**PERFORMING ARTS**

**SOFTWARE 90 - PERFORMANCES BY GAY MEN**

**Venue**: Asthaneum Theatre II, 188 Collins St., Mel.

"SOFTWARE" enjoyed a near sell-out season during the 1989 MIDSUMMA Festival. "SOFTWARE" inspired and inspired through its scope, variety, depth and humour.

As part of the 1990 Festival, MIDSUMMA presents "SOFTWARE 90", a series of new works by gay men in dance, drama, music and comedy. The festival program includes "SELF ABUSE" - A SOLO ACT by Peter Anthony Ryan; "THE CAVALIER" by Anne Patrice; "PARAPARA" - A R. by Trevor Patrick; "GROWTH SPURT" by Bryan Smith and Ian Ferguson; plus "it is represented. FATHERS OF THINGS TO COME", an installation by Paul Hayes.

"SOFTWARE 90" will run for a limited season for 7 performances only, so BOOK NOW! It's guaranteed to sell out!

**Dates**: TUE 23 - SUN 28
**Times**: TUE - SAT 8pm; SUN 6pm
**Tickets**: $16 FULL, $10 CONCESSION
**Booking**: 6509 9777 and all RASS outlets

**VISUAL ARTS**

**MEDITATED AIDS**

**Venue**: ROOM 3 STUDIOS, 111 Brunswick St.

The Eighties were the age of AIDS. As the decade draws to a close we examine the visual arts for a reflection of the media response to the epidemic. Following the highly acclaimed "EMERGING AIDS" exhibition, the Meditated AIDS Project Group presents MEDITATED AIDS - messages about AIDS. The exhibition includes Installation, Drawing, Sculpture and installation artist has produced a series of objects and collages. His iconic sculptures will invoke grey from his materiality, material from around the world. The exhibition draws in paragraphs, media articles, AIDS and Sex Education material from around the world.

**Dates**: WED 17 JAN - WED 31 JAN
**Times**: 12 noon - 6.30pm

**Information**: midsumma 417 7481

**ENTRALISED**

**Venue**: FRINGE STUDIO, 184 Brunswick St. Fitzroy.

"A photographic collaboration concerning power and subjection." Stephen Cummins and Ara Kooposian present an exhibition of large format photographs which challenge the viewer's understanding of the way the male body is represented. The images celebrate a confident desire in a world of censorship.

**Dates**: THU 18 JAN - SUN 28 JAN
**Times**: 12 noon - 6pm
**Entry**: FREE

**Information**: FRINGE NETWORK 419 9568

**MUSCUT MEN**

**Venue**: R. B. SHOW, 7 Crowley St., Melbourne (near Pellegrini's).

Astrid of the touring gigantion Cussians Cummins has chosen the dancers of the Lindsay Kemp Dance Troupe as subject matter for her powerful portrayal of the male body. Through her bold vision and unorthodox use of materials, she presents us with a stunning reflection of the male nude.

**EXHIBITS will be for sale.**

**Dates**: SAT 20 JAN - SAT 10 FEB (OPENING FRID 19 JAN 7pm - 9pm)
**Times**: Mon to Fri 12noon - 6.30pm

**Information**: midsumma 417 7481

**MUSCUT MEN ICONS**

Bill Kirkwood, 23 year old Melbourne sculptor and installation artist has produced a series of objects and collages. His iconic sculptures will invoke grey from his materiality, material from around the world. The exhibition draws in paragraphs, media articles, AIDS and Sex Education material from around the world.

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**FILM**

**GAY & LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL**

**Venue**: STATE FILM THEATRE, 1 McKean St., East Mkt.

A cinematic exploration of homosexuality featuring local, national and international films and videos. This year's program includes: "FUN DOWN THERE" by Roger Stigiano (USA); "BALLAD OF READING GAO" by Richard Kustrimis (Australia); "SALUT VICTORY" by Anne Claire Pouvier (Canada).

Local productions include: "ELLEVATION" by the controversial Sydney film maker Stephen Cummins and the new feature film "NIGHT OUT" by Melbourne film maker Lawrence Johnson. For full program and information please call 419 3140.

