries of the past, and contemporary voices lighting the way into the future.

Electronic



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose Potter Salon, Southbank
27-28 Jan 40m
Fri 7pm | Fri 8:30pm | Sat 2pm | Sat 8pm
\$37 full | \$30 conc
△ Dynamic lighting | Loud music
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre
Image: by Billy Zammit

SINK - Simona Castricum X Carla Zimblér

A re-imagination of stadium techno as an intimate, immersive experience.

Simona Castricum has carved out a position at the very edge of what's next. Here she combines her talents with the light and projection marvel of Carla Zimblér to create a live sonic experience of uncommon depth.

Popular Music



Theatre Works - Blackbox Outdoor Stage, St Kilda
27-28 Jan, 3-4 Feb, 10-11 Feb
Fri 6-8pm | Sat 4-6pm
FREE
Presented by Theatre Works
Image: by Underground Media

Picnic at Forest Glade

Enjoy a picnic with other members of Melbourne's GLBTI community, in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon

Pack a hamper and join the Melbourne Rainbow Band and Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus among the fourteen acres of magnificently landscaped gardens that make Forest Glade one of Australia's finest private gardens.

Popular Music



Gasworks Arts Park - The Terrace, Albert Park
27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb
Fri 5-8pm
FREE
Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Sounds on the Terrace

Sounds on the Terrace is an outdoor free live music event. Have a dance with us, enjoy live music/DJs, food trucks and drinks from the Gasworks Bar before you head into the theatres or into the park to see a show. Every Friday from 5pm to 8pm. Free entry, family friendly, and dog friendly.



VICTORIA'S
PRIDE

SUNDAY 12 FEB

STREET PARTY

GERTRUDE ST & SMITH ST
FITZROY - COLLINGWOOD



midsumma.org.au/vicpride


FREE EVENT 11AM—9PM

Visual Arts

#midsumma

Image: Suzanne Balding ft (partial image)
Ayman Kaake's winning submission

Exhibition



99 Names

Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award Winner 2022

'99 Names' is a photographic and video installation that exposes the criminalisation of homosexuality in at least 74 countries, 13 of which impose death as a penalty.

This show is a testament to how we have been manipulated for years by hypocritical acts of atrocity whilst believers loudly quote from their holy books in the name of religion to fit their shiny image of love, whilst criminalising the act of love.

Brunswick Street Gallery, Fitzroy

28-29 Jan, 31 Jan-5 Feb, 7-12 Feb


Tue-Sun 10am-6pm |
Opening: Sat 28 Jan 6-9pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Image: by Ayman Kaake

Exhibition



A Safe(R) Space Outdoor Exhibition

Visual artists have been selected by Midsumma and the Metro Tunnel Creative Program to exhibit their work inside the Franklin Street Frames beside Melbourne City Baths. The works have been created by each artist to speak to Midsumma Festivals signature program 'A Safe(R) Space' and what that means to each artist.

Franklin Street Frames, Melbourne CBD

21 Jan-March

24 hours

FREE


Presented by Midsumma Festival and Metro Tunnel Creative Program

Image: by James Henry showing Glimpses of Momentum, Theresa Harrison

Visual Arts

midsumma.org.au

Exhibition



Across The Bridge

Developed through young people's own experiences, this is an intimate exhibition about identity and sexuality beyond labels

Cross the bridge and settle in to a cosy, immersive exhibition of new artworks made in dialogue between young LGBTQIA+ international students and young, local artists.

Signal, Melbourne

3-5 Feb, 10-12 Feb


Fri-Sun 12-4pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, SIGNAL and Story is Connection

Image: by Sabrina Fu and Tatiana Gladilshchikova

Exhibition



Colours of the Rainbow in a Diverse Community

A unique rainbow installation!

Register for a creative challenge to be part of this unique rainbow installation. An opportunity for all creatives and artists, beginners, emerging or established, from the Western Suburbs of Melbourne. All welcome to discover the rainbow display at Hobsons Bay Civic Centre in Altona.

Curated by Yohann Naviere.

Altona Civic Centre, Altona

22 Jan-7 Feb

Mon-Sun 9am-5pm |
Opening: Wed 25 Jan 6-7pm

FREE

Presented by Creative City Hobsons Bay

Image: by Carlos Almenar

Exhibition



Exhibition - The Making of the Pride Centre

From concept to world-class LGBTIQ+ centre!

This exhibition explores the last 100 years of LGBTIQ+ history in Victoria, and the development of the iconic Victorian Pride Centre. Featuring architectural drawings and models, photos of construction and building artefacts.

Victorian Pride Centre - Pride Gallery, St Kilda


22 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun 9am-6pm

FREE

Image: "Demolition" by Serge Thomann

Exhibition



Bleeding Heart Radicals

'Collision of Collage'

This the first exhibition for Sebastian Passions. Sebastian's alter ego is Trevor Ball, a very queer kiwi, working and living in Melbourne.

During a period of chaos and loss, Trevor discovered the joy of ripping/tearing and cutting paper and magazines and then arranging/rearranging images to create something new, something pretty, something very queer!

Gasworks Arts Park - Foyer Gallery, Albert Park

22 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun 9:30am-5pm


FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Sebastian Passions (Trevor Ball)

Image: Pond Love by Sebastian Passions

Exhibition



Corner Work

Cobwebs are the society I come from, there is our group lurking in it harmoniously. But if someone shows up, society is ready to abandon you.

Visual art from a gay artist currently studying an advanced diploma at La Trobe College of Art and Design.

This work expresses an identity that is generally unacceptable and against their family culture.


Queen Victoria Women's Centre - Birnbeal, Melbourne

23-27 Jan, 30 Jan-3 Feb, 6-10 Feb

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

FREE

Exhibition



I Admire, I Desire

Pleasure Project 2023

Pleasure Project is an annual exhibition highlighting queer women and gender diverse peoples' experiences of sex, sexuality, intimacy and pleasure. Featuring LGBTIQ+ artists working across mediums, this year's exhibition theme takes its cue from a common conundrum - do I want to be them or do I want to be with them? Celebrating the fluidity of admiration and desire through a queer intersectional lens, 'I Admire, I Desire' highlights the nuances of queer intimacies and identities.

BLACKCAT GALLERY, Fitzroy

25-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb

Wed-Sun 11am-5pm |
Opening: Fri 27 Jan 6-8:30pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Sex scenes

Presented by Tor Evans & Madeline Ferme

Image: by Sara Lorusso

Exhibition



Gasworks Arts Park - ARB Gallery, Albert Park

24 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun 9:30am-4:30pm | Opening: Fri 27 Jan 12pm

FREE

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Image: Victoria - lady with a big necklace, by Max Wald

Let's Face It

by Max Wald

Captivated, spellbound, and intrigued at the many facades and frontages we choose to adorn and enfold ourselves within; Wald's drawings explore how we hide in plain sight, blend into groups, or rebel against one another. The reason for facades are endless, colourful, light, and dark. What are yours?

Exhibition



Laneway Gallery, Laverton

22 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun | open 24 hrs

FREE

Presented by Creative City Hobsons Bay

Image: Manufactured Underwater by Briony Galligan

Manufactured Underwater

'Manufactured Underwater' by Briony Galligan is a series of drawing works that spirals between children's toys and ideas of gestation.

The exhibition is on display at Laneway Gallery, an outdoor exhibition space at Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton.

Exhibition



Victorian Pride Centre - Pride Gallery, St Kilda

22 Jan-12 Feb

Sat, Sun 10am-6pm | Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

FREE

Presented by Gerard O'Connor and Marc Waisiak

Image: by Gerard O'Connor and Marc Waisiak

Queens of the Pub

An ode to the punks and powerful women of St Kilda

This series of striking photographs depict the characters and survivors who have helped create the places where we gather and celebrate today. Through using recycled materials, heritage buildings and residents of St Kilda, photographers Gerard and Marc honour the powerful women and the rich history of Melbourne's seaside playground in arresting style.

Exhibition



The Motley Bauhaus - The Gallery, Carlton

31 Jan-4 Feb, 7-11 Feb

Tue-Sat 4-11pm | Opening: Wed 1 Feb 6-8pm with speeches at 6:45pm

FREE

Presented by Lyndon Lovell

Image: by Lyndon Lovell

Queer Floriography

An exhibition of LGBTQ+ portraits and flowers

Queer Floriography is an exhibition of LGBTQ+ portraits capturing members of the community through a specific flower based on the Victorian "Floriography code". The chosen flower reflects the unique personality of the subject.

Lyndon is a Yarra-based artist who primarily paints and draws the human figure and portraits.

Exhibition



XYZ Photo Gallery, Docklands

25-27 Jan, 29 Jan, 1-3 Feb, 5 Feb, 8-9 Feb, 12 Feb

Wed-Fri, Sun 2-6:30pm

FREE

⚠ Nudity

Presented by XYZ Photo Gallery

Image: by Rod Spark

Men/Still/Shooting

The male gaze directed to males

Scott Davis, Travis De Jonk, Eureka O'Hanlon, Bentron Parry, Rod Spark and Ross Spirou

Middle-aged gay men photograph male friends and acquaintances. The naked male still has the ability to create discomfort, as the reality of the penis is disappointing compared to the phallus and its role in perpetuating patriarchal structures. By displaying these images we are conducting a reality check on masculine dominance.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD

31 Jan-12 Feb

Tue-Wed 12pm-4pm | Thu-Fri 12-6pm

Sat-Sun 1-4pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post

Image: by Suzanne Balding

Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

8th year exhibition

Midsumma and Australia Post present Australia's leading queer visual arts award. Finalists are selected from across the country to exhibit works in a showcase of outstanding queer, political, potent and personal art. Award recipients share in a prize pool of \$7K and a paid artist residency with Bundoora Art Centre. Audience to cast their vote for People's Choice Award.

Public Art



The Substation, Newport

22 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun | open 24 hrs

FREE

Presented by The Substation

Image: by Peter Waples-Crowe - mixed media and collage on canvas

Queer on Country by Peter Waples-Crowe

Queer on Country is a new series of six works by Ngarigu artist Peter Waples-Crowe on display at The Substation outdoor Billboard Gallery. Through these artworks, Peter has reflected upon their identity, blurring the binaries of their intersecting lived experiences as a queer First Nations person.

