Summa Mix!
Celebrating our 10th Festival

midsumma festival 1998
Melbourne’s Gay and Lesbian Festival 16 Jan – 15 Feb

fur ball gala forum theatre, city
Friday 16 January

street party commercial road, prahran
Saturday 17 January

red raw shed 14, victoria dock
Saturday 24 January

pride/ride St Kilda
Sunday 1 February

carnival alexandra gardens
Sunday 15 February

midsumma festival
Ground floor, 400 St Kilda Road, St Kilda Vic 3182
Tel: (03) 9693 6846, Fax: (03) 9693 4774
Website: http://www.midsumma.org.au

Optus
Principal Sponsor
From the President

As Australia rushes headlong into the 1990s and the nuclear family becomes the only acceptable type of family, the gay and lesbian community will face many challenges to the social changes wrought by activist members of our community over the preceding decades.

Midsumma provides an umbrella for members of our gay and lesbian community to express their dreams and fears. It is a time for artistic endeavour. A time to display sporting prowess. A time for thought and discussion. A time to give voice to our community.

I encourage you all to savour the very best that Melbourne’s gay and lesbian community has to offer as we celebrate Midsumma’s 10th anniversary in 1998.

Peter Edmonds, President Midsumma Festival.

Optus Message

Here we are once again in our third year as the principal supporter of the Midsumma Festival. Optus was delighted to reaffirm our commitment to the gay and lesbian community by continuing our support of the Festival for a further two years. We are especially pleased to be able to share in the 10 year anniversary celebrations.

These days there are many options for choice in communications. Having the support of the gay and lesbian community over the last 5 years has enabled us to contribute to Midsumma, a major event on the Australian arts calendar.

Optus is proud of our relationship with Midsumma and thanks the community for their continued support.

Let the party begin!

Peter Bure: Group Market Manager, Residential

The Midsumma Story

89-98

Nineteen eighty-nine marks the first decade of the Midsumma Festival.

Ten years ago, community groups and individuals gathered to lay the foundations of a new festival that would embody the unique character of Melbourne’s gay culture.

1989
The inaugural event, named MID SUMMA and run by volunteers, opened with literary, artistic, sporting and cultural events and closed with Red Raws, a party in West Melbourne.

1990
The second festival broadened to meet the diverse interests of political, religious and business groups and received sponsorship from the Victorian Ministry for the Arts. A lesbian festival ran concurrently.

1991
Extended from ten to fourteen days of festivities, Midsumma consolidated its commitment to films, performing and visual arts and literature. It received Australia Council funding.

1992
Two far-reaching innovations are made in the fourth festival: the lesbian community joins and Pilchik in the Park evolves into the Carnival, and becomes the festival’s premier event.

1993
In the year of Queer, the festival grows considerably and finds its own St Kilda address. Melbourne Queer Film & Video Festival matures into a self-contained event.

1994
Midsumma runs for three weeks. Sponsors are VAC/GMHC, ALSG, Brother Sister, MSQ, JQYFM, JCR, Bent TV, Hayes & Hyrons, Toonies, etc. The program presents Software VI, Glad Street, a travel forum and Leather Pride.

1995
The opening party in Brunswick Street instantly turns into one of the festival’s main attractions. The enormously popular Carnival descends on the Alexandra Gardens.

1996
After four talented gay male presidents, the eighth festival is headed by a Lesbian Melbourne stages its first Pride march in Fitzroy Street, which spills into Rive at Luna Park.

1997
The Fab Fantasies, Fun Ball, is held at the Forum Theatre. 60,000 shangri at the Street Party; 70,000 police at Red Raws; 22,000 parade at Pride; full house at Ride; and 100,000 carouse at the Carnival.

1998
Midsumma 10 extends over one month! Queer artists exhibit at NGV and queer performers take over the Universal Theatre. The Australian Gaymes are staged and the Street Party is held in Commercial Road.
Celebrate

Some people think a bit differently, feel a bit differently and live a bit differently. Our pets live the way we choose for them to live, their care and well being is directly in our hands, their appreciation is evident everyday in our lives and they enrich the quality and outlook of the human species.

PAL® and WHISKAS® celebrate 30 years of caring, in partnership with you, for Australia’s pet dogs and cats. Making the correct nutritional decisions enabling them to live healthy active lives is not a lot to ask, for everything they give in return.

We are also proud of our association and support for PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) and encourage you to assist them however possible.

So on this momentous occasion, celebrate your pet, all they'll ever need is you, love and the trusted expertise of PAL and WHISKAS, see you at Midsummer.
GLADE Alliance
GLADE is a forum for gay and lesbian business-entrepreneurs to discuss ideas and ideas for growth strategies, gain valuable feedback, network with others about services, organize information sessions, form your own informal advisory board, and work with the Gay and Lesbian Association for Developing Enterprise (GLADE) in assisting new leaders find their feet.

