

MAJOR EVENTS



Midwinta Gala Ball

SOCIAL
VENUE Grand Hyatt
DATE & TIME 7 Aug, Fri 6.30pm
TICKETS SOLD OUT

The Midwinta Gala Ball is Midsumma's major fundraising activity for the year. Back again after a sell-out success in 2014 - the second Midwinta Gala Ball will be even bigger and better. We have organised an evening full of entertainment, food, dancing and a range of opportunities to donate. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for announcements about the talented performers who will be taking to the stage on the evening—we have a couple of very special surprises planned.

If you missed out on tickets to this year's extravaganza (they sold out in 10 hours) you can still participate in our auctions which will open to the public via our website in July with bids being accepted until the 6th of August. We will also be announcing our latest patrons during the evening so head to our website or get in touch with our team if you are interested in helping us continue to showcase diverse gender and sexuality (DGS) community talent.



Winterdaze

SOCIAL
VENUE The Royal Melbourne Hotel
DATE & TIME 31 Jul, Fri 11pm - 7am
TICKETS Full: \$69 Group: \$55 (min. 10) VVIP: \$89

Something wicked this way comes... This winter, the producers of the beautiful and the filthy in Melbourne's LGBT and STR8 dance music communities join together to ignite WINTERDAZE. A massive event with three different dance spaces with their own entertainment line ups - The Dirty Dance Party, The Crystal Palace and The Upper House plus four unique extra play spaces for your enjoyment; The Glittering Garden, the Dark Cells, the Hunting Lodge and the VVIP sunken lounge and bar. International headliners and the surprise pop up superstar experience will make this the big ticket this Midwinta...Welcome to WINTERDAZE.



2016 Midsumma Guide Competition

Want to become a featured Midsumma artist? If so, Midsumma Festival is running a competition just for you.

We expect the submitting artists to "have something to say" and to feel a connection with the LGBTI community. You will be an advocate for the community and its issues, and wish to express your opinions through your chosen art form.

The competition requires artists to produce a body of work within the theme 'Inspiring Inclusion'. The Midsumma Festival Guide and website have massive readerships, so all submissions must have a high commitment to their artistry. Once a winner is chosen, they will work with the Midsumma team to make their artwork available over multiple platforms on a professional level. Midsumma will also organise an exhibition featuring the winner's work.

If you have ever wanted your work to be seen by thousands of people head to midsumma.org.au, get familiar with the criteria and submit your application by the 3rd of August.

VENUES

Gasworks Arts Park

21 Graham St, Albert Park, 3206

Gasworks Arts Park is a vibrant arts precinct producing a range of high-quality arts programs, workshops and activities for all ages. Situated in Albert Park, Melbourne, on the site of the former South Melbourne Gas Plant, Gasworks is just three kilometres from the CBD and the precinct houses four hectares of park, two theatres, three gallery spaces, a café, as well as function and workshop spaces.

www.gasworks.org.au
Tel: 8606 4200

The 86, Cabaret Bar

185 Smith St, Fitzroy, 3065

For Midsumma 2015 The 86 hosted 7 events including the 'coming out' cabaret tale 'Odd Socks', 'Men Getting Naked', 'Shazam' and for a whole weekend converted itself into 'ABBAR' in celebrating 40 years of ABBA music. They were the stand out venue for this years Eurovision telecast with 3 nights dedicated to the song contest which included a live performance from Serbia's very own finalist Nina along with satellite crosses to the host city Vienna.

They have an in-house cocktail list of 42 drinks along with classics, Vietnamese cuisine and Pizzas. Big comfy velvet booths, a Cabaret dining area and a dance floor for when you need to kick up your heels. It certainly is one of the communities most versatile venues with popular drink specials and is open till 3am Thursday till Saturday.