Exhibition



8 Wood Street, Fitzroy

25 Jan-5 Feb

Mon-Sun 5-8pm | Opening: Wed 25 Jan 5-8pm

FREE

⚠ Nudity | Sex scenes

Presented by TROUGH Events

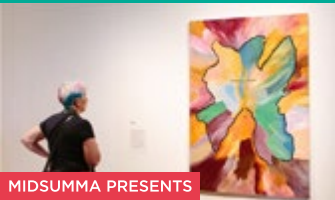
Image: by Peter Savieri

T_OUGH _LOVE

A retrospective of TROUGH

T_OUGH _LOVE gives you an immersive and provocative art experience you didn't know you needed. Tracing the evolution of one of Melbourne's most infamous creatives, Nik Dimopoulos and his debauchorous party/brand/ lovechild, TROUGH. Featuring new compilation artworks and collaborations experimenting at the intersection of masculinity, kink, sex and the object(s) of our desires.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Incinerator Gallery, Aberfeldie

3-5 Feb, 7-12 Feb

Tue-Sun 11am-4pm | Auslan: via advance request | Audio Described: via advance request

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

Image: by Maddee Clark

Midsumma X Incinerator

A curatorial program of solo and group exhibitions at Incinerator Gallery celebrating LGBTQIA+ communities within and beyond Melbourne's inner Western suburbs

The program features a plethora of visual arts practices with accompanying performances, workshops and artist talks. For more information visit the gallery's website: incineratorgallery.com.au

Exhibition



Box Hill Community Arts Centre, Box Hill

23-28 Jan, 30 Jan-4 Feb, 6-10 Feb

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

FREE

Image: by Patricia Agus

Pride & Joy - A Community Portrait Exhibition

An exhibition that celebrates diversity and inclusion

All artists are asked to respond to the prompts of Pride & Joy, then to represent that as a portrait or self-portrait in any artistic and conceptual manner they wish, with particular emphasis on our LGBTQIA+ community, diversity, and inclusion.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

26 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Immigration Museum and Kin Francis

The Body Is More Than This

A rallying cry and exploration of gender diverse bodies

We perceive bodies as borders. Curved spines that push against the weight of the world. Like a rising tide changing the shoreline they are constantly becoming - tender, flexing, magnetic and yielding. Caleb Thaiday, Luce Nguyễn-Hunt, Ari Tampubolon, Indra Liusuari and Kin Francis propose a new body, a new way of seeing past its borders.

Exhibition



Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub - Loft 275, Ivanhoe

22 Jan-12 Feb

Sat, Sun 10am-5pm | Mon-Thu 9am-9pm | Fri 9am-5pm | Opening: Fri 3 Feb 6-8pm

FREE

Presented by Banyule City Council

Image: by Niamh Noble and Emerson Zandegu

The Gender Garden

An exhibition of earthly delights by transgender and gender diverse artists, curated by Emerson Zandegu

Step into the Garden; lush, beautiful, dark, and deep. Here, flowers bloom in colours you've never seen before.

Strange creatures take respite in the shade of ancient trees. You feel the earth's heartbeat under your feet, beneath the rich soil.

What wonders await you?

Exhibition



The GLAD Project

As part of the Arts Centre Melbourne Frank Van Straten Fellowship, awarded in 2022 to Angela Bailey, this first creative installment of 'The GLAD project' acknowledges 'Our GLAD', the legendary musical theatre singer Gladys Moncrieff, her popularity and her 'long term companion' of 46 years Elsie Wilson. The broader fellowship explores queer histories within the Australian Performing Arts Collection.

Victorian Pride Centre - Pride Gallery, St Kilda


22 Jan-12 Feb

Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

FREE

Image: from Australian Performing Arts Collection, featuring Gladys Moncrieff (1930s)

Exhibition



WorldPride Preview

Ross Watson Exhibition

See for yourself why his last WorldPride NYC exhibition garnered extensive media coverage from the NY Times and ABC TV America.

Meet the artist, who will be in attendance daily to share his inspiration and stories behind the artworks.

Available for purchase are paintings, limited edition prints and books.

"He's a leader in contemporary realism" - Sir Elton John

Ross Watson Gallery, Carlton North

28-29 Jan, 4-5 Feb, 11-12 Feb

Sat, Sun 11am-5pm

FREE

△ Nudity

Presented by Ross Watson Gallery

Image: by Ross Watson



MIDSUMMA AND AUSTRALIA POST ART AWARD

Image: Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award, image by Suzanne Balding ft (partial image) Ayman Kaake's winning submission, Ar.

Vote for your favourite work in Australia’s leading queer arts award, Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award 2023. In its 8th year, the exhibition will be made available to the public for viewing during Midsumma Festival at No Vacancy Gallery, 31 Jan - 12 Feb.

Visit midsumma.org.au/mapaa for full exhibition details, list of finalists and artwork, and information on how to vote in the 2023 People’s Choice Award.



TROUGH Events present

TROUGH



_LOVE

TROUGH _LOVE
A RETROSPECTIVE OF TROUGH
JAN 26th—FEB 6th

Illustration: Peter Saville

8 WOOD ST HITZBOY
OPENING HRS: 10am—6pm
LAUNCH: Wed 26th Jan 10pm—6pm



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www.trough.events

TROUGH Events present

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THE RES-ERECTION OF TROUGH
DANCE PARTY

SAT 28TH JAN
10PM—7AM
127 DORCAS ST, 5TH MELB

Image: Darkroom Projects



After a 3 year dry spell of pandemic proportions, we're excited to announce the return of TROUGH. Post Club80, TROUGH retains its visionary approach to sex, kink & fetish - centered on unifying positive vibes, throbbing beats & hot asses on the dancefloor. Now res-erected inside a hidden treasure on the outskirts of the CBD, TROUGH welcomes all genders, non-genders and sexualities to come celebrate and experience the return of this iconic party.

www.trough.events

Film



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Photo by Nathan Engel

film



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Cinemas, Melbourne

21 Jan, 26-29 Jan, 31 Jan, 3-5 Feb, 7 Feb, 10-12 Feb 2hrs

Sat 3pm | Thu-Sat 6:30pm | Fri, Sat 7pm
| Fri 1:30pm | Sat 11am | Sat, Sun 11:30am
| Tue 6pm

\$18, \$9 full | \$14, \$7 conc

△ Various film classifications apply

Presented by Midsumma and ACMI

ACMI x Midsumma

Catch screenings of contemporary and classic queer cinema at ACMI

ACMI will host a curated selection of contemporary and classic queer cinema during Midsumma festival dates, including Plein Soleil, Flee, Stranger by the Lake, Joyland, Loving Highsmith and Moonage Daydream.

Check website for session times.

film



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In, Coburg North

3 Feb 2hrs

Fri 7pm

\$27.50 full | \$23.50 conc | \$23.50 MQFF member | \$59 carload

Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival and Midsumma Festival

MQFF @ THE DRIVE-IN

MQFF is bringing the queer to the drive-in again

Melbourne Queer Film Festival is back again for a summer night of drive-in fun. Bring your mates, bring a date, and enjoy queer cinema in the comfort of your car. Coburg Drive-In is a dog friendly venue so don't forget your furry BFF.

Program coming soon.

film



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Midsumma Digital Event

21 Jan-12 Feb

Link available at midsumma.org.au

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Alice's Garage

Image: by Dorothy McDonald

Turbulence

Stories from five older LGBTQI+ people about turbulence and the transformative power of human connection

These stories show how human connection helped restore their hope, safety and wellbeing. They describe living with disease, disability and renegotiating family relationships while coming out or transitioning late. Younger LGBTQI+ collaborators respond with messages about the power of reaching out to older members.

Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park present...

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase 2023

Join us for a unique nights of queer-focused theatre featuring fresh 15 minute excerpts from four finalists.

Mon 23 Jan, 6:30pm
at Gasworks Arts Park

- **Ramona Glasgow**
by Ellis Austin Finnie

- **HELL FIRE, mortal boys**
by Henry Kelly

- **Numa & Karl: Extraordinary Man That He Was**
by Em Chandler

- **Waterfowl**
by Callum Mackay

Your feedback guides the industry panel to select an overall Award winner who will receive support to develop their work for presentation at Gasworks in Midsumma Festival 2024.

See midsumma.org.au/qpas for event details.

Image: Queer Playwriting Award Showcase 2022.
Photo by Suzanne Balding

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Kids & Families

#midsumma



The Rainbow Tree. Image by Alexis Desaulniers

Kids and Families



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

4 Feb	1hr
Sat 11:30am	
\$14 full \$10 conc	

Image: by Joel Devereux

Frock Hudson's Storytime Sing-a-long

There's no need to wish upon a star, just come along and be who you are!

Frock Hudson is back with a fabulous new adventure for kids of all ages, rainbow families and of course, the young at heart.

Take a journey in this storytime sing-a-long, where you're not just in the audience, you get to help make the story.

Kids and Families



Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose Potter Salon, Southbank

24 Jan	45m
Tue 11am Tue 1pm Bring your favourite soft toy friend along for the teddy bear's picnic!	
\$26 full	

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Orchestra Victoria, Melbourne Recital Centre and The Wheeler Centre

Musical Storytime: Introducing Teddy

Introduce your children to the magic of live music & storytelling!

Introducing Teddy is a gentle story about gender, being true to yourself and being a good friend. Presented in an interactive concert format performed by musicians from Orchestra Victoria with a special Teddy Bear's picnic for you and your favourite toy presented in partnership with The Wheeler Centre, this is a perfect live concert experience for young people!

Kids and Families



Abbotsford Convent - Rotunda, Heritage Gardens, Abbotsford

3-4 Feb	1hr 30m
Fri, Sat 11am	
\$5 full	

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Unfunded Empathy & Abbotsford Convent

Image: by Mathew Lynn

Mini Beast Disco

A creative composting disco for kids!

Mini Beast Disco is a wholesome and eco-focussed intergenerational disco spectacular, recommended for kids aged 3-9 and their family hordes.

