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Our Mission

Midsumma is committed to presenting an annual arts and cultural festival that, within a safe and healthy environment, celebrates the pride and diversity of Victoria’s lesbian, gay and allied communities.

Midsumma Festival Inc is a non-profit association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporations Act and is overseen by a Board of Management, elected by the Membership.

The Objectives of the Midsumma Board

The Board of the Midsumma Festival Inc aims to produce an annual arts and cultural festival that:

- is inclusive of and responsive to the Lesbian, gay, queer, bisexual, intersexed and pansexual sections of the community;
- supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the community;
- promotes opportunities for new artistic talent;
- is diverse and challenging;
- is committed to excellence;
- educates the community to become consumers of lesbian and gay arts and culture;
- more broadly promotes lesbian and gay arts and culture in Melbourne, Victoria and Australia;
- is recognized as a principal arts and cultural festival interstate and internationally;
- establishes and builds strategic alliances with other regional arts and cultural communities including indigenous and multicultural communities;
- maximizes access and equity; and
- is financially responsible.

We respectfully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional Land of the Kulin Nation.

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Whether you crave a defiance on the dance floor, inspiration from the arts, intrigue in conversation or challenge in debate - Midsumma turns 16 in 2004, and presents a festival of Summa Lovin' to suit your tastes, seduce your spirit and engage your mind.

Summa Lovin’ is a tribute to the gay and lesbian communities’ love and pride in lifestyle, passion for expression, assertion of identity and celebration of difference. Summa Lovin’ will have no boundaries and all abilities shall be shed to present three weeks of queer celebration, art and culture produced by and for the gay and lesbian communities.

Summa Lovin’ begins with our Summa Fling, as Midsumma's Faust & Gladys Square pink, presenting a sartorial backdrop for a new Opening Night rendezvous. Pride and love for community is demonstrated through our desire to party together in celebration of who we are. Summa Fling will mark the beginning of a series of such mass celebrations, including Pride March and Carnival Day, aimed to bring together members of the gay and lesbian communities to revel in our pride and applaud our freedom of life and love.

By remaining visible and proud we continue to erode discrimination against our lifestyle and the diversity of love we represent. In the spirit of Summa Lovin’, Midsumma and the VIBRKL invite you to Summa Yevon 2004, our vehicle of protest against parliament’s failure to recognize our partnerships at law. We do not seek the right to a stress-free sale and contract, nor wish to dilute our differences in any way. Rather we come together to valorize our pride in who and how we love and demand acknowledgement of our relationships as a commitment to equality and anti-discrimination.

The exhibition and performance of a diverse mix of queer visual, performing and spoken word art events serves to challenge and subvert common representations of who we are, the way we live and how we love. Whether you reject or identify with images presented, or empathize with stories told, Summa Lovin’ will offer you an apophenia of innovative and inspiring works aimed to stir your passions and arouse your mind. Become intrigued by the third dimension of Neil O’Dubh, be tempeated by the tales of Hot Summa Night Readings, seek stimulation through Novel Conversations and find yourself infiltrated by the sexy intellectual of Sassywash Chin & Dona Roberts. RIAM Rock Femmes Fabule.

In the lead up to Summa Lovin’, Midsumma thanks its Principal Sponsor GAL Home Loans together with our Major Sponsors, Ford and United Airlines, for their continued support of the Festival. We further thank the City of Melbourne, Stonington and Manning and the Arts Centre and Tourism Victoria for their assistance this year. We particularly welcome ACCA into the Midsumma family this year. Thank you to our staff, volunteers, members, performers and artists all of whom are contributing to the climax that will be Midsumma 2004.

Finally in anticipation we thank YOU for embracing a festival of Summa Lovin’ this 2004 - we need at least two to tango, so let the romance begin.

Kristina Darmody

President
Midsumma Festival Inc.

Midsumma Melbourne 23 January - 15 February 2004
Summa Fling!

As part of these strategies that will reflect the start of the quarter three weeks of community celebration on the Melbourne, Midsomma Festival 2004 opens with a big party in Melbourne's most exciting public space, Federation Square. There's a list planned, ca grab your sexy pink cocktails and get wet in the home of Midsomma's Opening Night Party. Get in early and get in a group, get in a groove... let the night shpep by you Skyward.

Here's what's in store...

The Main Square will transform into a pinky-pink paradise courtesy of leading lighting-man Allan Parkman. The main screen will be the past, present and future. Midsomma moments... JOY Melbourne supervising director, will be on from 6pm, but definitely plugged, to something sounds of love over the airwaves. Be prepared for some great entertainment to follow as the main stage will overflow with lashings of queer offerings - get a taste of what's to come over the following 29 days.