**Dates**: THUR 25 JAN - WED 7 FEB (inclusive)
**Cost**: $5 FULL, $3 CONCESSION

**MUSCUT MEN AT THE ASTOR**

**Venue**: ASTOR THEATRE, 1 Chapel St & Dandenong Rd

Chairperson's Welcome

"MIDSUMMA 90 is a festival designed to involve, excite and connect Melbourne's gay community. Last year MIDSUMMA launched a program that gave a glimpse of our strength; diversity and pride. We are planning to build even greater networks and give a more comprehensive view of gay Melbourne.

In Victoria we lack the political history of street fighting that led to Mardi Gras. Our community is not concentrated geographically nor does it have a long history of display. However we have been able to achieve remarkable progress through quiet cooperation and plain hard work.

While the HIV virus may have cast a pall over our community, we have responded and responded well. Rather than sit back and wait for some backlash, we have developed a strong and legitimate profile. More and more members of the heterosexual community (families, workmates, neighbours, friends) now know more about us than ever before. They are starting to recognise and acknowledge the enormous social contributions made by members of the gay community - for example, the fact that we provide disproportionately more teachers, carers, healers, creative and cultural workers.

The MIDSUMMA Festival aims to show off these strengths and abilities both to ourselves and our friends. Whether it be participation in athletic events, the theatre and art programs, the car rally, drag bingo or the picnic in the park - MIDSUMMA holds the promise - now it's up to you to enjoy it!"

I urge you to seek out the program put together for the Lesbian-Festival 1990. A number of events are open to the public and increasing interaction between Melbourne's gay male and lesbian communities can only be to our mutual benefit.

Thank you to all our Festival sponsors and a special thank you to the members of the MIDSUMMA 250 Club who are making a personal commitment to an ongoing gay community festival in Melbourne.

Putting MIDSUMMA together has been a long process but I know the next 10 days and nights will be worth it as Melbourne's gay community puts on a dazzling kaleidoscope of fun and festival.

Be safe and enjoy.

PHIL CARSWELL

**LITERATURE**

**PINK INK READINGS**

**Venue**: LORD JIM'S HOTEL, 26 St Georges Rd, North Fitzroy

Contributions to the forthcoming Pink Ink Anthology of Lesbian and Gay Writers. A evening of poetry, prose and performance. Featuring: Catherine Bat- ion, Janet Burinjia, Ian C. Beke, Susan Hampten and Linda West. For information on the forthcoming Pink Ink Anthology, PO Box 335, Mermaid 3562, Nat. 2042.

**Dates**: THUR 25 JAN - WED 7 FEB
**Cost**: $5.00, $3.00/CONC

**BOOKING**: midsumma 417 7481

**MUSIC/COMEDY**

**THE FORUM**

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**Venue**: UNIVERSAL THEATRE, 19 Victoria St, Fitzroy

A day of discussion, discussion and discussion on three topics: "BEYOND AIDS", "POISONOGRAPHY" and "THE ARTIST SPEAKS," featuring performers, writers, and artists from MIDSUMMA events. Speakers include Mem Atel, lecturer at La Trobe and author of numerous books on gay politics, and Bryan Smith, curator of the "SOFTWARE 90." program. Please note that this event will be provided by the Victorian Deaf Society.

**Dates**: SAT 27 JAN
**Times**: BEYOND AIDS 10am - 11.30am • POISONOGRAPHY 12noon - 1.30pm • THE ARTIST SPEAKS 2.30pm - 4pm

**BOOKING/INFORMATION**: midsumma office 417 7481

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**BLESSEING OF THE FISH**

**Venue**: THE CHURCH, 225 Dorcas St, South Melbourne

The Metropolitan Community Church will conduct a special service of blessing for the MIDSUMMA Festival. A celebration for believers and non-believers alike.