WHERE: Northcote Town Hall Meeting Room, 189 High St Northcote
WHEN: Wed 11 Feb 6:30pm - 8:30pm
COST: $25 snack provided
INFO: Enquiries 9687 9400

GLOBE Midsumma Dinner
GLOBE Midsumma Dinner celebrating the inaugural sponsorship of the GLOBE Art Award. An organiser and artist from the New Q exhibition will be guest speakers.

WHERE: Marketts formerly Mickey Flinn
617-623 Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn
WHEN: Mon 2 Feb 7pm
COST: $35
INFO: Enquiries 9820 9030, bookings 9686 2400

High Summer Tea Dance
Fundraiser for Dance Corps, Amsterdam Lesbian Ballroom Dancing Team going to '84 Gay Games. Tangos, Cha-Cha, Waltz, Sambas, Quicksteps, Foxtrot, Rumba, Jive and pre-programmes. Dance Corps performance and demos. Dance etiquette and some instruction will be given. Come alone or with a partner. Bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee available. This is a Trixelf event and has access for disabled.

WHERE: YWCA Function Hall, 489 Elizabeth St Melbourne
WHEN: Sun 28 Jan, 4pm - 8pm
COST: Full $50, joint wedding $26, conc $5
INFO: Enquiries 9489 6293

Labor Listen to Victoria's Gay & Lesbian Community
Victoria's Labor leader John Brumby will join with other members of the Shadow Cabinet including John Thwaites, Rob Hulls and Lyn Knoply in an evening of discussion and consultation with Victoria's gay and lesbian community. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for you to have a say about Labor's policy on issues which affect you and your community.

WHERE: The Continental, 134 Greenvale St Prahran
WHEN: Thu 29 Jan, 7pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9651 8874

Lesbian Midsumma Car & Bike Rally
Cryptic clues, devious routes and a suitably laid-back destination await these grrls and boys taking up the ultimate car rally challenge. Dress up yourselves and your vehicles, invent the team name to outdo all others. Prizes and giveaways include picnic award, team spirit, creative answers and more. Drive 1 to 2 hours. No time limit. All responsibility rests with participants regarding roadworthiness, safety and obeyance of road rules.

WHERE: Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre CasaPark, Victoria St Northcote (Melways ref 20J8)
WHEN: Sun 8 Feb, 11am - 11am start
COST: $10 per vehicle
INFO: Enquiries 9489 9474 or 019 356 489

LUSTY Pride
LUST every Sunday – lesbians and gay male guests. Subway Dance Bar is a Comedy Group Venue – proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: Subway Dance Bar, 5 Martin St St Kilda
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb 4pm closure open
COST: $5 (Ride & Pride March volunteers free entry with ID before 10pm)
Midsumma Jack-Off
The Melbourne Workers 8th Annual Jack Off Party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and welcoming. All ages over 18 and sizes, shapes and couples welcome. Full nudity applies. The standard club rules apply.

WHERE: Bay City Sounds 4920 Glenferrie Rd (Camberwell)
WHEN: Mon 28 Jan (Junior warm-ups) & Mon 9 Feb, 7pm - 8pm-arrived
COST: $12

Midsumma Mooning
The Laird Hotel (no forcing again) with NAG (No Attitude Gays) to present Midsumma Mooning - a hectic and frantic search for Melbourne's hottest' entries forms at the Laird Hotel. This event is a charity fund raiser.

WHERE: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St Abbotsford
WHEN: Fri 16 Feb, 7pm
INFO: Enquiries 9417 2862

Midsumma Peek-a-Boo
Women only at 3.30s. 3rd Wednesday of every month. Wear your Midsumma Volunteers T-shirt for free entry between 10pm-3. 3 days is a Confident Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: 3 Figs, 143 Commercial Rd 5th Yarra
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan & Wed 18 Feb
COST: $5
INFO: Enquiries 9696 9993

Midsumma Throbb
Melbourne's hottest men's night isn't too late. Introduce yourself. From the moment that you walk through the door, it's one hot, sweaty, slippery surprise after another. Furnished for its lavish and extravagant decor, the Midsumma Throbb promises to keep you buzzing.

WHERE: The Peal Dance Bar Cel Wellington & Peel St Collingwood
WHEN: Fri 13 Feb, 10pm
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4782

Mosaic of Memories 1998
Five buildings in Notion View Street Bendigo will host the display of 10 blocks of the quilt. They include the Art Institute of Arts Centre, Trades and Technical and Arts Centre Station. The event will also host a range of associated activities including theatre, concerts, teas, dances, ribbon workshops, raffles, and an examination service. A major social, cultural and historical event.

WHERE: View Bendigo
WHEN: Fri 16 Jan to Mon 26 Jan, 10am - 5pm
COST: $5 donation (entrance to all venues, other activities charged separately)
INFO: Enquiries 03 422 5076, 03 470 5749

Mr Victoria Leather
Competition from all over the state, gathered for the leather fraternity's premier event, from which glasses and custom-made suits are on display in a variety of eye-bulging categories.

WHERE: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St Abbotsford
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 11pm
INFO: Enquiries 9417 2832

Mt Macedon Picnic
Get away from it all - bring your Bike and picnic hamper. Enjoy lush gardens surrounds at Mt Macedon on Australia Day. Please no barbecues.