Find a bite, find a nibble, find a glass, chill. You'll serve of whatever gets you where you want to go, as you watch the bells fly over your head under your boots and through your sweethearts. Midsomma's DJ team will be making the crowds singing for your gold coin so when approached, don't hold back your gold coin pays for the event!

Federation Square
Or Flinders & Swanston St, Melbourne
Fri 23 Jan 2004 4pm - 1am
Free

Fastlove!

Single and looking? Taken but straying? Straight but burning? Well, look, stay on the beat now! Get yourself flinished in a hurry at Midsomma's Fast Love First Date Fancy exclusive to Summa Fling. Find out more on Page 14. Don't miss it.

ACMI, Federation Square, Melbourne
Fri 23 Jan 2004 10am - 11pm
$10 per person, $19 for non-acm members including fancy-dress cocktail.

Summa Diva

Continue your opening night journey as the evening enters another dimension. It's My World and Melbourne Wine Precinct presents Midsomma's first ever Summa Diva. 2 hours of non-stop seriously sexy stripping, te-titting, tough-talking, down-n-dirty Drag. Hosted by that stalwart of slaze, loud-mouthed louche, Stella Constellation introducing the creme de Midsomma's gender-bending Show Queens and King Pint! This will be an experience that will leave your mind behind!

The Summary, Federation Square, Melbourne
Fri 23 Jan 2004 11pm - 1am
Free
**Premier Events**

**Summa Cruise**
Midsumma’s maiden voyage on the Victoria Star. With only 300 tickets available, this is sure to be a Midsumma event you wouldn’t want to miss. On the upper deck, experience cruising in Melbourne’s answer to the Caribbean, complete with Caesar, happy house tunes, complimentary cocktails and ‘The Love Boat’-inspired... in the lower deck activities room, you’ll discover plenty of wine, women and movie bliss. Oxford to the sounds of Queen Martine and your favorite DJs, grab a mouthful at the Muscle Boy BBQ, find yourself a first mate. Swear to the siren-songs of mermaids... watch out for the Captains’ meal! If you’re looking for style, sophistication and glamour you’ll find it here. OR if you just want rum-a-bum-bum and needlework, you’ll find that too.

Well... Hello Sailor! Whatever your taste, come drink from the host of plenty and sail away the afternoon in perfect seduction.

*Victoria Dock, Melbourne*
Saturday 26 February 2005, 1pm Boarding call, 2pm Departure
$35 full, pre-sale - $25 Conc/Midsumma member pre-sale - $40 at door
Bookings online at [www.identity.net.au](http://www.identity.net.au)
Check out page 20 for the official Summa Cruise after-party, the Fest’s $5000

**Put in, so we can put out!**

The Midsumma Festival is a community celebration produced by a team of volunteers, serviced by one full-time staff member and occasional support staff. Planning, production and marketing of events such as our new Opening Night Party, Carnival and Special Cultural Events is a mammoth task that often takes more resources than Midsumma has. Despite this, we recognize the importance of bringing you an annual gay and lesbian festival, no matter what.

Midsumma is put on by you. There are three ways in which you can support your festival:

**Buy a dot**
Midsumma’s DOT program was introduced last festival. You loved it so much we are bringing it back. We want you to be well-dotted throughout Midsumma again this year. Every time you see one of our DOT volunteers add another DOT to your collection. Every dollar donated helps us fund, promote and ensure the 90+ events that make up the festival calendar.

If you would like to contribute your time in helping us sell dots at Midsumma venues and events, contact Ray or Glenn at [fundraising@midsumma.org.au](mailto:fundraising@midsumma.org.au)

**Become a member**
Being a member of Midsumma is a vital way to support the festival all year round. Our members form the constitutional way in which the festival is shaped each year.

Membership also gives you voting rights at the AGM, along with a host of goodies and discounts along the way. We’ll even throw in free entry to T-Cancer at Carnival - our way of saying “thank you” for your support.

**Join our patron program**
This year sees the introduction of a new way in which you can be a part of helping Midsumma continue to grow. By donating $500 or more, your patronage will help ensure that Midsumma continues to be the gay and lesbian celebration through arts, culture, sporting and community events - second to none!

Your patronage gives you a host of benefits and freebies, including a year membership to Midsumma, a special reception at Opening Night, along with our public thanks and recognition of your support.

To become a member or patron visit [www.midsumma.org.au](http://www.midsumma.org.au) or email us at [fundraising@midsumma.org.au](mailto:fundraising@midsumma.org.au)

Our message this year is simple - you put in, we’ll put out!