**Dates**: SUN 21 JAN
**Time**: 7pm

**Information**: The Church 882 5154

**mumsumma's PARTY IN THE PARK**

**Venue**: FAWKNER PARK, Cir Tooronga and St. Kilda Roads

The inaugural function of the ASO's Fawkner Park GAY DAY celebrations, MIDSUMMA with the generous support of the Fawkner Park (a part of the City of Melbourne) and VAC/GMHC (Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre), is throwing a massive Party in the Park. Bring a picnic ham-
GAY YOUTH MURAL
Venue: ROSS HOUSE, 247-251 Flinders Lane
Victorian Network, Melbourne's Gay Youth Group will produce this Mural. Jim's Inn 2 3m canvas depicting scenes of being young and gay today. The mural will be created on the day with the help of a professional community artist. The canvas will be displayed at the Red Roof Party before being hung at the office of Victorian Network at Ross House. If you are under 26 and want to participate contact Steven Jack from the Network on 6503103.
This event is proudly sponsored by the ALSD FOUNDATION.
Date: SAT 20 JAN
Time: 2pm - 5pm
Entry: FREE
Information: Steven Jack 650 5103
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MIDSUMMA MIDWEEK DINNER
Venue: BOUZY ROUGE, 399 Queen St, Nth Melbourne
Dine out in style, at the official Midsumma Midweek Dinner. Make up a party and enjoy a great night out at the famous Bouzy Rouge. There will be an A la Carte menu plus a very special treat. Guaranteed to be a fun evening. Last year's dinner was booked out. Reserve your table NOW!
This event is proudly sponsored by the MELBOURNE GAY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION.
Date: TUE 23 JAN
Time: 8pm
Entry: FREE - but budget the cost of your meal.
Bookings: Bouzy Rouge 328 1468
Information: Tim Hartnett 7727566

CANASTA
Venue: LINCOLN INN HOTEL, 66 Queen St, Carlton
Canasta has been a regular feature of Melbourne's gay scene for over twenty years. Experienced and beginner players are all welcome. Prizes provided. BOOK EARLY as space is limited.
Date: WED 24 JAN
Time: TBC
Entry: $15 (Includes supper, beer and wine)
Bookings/Information: Michael Gibson 990 5397

DRAK BINGO NIGHT
Venue: TRISH'S COFFEE LOUNGE, 156 Peel St, Nth Melbourne
At last! An event designed to combine sport and glamour! Trish's and ALSO’s Caro are proud to present Melbourne’s first Drag Bingo Night. A range of celebrity and professional callers will entertain you almost as much as the contestants. BOOK EARLY as space is definitely limited!
Date: WED 24 JAN
Time: EYELASHES DOWN AT 7.30pm
Entry: 20CENTS PER GAME
Bookings/Information: midsumma 471841

GAMMA MONTHLY MEETING
Venue: A.O.F. HALL, 368 Commercial Rd, Prahran
GAMMA, the Gay & Married Men’s Association, is a community support group for married gay and bisexual men. This group meets regularly once a month to socialize and discuss issues relevant to married gays. The meeting will feature a guest speaker who will be able to answer your queries. Light refreshments will be provided, so do drop in for a coffee and a chat.
Date: MON 29 JAN
Time: 8pm
Entry: midsumma 471841

GENERAL INFORMATION

3CR - MIDSUMMA RADIO (85.5 AM)
Your radio will be an essential accessory during the MIDSUMMA Festival. 3CR will feature reports, interviews, roundups and previews each day of the Festival. So if you want to hear reviews of events, would like to find out more about performers, exhibitors or speakers or simply want to know what's on each day, tune in to 3CR! TIMES 8.15am weekdays - what's on and roundups 5.30pm weekdays - interviews and reviews 9.00am Sunday - arts events reviewed, previewed and excerpted on Art Attacks 10.30pm till midnight Wednesday - The Lesbian and Gay Show: Melbourne’s only gay radio program

MIDSUMMA 24 HRS INFORMATION LINE
For the latest hype, gossip and serious information on Festival events, ring 0055 14925. (This service is proudly sponsored by TELEGAY Phone Services)

FESTIVAL CLUB
You know your favourite glasses. Give your gay venues the support they deserve and get out there during the Festival to make MIDSUMMA a true community festival. Visit a venue you haven’t visited before, make new friends and, above all, play safe!