WHERE: Forest Glade, Main Rd Mt Macedon
WHEN: Mon 28 Jan, 10am to dark
COST: $5
INFO: Enquiries 9900 0907

Pre-Pride Bus Ride
Fun filled night of entertainment the night before Pride. Trip the light fantastic across Melbourne's most fabulous gay-friendly/queer night spots. Venue hop the night away. Spot shows and giveaways. All proceeds to Pride March.

WHERE: Set 31 Jan

Pride March
Pride March '98, Sunday February 1st, assembles at corner of Lakeside Drive and Tilly Street from 4.30pm. 11,000 participated in 1996; 23,000 in 1997. We expect 11 to double again in 1998. Pride March urgently needs more marshals. For marshals and group registration, phone Penny on 9531 2587. Pride March gratefully acknowledges being the support of the City of Port Phillip.

WHERE: From Cor Lakeside Drive & Tilly St to St Kilda Beach
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 4.30pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9531 2587 or 0411 535 385

Red Raw
Masters' hottest and wildest summer warehouse party. Last one at the Dock! 

WHERE: Shed 14, Cowper St Victoria Docks
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 10pm - 6am
COST: $50 ALSO 50 members & conv +1 560 pre sale + 1,575 door sale
INFO: Tickets from usual outlets
Enquiries 9510 5699

Ride '98
Thrills and spills once more Come and party after the Pride March at Midsumma and ASLO's fun-packed smash hit Ride spectacular. Proudly sponsored by Club X.

WHERE: Luna Park, Arden St St Kilda
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 7pm - 12am
COST: Full $16, Conv $14, family $40 over $22
INFO: Tickets and booking info ALSO 9510 5699

Same Sex Partners Rights Forum
What rights do you have to inherit from your partner's estate if they die without a will, or to challenge a will if you do not receive enough? Do you need a cohabitation or co-ownership agreement if you live together? All you need to know about Medical and Enduring Powers of Attorney, David Owen and Paul Nairn, solicitors and Law Institute Accredited Specialists in Wills and Estates will lead you through the maze and answer your questions. Sponsored by the Law Institute of Victoria.

WHERE: Law Institute of Victoria, 470 Bourke St Melbourne
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan, 7pm - 8pm
INFO: Enquiries 0417 209 225

Why should we count on you?
Whether or not you are a member of the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre, we will continue to provide support services for people with HIV/AIDS, education programs to reduce the risk of further infection, advocacy for the rights of people with HIV, and information and advice on the treatment and management of HIV-related illness.

And the stronger our case, the stronger our position in negotiating a better deal for people living with and affected by HIV.

So even if you can't be a volunteer, even if you can't support our fund-raising initiatives, you can make an invaluable contribution in the fight against AIDS.

You can make a difference if we can count on you.

The fight against AIDS is not yet over.

Fill out and return the membership application form below, today.

Please sign up as a member of the VAC ($30 annual fee enclosed, $15 for volunteers, free for PLWHA) $____

Please tick this box if you do not want to be a member of the Gay Men's Health Centre

I am willing to participate in research projects as approved by the VAC/GMHC's Research & Ethics Committee

Send me information on helping the AIDS Council with my will

Please accept this tax-deductible donation of $____

Please send me information on opportunities for volunteers with the Victorian AIDS Council

Name _______________________________ Postcode___________

Address _______________________________ (work) __________________________________________

Make cheques payable to the Victorian AIDS Council

Charge my ★ Bankcard ★ Visa ★ Mastercard ★ Diners ★ Amex (CD) __________

Card number ____________ Expiry /

Signature ______________ Date __________

Mail to the Victorian AIDS Council 6 Claremont Street South Yarra 3141 Phone (03) 8685 6700 or 1800 134 840
Satin and Silk Ball
Proceeds to Mystic Gold Inc. Inc., which looks at appropriate support and care for older lesbians. Bookings essential - please write to PO Box 90, Feathertree 3078, enclosing a self addressed envelope with your payment.

 проведения в Сан-Хосе-Баллроме, 365 Николмен-Ст North Carlton

Место: Feathertree 3078, Пост 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $30, part paid $25, conc. $20

FORUMS

Health in Difference 2
The 2nd National Lesbian, Gay, Transgender & Bisexual Health Conference. The Midsumma Festival welcomes Health in Difference 2, a community event that will build on the success of HIB held in Sydney in 1996. The theme is "Queering Health Approaches". The Conference aims to build the capacity of LGBTI communities to respond to health issues. Only 400 places available. To register call 9386 2071.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $25, part paid $20, conc. $20

FORUMS

Sounds of Pride
Drag in the Park Association presents a spectacular array of the most fabulous drag acts that Melbourne has to offer, blended with live performances, music and a touch of fantasy. Add a mystery celebrity host and you're assured of a fun-filled evening. Show your pride, support your community. All proceeds go to the NV Association.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $30, part paid $25, conc. $20