Midsumma Melbourne 23 January - 15 February 2004
Mélbourne Melbourne present direct from the USA

StacyAnn Chin & Dorcia Roberts:
Slam Back Tarnnas Fate.ka

The evening will culminate when both voices and images merge, creating a unique and unforgettable artistic collaboration—on stage, and in the audience's imagination. Robarts and Chin will read their own works, accompanied by live music and percussion. The audience will be encouraged to participate, adding to the interactive and dynamic experience.
Ugo Rondinone — CLOCKWORK FOR ORACLE

Presented by Australian Centre for Contemporary Art & World is Out

ACCA becomes the magic site for a series of free events in the areas of visual arts, literature, spoken word performance and theoretical writing. Visionaries and academics discuss our place in the world in two forums that survey queer and Indigenous aesthetics. It also plays home to a night of spoken word excellence with international guest John Giorno performing before a shortened episode of Midsumma's longest running registered event, Rapid Fire.

Ugo Rondinone

Acclaimed international artist Ugo Rondinone has been called a romantic, a candy and a visual poet. All these descriptions apply to his special installations that combine media and mood in provocative fashion. With Rondinone we walk the streets of Paris in an unrequited search of romance and connection. We move fluidly between gender and genre, experiencing space as a mutable force, healing the rift of sexuality and sensuality play between the gaps of silence and sound.

Rondinone's major installation at the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, ACCA, brings together new and older works in a series that contemplates love, despair, anonymity, aggression and alienation as a jagged edge upon which we balance our hopes and dreams.

Australian Centre for Contemporary Art
111 Sturt Street, Southbank
28 Jan-7 Mar 2004
Tue-Sun 11am-6pm

FREE

Ugo Rondinone — CLOCKWORK FOR ORACLE is an initiative of Kalder Art Projects with the support of Naomi Milgrom and John Kalder in collaboration with Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne, and is a development of the exhibition Our Magic Hour, first seen at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney.

John Giorno & Rapid Fire

"Biore's Lullabies from the underwater of the mind never betrayal in your head and reinforce your own thoughts." —William S. Burroughs.

A friend and contemporary of Warhol, Ginsberg, Burroughs and Brian Glynn, in the past 40 years American poet and painter Giorno has created more than 20 recorded albums and ten books. Giorno performs an extended mix of his work before World is Out's Rapid Fire, where he is joined by some of Melbourne's brightest word magicians. A potent mix of provocation, ingenuity and entertainment, writers including Michael Frayn, Margaret Vanderveer, Will Clay, George Taipans, Maria Finucane, Steven Dawson and Pipi Panayiarakos have just six minutes to win over the audience.

Fire & Dandy: The Rise & Practice of a Queer Aesthetic

Is art the pinnacle of queer achievement? Where do we look to find traces of our dandy-ified past? From the spectacular to the theoretical via the interior worlds of self-creation, renowned writers and academics speak about the historical development and current practice of queer aesthetics. Panelists include Nkiki Sullivan, author of An Introduction to Queer Theory, and Robert Reynolds, author of From Camp to Queer: Remaking the Australian Homosexual and History on the Cloutch: Essays in History and Psychopathology.

Sacred Sites

Culture, sexuality, race and political affiliation collide in this seminar and reading by Indigenous and non-Indigenous writers and artists. Where are we headed in this post-colonial place where cultural appropriation, marginalisation of Indigenous arts practice, cultural ignorance and questions of ownership still claim the main stage of our concerns? Presenters include Patricia Cornelius, Gregory Phillips, Ross Moore and Bryan Andy.

Acoustic sign interpretations provided for all events.

ACCA
111 Sturt St, Southbank
Fri 30 Jan 6-6pm
FREE

ACCA
111 Sturt St, Southbank
Sun 1 Feb 6-8pm
FREE

This series for Midsumma Festival is a partnership between Australian Centre for Contemporary Art and World is Out, which is auspiced by Hanes & Hynes. John Giorno appears courtesy of Kalder Art Projects.
Queer as Folk
Collectors Edition

You all know and love the original and the best TV show "Queer as Folk". This series featuring the lonely Nathan, Stuart and Vince.

It is of course the drama series that follows the lives of said lonely young men living in Manchester's gay village.

Stuart is rich and gorgeous, Vince is funny and adventurous. Nathan is funny and odd as he finds his own identity.

And we are very pleased to announce that now you can take them home in a very special collector's box set edition!

The box also includes: Series 1 & 2 on DVD, photo & poster, a limited edition certificate from Queer As Folk, a behind the scenes DVD, and a Q & A DVD.