www.the86.com.au
Email: drinks@the86.com.au
Tel: 9077 4360

Hare & Hyenas

63 Johnston St, Fitzroy, 3065

Founded in 1991, Hares & Hyenas is one of Melbourne's busiest presenters of queer and alternative culture. Having presented over a thousand performance and literary events in its 23-year-history, since 2012 Hares & Hyenas has been operating a fully licensed performance venue, the Hare Hole. It currently hosts about three shows per week ranging from large seasons for the annual Midsumma, Comedy and Melbourne Fringe festivals to regular spoken word nights, performance parties and events of all types presented by leading producers and artists. With professional sound and lighting infrastructure, the venue is fully disability accessible and is licensed for 80 people. The Hare Hole is available for events of all sorts, private functions, performances, panel discussions, community functions, workshops, gatherings, parties and more. Make your next milestone event a special occasion at the Hare Hole.

www.hares-hyenas.com.au
Tel: 9495 6589

The Butterfly Club

Carson Place, Off Little Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000

The Butterfly Club is a small theatre in the heart of the CBD. It features award-winning cocktail bars, an enormous collection of kitsch, and more shows than it's sensible or prudent to count.

The Butterfly Club operates as a year-round arts festival, so it's perfectly okay to make visiting a habit. Its cosy nooks and couches are ideal for keeping warm and catching up with friends, the kitsch art on the walls makes it easy to keep the conversation going, and with up to fifty performances a week, a great show is never far away.

www.thebutterflyclub.com
Email: info@thebutterflyclub.com
Tel: (03) 9663 8107

DT's Pub

164 Church Street, Richmond, 3121

Richmond's premiere gay joint has been at it for many years. It's a relaxed affair with a real anyone's welcome vibe. During the week is a calmer affair, including trivia on Tuesday nights, karaoke on Wednesday nights and a cheap BBQ and raffle on Friday nights, with drag shows taking over on Saturday night. Sunday afternoons feature a giant spin and win wheel with largely booze-related bounty. It's all a bit exotic out back with palm trees and ponds, though do expect to get up close and personal with your neighbour as it's a nice and cosy space.

www.dtshotel.com.au
Email: info@dtspub.com.au
Tel: +61 (3) 9428 5724

The GH Hotel

1 Brighton Rd, St Kilda, 3183

The GH is home to one of the most unique nightclub spaces in Australia. Focusing on entertainment each and every Friday and Saturday night is what sets the venue apart. The GH hosts three well stocked bars, a huge dance floor, two smoking rooms, balcony spaces, pool table, raised DJ box and more.

The fabulous spaces are matched with world class shows, DJs and entertainment. Each night at the GH is a spectacle, with great locally produced shows and regular interstate and international acts.

www.ghhotel.com.au
Tel: 9534 4189

TICKETS

Buy tickets from midsumma.org.au or call 9415 9819

Payment

VISA and MasterCard are the only accepted methods of payment for online and phone sales.

Free Events

A number of Midsumma events are free but require registration. In these instances tickets must still be booked either via the website or over the phone. Simply follow the same process as you would to book tickets for any other event. There are no ticketing costs associated with registration for free events.

Transaction Fee

All tickets sold through Midsumma Festival attract a \$2.50 booking fee per transaction.

Externally Ticketed Events

A small number of Midsumma Festival events are ticketed by external agents. In these cases you will be redirected to the external ticketing site when you click on the Book Now button. Additional fees may apply and customers are subject to the ticketing policies of the external ticketing provider.

Discounts and Concessions

Holders of valid concession cards are eligible for concession price tickets. You may be asked to show your concession card when collecting your tickets or upon entry to your event. Midsumma Festival also supports the Companion Card. Please call our booking line on (03) 9415 9819 to book Companion Card tickets.

Other discount types for groups, previews or community group memberships may apply to specific events. In these cases the discount will be listed as a price option when purchasing a ticket.



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CHAIR'S WELCOME



AARON HOCKLY Midsumma Festival Chair

Midsumma's board and management take great pleasure in presenting our second Midwinta Festival. Midwinta is a response to repeated requests from the diverse gender and sexuality (DGS) community for us to hold more events outside of the Midsumma Festival period.

Like the Midsumma Festival, most of Midwinta is community produced with Midsumma only taking a promotional role. Our community produced programme, one of Australia's largest, gives any individual or group from any part of the DGS community or beyond the opportunity to produce an event for the Midsumma or Midwinta festivals. Midwinta this year sees 9 performing arts events, 10 social activities and 1 visual arts events.