FORUMS

Splish Splash Summer Recovery
Laneway Jalsa, voted Australia's Sexiest Scene. It's a Confin Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '96.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $10, part paid $5, conc. $4

FORUMS

St Dorothy's Day
St Agnes Parish celebrates St Dorothy's Day with Solene Echelard, Britain's Miss Athlete, an affuming woman, creative and positive and all the friends are invited.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $5, part paid $4, conc. $4

FORUMS

Summa Sizzle
Naked and unashamed in The Duke Hotel beer gardens. Located just 30 metres from the Midsumma office. The Duke Hotel is a Confin Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '96.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $18, part paid $10

FORUMS

The 1998 Victorian Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby Mass Debate
Victoria's new Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby will present an evening of serious intellect with their inaugural AIDS Debate. The topic - 'Are Happy & Gay will be hotly debated by a bevy of glittering stars and community leaders.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $40, part paid $30

FORUMS

The Great DT's Golden Silletto Rally
Entrants leave from DT's Hotel, follow a chartered course around Richmond, receiving points for different acts performed at check points. Group entries, themes, tricks and wheelchairs all gather bonus points to win The Great Golden Silletto.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $5, part paid $2

FORUMS

Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus & Friends
It's not over until the chorus sing! For the first time, various voices from MGLC, will join with La Voce delle Lune, Melbourne Amateur Singers, Victoria Choral and Sweet Adelines in a colourful, exciting program of musical entertainment. Celebrate diversity and unity in song with the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $20, part paid $10

FORUMS

Swish
SWISH are proud to present one special Midsumma show featuring their unique musical smorgasbord of garment slips and laces. Be there to see this 18-piece all-girl band strut their stuff! SWISH - So Wild It Simply Hums - a visual and auditory feast.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $40, part paid $10

FORUMS

The Dirty Dozen - A Musical Extravaganza
The Dirty Dozen a musical extravaganza showcasing some of the finest talents in the amateur and professional theatre circuit in Melbourne. A one-night-only performance featuring songs from musicals such as Rent, The Rocky Horror Show, Miss Saigon, etc.

Место: Feathertree 3078, PO Box 90
Заказ: 3078, Feathertree, PO Box 90
Стоимость: Full $30, part paid $10

FORUMS
Fur Ball Gala

Spanning cabaret, song, burlesque and comedy. Brilliant, indulgent, supreme and sublime performances. A delight heralding the way for the 10th Festival. To be held at Melbourne’s opulent Forum Theatre, this will be a must attend night. Brought to you by Midsumma and the Victorian AIDS Council.

Friday, 16 January
Forum Theatre

Bookings Ticketek 132 849

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Street Party

Strut your stuff with over 50,000 revellers at the queerest street party in Melbourne.

Midsumma Street Party has moved south to Melbourne’s queerest mile. But we’ll still retain the old favourites: tattoo competition, dancing, cabaret, disco and DJs. We’ll pay homage to the north on the Northcote stage which will be the heart of the Street Party. Packed with live music and local talent, you’ll see everything from grunge to rock ‘n’ roll to cover bands.

Watch out for radiant surprises from the rooftops. Don’t miss Jon Jackson and the Great Big Opera Company.

Street Party
Commercial Road, Prahran
Saturday, 17 January, 6pm - 1am

Carnival

Join thousands of dykes, poofs and their friends for the biggest queer carnival Melbourne has ever seen. You’ll be entertained with local talent, dancing boys and girls, sideshows, attractions and scary rides. Satisfy your shopping urges - peruse and cruise over 100 stalls.

Dulcie Du Jour’s Dog Show
Roar with the crowd as canines and owners do it doggy style.

Start getting your pooch into condition for this hotly contested competition. Start grooming, entries are limited. Contact Midsumma now. Dulcie’s Dog Show is proudly sponsored by Uncle Ben’s – distributors of PAL and Whiskas.

Wigstock

Featuring entertaining and outrageous Drag Kings and Queens who will venture out of their homes and regular venues onto a daytime stage. More frocks, face packs, wigs, silks, hairspray, heels and hats than Oaks Day.

Start sewing, entries are limited. Contact Midsumma now.

Stalls
For a stall to promote your business, community group or service to more than 100,000 gay men, lesbians and their friends contact Midsumma immediately for a registration pack.

Ride

Tunnels of terror, thrills, spills and much more! Luna Park opens its doors to the queerest experience of all — RIDE. Party with your friends after PRIDE at LUNA PARK — the queerest playground of all.

Brought to you by Midsumma and ALSO, proudly sponsored by Club X.

Book early — it’s sure to sell out.