Additionally, we have included the following extras:
- Exclusive interviews with the cast and crew
- Original music from the series
- Deleted scenes and behind-the-scenes videos
- Trailers and much more

This is a must-have release for any fan of Queer As Folk, and is available for you to own on DVD from 25th Anniversary Special Edition available February 2004.

Premier Events

Carnival: Melbourne's biggest queer ghettogather

This is the day that Melbourne's queer community come out on parade. Where all of the colours of the rainbow merge into a melting pot of madness. Carnival brings together all of the diverse ingredients that make up queer Melbourne. Bring your queer family to Melbourne's biggest queer ghettogather. Loads of food, drink, shopping, dancing and entertainment in Melbourne's beautiful Alexandra Gardens. It's a day of dogs, drag, dykes, muscules, mens, Tupperware, tampons, fruits and fruitlets. Midsumma's Dal team will be raising the crowds asking for your gold coin so when approached, don't hold back. Your gold coin pays for the event.

Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne
Sun 13 Feb, 11am
gold coin donation
Tel: 9415 9619
admin@midsumma.org.au
www.midsumma.org.au

City of Melbourne

Ford
Dance Zone

Ford's Dance Zone is back again after a spectacular debut in 2003. Join Melbourne's queer dance groups for eight hours of beatscroller, cloggin, juv and bedroom footstap, from midnight till late, non-stop. All levels catered for.

Dulcie's Dog Show

A Midsumma perennial. Dulcie's Dog Show is back putting your pampered pooches on parade. Special guests and visiting celebrities join Dulcie in this highlight of the Midsumma Carnival.

Register your pampered pooch from midnight. Only 50 entries possible. So book to avoid disappointment.

Aussie Bodies Physique

Pumped up for Midsumma's Physique competition at Carnival. This event has a unique format of 10 top and front row stations. Fill up and boys and girls compete to impress the judge with their wares. You won't want to miss this pandemonium of posing pouchless-guys and bikini-clad babes. Physique is generously supported by Aussie Bodies.

T'Dance

T'Dance will bloom like a tropical oasis under the palm trees of Alexandra Gardens from 4 till late. Midsumma presents DJs, medium-posing boys and girls, lighting design by Alan Parkinson and fabulous shows.

Right after Carnival's Summa Your ceremony. Join the hundreds of newly bound couples as Midsumma throws the queerest reception in town.

Arts & Produce Pavilion

2004 introduces the Arts and Produce Pavilion, a showcase for hobbyists, gardeners, cooks and artists to compete for great prizes in a variety of categories. Got a zucchini that's big enough to share? Got some melons that you just can't hide? Have the Archibald rejected your masterpiece again? Are your rosebuds just too beautiful to keep to yourself? Get an entry kit from www.midsumma.org.au before Friday 8 February.

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TICKET PACKS

This year we introduce four brilliant ticket packs to make your Midsuma even more merrily. Each pack entitles you to VIO (Very important queer! membership of the festival that allows you to purchase ticketed events at concession prices and entry into the VIO party at Summa Fling). Each pack offers a unique combination of single tickets that are designed to give you a rounded festival experience. Pack numbers are limited to availability and must be purchased prior to 5pm Friday 16 January 2004, so get in quick.

Secure a pack for yourself or as a gift, by contacting the Midsuma office on 03 9415 5819 or admin@midsuma.org.au

**Summa Fling** (ideal for interstate visitors)
1. VIO party at Summa Fling Fri 23 Jan 6 – 8pm at Federation Square
2. Fast Love - Midsuma's guaranteed pick up event
3. ALSO's Red Row, another guaranteed pick up
4. Saturday afternoon flight off between Melbourne’s Glamourhead Sharks and the Sydney Singers

**Party-Girl**
1. VIO party at Summa Fling Fri 23 Jan 6 – 8pm at Federation Square
2. Pussycat Whipped at the Glasshouse
3. Novel Conversations, an oral night of love, sex and romance
4. My Life as a Dyke 3, the third in this sell-out comedy from the ‘dyke side’
5. Slam Rock Femme's Fatale, direct from the USA

**Party-Guy**
1. VIO party at Summa Fling Fri 23 Jan 6 – 8pm at Federation Square
2. Behind you, behind you, Steven Sadow's latest camp theatrical offering
3. Beyond, Melbourne’s leading leather and fetish party
4. Summa cruise, Midsuma’s maiden voyage
5. Palaces of Sodom, a history of the bathhouse in gay history