Midsumma will also be producing three events for Midwinta:

1. The Midwinta Gala Ball on 7 August 2015 in the Savoy Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt. The night aims to raise funds for Midsumma through an auction of goods and services generously donated by many businesses and individuals so come prepared to spend big! This event is sold out.
2. The 18th annual Pride March Bake-off will be held on 25 July 2015 from 2:30pm. This is an entertaining fundraiser to help us to continue and to improve Pride March.
3. Midsumma Gorge is be our inaugural food and wine experience with a bit of flair. This year we will explore the Daylesford Hepburn region on-board the Midsumma bus. There are a range of other activities also planned for this weekend—see our website for more information.

Midsumma recently established a new vision for our proud 28 year old organisation: inspiring inclusion *colourfully*. We aim to ensure that all people regardless of their culture, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality are included, respected and valued.

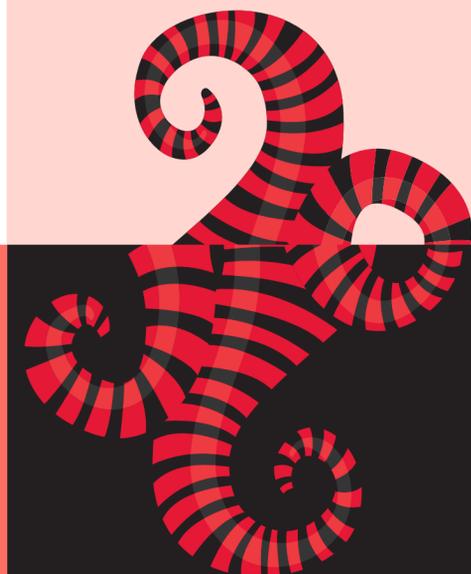
Midwinta seeks to connect, engage, inspire, challenge and excite you. Enjoy!

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ABOUT MIDSUMMA



SPONSORING MIDSUMMA WHY DONATE?

Midsumma is a not for profit organisation and draws its funds from sponsorship, direct revenues and the generous donations of our supporters. There are a range of ways that you can make a tax deductible donation including:

- Becoming a Member
- Becoming a Patron
- Making a casual donation
- Donate at one of our events
- Attend our annual fundraising event—the Midwinta Gala Ball

Membership:

- Individual: \$30
- Family (2 adults at same address): \$45
- Affiliated Organisation: \$60

Patrons:

- Rainbow: \$500 - \$999
- Silver: \$1,000 - \$1,999
- Gold: \$2,000 - \$4,999
- Diamond: \$5,000+

All donations are tax deductible so head to our website midsumma.org.au to support your community and help us continue to produce the Midsumma Festival each year.



MIDWINTA

25 JULY - 9 AUGUST





No Curry, No Rice: Sexual appetites, ethnic stereotypes, and racism in our GLBTIQ communities

PERFORMING ARTS
A moderator will chair a unique panel of speakers from different ethnic and gender backgrounds, posing a series of hypothetical dilemmas. This event is focusing on men, but open to all to be present.
VENUE Hares & Hyenas
DATE & TIME 2 Aug, Sun 5.30 - 7pm
TICKETS FREE



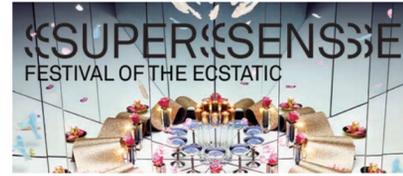
Hoping For The Best

PERFORMING ARTS
Come with Kirsty Webeck on a hilarious journey through her dubious employment history. After sold out shows at Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2015, she's coming to Midwinta to make you laugh until you cry. Expect storytelling. Expect an education on mopping. Expect hilarity.
VENUE The Butterfly Club
DATE & TIME 5 - 9 Aug, Wed - Sat 7pm, Sun 6.30pm
TICKETS Full: \$23.50 Concession: \$17 Group: \$17 (min. 4)