Sunday, 1 February
Acland Street, St Kilda
7pm - 12am

Tickets available from ALSO,
ph: 9510 5569
Pre-sales: full $18, conc $14, family $40, Door $22
**Priority Booking Form**

**Step 1: Your details**
Deadline for priority bookings is Monday 5 January 1998

- **NAME:** Mr/Ms/Miss/Other
- **ADDRESS:**
- **POSTCODE:**
- **PHONE (DAY):**
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**Step 2: Ticket order**

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Add $2.20 per ticket booking fee
Add $1.20 postage and handling

**Step 3: Method of payment**

- **Cheque** made payable to Midsummers or charge my [ ] BANCA KASD [ ] MASTERCARD [ ] VISA [ ] AMEX [ ] DINERS

- **ACCOUNT NUMBER:**
- **SIGNATURE:**

**SEND THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:** PO Box 6769, 600 St Kilda Road Central, St Kilda 3182 OR FAX (03) 9523 4779.

For booking requires phone (03) 9523 4779. Deadline for priority bookings is Monday 5 January 1998.

*Please include a photocopy of a valid concession card to claim concession prices.
# Tenth Midsumma Festival Planner 1998

## Special Events
- **JANUARY**
  - A Quiet Afternoon with Midsumma
  - For Ball Gala
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- The Dirty Dozen
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- Big Boys On Stage
- Came Back to the S & Dince, Jimmy Dean etc.
- Gaze
- H2Q: ‘The Homage which Vice pays to Virtue’

## Anywhere Anytime

## January
- Jack written by David Greenspan
- March/Sade
- One Size Fits All
- Only Heaven Knows
- Queen Cell
- Ruby Lounge
- Software
- Teddy
- The Princess Line Variety Hour and a Half
- The Sun Also Stares
- Twelve Seat

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- What do they call me?

## February
- 10th Australian Gay Games
- Athletics
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- Tennis Tournament
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## Visual Arts
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- Death to the Junkie
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- One Man’s Meat...
- Outsex 98
- Post-Modern Queer Prop
- Truths of Masculinity

## Sight and Sound
- Best of the Fests
- Midsumma Festival Broadcast 90.7FM
- Movies Under The Stars

## Literature
- Alien Sex Fiends
- Generation Q 2
- Gift Talk
- Okaiko
- Queerly Written
- Sex in the Time of the Virus
Celebrating the end of an era at Shed 14

New Year’s Eve
Wednesday 31st Dec
Doors open 10pm
Shed 14, Victoria Dock
Don your dancing shoes and deck the docks for the countdown to '98.

Red Raw
Saturday 24th Jan
Australia Day Weekend
Doors open 10pm
Shed 14, Victoria Dock
Trip the floor for the final roar at Shed 14. Be part of dance party history as the DJs rock the docks for the last time.

For more information and DJ details phone the info line 055 302346. Tickets at usual outlets.

Mr Victoria Leather
Saturday
24th Jan

Midsummer Morning
Friday
6th Feb

Midsummer Throb
Friday
13th Feb

NORTHSIDE VENUES

THE PEEL DANCE BAR
Corr Peol & Wellington Streets
Collingwood, Victoria 3066
Ph: 03 9419 4762
Fax: 03 9416 0474
email: peelhotel@club80.net.au
Open 7 nights a week
10pm to Dawn

THE LAIRD HOTEL
146 Gipps Street
Abbotsford, Victoria 3067
Ph: 03 9417 2362 Fax: 03 9417 2109
email: laird@club80.net.au
Open 5pm to 3am Mon - Thurs
5pm to 3am Fri & Sat
9pm to 3am Sun
The Laird Hotel is known worldwide for its quality accommodation catering to the international Gay Community. The Hotel has 20 fully furnished rooms with private en-suite facilities.

CLUB 80
10 Peel Street
Collingwood, Victoria 3066
Ph: 03 9417 2102
Fax: 03 9416 0474
e-mail: club80@club80.net.au
Open 5pm to 3am Mon - Thurs
2pm to 3am Fri, Sat & Public Holidays
Club 80 is a meeting place for
Guy & Arousal Men

THE GATEHOUSE
97 Cambridge Street
Collingwood, Victoria 3066
Ph: 03 9417 2102
Fax: 03 9416 0474
e-mail: gatehouse@club80.net.au
Specialises in the Gay & S&M scene

The parties to end all parties
Melbourne
You Gotta Have PRIDE!
The Melbourne Rainbow Band, Australia’s only Gay and Lesbian concert band, invites you to a musical celebration of the cultural richness of our community. Get ready for a night of entertainment, good old-fashioned PRIDE and fun for all the family! Featuring the internationally acclaimed Melbourne Rainbow Band and surprise guest artists. Be out, be proud, be there!

**Performing Arts**

**The Universal Experience**
The Universal 2 is a dedicated Midsumma venue for the entire Festival, featuring the following shows: aGendered Cabaret, Software, The Sun Also Sizzles and In Gay Company. Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

**aGendered Cabaret – A Word is Out Event**
**A Universal Experience**
Sway to the hot jazz notes of The Satin Dolls season to the gender-bending Mitra Filatovic’s surrender to the songs of Julie Peters and Dr Ron McCoy. Enjoy poems from author Jennifer Spry ‘Swaying into total gender confusion as performers realign your performative and intellectual spaces, making you think again about “what is gender?”