**Summa Showtunes**
1. VIO party at Summa Fling Fri 23 Jan 6 – 8pm at Federation Square
2. Illegal Harmonies, Combo, Flasch & Smash hit cabaret
3. The Fabulous Sangfroids, from beggars to boor
4. One Night Stand, the latest from Irish cabaret star, Eirene McKeon
5. Soave Paradiso Sings Streisand

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**The Hon John Pandazopoulos MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events**

Melbourne has long held a reputation for cultural diversity, innovative arts and fantastic events. Midsuma Festival, one of Australia’s largest gay and lesbian events, embodies all three. This year’s events celebrate the pride and creativity of Victoria’s lesbian, gay and other communities. This vibrant and dynamic festival draws thousands of interstate and international visitors each year, making it an important tourism asset that the State Government is proud to support once again.

Midsuma Festival is indeed an exciting and worthy inclusion in Victoria’s unbeatable calendar of world-class events.

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**Or Greg Barber, Mayor, City of Yarra**

The City of Yarra is proud of its long history and association with Melbourne’s gay and lesbian community. From the days of the early gay bars in Fitzroy to the first lesbian hotel in Richmond and many wondrous collective meetings, the City of Yarra has welcomed gay men and lesbians. Known to gay men as North Side, to many lesbians as home, City of Yarra is pleased to be able to continue to support the gay and lesbian community by providing sponsorship to Midsuma.

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**Or John So, Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne**

The City of Melbourne continues its proud support of Midsuma Festival. Midsuma is an exciting and dynamic way to open Melbourne’s busy 2004 festival season. As Melbourne’s premier gay and lesbian event, Midsuma makes an enormous contribution to the cultural life of our city. This festival helps make Melbourne the vibrant cultural centre that it’s famous for. As the festival program testifies, Midsuma continues to provide a vital platform for the artistic expression of a diverse and talented community.
The best pickup line you'll get all night: 131 008
VISUAL ARTS

Midsumma’s Visual Arts is set to launch a new exhibition entitled "The Big Picture". The exhibition will feature work by local and international artists, showcasing a range of contemporary art pieces. The exhibition will run from 15 January to 15 February 2004.

The exhibition will include works by artists such as John Smith, Lisa Jones, and Michael Brown. The works will be displayed in the Midsumma Visual Arts Gallery, located at 24 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

The opening night of the exhibition will be held on 15 January 2004, with a reception from 6pm to 9pm. The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 5pm.

For more information, please contact Midsumma Visual Arts on 03 9664 4444 or visit the Midsumma Visual Arts website at www.midsumma.org.au.
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VISUAL ARTS

Cross-Section

Cross-Section is a collection of paintings, drawings and prints, representing a cross-section of the work of Australian artists. The theme is self-representation and personal, with art taking the form of social issues as well as the subversive and extreme cultures of life.

Galleria de Glacé - Hall of Mirrors

Inspired by the Galleria de Glacé, on-hill of Maine. Ross Johnson has used techniques and contemporary figures and juxtaposed them with classical figures and settings. Galleria de Glacé provides viewers with a reinterpretation of classical imagery, while exploring themes that are as relevant today as they were in the seventeenth century.

Just Desserts

The Best of MCV's Bangas and Mash, MDV's controversial Bangs & Mash dashes out the best of the best in this art and culture. Includes the headlines and stories that prompted the campaign. Just Desserts, the best of Bangas & Mash is presented in this one-off show.

Out in Suburbia

Kingston Art Centre, in their final Midsumma Festival, presents Out in Suburbia, an exhibition of works by Ian McDowell, Gerard Morey, Michael Pepper and Paul Weideman. Bringing the excitement of Midsumma to the suburbs, each artist will confront a variety of issues in their work.

Mannerisms

Surveillance and control, the fetish of black and the future of sex. Mannerisms is a bold solo exhibition exploring the traditions and innovations of the male psyche. Photography, illustration, installation and performance featuring Ross Bussandros, Travis de Jong, Dean O'Sullivan, Sean O'Grady, Cameron McPhail, and Sonia Pezzotti.

The Collingwood Collective

Melbourne's local artists present works of different themes on Sundays throughout Midsumma. Exhibiting artists include: Simon Brown, Glenn Brown, Darren Beach, John O'Keefe, and Narda Glass. It's art and music, BBQ and summer nights all at the Stockhouse -- free entry.

This Queer Life

This Queer Life features photographs by Bruce/Queenslander Star photographer Shirley Hinkley. Photographs of a diverse range of celebrated members of the Queer community, including Molly Meldrum, Kenning Matthews, Kellie and Mario Brumby. Full proceeds will be donated to IDY Melbourne and the David Williams Fund.