MKA: 186,000

PERFORMING ARTS
9th "The Lesbian Avenger" Talking about visibility: the Arts and Beyond. (Panel) 16th "Queer as Verb" What is Queer Performance? How and why do we do it? (Panel) 21st In-Development Showing Plus online exhibition of video interviews!
VENUE Richmond Library Theatre
DATE & TIME 9, 16, 21 August, Sun 7pm
TICKETS \$5



Supersense - Festival of the Ecstatic

PERFORMING ARTS
Supersense is a new festival exploring the ecstatic, extreme and sublime horizons of human experience. For one weekend this August, Arts Centre Melbourne's stages, back rooms and hidden corners will be transformed into an immersive environment of rapture and collective transcendence.
VENUE Arts Centre Melbourne
DATE & TIME 7 - 9 Aug, Fri - Sun various times
TICKETS Various prices



YUMMY

PERFORMING ARTS
James Welsby presents YUMMY, a mouth-watering camp cabaret of non-stop drag pop featuring some of Melbourne's favourite performers: Yana Alana, Benjamin Hancock, James Andrews, Karen From Finance, Hannie Helsden, Beni Lola, James Welsby and Phil Ferguson's famous crocheted food hats!
VENUE The Toff in Town
DATE & TIME 9 Aug, Sun 8pm
TICKETS \$15

THE HOMO - REVOLUTION

Homo-revolution: the secret ingredient to being gay and happy

SOCIAL
It's time for a homo-revolution. It is time for gay people, to reclaim something even more powerful than legal equality. It's time to reclaim our wellbeing. We deserve to be happier. To wake up enthralled by our lives. Learn how!
VENUE Hares & Hyenas
DATE & TIME 28 Jul, Tues 7pm
TICKETS FREE, registration required at midsumma.org.au



A High St Winta Session

PERFORMING ARTS
Our fifth fabulous High St Session brings you three fantastic bands - The Fondue Set (60s and 70s golden hits), The Ukulele Ladies (a bit Vegas and a tad Tamworth) and Queen Beaver (rocking originals and bending covers since 1996).
VENUE Wesley Anne
DATE & TIME 1 Aug, Sat 8 - 11pm
TICKETS Full: \$15 Concession: \$10 Group: \$10 (min. 5)



I Can't Say The F Word

PERFORMING ARTS
Millions of words are spoken each day but there are words that cannot be said. I Can't Say The F Word is a deeply personal insight into how one word can have a profound and lasting impact on an individual's identity.
VENUE Gasworks Arts Park
DATE & TIME 30 Jul - 1 Aug, Thu - Sat 8pm
TICKETS Full: \$20 Group: \$15 (min. 4)



Stopping the Pinkwash

SOCIAL
GLOBE has assembled a panel of guest speakers to present and discuss their views of the do's and don'ts of engaging the LGBTIQ community. Our panel includes Stephen Barrow who is GM of People, Products and Markets NAB as well as GM Group Diversity and Inclusion NAB and Sally Goldner, prominent bi and trans advocate.
VENUE Campari House
DATE & TIME 31 Jul, Fri 12 - 1.30pm
TICKETS Full: \$65 GLOBE members: \$50



Team Melbourne Midwinta Mixer

SOCIAL
Team Melbourne are hosting a mixer for everyone to come and meet members of the LGBTIQ sporting community. Learn about what they do and what's in store for LGBTIQ sport over the next 12 months.
VENUE The 86
DATE & TIME 31 Jul, Fri 7 - 9pm
TICKETS FREE



Midsumma Gorge

SOCIAL
It's time to come out of hibernation and climb aboard the Midsumma bus to Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges where we have handpicked the very best the region has to offer for you to try, taste and take home. Pick ups will be available from Melbourne city as well as Daylesford before we venture into the countryside in search of fine produce and breathtaking vistas. You can also make a weekend of it and join a range of other activities scheduled throughout the weekend.
VENUE Daylesford and Macedon region
DATE & TIME 15 Aug, Sat 8.30am
TICKETS \$150
Additional prices on midsumma.org.au