Part-performance, part-workshop, Mini Beast Disco questions the idea of 'us' and 'community' - by worming, squirming, undulating and expanding to welcome the biosphere in our identity. Presented by proud and Queer artists Betty Grumble and Dandrogyny.

Kids and Families



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

3-4 Feb	1hr
Fri, Sat 6pm Relaxed: all dates	
\$20 full \$18 conc \$18 group (min 6)	

Image: by Em Chandler

Over the Rainbow and Through the Woods

Queer folk and fairy tales!

Sail on ships to enchanted lands, meet mysterious monarchs, amazing animals, and people filled with pride!

Join storyteller Em Chandler and musician Indigo Medling as they breathe new life into forgotten queer folk and fairy tales from across the globe.

Perfect for everyone 8 to 800!

Kids and Families

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Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ArtPlay, Melbourne

21-22 Jan, 27-29 Jan	50m
Fri-Sun 10am Fri-Sun 2pm Auslan: 27 Jan 2pm Relaxed: 28 Jan 2pm	
\$15 full \$10 child	

Presented by The Wholesome Hour, ArtPlay and Midsumma Festival

Image: by Theresa Harrison

Polite Mammals

Premiere: A new sketch comedy show for families, co-created with kids

Award winning kids' comedy group The Wholesome Hour have made a brand new show! It's about animals of all kinds: stinky, sparkly, real and imaginary. There's singing, dancing, puppets and lots and lots of poo jokes.

Suitable for ages 5+

Kids and Families



Newport Community Hub, Newport

28 Jan
Sat 10am-12pm
FREE booking required

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

Image: by Sviatlana Lazarenka

Rainbow Family Picnic

A morning celebrating our beautiful rainbow community through songs, stories, play and art

There will be lots of activities to entertain the whole family, from sensory play to hands-on creative activities, all while enjoying some fabulous Storytime performers and musicians under the trees in Paine Reserve.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Engine Room, Bendigo

11 Feb
10:30am & 1:30pm Relaxed: 11 Feb 1:30pm
\$16 full

△ Loud music, Flashing lights

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Performing Lines and Bendigo Venues & Events

The Rainbow Tree by Fat Fruit

Everyone is welcome and anything is possible

What happens when you invite seven children from Rainbow Families to create a show? You end up with a disco koala, a wildebeest, a farting unicorn and a fairy that can freeze-tickle monsters, all co-habiting in a very tall, yet tiny Rainbow Tree. This is what it's like living in a rainbow family.

Kids and Families



Old Cheese Factory, Berwick

29 Jan
Sun 12-3pm
\$2 door sale

Presented by City of Casey and Casey Rainbow Community

Image: by Old Cheese Factory

Rainbow Community Picnic

A fun-filled relaxing family day out

Join us to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community and allies in Melbourne's south-east.

In partnership with Casey Rainbow Community, we bring you the third annual Rainbow Community Picnic which has something for everyone including live performances, art and craft activities, and more.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

State Library Victoria - Pauline Gandel Children's Quarter, Melbourne

30 Jan, 6 Feb	30m
Mon 10:30am in person 11am online	
FREE	

Presented by Midsumma Festival and State Library Victoria

Rainbow Storytime

State Library Victoria's Storytime is going rainbow!

The Library will host an all-inclusive Storytime edition to celebrate Midsumma Festival.

Come along to the Pauline Gandel Children's Quarter for a singing, dancing and storytelling extravaganza! Celebrate and empower LGBTQIA+ rainbow families through children's picture storybooks with your pre-schoolers.

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Arts Centre Melbourne - Playhouse Rehearsal Room, Melbourne

24-25 Jan, 27-28 Jan	45m
11am & 2pm Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat Suitable for 4-8 year olds	
\$25 full	

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Arts Centre Melbourne and Performing Lines

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

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Youth

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Midsumma Pride March participants 2019. Image by Dean Arcuri

Youth



Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party

Minus18's Midsumma youth party, Night at the Museum, is back IRL in 2023! Expect LGBTQIA+ performers, competitions, snacks, pride vibes, and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum's Becoming You exhibition after dark.

Tickets are free, but they're DEFINITELY going to sell out. Grab yours quickly to ensure you're part of our huge Night at the Museum!

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
28 Jan 3hrs
Sat 6:30pm
FREE booking required
△ Youth aged 12-19 ONLY
Presented by Minus18, Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum
Image: Theresa Harrison



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Midsumma is a volunteer fuelled organisation that wouldn't exist without the contribution from our fabulous volunteers.

The team has been growing for years and welove new members!

Fill out the volunteer application at:
midsumma.org.au/volunteer

Community & Culture



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Express Yourself

Faith



St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne | Midsumma Digital Event

29 Jan

In person: Sun 10-11:30am | On demand: from Sun 29 Jan 3pm

FREE

Presented by St Michael's Uniting Church

Image: by St Michael's Uniting Church

Celebrating Queer Spirit - Justice and Joy!

Join us for our Sunday Midsumma Gathering

Honouring the spirituality and resistance of queer people of faith. Led by St Michael's LGBTQIA+ minister, Rev Dr Margaret Mayman, with our members and friends. Inspiring liturgy and beautiful music. We will be joined by The Consort of Melbourne LGBTQIA+ choir, singing selections from their Midsumma 'Homophonic' repertoire.

Arts



Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona

3-4 Feb, 6-11 Feb

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm | Workshop: Sat 21 Jan 1-3pm for rainbow families and allies

FREE | booking required for Workshop

△ Nudity

Presented by Louis Joel Arts & Community

Express Yourself

A multi-media exhibition

Creatives from the vibrant LGBTQIA+ communities of Hobsons Bay will be showcasing multi-media as part of EXPRESS YOURSELF - the exhibition. With many ways in which to express our identity and experiences, to connect ourselves to each other, to provoke thinking and encourage belonging - there is no better time to harness what we have. Visual art, spoken word, music, poetry, craft and more to be revealed.

Market



Gasworks Arts Park- The Glade, Albert Park

27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb

Fri 5-9pm

FREE

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Image: by Ellinnur

Gasworks Twilight Craft Market

The summer spot for food, live music and amazing Australian craftsmanship

Showcasing Australian-made, high-quality arts and craft products and their artists, the Gasworks Twilight Craft Market is the perfect evening of artistry and entertainment for the whole family. Come and enjoy food trucks, live performances from musical guests, and the beautiful natural beauty and twinkling lights of Gasworks Arts Park every Friday night this summer.

Market



Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda

4 Feb

Sat 12-4pm

FREE

Presented by Gay Stuff & The Victorian Pride Centre

Image: by Jacinta Keefe

Gay Stuff Markets

Shop local, shop queer

Gay Stuff is back at Midsumma Festival for a fifth year!

Gay Stuff will be super prideful and celebrating everything queer with a fabulous line up of amazing vendors. Featuring specialty goods from a collection of Melbourne's finest queer and allied artists, creatives and style makers.

What's on offer: fashion, accessories, plants, homewares, jewellery, art, crafts, zines, books, handmade goods and more!

Community and Culture

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Day Out



Gippsland Performing Arts Centre, Traralgon

11 Feb

Sat 1-7pm

FREE

△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Image: by Jason Clough, featuring Ziggy Richards

Gippsland's Day Out

A not to be missed, family, all ages, fun, outdoor LGBTQIA+ event being held in Traralgon

The first of its kind for Gippsland. We will have live drag performances, featuring a well known Victorian based performer. Live music performances, DJ, kids activities, food and drink, stalls and all your emergency services together in one outdoor space.

Day Out



Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne

22 Jan

Sat 11am-10pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival

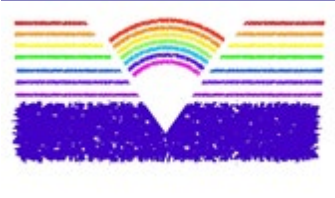
Image: by Suzanne Balding

Midsumma Carnival

Kick-start the celebrations for Midsumma Festival 2023

Queer Melbourne's favourite day out in the park is back - a free, family-friendly, outdoor full-day festival to kick off 23 days of Midsumma. There's something for everyone, with three stages, over 180 stalls to visit, and a stack of activities to get stuck into. The celebrations continue into the warm summer evening with dance vibes and DJs galore!

Day Out



Mill House, Maryborough

28 Jan

Sat 11am-6pm

FREE

Presented by Mill House

Image: by AWMS

Pride Festival Maryborough

Pride meets country fair

Pride Festival is a queer country fair with marquees, bunting and a brass band. Set on a Summer afternoon, get your heart pumping at 11am by joining the Pride conga around the square before settling into an afternoon of fun activities, information and great entertainment... and you really must try one of our 7 supercool rainbow mocktails.

Arts



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

10 Feb

2hrs

Fri 7:30pm

\$20 full | \$10 conc

△ References to transphobia and trauma

Presented by Transgender Victoria & the Victorian Pride Centre

Image: by Katie Rainbow via Unsplash

Holding Space

TGV and the Victorian Pride Centre present an evening of trans writing and storytelling

How do trans and gender diverse people (re)connect across divides, (re)create ourselves against obstacles, and (re)imagine our possible futures? How do we hold space for ourselves and each other? This special storytelling event brings together an illustrious line-up of writers, thinkers and community members to share their thoughts with you.

Day Out



Fitzroy Street and Catani Gardens, St Kilda

5 Feb

Sun 11am-4pm

FREE

△ Long periods of standing

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Suzanne Balding

Midsumma Pride March

Loud and proud in St Kilda

Everyone is welcome in this dazzling celebration of diversity, fabulousness and all things queer. Bring your friends, family and loved ones to strut down Fitzroy Street with ferocity, uniqueness, and above all, pride. Or join the throngs cheering from the sidelines. Either way, don't miss the festivities afterwards in the grounds of the beautiful Catani Gardens.

Day Out



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda

29 Jan

Sun 1-5pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, The Victorian Pride Centre & JOY Media

Image: by Brooke Lark via Unsplash

Spill the Tea

Complimentary afternoon tea in the gorgeous surrounds of the Victorian Pride Centre!

Spill The Tea is an opportunity to connect with community in an alcohol-free environment. Enjoy a live broadcast from JOY 94.9 on the grand staircase, explore the Australian Queer Archives, and browse iconic queer bookshop Hares and Hyenas while you're here. Entry is free but arrive early to avoid missing cake!