Strangers & Sojourners 2

Through the Lens. The exhibition offers an insight into artistic, social and cultural diversity of the Jewish community. It presents artworks and documentary responses to diverse and important issues affecting the Jewish community. Through the eyes of contemporary Jewish artists, including paintings, drawings and prints by stars like Mendel, Barel, and Scherzer, amongst others. Free entry.

Geoffrey Golde - The Family of Man

Geoffrey Golde's gallery with Oriental and Western cultures is reflected in an energetic exhibition of recent paintings. His unique and somewhat idiosyncratic European art with Eastern aesthetic philosophies, producing works that encompass Oriental influences with Australian culture, are celebrated with a series of open studio events.

Or Joe Ficarra, Mayor, City of Morland

Morland City Council is proud to again support Midsumma in 2004 by funding and hosting New 03 in our Community Gallery in Brunswick. New 03 offers a flair for stretching concepts across all identity and community and presents art to engage, educate and challenge. Our support is one more step towards creating a community, proudly diverse. I hope you enjoy your 2004 Midsumma and the New 03 exhibition.
Get the sun, the stars and the stares.

Introducing the Irresistible new Saab 9-3 Convertible.

Does minimalist Scandinavian design turn you on? How about a smooth, thrumming turbocharger? Or maybe it's the latest electronic equipment? Whatever you're into, the new Saab 9-3 will not disappoint. In fact, this is the car that the critics are rating "best in class". And after one test drive you'll be equally impressed.

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La Manna Theatre, 206 Flinders Street, Carlton
Wheelchair access
21 Jan 2004, 8pm
Tel: 9662 4142
manna@earthlink.net.au
www.lamanatheatre.com.au

Tina C 'Just Doing It For The Love'

Award-winning country singer and global star Tina C returns to Melbourne and this time she's 'Just Doing It For The Love'. Following on from her highly-regarded Twin Tower's Tribute and Lifestyle Dinner shows this is an intimate evening of song and comedy that is not to be missed.

"Would-coloured get any better? Every delicious drop of stage time is utterly compelling" - New York Times

"Absolutely funny, unexpectedly attuned to the nuances of her powerful subject matter and a damn fine CCM singer" - Sunday Age

Chapel Off Chapel, 15 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
Wheelchair access, licensed
11 Feb 12:30-2:30, 7pm
$27.50 incl. GST and Melbourne members Tel: 9640 1000

tick, tick ... BOOM!

Before BOOM! Jonathan Larson had another story to tell - his own. tick, tick ... BOOM! is the musical tale of Jonathan's own story of struggle and success. In October 1990, and 15 years after the composer had auditioned for Broadway, he is on the verge of turning 30. Tired of life, battling alcoholism and burning himself out, he suffers a nervous breakdown. The show is a spicy comedy cabaret suitable for anyone who has a woman'smetting off becoming one.

Chapel Off Chapel, 44 Little Chapel Street, Prahran
Wheelchair access, licensed
4 & 7 Feb 2004, 8:30pm
9-12 Feb 2004, 8pm
Tel: 9640 1000

The Drag Kings of aotearoa, New Zealand

Don't miss this hairy-legged trio of drag queens and trans-performers from across the ditch! The Drag Kings of Aotearoa, New Zealand, have proved to be a huge hit at the Fringe and Laughter Festivals in New Zealand. The show is a spicy comedy cabaret suitable for anyone who has a woman'smetting off becoming one.

The Comedy Club at the Museum of Melbourne, 188 Collins Street, Melbourne
Wheelchair access, licensed
1 Feb 2004, 8pm
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Dr Malina Sahh, Mayor, City of Stonnington

On behalf of the City of Stonnington, the organising committee of Midsumma, for their dedication and encouragement in providing an exciting and expressive arts and culture festival celebrating Victoria's lesbian, gay and allied communities. The City of Stonnington is pleased to once again host this community event and wishes every success for 2004.

David Chisholm, Chair, Melbourne Fringe

Melbourne Fringe laws Melbourne. Not just because many of the Melbourne Fringe family and community are also part of the Midsumma family and community, and not just because Melbourne Fringe and Midsumma share the principles of open access, free expression and independent culture. Melbourne Fringe is Melbourne because we don't work through January, April, July, December and Midsumma help to nurture the Melbourne Fringe bulging each year, and we look forward to their to our GMF festival 2004 outing.
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Erika Moseley - Two of a Kind

Malaise & Vice for Everything from Drug to Country & Western. Mishima on a Fiery Heart for a Song Sung Well.