Pride March Bake Off

SOCIAL
Enjoy the magnitude of cakes and bakes as DTs plays host, yet again, to the official Pride March fundraiser. Enter your cake or bid on someone else's, either way it is all for a good cause.
These are the judging categories:
• The Most Fabulously Delicious Cake
• The Most Marvellously Stunning Cake
• Best Bite-Size Sweets
The Great Pride March Challenge. Introducing a challenge to end all challenges, this category will make a Master Baker out of you.
Register at midsumma.org.au
VENUE DTs Pub
DATE & TIME 25 Jul, Sat 2.30pm
TICKETS FREE admission Cake Entry: \$10



ENUF STIGMA SLAM

SOCIAL
If you are living with HIV you are invited to share your experiences of discrimination and resilience through storytelling. Join our creative writer in a supportive and friendly workshop amongst others who will have similar experiences to yours.
VENUE Register at info@enuf.org.au by 24th of July
DATE & TIME 1 Aug, Sat 1 - 5pm
TICKETS FREE



Legends on the Inside

SOCIAL
A rocking jailhouse party featuring Australia's best Drag Kings performing songs of "Legends" who have been on the inside. Visiting hours have started, get your mugshot and a pat down on arrival. Beware if you bring in any contraband, our sexy screws will be issuing fines!
VENUE The 86
DATE & TIME 8 Aug, Sat 8pm
TICKETS Full: \$25 Concession: \$22.50



Superheroes and Villains Trivia Night

SOCIAL
Join your fellow wonder women and super-men for a mind-bending evening of trivia with the Melbourne Spikers. Gather some friends, form a team of challengers and get ready to match your wits against Melbourne's finest Trivia minds.
VENUE Collingwood Town Hall
DATE & TIME 8 Aug, Sat 7pm
TICKETS \$25



The Last Five Queers

PERFORMING ARTS
The Last Five Queers is a song cycle of music by renowned composer Jason Robert Brown, with a slight twist. The stunning music has been reimagined to tell the intertwined stories of five characters, and their relationships and sexuality.
VENUE The Butterfly Club
DATE & TIME 28 Jul - 9 Aug, Tue - Sat 8.30pm, Sun 8pm
TICKETS Full: \$32 Concession: \$28 Group: \$25 (min. 8)
Tight Arse Tuesday: \$25



GoGet Lost

SOCIAL
Ever watched The Amazing Race and thought you would be awesome at it? Have you got a couple of friends that are exceptionally good at solving riddles? Then this adventure is the perfect way to spend a cold Saturday in winter. Midsumma and GoGet have put together an exciting day of self drive fun and frivolity through one of Victoria's most interesting regions. You will need at least one licensed driver and a fluent map reader, optional extras include a backseat driver, a train spotter and an amateur botanist. Your GoGet vehicle will leave from Melbourne city. BYO vehicle options will also be available - see our website for more information. Suitable for all ages (providing the driver holds a valid drivers license).
VENUE It's a Secret
DATE & TIME 1 Aug, Saturday, 9am
TICKETS \$150 per car.
Additional prices on midsumma.org.au



Holed Up Midwinta

PERFORMING ARTS
Banish the winter blues as the Hare Hole hops with a season of spoken word, panels, a workshop and comedy. The season starts with the regular catch-up of the Melbourne LGBT Comic Group (Mon 27 July); Matt Cooksey workshop (Tue 28 July); and an intimate evening with queer feminist erotic superstar, Madison Young, who will talk about her life as a trailblazing feminist erotic art maker with Jules Wilkinson (Wed 29 July). It is followed by a panel by Living Positive Victoria (Thu 30 Jul). Then we return with Hares & Hyenas' signature spoken word event, Rapid Fire, a night where 12 writers have just 6 minutes each to woo and wow you (Fri 31 Jul).
Our Saturday night is devoted to a new regular comedy night, Mixed Nuts, produced by Tom Noble (Sat 1 Aug). We finish our Midwinta season with a panel discussion in collaboration with the Australian GLBTIQ Multicultural Council (AGMC) that looks at sexual appetites and the ethics of ethnic profiling your dating desires, No Curry No Rice (Sun 2 Aug).

VENUE Hares & Hyenas
DATE & TIME 29 Jul - 2 Aug, Thu - Sat 8pm, Sun 5.30pm
TICKETS Full: \$75 Concession: \$50 Group: \$60 (min. 4)



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