**Software – Queer performance with bite**
**A Universal Experience**
From drag queens to dancing queens, from flights of fanciful and subversive subversion to savage satire, biting comedy and narrative tales of Nelson and loving queer. Midsumma presents Software, short works from some of Melbourne’s best gay and lesbian performers. Back for its 10th anniversary season!

**The Sun Also Sizzles**
A Universal Experience
More sequel MORE style MORE silliness than ever before! The hot, sexy gay soap opera that took Melbourne by storm in Midsumma ‘96 returns. Move over Melrose Place—Sun Valley is now the hottest place in town, where everyone’s cool and everyone has a secret! Sexy men! Leather chaps! Five episodes over five weeks! Are you ready to SKLIZZ?

**In Gay Company – Fred Silver**
A Universal Experience
This witty, raucous musical of manners takes you back to the time when S&M were merely sizes and watersports a swim at the YMCA. Don’t miss the Australian premiere of this Off-Broadway, award-winning show which has won rave reviews throughout America. Who could resist? I found out my brother is my sister and is seeing my husband on the side!

**Betty and Alma’s Last Roundup**
—— Crusty Country Cabaret
Suspect Country & Western crooner Betty Jo Buttkewhit (Steven Dawson) and arch-styled Alma Lil’ Lil-kin Bad (Doobie P cuffs) finally return to Melbourne with their infamous bad taste country-cabaret. The sickest songstress duo, in an all-skijibing, all-dancing, hormonally hypermenstrual.

**Big Dicks On Stage – Out Cast Theatre**
If you know it, you will come — Steven (The Art of Being Gay) Dawson’s wicked, sexy and wildly outrageous black comedy about a trio, writers and the nasty things you have to do to get noticed these days. Warning: This play contains gratuitous nudity, suspect humour and some shocking costume choices.

**Come Back To The 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean**
James Dean’s disciples gather on the 20th anniversary of their iconic death. In a five and dime store in the heart of Texas, these friends discover the dangers of worshipping false gods and the even greater perils of believing in real ones. A nostalgic trip into yesterday where boys were gods and gods wanted to be gods.

**Gaze**
Gaze (Izzy Brown and George Flood) creates and presents a range of high-quality physical theatre which explores the relationships and bonds that form between men. They create imagery which is exciting in performance and challenging in concept. Gaze will be appearing at a range of Midsumma events and venues — from the festival launch to big events and various venue fayres.

For further information about Midsumma 2000, please contact Enquiries 9419 0175.
H2G & The Homage which Vice pays to Virtue

Play Earth Productions present the second season of this biennial one-act play, the follow-up to their hit ‘Nak’-Worthy: a comic and erotic exploration of the way we meet and fall in love, with women and men. The Homage which vice pays to Virtue is a story set against the backdrop of a fictional Australian city, where the Vice is exposed in its true colours. A morality play that explores the boundaries of acceptability and the limits of human nature. It challenges the audience to question their own values and beliefs.

Ruby Lounge - Summer Spectacular

The jewel in the cabaret crown once again dazzles with its glittering array of Melbourne’s premier glitterati. Part glitz, part camp and a twist of tinsel, this cocktail is guaranteed to delight the discerning clientele. So slip on your required, seasonal and in-line, for a great night out for pleasure by Amanda Morris, Cocktail Service, cigarette girls and smooth DJ.

Marat/Sade – The Fluke Collective

By Peter Weiss, presented by the FLUKE collective

The Persecution and Assassination of Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade: The Fluke Collective has found dance, opera and drama to create an unforgettable trip through the twisted world of the infamous Marquis de Sade.

Tadzio

A play reading by Barry Lowe, directed by Robert Claber

Arthur Thomas’s latest play, Tadzio, is a harrowing account of the experiences of a young boy in the concentration camps. The play is set against the backdrop of the Second World War, and follows the life of a young boy who is taken away from his family and sent to a concentration camp. The play explores the themes of survival, hope, and the human spirit in the face of unspeakable suffering.

The Princess Line Variety Hour and a Half

With more dance moves than the Rockettes and more hats than Shirley Bassey, Princess Line, the earth-shattering song and dance duo, take to their natural home – the stage – and their faithful constituency – the Melbourne fans. The show is a celebration of the world of showbiz, fashion and cooking.

Queen Cell, A Search For Identity

The Ast Watchers are a community-based, non-profit collective of Melbourne University students who wish to enhance self-esteem and strengthen recognition of queer identity through physical movement. As an adolescent, you learn to search for your own identity and sexuality through self-suspection. In the light of skin, you learn to and identify yourself as ‘Queen’.

VAC: Celebrating and Supporting Gay Relationships

Groups and workshops for gay men about relationships

Love and Others

Campaign launch 14 January.

Swan Happy

Photo competition. Instant fame and great prizes could be yours (truly). Enter now! Call Jim on 9865 6700.

Valentine’s Eve Massacre

Rough talkers shoot from the lip in the gay/lesbian gay relationships cadre on 13 February - watch the prices for yourself.