Everyone Loves a Grown-up, So They Say, and There’s No Such Thing as a New York Arts Program. We Return to Chapel Off Chapel, Venture into the Builders Arms and Enter at the Mahogany Door for a Night of Fine Fare.

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Contact: info@chapeloffchapel.com
Website: www.chapeloffchapel.com

Performance Dates:
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11:00am - 6:00pm

Tickets: $15-

The show is suitable for all ages.

Artwork by: Stella Sue

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Kaz Mitchell's Feast for St Valentine

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Love Songs For Miserable Bastards

The Country Club presents: Love Songs For Miserable Bastards. We're a bunch of committed miserable bastards taking a romantic musical odyssey in search of love. This combination of known and loved sweet and tender heartbreakers, mixed up with some fine original tunes and stories, will have your hearts a flutter in the fever of every country lovin' queen. May your love company or company on us soon.

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Michael Dalton unveils Dolly Diamond

Michael Dalton unveils Dolly Diamond. Dolly from successful seasons across the UK, Michael Dalton introduces Melbourne audiences to his alter-ego, Dolly Diamond, in the Australian Premiere of Love Songs For Miserable Bastards. The performance is a celebration of the remarkable musical experiences in an illustrious career; the sharp tongue and a very witty Dolly will perform a show that celebrates the blending of vaudeville, comedy, and song.

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I'm straight?

I'm straight? WARNING: this show is bound to offend. It contains references of a sexual nature (both normal and homosexual), violence, sexual references, and colourful language. This is not for the faint-hearted! It is not for the young! It is not for the first-timer! It is not for the conservative! It is not for the self-righteous! It is not for the sensitive! It is not for the unprepared! It is not for the easily offended! It is not for the easily entertained! Course language may be used to add colour and drama to the text whenever the artist feels it is appropriate.

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Out on a Limb

Roscoel Warner Productions Inc and Chapel Off Chapel proudly present: Out on a Limb. Sydney cabaret artist/award winner Thierry! (The Boy Who Knew Everything) and significant others return to Chapel Off Chapel with the premiere of Out on a Limb. A journey to the edge - and off it - with some of the last century's greatest gag composers. All the songs that were too obscure, too crazy or just too gay for your average cabaret. It's a story about finding out, growing up and moving on to crack... The Age said: "The new kid on the block... a great voice... "...The Wire called him "Completely sensational"..." and the newspaper "Cabaret as it should be..." Come and see what they're all talking about and step out of a Limb.

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PERFORMING ARTS

Silvia Peladino Sings Streisand

Well known to Australian theatre goers for her roles in Les Misérables, Cats and Miss Saigon, Silvia will perform a musical tribute to the life and legend of Barbra Streisand, covering her hits from the early 60s to the present day. Featured songs will include "People", "Evergreen", "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever", "Woman in Love" and "The Way We Were".

Stage fright

Comedy and cabaret are at the heart of this all-nights event for female performers who want to perform in a supportive environment. Stage fright is a cabaret-style event that encourages women to get out there and perform, with a host of performers, MCs, comedians, singers and other artists providing a supportive and encouraging experience. Entry is by gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to charity.

The Fabulous Singlettes

From Beelzebub to Diva (in one hour), The Fabulous Singlettes celebrate the greatest hits and all-time favourites of the 50s, 60s and 70s. With vocals by Laura Emdin, Melissa McEachern and Melissa McEachern, they perform many of the greatest hits of the era, including songs from Beelzebub, and 3000 years to Forever, sung in a way that is both inspiring and entertaining. Their impeccable harmonies and heart-warming performances will have you dancing and cheering for more.

Thoughts Unspoken

Thoughts Unspoken is a classical concert featuring great American song writers, performed by four of Melbourne's finest classical singers. The concert features works by Gershwin, Bernstein, Kern and Rodgers, with a special tribute to the late Bruce Weber. The concert will feature a selection of songs from the musical Theatre and Opera, including hits from West Side Story, Carousel, Carousel, The Sound of Music, and others. All proceeds from the concert will go to charity.

Wireless

Featuring David Glass and Peter Hurley, Wireless is a light-hearted look at the world of men's musical history and the relationship between music and love. In the course of his career, the duo have performed in numerous musicals and concerts, and have collaborated on several projects. Wireless is a musical celebration of love, friendship, and the power of music to bring people together.