LESBIAN FESTIVAL 1990
Concurrently with MIDSUMMA ’90, runs Melbourne’s first ever Lesbian Festival: 10 days of public exploration & celebration of lesbianism. The events listed below are open to the general public.
OPENING CONCERT
VENUE - Myer Music Bowl
DATE/TIME - SAT 20 Jan, 3pm
ENTRY - Admission by donation.
THE QUELL SEASON - What do they call me? VENUE - Guild Theatre, Gate One, Tin Alley, Melbourne University.
DATE/TIME - Ring Festival Hotline 654 1732
ENTRY - $10, $6 (CONC)
NATIONAL LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL
VENUE - State Film Theatre
DATE/TIMES - TUE 23 - SUN 28 JAN, 9pm ENTRY - Season Pass: $48, $36 (CONC)

MIDSUMMA 250 CLUB
For individuals who wish to extend their support of our gay venues we are delighted to announce that we have created the MIDSUMMA 250 CLUB. Your donation of $250 will entitled you my many benefits. Membership of the club is limited to 250 people. Current members include Simon Jackson, Clive Parsons, Andrew Porter, Ron Thiele. If you want to find out more about the MIDSUMMA 250 CLUB or want to join, please contact our Festival Co-ordinator, Wolfgang Wittwer, on 417 7481.

MIDSUMMA 250 CLUB

HOTEL

The folks from the Australian Gay Archives have ventured into their vaults and unearthed some forgotten pho- damage, posters and badges of Lesbian & Gay Melbourne since the dawn of time - it is quite a sensation.
Venue: STATE FILM CENTRE, 1 MacArthur Place, East Melbourne.
Date: TUE 23 JAN
Time: 9am - 11am (MON - FRI), 9pm - 11pm (SAT-SUN)
Tour: A guided tour of historical texts, for- mer venues and lesbian & gay sacred sites. Cars and bikes will rally with the guide at 144 Adderley St, West Mel- bourne. Ending at the MIDSUMMA Picnic in the Park, Parkdale Park.
Date: SAT 21 JAN
Time: 11am - 1pm
Entry: FREE
Bookings/Information: Mark 853 9372
JANUARY 1990

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MEDIATED AIDS
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R & R Shop

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Various venues

GAY & LESBIAN FILM FEST
State Film Theatre
OPENING 1 FEB

MIDSUMMA AT THE ASTOR
Astor Theatre
OPENING 14 JAN

PINK INK READING
Lord Jim's Hotel

FORUM
Universal Theatre

MUSIC/COMEDY

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to be announced

FESTIVE

SUMMA SPLASH SWIM SPECTACULAR
Richmond Pool

ONYERBIKE
Stalls 144 Adderley St, Mel

JOE FOR JOY
MIDSUMMA Picnic in the Park

HIJAZAKITE
MIDSUMMA Picnic in the Park

BALL'S UP
MIDSUMMA Picnic in the Park

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE FESTIVAL
The Church

MIDSUMMA PICNIC IN THE PARK
Fawkner Park

OFF THE BEAT'N TRACK CAR RALLY
Fawkner Park

MIDSUMMA SEX EVENT
Alfred Park Baptist Church

QUILT WORKSHOP
St. Mark's Hall

HISTORY PROJECT: EXHIBITION
State Film Theatre
OPENING 1 FEB

HISTORY PROJECT: TOUR
Stalls 144 Adderley St, Mel

GAY YOUTH MURAL
Ross House

MIDSUMMA MIDWEEK DINNER
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MON 29

CAMPING WEEKEND
Mt Baw Baw

LESBIAN & GAY QUIZ NIGHT

RED ROAR
Festival Hall

MIDSUMMA SKIES - 7TH HEAVEN
Cadillac Bar

WET X MENS-PROUD PRICKS ON PARADE
X-Change Hotel

LESBIAN FESTIVAL 1990

20 - 30 JANUARY