Networking



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy

24 Jan 2hrs

Tue 7:15pm

FREE booking required

△ Mental health | Discrimination within LGBTQIA+ communities

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Bisexual Alliance Victoria

Image: by James Dominguez

The future is bi+

The b's are buzzing about the future

Are you attracted to more than one gender? Then join us for this online forum to share ideas and connect up with other bi+, pan, and multi gender attracted folk. The aim of this event is to raise the profile of bi+ people within Midsumma, and to develop and strengthen networks across the State.

Fashion



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda

11 Feb

Sat 10am-4pm

FREE

Presented by The Victorian Pride Centre and the Ballarat Trans & Gender Diverse Swap Shop

Image: by Unsplash

Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap

Perfect timing to get a fabulous new outfit for Victoria's Pride the next day!

A fun way to connect with other fashionistas and discover all kinds of apparel in a welcoming environment. If you have any items that you'd like to trade in, bring them along! All ages are welcome, no bookings required.

Arts



Box Hill Library, Box Hill

8 Feb 1hr

Wed 6:30pm

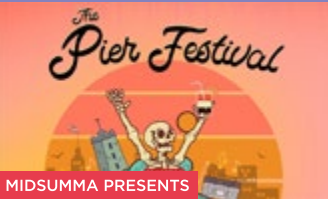
FREE booking required

Presented by Achala Green and Josie/Jocelyn Deane

What's Queer About Poetry?

What does it mean to be a queer writer? What kinds of writing does queerness allow you to write? Who is Queer? Come to 'What's Queer About Poetry?', a poetry workshop at Whitehorse Manningham Libraries that takes a generative approach to answering this question. Along the way we'll explore queer types of publications such as zines, and look at the work of poets such as Emily Dickinson and Langston Hughes.

Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Seaworks, Williamstown

28 Jan

Sat 5-10pm

\$65 full

△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights

Presented by Midsumma Festival and April Hollywood

The Pier Festival

Queer music festival

It's all about the vibes, on vibes, on vibes this Midsumma.

The Pier Festival is back, bigger, thicker, juicier than eva!

Headline acts, local music and DJs, burlesque shows, interactive queer art mural, entertainment, queer market stalls, food trucks, queer films and so much more... You don't want to miss this.

An event for queer people with lived experience as women, gender fluid/non-binary

Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Gertrude Street and Smith Street, Fitzroy

12 Feb

Sun 11am-9pm

FREE

△ Long periods of standing

Presented by Midsumma in partnership with the Victorian Government

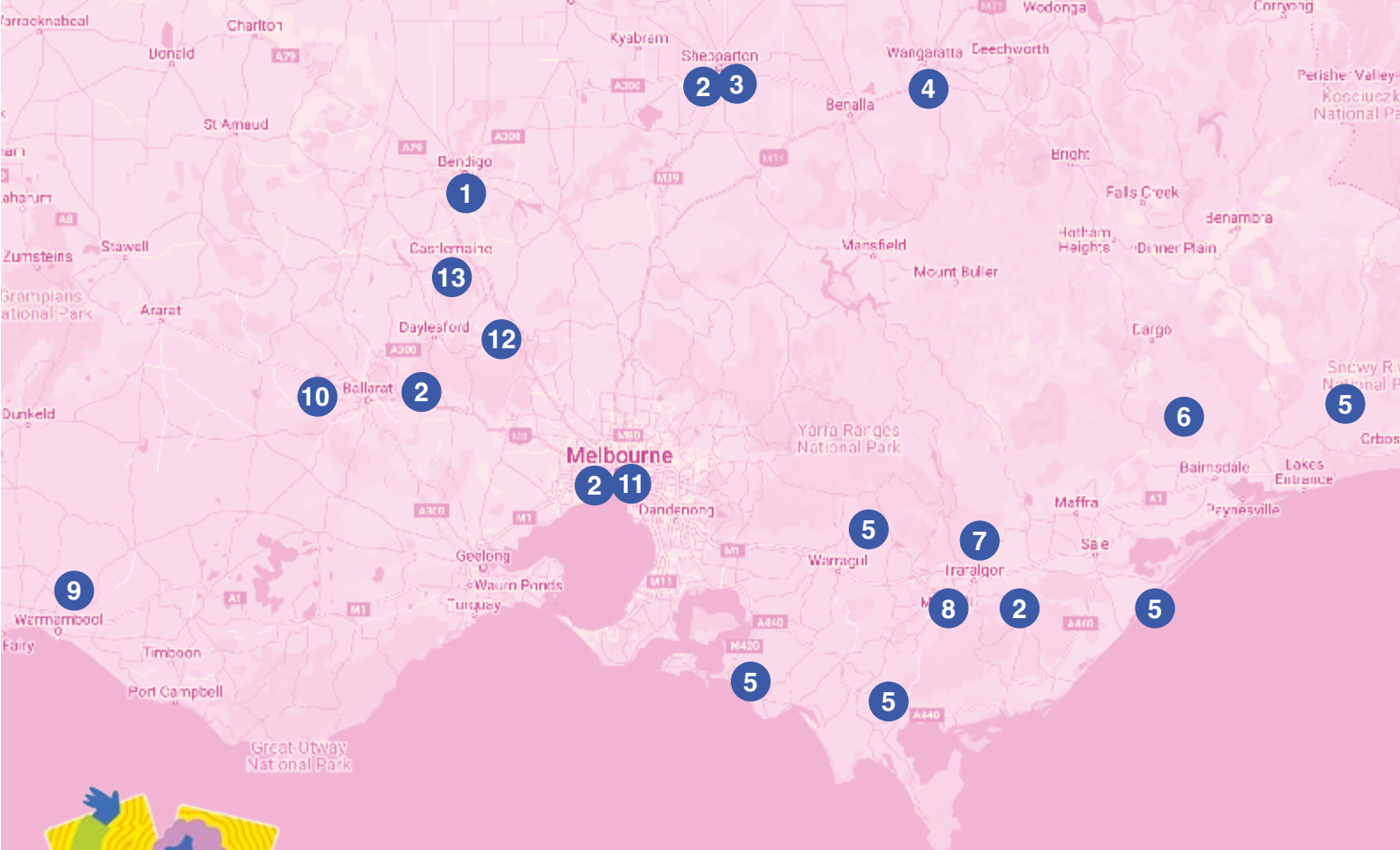
Image: Photo By Suzanne Balding

Victoria's Pride

A landmark program of pride

We're taking over the Gertrude and Smith Street precinct (again!) to showcase an entire day of spectacular LGBTQIA+ live performances, community stalls, interactive activities, and local offerings to celebrate Victoria's Pride. This street party will have something for everyone to explore from morning to night. There will always be something to see, do, eat or be in awe of.

Visit midsumma.org.au for Victoria's Pride Regional Events.



VICTORIA'S PRIDE

REGIONAL

Victoria's Pride commissioned community groups, organisations and artists in regional, rural and remote parts of Victoria to facilitate involvement in Victoria's Pride activities, in the lead-up to the Victoria's Pride one-day street party in Melbourne's inner north on 12 February 2023.

To find more information about Victoria's Pride regional activations, visit midsumma.org.au/regional-activations

1 — Pop Up Pride 2022

2 — Our Words

3 — Greater Shepparton's Road to Pride & Inaugural Pride Ball

4 — My Self: Portrait Series

5 — Gippsland Roadshow

6 — Queer & Koorie: A Showcase of First Nations LGBTQIA+ Mob

7 — Gippsland's Day Out

8 — IDo Love Queer Disability

9 — Self Created Celebration

10 — Ballarat Frolic Festival presents Summer Frolic

11 — Queer-ways: Retracing Regional Footprints

12 — That's Soo Gay!

13 — Pride Across the Ages

(∞) — The Regional LGBTIQ+ Condition

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Talks, Tours & Workshops



Talks



Melton Library and Learning Hub, Melton	
9 Feb	2hrs
Thu 6pm	
FREE booking required	
⚠ Coarse language	
Presented by Melton City Libraries	

A Monumental Evening with Will Kostakis

An event you definitely don't want to miss!

Will Kostakis, critically acclaimed YA fiction author of The Greatest Hit, Rebel Gods, Monuments and Sidekicks, chats about his journey through being a young published author and his experiences up until now. He will be joined by a panel of diverse local community members.

Workshops



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda	
23 Jan, 30 Jan, 6 Feb	2hrs
Mon 6:30pm Free glass of sparkling inc.	
23, 30 Jan \$35 full \$30 conc	
6 Feb \$70 full \$60 conc	
⚠ Mon 23 Jan will contain nudity	
Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Victorian Pride Centre	

Crafty Queers

Who doesn't love a crafternoon and a wine?

Pick up a new talent or refine your skills in the company of our fabulous community. Each Monday focuses on a different art form so why not come to all three!

Jan 23 – Gay Life Drawing with Jean-Luc Syndikas

Jan 30 – Get Ready: Live drag makeup tutorial with Ruby Slippers

Feb 6 – Cork and Chroma: paint your inner queen with Art Simone

Talks



Shrine of Remembrance - Auditorium, Melbourne	
4 Feb	1hr 30m
Sat 11am	
\$10 full	
⚠ Adult themes	
Presented by The Shrine of Remembrance	

Defending with Pride: Representing LGBTQ+ Service

The Shrine recently launched an exhibition exploring the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in service - the first of its kind for an Australian war memorial. In this panel discussion, LGBTQ+ service people discuss their experience in the ADF and being part of this ground-breaking exhibition.

Workshops



Caroline Springs Library and Learning hub, Caroline Springs	
4 Feb	2hrs
Sat 2pm	
FREE booking required	
Presented by Melton City Libraries	

Fan Fiction Writing Workshop - Caroline Springs Library

Love classic rom coms but hate that there's little to no diversity? Want to re-write the 'traditional' tropes? Pick your favourite movie or book couple and re-write them as queer characters!

Join a community of like-minded individuals in a safe and inclusive space at this special LGBTQIA+ creative writing session.