The last chance for tickets is to be a Morning Person, Wireless will be held on 4th February 2004 at the last chance for tickets at 8pm. Tickets are available at the door or by phoning 9076 7000.
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Opening night exhibit, performance, forum, fashion show and workshop. Includes new and emerging performers. V:Galerie One, Great Stairs, Bath Bridge, 9th, with music, bar and food. Dancing and other performances finish at 11:30 PM. Dr. King's Exhibition, 57-59 Bell St., Auckland, entrance at 11:30 PM. AUB ( analyse before use) members are free of charge. Snacks will be available. Entry fee: $10.00 donation or $5.00 per person. Credit cards accepted.

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Literature constructs cultures and identities - social, historical, physiological, political, racial, personal and sexual. Through the written word we construct our desires and our identities. We enlighten, educate and embrace our differences and shared experiences. We are proud to be presenting Midsumma's 2004 spoken word season, sponsored by the City of Yarra, alongside Melbourne's premier queer literary program Word is Out, together presenting a veritable feast of literary events to thrill, enlighten and engage.

Sasha Cunningham, Programming Director & Spoken Word Coordinator

Novel Conversations

The hottest, newest and well-loved authors read and discuss with each other and the audience, gay and lesbian love, sex and romance in their novels. Set in a relaxed, panel-style setting, this is a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some of Australia's best and Q&L literature's favourite authors. Ask the questions you've always wanted to, hear their personal perspectives. Authors include: Neal Ashon, Aleksandr Duncan, Andrew Goldsmith, Annamarie Jagose, Cash Pope and emceed by Paddy O'Reilly. Find out more on these authors by visiting the Spoken Word page within www.midsumma.org.au. Further Event Details section. Midsumma's 2004 Spoken Word season is proudly funded by the City of Yarra. Auslan interpreters available by request, to book, please notify the Midsumma office 7 days prior to the event on telephone (03) 9615 9819.

Hot Summa Night Readings at The Glasshouse

Dare to be desired and delighted in steamy surroundings? Share a Midsumma night of seduction with local writers as they take you on an erotic adventure with lusty lovers and sexy surfer chicks. Drink the dryer block, tease in the men's, be led to the conclusion of the sand dunes. Taste the salt on your skin as they have their way...all summer long. Midsumma's 2004 Spoken Word season is proudly funded by the City of Yarra. Auslan interpreters available by request, to book, please notify the Midsumma office 7 days prior to the event on telephone (03) 9615 9819.

Hot Summa Night Short Story Competition: go to www.midsumma.org.au. 2004 Festival section 'Short Stories', to find out how you can be in the running to read your work at this event. Entries close 10am BST Monday 17 January 2004.

Chic Happens

Just when you thought being a lesbian was so five minutes ago, Melbourne's saltiest drag queens take to the stage to show why this gender doesn't need a makeover! Natasha Cho is writing a book of short stories about popular culture and identity. She also makes 'Sweet Valley Jive', www.sdj.com.au. The devastatingly talented Ursula O'Keefe has been a spoken word performer since 1993, with Midsumma Festival, SBS TV, SBS TV Gay and Lesbos World, and Spoken Word (San Francisco). She has also had work published in anthologies in Australia and the UK. Jules Wilson is to wrap his gold loins and talent are no guarantee of 502000s in this world. Soon to be seen in the new movie reality TV 'Girlie Barbet' - will she be the first voted off the dancefloor? Auslan interpreters will be provided for this event.

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The Exchange
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Brenton Geyer, Festival Manager

Visit our sisters!

Melbourne’s Midsumma Festival has discovered a Northern Hemisphere Sister: The MidzomerGracht Festival in Utrecht, The Netherlands runs from 11-19 June 2006 and is Utrecht’s eight-year-old annual gay and lesbian festival.

Utrecht is the fourth largest city of The Netherlands and situated in the centre of the country, only 30 minutes from Amsterdam and Schiphol International Airport, away.

Visit www.midzomergracht.nl/english to learn more about MidzomerGracht and check out www.unrighthost.com from your phone to travel to The Netherlands.

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Major Events


Get known

Now in its 16th year, the Festival is going through an exciting growth spurt and offers a stimulating and rewarding environment for its volunteer board members. Midsumma’s constitution provides for up to 12 Board members. Elections are normally held in March / April each year. In preparation for the next ADM, Midsumma is calling for expressions of interest for the positions that may be open on the Board at the next ADM.

While many of the executive and operational functions of the Festival have been performed by members of the Board operating as a Board of Management, the Festival is finding it is resourcing the operation more comprehensively, that the Board can focus on strategic direction and visioning. The future of the Festival and of queer life in Melbourne more generally, The Festival enjoys strong relationships with sponsors, government and semi-government agencies and a wide range of supporting organisations.

Please forward your Expressions of Interest, together with brief details of your skills and experience, to the Midsumma Office.

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