Visit the Love Shack at Carnival-Bash.
10th Australian Gaymes Melbourne 23-26 January
Proudly presented by Team Melbourne

These are just some of the events on offer at the Australian Gaymes - other events include cycling, motorcycle touring, canoeing, ballroom dancing and body-sculpting.

For more information on events contact Team Melbourne on 0500 577 678.

**Athletics**
A variety of track and some field events. Spectators most welcome.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sun 23 Jan, 2pm-7pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: 0500 577 678

**Badminton**
Open event, with assistance in forming teams available.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sun 23 Jan, 1pm-6pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: 0500 577 678

**Bowling**
- **60+ers Bowling League**
  A fantastic full day of bowling open to everyone. Get in early to secure a spot. Spectators most welcome.
  - **Venue:** Moorabbin Bowls, Nepean Hwy Moorabbin
  - **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, All-day event
  - **Phone:** Enquiries: Rodney 9489-6980

**Netball**
Open Grade, girls and girls tournament. Lots of fun and plenty of action.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, 8:30am-5pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Sean 0411 842 410

**Orienteering**
Come and figure your way around an interesting but not too challenging course. Lots of fun.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sun 23 Jan, 2pm-6pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Sue 9425 6992

**Squash**
Open grade competition, using up to six courts.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, 1pm-5pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: 0500 577 678

**Swimming Carnival and Aquatic Playground**
Heaps of fun and great looking relaxation and swimming fun in the pool. Spectators welcome, with plenty of entertainment available.
- **Venue:** Richmond Pool, Gladstone St Richmond
- **Date:** Fri 23 Jan, 7:30pm-11pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Caroline 9087 8196

**Tennis Tournament**
Two days of exciting competition, this open event attracts players of all abilities including National players. Spectators most welcome.
- **Venue:** Tulip Street Tennis Centre, 107 Tulip St Sandridge
- **Date:** Sat 24 Jan & Sun 25 Jan, All-day
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Ivor 9376 3113

**Volleyball**
- **Melbourne Spikers Tournament**
  Open and Social Grade events - refereed. Participate in the world's most popular gay and lesbian sport. Plenty to keep spectators entertained.
  - **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
  - **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, 9am-4pm
  - **Phone:** Enquiries: 9853 0480

**Women's Hockey**
An open competition offering plenty of opportunities to get involved. Help with forming teams available.
- **Venue:** University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
- **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, 9:30am-4pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Penny 9489-1065

**Women's Soccer**
An open event, with assistance offered in forming teams.
- **Venue:** Crawford Oval, Near University of Melbourne
- **Date:** Sat 24 Jan, 11:30am-2pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: Diane 9882 4484

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**Archemede's Angel**
**A Universal Experience**
Written by L.S. Williams and photographer Angela Bailey collaborate to tell the story of an angel with an imperative for logic. The text and images will take you through a fantastical journey of intrigue and dispair. The exhibition will be highlighted by a reading by the author.
- **Venue:** Universal Theatre Foyer, Victoria St Fitzroy
- **Date:** Sat 23 Jan - Sat 1 Feb, Free
  Opening and Reading Sat 21 Jan, 4pm
  Gallery hours Tues - Sun 2pm-7pm
- **Phone:** Free

**Cought Looking**
Six actors, Kate Duffinay, Hamilton, Ann Holt, Maria Lumney, K.T. Prescott and Jacqueline Stockdale. This visual arts event will include painting, photography, film, video, and installation work. Cought looking - a visual feast for the eyes and senses exploring identity, image and self representation. Coordinated by Ann Holt and Jacqueline Stockdale with catalogue essay by Bronwyn Scardon.
- **Venue:** Jackson Gallery, 33 Grey St St Kilda
- **Date:** Thu 15 Jan - Sun 1 Feb, Free
  Opening night Thu 15 Jan 6pm
  Gallery hours Thu - Sun 2pm-7pm
- **Phone:** Enquiries: 9314 2147

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with the **UhuRa's**
Tues 20th Jan to Sun 1st Feb
**Universal Theatre, Fitzroy**

Bookings and information 9419 3777

New Zealand's disco/drag master of cabaret performs for the first time in Melbourne. After a sell-out season at the Edinburgh Festival, Mika will perform with the support of the all-singing and dancing UhuRa's - the Mooti equivalent of Betty Middler's Harlettes. A Universal Experience!
GAY MEN \n\nIN A TIME OF NEW HIV TREATMENTS

THE ISSUES

Most gay men are still not having safe sex most of the time. But recent research suggests an increase in the number of gay men having sex without condoms. This is also increasing their risk of HIV infection. The way gay men new AIDS and its importance in our lives is also changing. Some improvements in HIV treatments means there are more reasons to know your HIV status than ever before - and more reasons to practice safe sex.

CASUAL SEX BETWEEN HIV-NEGATIVE GAY MEN

In casual sex, there is no way you can know for sure if your partner is HIV-negative. An HIV-negative test is 99% accurate at the time the test was taken. Even then, there are two tests at least three months apart. There are no guarantees. So, in casual sex for HIV-negative gay men, it is still wise to use a condom and lube every time.