Workshops



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Melton Library and Learning Hub, Melton

11 Feb2hrs

Sat 2pm

FREE booking required

⚠ Coarse language

Presented by Melton City Libraries

Workshops



Feral Queer Camp

Explore Midsumma with a gaggle of queer thinkers and makers

Be part of a new feral cohort who will see performances together and consider: how we learn about what makes performance queer; how we talk about and make queer performance; queer reviewing and funding; and, above all, how we might develop a network of queer thinkers who can talk amongst ourselves and to others about queer performance.

21 Jan-12 Feb

Various dates, times and venues. See midsumma.org.au/FQC-2023 for details and to apply

\$20 full | pay what you can

Presented by Midsumma Festival and wreckedAllprods

Image: by Ezra Lurie

Tours



Footscray Queer History Walk

The much loved queer history walk by the Australian Queer Archives is coming to Footscray for the first time in collaboration with the Living Museum of the West.

Together, we will take you on a journey through time and place, and we will create opportunities for you to share your own stories and add them to our collections.

Meet outside Footscray Community Arts – circus memorial bench.

Footscray Community Arts Centre - Meet Outside, Footscray

28 Jan2hrs


Sat 4pm

\$20 full | \$10 conc

⚠ Long periods of standing

Image: by Jean Taylor

Talks



Midsumma Matters: A Panel on Queer Performance

How do we trace the LGBTQI+ desire-lines linking artists and audiences - crossing social, cultural, political and regional boundaries

Wherever we find them, however we're making them - at parties, on your screen, in studios, on stages, in clubs - how do queer practices in performance proliferate diversity, sustain us as communities and invigorate creativity?

Fed Square - The Edge, Melbourne CBD

4 Feb1hr 30m


Sat 11am | Launch of Special Issue of Australasian Drama Studies Journal

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Fed Square, University of Melbourne and UNSW Sydney

Image: by Jamie James Artist: Bee Cruse

Talks



Midsumma Matters: The Future of Queer Arts

Queer identity and Queer arts practice

Midsumma Matters will explore the future of Queer Arts in Australia and beyond. The forum will discuss a variety of topics including Queer Identity and how it informs arts practice, the new National Arts Policy, the new Melbourne Arts Precinct and the place of queer artists within these landscapes.

Fed Square - The Edge, Melbourne CBD


4 Feb1hr 30m

Sat 1:30pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Fed Square

Tours



NGV x Midsumma

Art is a powerful medium to talk about the world and in 2023, Midsumma and NGV come together again to co-present a series of community-centred programs drawing on art and design at the NGV to explore a rich array of stories and experiences for all ages through tours, conversations and workshops. For program details go to ngv.melbourne.

National Gallery of Victoria - NGV International, Melbourne

Multiple dates

Various times

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and National Gallery of Victoria

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Talks



No Pride in Racism

A community panel on sexualised racism in LGBTQIA+ communities

LGBTQIA+ community leaders share their thoughts and perspectives on sexualised racism in the community. From fighting stigmatising language on apps and online dating spaces, to responding to microaggressions, and fetishisation of racial identities. This panel will share experiences of queer people of colour, culture, and faith. This event is open to people of all racial and cultural backgrounds.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

7 Feb

2hrs

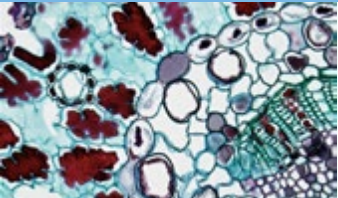
Tue 6pm

FREE booking required

⚠ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health & The Victorian Pride Centre

Talks



Queers In Science Presents: Science at the Edge

Queers In Science is returning to Midsumma for the 4th year running to showcase the amazing work of LGBTQIA+ scientists. The lecture presented by this year's queer scientists spotlights "Science at the Edge" - the latest findings pushing the limits of discovery, possibility and perception. After the lecture, enjoy light refreshments and chat with our speakers.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

8 Feb

2hrs


Wed 6:30pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

Presented by Queers In Science

Image: by Fayette Reynolds

Talks



The Public Life of Us

Queer people making an exhibition of ourselves

Dr Graham Willett talks about the history of Australian queer history. For decades, queer people lived their lives in secrecy. There were places where they could meet and even gather, but they needed luck and discretion. Their very public emergence from 1969 on, has replaced caution with pride.

PMI Victorian History Library Inc., Prahran

7 Feb

1hr 30m


Tue 7pm

FREE booking required

Presented by PMI Victorian History Library Inc.

Image: by Graham Willett

Talks



Nothing to Hide: Voices of Trans and Gender Diverse Australia

Author talk

Nothing to Hide is Australia's first mainstream anthology of trans and gender-diverse writing. Join us for a relaxed evening of readings from the ground-breaking anthology, followed by a panel discussion and a question and answer session. Copies will be available for purchase at the event.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

29 Jan


1hr 30m

Sun 6pm

FREE booking required

Image: by Jared Craig on Unsplash

Workshops



ROPETIMES

Touching and Tying - A workshop in rope bondage and navigating intimacy, pleasure and consent

ROPETIMES returns to Midsumma after a sellout workshop in 2022. Facilitated by acclaimed artist and ropeworker, Luke George (Still Lives - NGV/Rising) - an introductory rope bondage class for beginners and anyone who wants to learn, practice and play. Come with a partner or meet someone at the workshop. No previous experience required. Rope provided.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford

4 Feb

3hrs


Sat 11am

\$40 full | \$30 conc

⚠ Latecomer lockout | Exploring themes of intimacy, consent, touch and bondage.

Presented by Midsumma Festival & Convent Live

Talks



Wise Words

An evening of intergenerational storytelling

Wise Words features a line-up of some of Australia's most prominent and talented LGBTIQ writers, performers and activists talking about their experiences of what it is to be a queer woman (trans and non-binary inclusive).

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

9 Feb

1hr 30m

Thu 6pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

midsumma

Although the primary three-week festival is held in summer each year, Midsumma works year-round to provide artists, social-changers, and culture makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

For 35 years we have evolved with our communities, and repositioned ourselves as a cultural influencer and thought leader, while we keep learning and diversity at our core.

We stay committed to our roots as we mature to become one of Australia's most significant queer arts organisations. We have proudly supported generations of LGBTQIA+ voices, discovered artists and started conversations that will shape queer art and culture forever.

Follow our story at midsumma.org.au/history

Image: Sheldon Riley performing at Midsumma Extravaganza 2019. Photo by Suzanne Balding

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Parties and Social Events

Image: Nocturnal X Midsumma.
Image by Cesur Sanli

Party

18+

<50

AUNTY

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

11 Feb

4hrs 30m

Sat 9pm

\$25 full | \$30 door sale | \$15 MOB

△ Coarse language | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Beat Entertainment

Image: by Andrew J Lieu

Party

3

18+

75

Blankë Pop

A neon caba-rave extravaganza bringing all things rave, circus and cabaret into one wild party

Abbotsford Convent - Industrial School, Sacred Heart Building, Abbotsford

28 Jan

Sat 2-10pm

\$30 full | \$20 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

△ Smoke/haze

Image: by Telepathic

Party

18+

<50

All-Star Drag Bingo Party!

Balls and jokes will fly as four stars unite for one big bingo night!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

28 Jan

Sat 7pm

\$25 full | \$20 conc

△ Coarse language

Image: by Adrian Prosen

Party

3

18+

<50

Beyond Rainbows

Killer Queens murder mystery

Coburg RSL, Coburg

28 Jan

Sat 7:30pm

\$38 full | \$36 conc

△ Violence | Coarse language | Strobe lights | Audience participation

Presented by Beyond Rainbows

Party

18+

75

Boundless: Launch Party of The Body Is More Than This

An exhibition launch party to celebrate all genders and works in The Body is More Than This

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

25 Jan

Wed 7pm

\$25 | free for First Nations community - booking required

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Immigration Museum and Kin Francis

Parties and Social Events

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Party

CC

75

Della Katessen's Fabulous Online Party!

It's the most fun you can have online darlings!

Midsumma Digital Event

22 Jan, 26 Jan, 29 Jan, 2 Feb, 5 Feb, 9 Feb, 12 Feb

1hr

Thu, Sun 6pm

\$12 full | \$8 conc

Presented by Della Katessen

After Party

18+

<50

JIZZ Carnival After Party

"Everyone is going to JIZZ"

Top Yard, Melbourne

22 Jan

Sun 9pm

\$45 full | \$22 conc

△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Presented by BARBA Presents

Image: By Matto Lucas

Party

18+

75

LadyLike Summer Pool Party 2023

Sometimes all you need is a feminine touch... our first Midsumma party was such a phenomenal success that LadyLike is taking over again!

Wet on Wellington, Collingwood

2 Feb

Thu 7pm-2am

\$40 full

△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Female-identifying only

Presented by LadyLike

Party

18+

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Girls at Sea

Boat Party

Party Boat Cruises, Docklands

11 Feb

4hrs

Sat 6pm

\$45 full

△ Smoke/haze

Party

18+

<50

KINGZ - Queer R&B and HipHop Party

IT'S R&B B!TCH

The Gertrude Hotel, Fitzroy

22 Jan

Sun 5-11pm

\$25 full

Presented by KINGZ

Image: by Fabio

Party

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Nocturnal X Midsumma

Nocturnal bounds back this summer with a special evening event in partnership with Midsumma

Melbourne Museum, Carlton

10 Feb

4hrs

Fri 7pm

\$39 full | \$35 conc

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum

Image: by Cesur Sanli

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Party



Peanut Farm Reserve, St Kilda

11 Feb

Sat 4-9pm

FREE

Presented by The Detail

Image: by Abi Li Zhen

Peanut Butter Jam

Roller Disco | Skate Performances | Skate Hire

Let's roll, put on your skates and dance the night away. Midsumma's Skate Cabaret invites you to glitter and glam up, as we skate into the sunset with the sounds of House DJs. Step into the cypher to join the skate dance battle and roll back, as skate performances delight the night.

Featuring: Dylan Blue, Claire Brown, Imogen C Roll and a host of Melbourne's sparkliest skaters.

Party



Prahran Aquatic Centre, Prahran

29 Jan

5hrs

Sun 12pm

\$16.50 full | \$13.50 conc

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Image: by Phil Soliman

Queer Pool Party

Melbourne's biggest and most inclusive queer pool party is back and everyone's invited!