SAFE SEX - STILL PART OF OUR LIVES AND OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Of course, we'll be at Red Row with free safe pocks and safe party supplies and look for us at the Carnival. Have a safe and happy midsumma!
Setting the agenda

Social Justice

The Environment

Conflict Resolution

The Australian Democrats have been fighting for our rights in many ways for many years:

• Running openly gay, lesbian and transgendered candidates
• Moving amendments to Bills to include us
• The “Sexuality and Transgender Identity Bill, 1996”

Urge your Members of Parliament, no matter what party they belong to, to support rights for gays, lesbians and the transgendered.

For further information contact
Senator Lyn Allison
62 Wellington Street
East Melbourne 3002
Phone (03) 9419 1880

Call State Office (03) 9419 5808 to join or to help on polling day.

http://www.democrats.org.au

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Best of The Fests - Oz Shorts

Oz Film Australia offers you the chance to catch up with your favourite films from the last seven years of the festival. Featuring the best short Australian Quinn films, the program will include Night Cast, My Cure, Paul Reunion This Marching Girl Thing, and Margaret Ster A Fall From Grace. More titles to be confirmed. Some films shown each screening.

Where: State Film Theatre, 1 Melbourne St East Melbourne
Time: Fri 14 & Sat 15 Feb, 7:30pm
Cost: $14, conc $10

Inquiries: 9108 5570

Generation Q 2
Following on from the highly successful Generation Q at last year’s Midsumma Festival, we present a talented young queer writers who will display their intimacy and diversity in the surroundings of the National Gallery. Includes Paul Mathieson, Lewis and Rob McIvor queer stand up King, Adam Richard.

Where: Vic Health Access Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
When: Wed 21 Jan, 6pm
Cost: Free
Inquiries: 9419 4445

Girl Talk
An inspiring night of poetry and prose by queer women. Featuring Sue-Anne, Phoebe, Dorothy Porter, Sue Heaney, Hermione, Sonya Searcy, Andrew Goldsmith, Mary Vandal, Letizia Manrella, Merilee Moss, Sharon Shelley, Sheep Power, and Caroline Hamilton.

Where: Lounge, 1st Floor W 242 Swanston St Melbourne
When: Sun 1 Feb, 7:30pm
Cost: Full $24, conc $6

Glove Puppet Launch
In association with Penguin Books, Neil Denniss's novel is a funny and telling story about gay male manners.

Where: Hans & Hymen's, Collingwood
110 Smith Street, Collingwood
When: Friday, 30 January, 1997 at 7pm
Cost: Free
Inquiries: Details, 9419 4445

Quake
Four emerging queer writers will read from their recent and upcoming books. Gnome Atkins (50 Ways of Saying Hello), will read from the new edition of his first book, Neil O’Leary will read from ‘Quake‘ the new novel. Liz Groen’s ‘The Throat’ and the blog of comedy Sue-Anne : Post will read from her hard-hitting autobiography, A Boy of Postscript.

Where: Vic Health Access Gallery National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
When: Wed 28 Jan, 6pm
Cost: Free
Inquiries: 9419 4445

Queerly Written
Presented in association with the Victorian Writers Centre/Abby. Ten all-day writing workshops. If you are new to queer writing or getting established, this is for you.

Week 1: Interactive fiction, short story
Week 2: Writing for performance (dialogue, monologue, the stage)
Tutors are novelists and lecturer Dean Ray and playwright, novelist, and lecturer Merilee Moss. Limited to 15 places per workshop.

Where: Victorian Writers Centre, 156 George St Fitzroy
When: Sat 7 Feb & Sat 14 Feb, 10:00am–4pm
Cost: $40 per workshop, 530 VWC members
Inquiries: 9415 1077

Sex in the Time of the Virus
Coming up, speaking it, writing it.
Four very diverse and individual writers and thinkers read about having, doing and negotiating sex in the time of HIV. Sue O’Sullivan, author of Proudly Women, and fresh from the UK, Outrage editor and writer Marcus O’Donnell, water Deirdre Kelly and Gary Cowdert, author of Frothing Desire. As part of Health in Challenge 2 Conference.

Where: Auditorium, University High School, Story St Parkville
When: Fri 23 Jan, 7pm
Cost: Full $25, conc $25 Conference subscribers free
Inquiries: 9419 4445
MISSION STATEMENT

Midsumma is committed to presenting an annual gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival in Melbourne. Midsumma promotes a safe and healthy environment in which the lesbian and gay community can celebrate its pride and diversity. Midsumma supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the lesbian and gay community.

WHO IS MIDSUMMA

Midsumma Festival is brought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board coordinates all aspects of Midsumma from day-to-day management, specific events, to its sound and look. The Board works with over 50 key volunteers, a small number of employees, members and the community to bring you the annual Festival.

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We want your body, brains, brawn and humour.
Midsumma relies totally on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers.

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If you want to be part of this dynamic team call the Midsumma Office or the Human Resources Director 0412 020 461.

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