Splash back in time to the 1980s to coincide with our 40th anniversary celebrations! Hosted by drag legend Jacqui Meoff, we have lots of fun planned for Melbourne's biggest EVER queer pool party! Water Polo Victoria and Melbourne Surge will get us wet, while our special DJ guest will be spinning the decks for all our poolside posers! All genders, ages and sexualities are welcome.

Party



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

9 Feb 4hrs 30m

Thu 8:30pm

\$20 full

⚠ Coarse language

Presented by Alex Morris

Image: by Simone Ruggerio

Queer-aoke

A night of camp classics!

Led by the incomparable Bae Marie and featuring extra special guest performers and DJs, Queer-aoke is a rambunctious late night karaoke dance party celebrating music's biggest queer names.

Throw on a lewk, warm up your voice, dust off those dancing shoes and join us at Fringe Common Rooms to sing your heart out with an evening of music by divas of every variety.

After Party



Hotel Esplanade, St Kilda

5 Feb

Sun 12pm-12am

FREE

⚠ Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing | Under 18s permitted if accompanied by a parent/ legal guardian

Presented by Hotel Esplanade St Kilda

St Kilda Pride Afterparty at The Espy

We've missed you! St Kilda's iconic Pride March afterparty is back!

Recharge your dancing shoes and head down to the Espy post march to enjoy pride inspired cocktails, Espy classics and a line-up of Melbourne's queerest legends!

Party



Lord Newry Hotel, Fitzroy North

12 Feb

Sun 2-10pm

\$15 full

Presented by Sunday School

Image: by Bailey Dunnage

Sunday School: Volume XI

Baby Drag... but for DJs!

Taking over upstairs at The Lord Newry Hotel once a month, Sunday School provides an opportunity for emerging DJs from Naarm to play on a club setup in a venue surrounded by our gorgeous queer community.

Featuring a line-up of fresh local talent as well as host and resident Alex Morris, Sunday School is the steamy Sunday sesh of your queer dreams!

After Party



Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda

5 Feb

Sun 12-8pm

FREE

Presented by The Victorian Pride Centre

Sunday Sizzle

Pride March after party on the Pride Centre rooftop

After the Pride March, come celebrate at Victoria's new home for LGBTIQ+ communities! Enjoy fabulous views of Melbourne while DJ David Virgona spins a mix of classic queer anthems and latest hits, grab a snag from the BBQ (all proceeds go to Koorie Pride Victoria), and relax in the sunshine with a drink from our new rooftop bar. Free entry but capacity is limited, so arrive early!

Party



The Provincial Hotel, Fitzroy

12 Feb

Sun 3pm-12am

\$25 full

Presented by Sundaylicious

Image: by Ann-Marie Calihanna

Sundaylicious

Sundaylicious, the iconic LGBTQIA+ Sunday session moving and connecting our community since 2009

Sundaylicious is proud to be involved with Midsumma Festival to celebrate with our rainbow community like only we can...

We'd love to see all the colours of the rainbow community fly their flags together on the beautiful rooftop at The Provincial Hotel, Fitzroy.

Party



The Toff, Melbourne CBD

3 Feb

Fri 8pm-12am

\$30 full | \$20 conc

⚠ Nudity | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing

Presented by The Shanties Choir and C J Stewart Productions

Wet & Wild

Hope you're thirsty

Join Melbourne's cult sea shanty sensation as they team up with the wildest local DJs and performers for a night of nautical naughtiness.

Expect banging tunes, mainstage performances from your favourite deviant divas, a riotous dancefloor and an abundance of seafaring shenanigans.

So get onboard, gather your (ship) mates and prepare to rock the boat all night long.

Warning: Slippery When Wet.

Party



Wet on Wellington, Collingwood

4 Feb

Sat 12-8pm

\$40 full

⚠ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Male-identifying only

Presented by Wet on Wellington

Wet Summer Pool Party 2023

DRINK | SWIM | DANCE | PLAY

This summer is going to be hot, hott, hottt! Join hundreds of sexy men for Melbourne's largest and most infamous pool parties of the season!

Bask in the sun on our exclusive sundeck. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels filled with men. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJs.

Party



127 Dorcus Street, South Melbourne

28 Jan

Sat 10pm-7am

\$65 full | \$45 conc

⚠ Nudity | Sex scenes

Presented by TROUGH events

Image: by Darkroom Projects

The Res-Erection of TROUGH

Dance party

We're excited to announce the return of TROUGH. Post Club80, TROUGH retains its visionary approach to sex, kink & fetish - centred on uniting positive vibes, throbbing beats & hot asses on the dancefloor. Now res-erected inside a hidden treasure on the outskirts of the CBD, TROUGH welcomes all genders, non-genders and sexualities to celebrate the return of this iconic party.

Party



Wet on Wellington, Collingwood

28 Jan

Sat 12-8pm

\$40 full

⚠ Nudity | Sex scenes | Strobe lights

Presented by Wet on Wellington

Wet Queer Summer Pool Party 2023

Melbourne's queerest pool party

For the second year, Wet on Wellington is throwing open its doors to its queerest and dearest all inclusive pool party!

Bask in the sun on our exclusive sun deck. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJs.

Party



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton

3 Feb

Fri 9pm-3am

\$15 full | \$10 conc

Wuthering Nights

Wuthering Nights returns for Midsumma Festival, paying tribute to the icon and diva herself, the mystical and magical Kate Bush the only way we know how, with a big queer party. So join us for a unique evening of drag, dancing and a whole lotta Bush!



PRIDE RIDE. Image by Clinton Hatfield

Sport

Melbourne Park | Albert Reserve | KIA Arena, Melbourne

25-27 Jan

Wed-Fri | Various times

FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket

Presented by Tennis Australia

Sport

Melbourne Park, Melbourne

27 Jan

Fri 12-10pm

FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket

Presented by Tennis Australia

Sport

Evolution of St Kilda Road Through a Gay Nomads Lens

Melbourne's Grandest Boulevard

From a swamp to a commercial, entertainment and recognition space, explore St Kilda Road's features, with background stories, from Federation Square to Toorak Road. The walk concludes at Gate "D" Botanical Gardens. Dress for warm weather, with sunscreen, sunhat, closed footwear. BYO water, snacks and lunch. W: nomads.org.au

Federation Square, Melbourne

28 Jan 4hrs 30m

Sat 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Long periods of standing | Medium fitness level required

Presented by Nomads Outdoors Group

Image: by G. Oliver

Sport

Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine

Let's celebrate summer in the west!

Brimbank City Council in collaboration with Bulldog Pride are hosting their second LGBTIQ+ inclusive pride pool party to celebrate Midsumma Festival. There will be bands, BBQ, aqua aerobics, zumba and craft workshops throughout the day. Join us for an unforgettable day of good vibes and fun in the sunshine. An inclusive event for people of all ages and all kinds of bodies.

Sunshine Leisure Centre, Sunshine

29 Jan

Sun 11am-3pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Brimbank City Council and Bulldog Pride

Image: by Sunshine Leisure Services

Sport

Rainbow Cup Golf Day

The Rainbow Golf Cup is a social golf day for LGBTIQ+ golfers and allies of all ages and abilities. Players new to golf are welcome!

Yarrambat Park Golf Course, Yarrambat

12 Feb 6hrs 30m

Sun 8:30am

\$25 full

Presented by Melbourne Rainbow Golfers, Proud 2 Play, Belgravia Leisure, Golf Australia and Nillumbik Shire Council

Event start time: 8.30am

Tee-off time: 9.00am, shotgun start

Format: Ambrose

Presentations: 2.00pm (refreshments provided)

Sport

Nomads Cycling to the West

Get fit and make new friends while enjoying some scenic bike paths

A leisurely 22 km cycle from Victoria Park via the Capital City Trail then along the Maribyrnong River for lunch at the Anglers Tavern, overlooking the river. A great way to appreciate inner Melbourne's beautiful parks and waterways. There are links to various cycling routes to extend the ride after lunch if you wish, or train stations within 5 km.

Victoria Park, Abbotsford

11 Feb 4hrs 30m

Sat 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Some cycling experience and a medium fitness level required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group Inc.

Sport

PRIDE RIDE

Spin class on the Pride Centre rooftop!

We've revolutionised traditional spin and created an exhilarating 45-minute full body cardio workout on a bike like no other. Our RIDES push you with fast choreography to spike the heart rate, epic climbs for maximum resistance and light jogs to pull it back when needed and a moment of mindfulness.

If you're yet to experience it for yourself, it's time to get yourself on the bike!

Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda

28 Jan 45m

Sat 8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am

\$33 full

△ Strobe lights | Latecomer lockout | Basic fitness level required

Presented by Bodhi & Ride

Image: by First Chapter Agency

Sport

Serve It, Smash It, Love It! 2023

Free introduction session to social badminton for the LGBTIQ+ Community

Have you ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and social sporting environment?

Melbourne Smashers is an LGBTIQ+ and allies social badminton club. No experience is necessary. The club will have coaches available. Come along and ... Serve It! Smash It! Love It!

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

29 Jan

Sun 11am-2pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club

Midsumma Pathways

Career development and mentorship program for LGBTQIA+ artists with disability.

Conceived, delivered and produced by Midsumma and funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Midsumma Pathways provides a queer context for fourteen LG-BTQIA+ emerging artists with disability to develop their artistic practices. It includes access to professional mentoring, group workshops and contact with arts industry representatives.

Now in its third year of delivery, Midsumma Pathways works with artists across all disciplines including dance, visual art, theatre, media, circus, burlesque, collage and writing.

Midsumma Pathways 2022–23 Participants and Mentors



Alex Creece

Mentor: Paul Yore

Alex Creece is a writer, poet, collage artist, and average kook living on Wadawurrung land. She works as an Online Editor for Archer Magazine and a Production Editor for Cordite Poetry Review. Alex was awarded a Write-ability Fellowship in 2019 and a Wheeler Centre Hot Desk Fellowship in 2020. A sample of Alex's work was Highly Commended in the 2019 Next Chapter Scheme, and she was shortlisted for the Kat Muscat Fellowship in 2021. Alex's writing has appeared in Australian Poetry Journal, SBS Online, Aniko Press, and more, and her collages have been exhibited at The Dax Centre and Geelong Art Space.



Amy May Nunn

Mentor: Morgan Rose

Amy May Nunn is an award-winning, queer and neurodiverse writer and theatre maker, originally from the UK. Their work has been published in Voiceworks, Verandah, Metre Maids and Award-Winning Australian Writing. They are a two-time recipient of the Mathew Rocca Award for poetry, winner of the Express Media Award and the John Marsden Prize. They have been shortlisted for the Rodney Seaborn Playwrights Award and the Canberra Youth Theatre Emerging Playwright Commission. Amy is fascinated by heightened, uncanny worlds, and their work explores fantasy, escapism and magic realism.



Cynthia Sobraty

Mentor: Tommi Parrish

Cynthia aka plasticmessiah is a nonbinary, Mauritian neuroqueer artist, writer, drag gremlin and musician based in Naarm. They have been tattooing since 2013 and have tattooed well over a thousand humans in their career. Their biggest love is drawing. They can be found doodling and painting in their studio at the Abbotsford Convent, or just about anywhere else really. Cynthia's work is a mind meld of their special interests, neurodiversity, pop culture, anachronism, the cursed and haunted, personal style, memoir, mental health and transmuting trauma and joy through artistic expression and dark humour.



Em Tambree

Mentor: Clemence Williams

Emily Tambree is a multi-hyphenate theatre-maker. Emily undertook intensive Musical Theatre training at Centrestage, SHOWFIT & received their Diploma of Music at The Australian Institute of Music. Whilst their love for vocal performance was the origin of their artistic practice, their body of work has grown and evolved to reflect experience in almost every aspect of theatre-making; including acting, directing, producing, and stagecraft. They are the proud co-founder of TART. Theatre Collective.



Jessie Ngaio

Mentor: Betty Grumble

Jessie Ngaio's life story is one of not fitting in. Growing up queer in small town Aotearoa, New Zealand, she left school early due to what she now realises was undiagnosed autism and ADHD. For years, Jessie has worked in the adult entertainment industry as well as pursuing her passion for creative expression through training in the visual arts, clown, improvisational movement and Butoh. Along with exhibiting paintings and soft sculptures, she co-wrote and starred in the musical theatre production, Slutmonster and Friends (2013) surrealist comedy web series, "Trying My Best" (2017).



Kip Mac

Mentor: Victoria Falconer

Kip Mac is a classically-trained pianist and singer who specialises in hardcore, metal, grunge, and punk on piano. They are also autistic. Kip's work showcases the melodies beneath the distortion and shares the stories and cultural moments behind the songs. Blending in serious cultural criticism with irreverent campy frivolity and low-brow jokes, Kip's shows are often a cathartic look at supposedly "masculine" hard-rock genres and the fans and subcultures that love them.



Angelita Biscotti

Mentor: Raquel Solier

Angelita Biscotti (she/they) is the author of two chapbooks: Innocent Eyes (Cordite 2017) and Else But A Madness Most Discreet (Vagabond Press 2018), and numerous works in Australian and global publications. A mid-career literary critic and writer, she is interested in expanding her creative practice into experimental electronic composition, filmmaking, live performance, and contemporary art. She is currently working on an EP about the lived experience of being a patient in psychoanalysis in 2022, and an EP using sonic arbitrary constraints based on planetary motion.



Ben MacEllen

Mentor: Kate Mulvany

Ben MacEllen is an author, playwright, feminist, LGBTQIA+ activist/advocate, public speaker, actor, and disabled creative. He writes and speaks extensively about his experience as a transgender man. Ben's most recent project is his original one-man show 'Transmansplaining' which premiered in 2019 to critical acclaim. The show reveals his unique perspective of life and his journey to manhood, drawing on his memoir 'A Cut Closer to Whole' and 18 years living as a man. 'Transmansplaining' showcases Ben's storytelling, comedy timing, and his ability to draw an audience into his unique experiences living as a transgender man.



Caitlin Dear

Mentors: Philipa Rothfield & Danni Zuvela

Caitlin uses choreographic approaches to working interdisciplinarily across dance, live art, academia and practice-based research. She creates sensorially and intellectually engaging experiences, whether it be an action in a gallery, performance in a theatre or outdoor adventure in a public setting. Caitlin's work prioritises community/audience participation, incorporating immersive or interactive elements to directly engage people with the inquiries of her projects. Thus, working toward dissolving boundaries between artist, audience, artwork and everyday life.



Crystal Nguyen

Mentor: Sam Fox

Crystal Nguyen kickstarted her performance career at 15 placing 6th in the inaugural season of Vietnam's Got Talent. Crystal (who lives with Brittle Bones Disease) is a performing artist and disability advocate who has collaborated with organisations such as UNICEF to raise awareness and challenge the stigma surrounding disability and self-expression. As an emerging artist coming from a non-traditional background, born and raised in Vietnam, Crystal considers each project to be a fresh ground to learn from peers and offer her unique perspectives.



Rhen Soggee

Mentors: River Lin & Jeff Khan

Rhen Soggee is a white migrant currently living and working on unceded Kaurna Yerta & Kulin Nations, studying on Bidjigal and Gadigal country. They are interested in contemporary, multicultural, inter/multi-disciplinary and participatory arts. They seek to affect social change through the arts, specifically with multicultural, intersectional, feminist and queer agendas. Rhen works with community arts and cultural development values. They delved into arts management to facilitate conversations, experiences and understanding through arts. Rhen, as an Arts Manager, works across executive directing, business management and creative producing roles.



Sar Fegan

Mentor: Morgan Rose

Sar Fegan lives and works on Wurundjeri country. They are a white dyke writer, artist and sometimes drag-thing who uses experimental forms to explore memory, madness and mess. Their works for stage include Engraft co-written with Sophie Chauhan and This is my Body co-created with Luke Macaronas. Sar's writing has also appeared in Voiceworks, Going Down Swinging and Butch Is Not a Dirty Word. They are sometimes insane, often in pain, and always ready to fall asleep.



Teague Leigh

Mentor: The Huxleys

Teague Leigh is an autistic trans man from planets unknown, currently residing on Wurundjeri and Bunurong Country. Once upon a time he was anthologised in various books and performed his spoken words around the country. Now he is a photographer, letting his landscape images speak for him. Future Teague is looking at getting his hands dirty painting with acrylic and incorporating his collaged landscape images on canvas.



Vivien Triantafillo

Mentor: Alice Dixon

Vivien is a dance artist that works with material, body, improvisation and choreographic processes. Their creative practice is focused on space, body and story. Through creative processes, they explore states of being, critical territories and the construction and deconstruction of binaries. Vivien is currently studying a Masters in Dance at the VCA where they are investigating the nuances of dance storytelling, documentation, dance writing, and choreography as research. A mover, maker and curator, Vivien works in solo and group collaborative processes and is developing a work for presentation in Midsumma Festival 2024.

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Call Us

Our friendly ticketing team are available weekdays from 11am to 4pm on 03 9296 6600 for enquiries and bookings. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year but online bookings are available over this period. Midsumma Festival is National Relay Service Ready. relayservice.com

Pop-up Box Office at Midsumma Carnival

Another reason to love Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens, 22 Jan. Dance, celebrate and then grab your Midsumma tickets.

Credit and debit card transactions only.

At the Venue

Purchase tickets at the venue's box office, from one hour prior to the show. Tickets are subject to availability. Contact the venue directly to confirm venue opening times. Some venues may be cash only.

Ticket Delivery

All tickets will be emailed to you directly. Save paper and show your Print@Home tickets on your smart-phone at the venue. Phone ran out of battery? Simply turn up! Venues will have a door list, photo ID required.

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Exchanges can be organised up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event by contacting Midsumma. Please note that exchanges can only be arranged from 11am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Exchanges can only be issued for the same event, for tickets of the same value and must be issued by Midsumma prior to the dates of the original session.

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Groups

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Many of our events are free of entry charge. However, some still require you to secure your place by booking. No fees apply for ticketed free events. Entry to non-ticketed free events is subject to venue capacity and at the discretion of venue staff.

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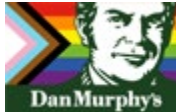
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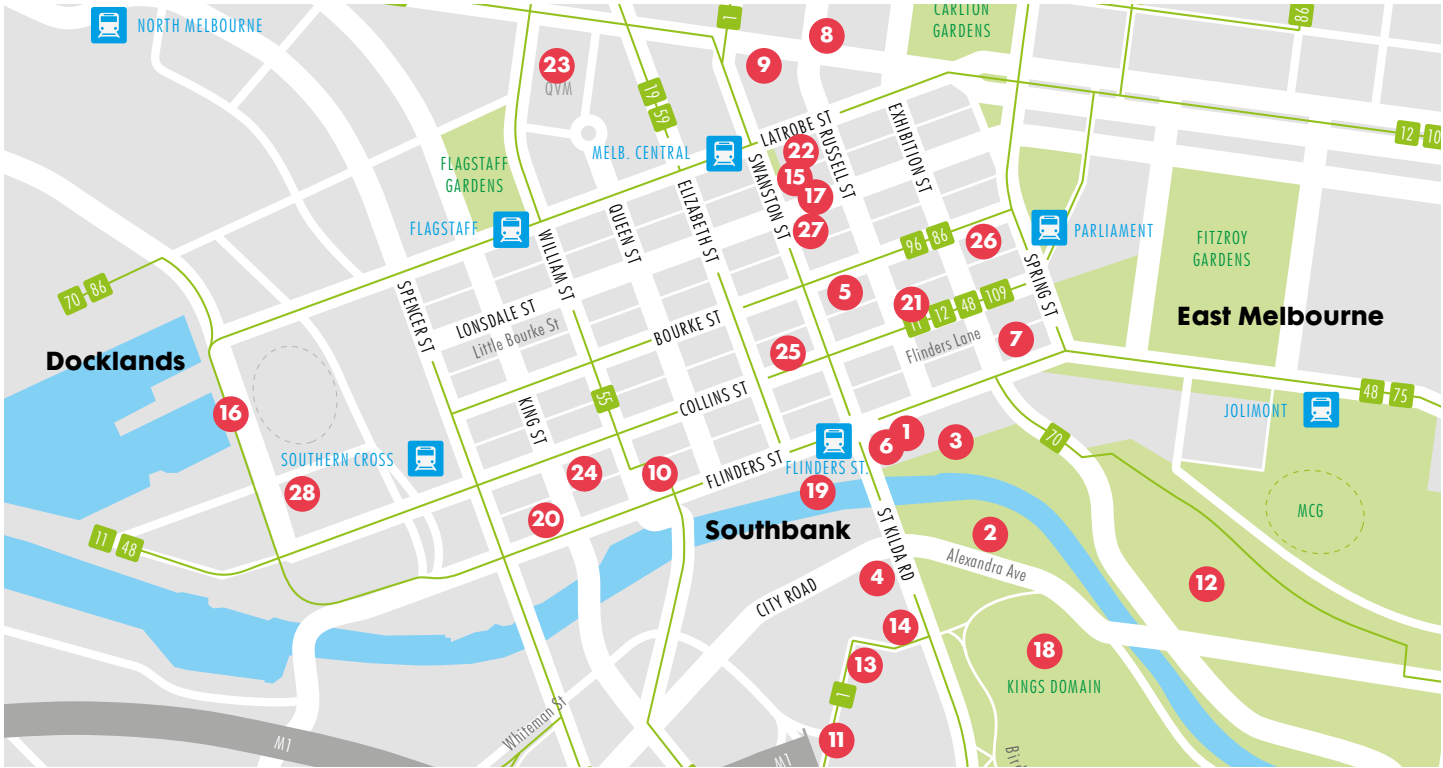
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Flinders St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 5 or 6 | Any Swanston St tram to stop 13

7 fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne CBD
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8 Fringe Common Rooms
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Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 7 | tram 30, 35 to stop 7

9 Franklin Street Frames
420 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 7

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Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70 or 75 to stop 3

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Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 1 to stop 18 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 17

12 Melbourne Park
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne
Train: Any eastern line to Richmond
Tram: 70 to stop 7B

13 Melbourne Recital Centre
31 Sturt St, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 1 to stop 17 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 14

14 National Gallery of Victoria
180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14

15 No Vacancy Gallery
QV Complex, 34-40 Jane Bell Ln, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8 | tram 30, 35 to stop 7

16 Party Boat Cruises
131 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 30, 35, 70, 75, 86 to stop D2

17 Queen Victoria Women's Ctr
210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10 | Any Bourke St tram to stop 6

18 Sidney Myer Music Bowl
Kings Domain Gardens, Linlithgow Ave, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 17

19 Signal
Flinders Walk, Northbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 3

20 Speakeasy Theatre
522 Flinders St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Southern Cross or Flinders St
Tram: 12, 35, 70, 75, 96 or 109 to stop 3

21 St Michael's Uniting Church
120 Collins St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Parliament
Tram: 12, 48 or 109 to stop 7

22 State Library Victoria
328 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8

23 Testing Grounds
Market Square, 391 Queen St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central or Flagstaff
Tram: 19, 57, 59 to stop 7 | any Swanston St tram to stop 7

24 Top Yard
Geddes Lane, Melbourne CBD
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 12, 35, 48, 58, 70, 75, 109 to stop 3

25 The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Pl, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 11 | tram 11, 12, 48, 86, 96, 109 to stop 6

26 The Improv Conspiracy
Level 1/19 Meyers Pl, Melbourne CBD
Train: Parliament
Tram: 12, 48 or 109 to stop 8

27 The Toff
Level 2, 252 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10

28 XYZ Photo Gallery
757 Bourke St, Docklands
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 48 to stop D16 | 35, 70, 75 to stop D3



Inner North

- 1

8 Wood St
8 Wood St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 14 |
Tram 96 to stop 12
- 2

Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Victoria Park
Bus: 200, 207 to Clarke/Johnston St
- 3

Blackcat Gallery
420 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 17 | Tram 96 to stop 15
- 4

Brunswick Street Gallery
Level 1, 322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | Tram 96 to stop 13
- 5

Carlton Baths Community Centre
248 Rathdowne St, Carlton
Tram: 96 to stop 14 | Tram 1, 6 to stop 114
- 6

Gertrude & Smith Sts
Gertrude St & Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 13 | tram 12, 109 to stop 15 | tram 86, 96 to stop 11
- 7

Harehole Melbourne
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | 96 to stop 13
- 8

La Mama HQ
1/205 Faraday St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
- 9

La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
Bus: 200-207 to Lygon/Elgin St
- 10

Lord Newry Hotel
543 Brunswick St, Fitzroy North
Tram: 11 to stop 19 | 96 to stop 16
- 11

Meat Market
5 Blackwood St, North Melbourne
Tram: 19 to stop 9 | Tram 58, 59 to stop 14
- 12

Melbourne Museum
11 Nicholson St, Carlton
Train: Parliament
Tram: 86, 96 to stop 11
- 13

Provincial Hotel
299 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | Tram 96 to stop 13
- 14

Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Tram: 96 to stop 16
- 15

The Gertrude Hotel
148 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 14 | Tram 12 to stop 13
- 16

The Motley Bauhaus
118 Elgin St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112

North

- 17

The Night Cat
137-141 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | Tram 96 to stop 13
- 18

Victoria Park
Lulie St / Turner St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge / Mernda line to Victoria Park
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Wet on Wellington
162 Wellington St, Collingwood
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
Tram: 86 to stop 16
- 20

Clocktower Centre
750 Mount Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds
Train: Craigieburn line to Moonee Ponds
Tram: 59 to stop 31 | Tram 82 to stop 33
- 21

Coburg RSL
323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Train: Upfield line to Coburg
Tram: 19 to stop 32
- 22

Penny's Bandroom
420 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Train: Upfield line to Brunswick
Tram: 19 to stop 22
- 23

Piano Bar Northcote
57 High St, Northcote
Train: Hurstbridge line to Westgarth
Tram: 86 to stop 27
- 24

Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In
155 Newlands Rd, Coburg North
Tram: Upfield line to Coburg + bus 561
Bus: 561 to 105 Newlands Rd



South

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127 Dorcas Street
127 Dorcas St, South Melbourne
Tram: 1 to stop 20 | Tram 58 to stop 118 | tram 12 to stop 128
- 2

Alex Theatre St Kilda
1/135 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | tram 12 to stop 143
- 3

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 4

Cracked Actors Theatre
Powerhouse On The Lake Level 1, 34 Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
Tram: 12 to stop 131 | tram 96 to stop 27
- 5

Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens
Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | Tram 96 to stop 132 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 30
- 6

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
Bus: 236 to Graham / Pickles St | bus 606 to Bridport/ Richardson St
- 7

Hotel Esplanade
The Esplanade, St Kilda
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | tram 96 to stop 135
- 8

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
30 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park
Tram: 12 to stop 131 | tram 96 to stop 129
- 9

National Theatre
20 Carlisle St, (Cnr Barkly St), St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16 to stop 33
Bus: 246 to Barkly St/Carlisle St
- 10

Peanut Farm Reserve
21 Spenser St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16, 96 to stop 138
- 11

Prahran Aquatic Centre
41 Essex St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 32 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 12

Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library
39 St Edmonds Rd, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 6, 72 to stop 30
- 13

Shrine of Remembrance - Auditorium
Birdwood Ave, Melbourne
Tram: 3/3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72 to stop 19
- 14

Temperance Hall
199 Napier St, South Melbourne
Tram: 1 to stop 24 | Tram 12 to stop 129

South East

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The MC Showroom
Level 1, 48 Clifton St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 46
- 16

Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 136 | Tram 12 to stop 143
- 17

Victorian Pride Centre
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | Tram 12 to stop 143
- 18

Theatre Works Explosives Factory
67 Inkerman St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 67 to stop 34
- 19

Old Cheese Factory
34 Homestead Rd, Berwick
Bus: 834, 899 to Homestead

East

- Box Hill Community Arts Centre**
470 Station St, Box Hill
Train: Belgrave or Lilydale line to Box Hill
Bus: 270, 271, 279 to Watts St/ Whitehorse Rd
- Box Hill Library**
1040 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill
Train: Belgrave or Lilydale line to Box Hill
Bus: 270, 271, 279 to Watts St/ Whitehorse Rd
- Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub - Loft 275**
275 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Train: Hurstbridge line to Ivanhoe
- Yarrambat Park Golf Course**
649 Yan Yean Rd, Yarrambat
Bus: 385 to Bannons Lane/ Yan Yean Rd



- 1 Altona Civic Centre**
115 Civic Parade, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona

2 Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64

3 Bowery Theatre
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess St, St Albans
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to St Albans

4 Caroline Springs Library and Learning hub
193-201 Caroline Springs Blvd, Caroline Springs
Bus: 426 bus to Caroline Springs Square SC/Main St

5 Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64

6 Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie
Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41 plus 10 minute walk along Maribyrnong River

7 Kelly Park
Cnr Cherry & Synnot St, Werribee
Tram: Werribee line to Werribee

8 Laneway Gallery
44 Woods St, Laverton
Train: Werribee line to Laverton

9 Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre
5 Sargood St, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona
Bus: 411, 412 to Altona Station/Blyth St | bus 903 to Altona Station/Railway St Sth

10 Melton Library and Learning Hub
31 McKenzie St, Melton
Bus: 455, 458 to Alexandra/High St

11 Newport Community Hub
13 Mason St, Newport
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport
Parking: Free 3-hour parking in the carpark off Derwent St

12 Pride of our Footscray Community Bar
Level 1, 86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 63

13 Seaworks
82 Nelson Place, Williamstown
Train: Williamstown line to Williamstown

14 Sunshine Leisure Centre
5 Kennedy St, Sunshine
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to Sunshine

15 The Substation
1 Market St, Newport
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport

Regional

- Forest Glade Gardens**
303 High St, Northcote
No public transport

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
32 Kay St, Traralgon
Train: Regional train or coach to Traralgon

Mill House
88-90 Burke St, Maryborough
Train: V/Line to Maryborough

The Engine Room
58 View St, Bendigo
Train: V/Line to Bendigo

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