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Welcome everyone to the eleventh annual Midsuma gay and lesbian festival. This year the focus of the festival is set firmly on Melbourne. Over the three weeks of the festival, gay men and their friends will have the chance to enjoy the best of what Melbourne has to offer. The 99 festival features new events by leading artists and groups and all the festival favourites of old. Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform at the Concert Hall while Club Swing premiere their new work Razzle Dazzle at the recently refurbished North Melbourne Arts House. Midsuma will present for the first time Queer Street a public art program at bus stops, train platforms and other public places around town. New Q now in its second year will be held in the Lidington Gallery. Cabaret and performances around north of the Yarra while theatre and showcases rule the south.

I encourage everyone to take the time to explore the diverse offerings of the festival, check out the guide and go see, hear or play at one of the many independent or community run events. These shows reflect the amazing strength and sensitivity of Melbourne’s homo arts, sporting, literary, social and cultural activism.

Every weekend a major outdoor event highlights a unique Melbourne location: Street Party on Commercial Road; Pride at the beach; Ride at Luna Park and Carnival in the beautiful Alexandra Gardens. Each Midsuma event giving us the opportunity to enjoy and cherish the city we live in.

As the sun sets over our summer of love, the last summer of the millennium, lest we remember and lest we forget the events that have shaped our lives as we look forward and kiss the future.

Tracey Wall, President

Events and festivals are a huge part of Melbourne’s tourism success and the Midsuma festival is no exception. Business and tourism benefit greatly from such events. Best wishes for Midsuma 1999.

Hon. Ladies Act 99 MLC, Minister for Small Business and Tourism. Member for Monash Province

I welcome this opportunity to offer my support and best wishes for the eleventh annual Midsuma Festival.

Midsuma is an important focal point of Melbourne’s annual social and cultural calendar; promoting the talent and diversity of our local, national and international Gay and Lesbian Community.

Over the recent years, I have enjoyed my involvement with Midsuma and as always, I am looking forward to the wide diversity of events and activities and the unique charm and atmosphere on offer.

The Midsuma Festival has become one of our highest profile events, drawing visitors from across Australia and the international community. It makes a significant contribution to our local tourism industry and economy, encouraging visitors to experience the Festival and Melbourne and Victoria’s varied attractions.

Have fun!

John Brumby MP, Leader of the Opposition

Midsuma is committed to presenting an annual gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival in Melbourne. Midsuma promotes a safe and healthy environment in which the lesbian and gay community can celebrate its pride and diversity.

Midsuma supports and encourages all community activities it considers as having cultural relevance within the lesbian and gay community.

Midsuma Festival is brought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board coordinates all aspects of Midsuma 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 and the community to bring you the annual Festival.

1998-99 Board Of Management

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As Midsumma launches into its second decade, it is timely to reflect on the important contribution Midsumma has made to the gay and lesbian community in Melbourne. Since becoming associated with the festival in 1995, Optus has seen both the festival and umbrella events grow significantly in size and popularity, cementing Midsumma’s position on the Australian arts calendar.

The relationship we began with Midsumma back then is still as strong today. We are proud of the fact that Optus led the way with corporate sponsorship for Midsumma and we are as committed to the community today as we were back then. We have seen a number of other corporates follow our lead by becoming involved in the festival, and this can only take the festival to new heights.

So, thanks again Melbourne. Thanks again for your continued support. And thank you for allowing us to be part of your festival!

Looking forward to the future............yes!!

Peter Barr, Manager, Marketing Insights Group

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Qantas is delighted to be the Official Airline of the Midsumma Festival and to be a part of Melbourne’s gay and lesbian arts and cultural programme for the third year. As Australia’s leading international airline, we can fly you to more than 100 destinations around the world and still make you feel at home. Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful festival.

Alistair Dawson Business Development Manager, Victoria

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exciting adolescence. We’ll face the challenges this period will bring together — and we’ll come out of it stronger, and still together.

Here’s a great Midsumma!

Matthew Jones Managing Editor

MSO

Melbourne Star Observer is proud once again to be a major sponsor of the Midsumma Festival. MSO and Midsumma have been in partnership together and with the gay and lesbian community for more than a decade now. During that time we’ve all grown and changed — some might even say matured! — and we now face our

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THE WHITE ROSE A rip off comedy by Steven Dawson

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David Williamson Theatre
St John St, Prahran
Jan 13th - Feb 14th
Two - 7pm
8pm Tues - Sat 6pm Sun
522 Full, 516 Concession
$15 Outcast members
9529 3626 (box office) or Ticketek 123 449

MY LIFE AS A DYKE

Coming out, coming out, coming out. No more, more, I've been happily ever after. Shove in the laughter, tears and laughs of "My Life as a Dyke", from the company who produced "Come Back To The 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" (Midsomma 98) and "Tight" (Up!)

Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

QUEER CUTS '99 Midsomma's short works season

Four comedies to deliver music to magic. Queer Cutz '99 pulls together the cream of Melbourne's performance on stage. With between 4 and 6 acts every night, there's something for everyone. "V promises" featuring Luke Gallagher in collaboration with Alex Stace, brings us a new musical work that delves into technology, illness and youth. Australia's leading female magician Cat Jarmison. The Woman of Discretion appears; and The Cosmic Players Inc introduce "Champagne Ladies", full of attitude, class and debauchery. Just a taste of what is on offer.

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Shirley Billing in "A BARREL OF MONKEYS"

A Shirley Billing Variety Hour: new wit, whig, high shock performance. Created by Jodie Smith. Shirley Billing, the famous musical comedienne whose work was sponsored by Citrus Oils, QANTAS, Metro Theatre, Melbourne Workers Theatre, and who was a NA of Softwear 1994 with her one woman show "Lost in Neath", brings the crown to Midsomma with her unique blend of strange characters, amazing songs and edge humour.

Theatres Vela 215 Cemetery St Fitzroy Wed 20th - Sat 20th Jan Wed 11th - Sat 10th Feb 7pm $17 Full, $15 Concession, no Concessions for the show 9385 5864

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From the Entertainment Centre to the Opera House, this girl has done it all. Now she takes us on a journey through her loves and ours, inspired by a makeup kit. An evening of fun, laughter and all your favourite songs.

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HOMME FATALE: The Joey Stefano Story

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Joey Stefano was a Gay dom, revolutionary porn star and possessor of what has been acclaimed as the best bottom in the business.

But Joey Stefano was really Nick Lazenby, the white trout boy from Chester, Pennsylvania who was willing to do anything to get out.

Theatre Work 14 Acland St, St Kilda
Jan 16th - Feb 5th
4pm $17 Full, 120 Concession 9904 3706

visual arts

MASS HANG

Come and see the next generation of New GL artists. In the tradition of the Heraldo Outdoor Art Show, Midsomma offers budding artists an opportunity to hang their work for all to see. The small art units can display their work at the Festival and you may even sell it. For entry forms and additional information phone the Midsomma office on 9415 5819. All art will need to be at the Midsomma office a week before Carnival. So you've got plenty of time to pop on a stencil and make some art!
visual arts (cont...)

QUEER STREET:

Midsumma occupies the pathways, streets, arcades and lanes of the city with its Integrated Public Arts Programme. Watch out for the full programme with artist and location details to be launched Tuesday 10th January (available in The Festival Guide). QUEER STREET is proudly supported by the City of Melbourne.

QUEER STREET: The Thin Line

The Thin Line presents a collection of Australian artists who take to the Platform spaces, exploring perceptions of Queer, Gay, Lesbian and Straight by looking at the similarities between cross-narrative strategies, rather than the differences. The exhibition is intended to consider the queer in their own lives.

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MALE MAKEPEACE

A group exhibition by approximately 10 male Makepeace artists using a variety of media and approach, whose sexuality and emotional lives inform the aesthetics of their art practice. A number have been featured in Blue.

KNOT NICE

Digital making, or being a long-term asymptomatic survivor of HIV/AIDS. Personal insights into the politics of being Gay today and my objectives of my life.

THE BODY ADORNED! Metro! Craft Centre

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OUTSEX

Another cracking Outsex show, looking toward the edges of pop and presenting our queer community in its glorious range.

"PUPPY LOVE"

An excerpt from an exhibition by two emerging Melbourne artists, Paul Atkinson and Catherine Oakes, that celebrates the suburban drag action, been, queer, child and comparison in the '1950s Puppy Window Box' window box for the dog in all of us.

"KRUX"(r)

Kim McCraken's tough, sensual shagged metal work combines with sexual undertones metal with Louise McDonald's imagery forms that spin taken to frame the body of KRUX().

"GALLERY OF THE DOLLS: Camp icons we love"

From high camp to kids camp, Gabrielle to Witch Pix, rediscover the fleshy world of Gay (Childhood Icons). Lauren Fee's new exhibition "Gallery of the Dolls". Portraits of dolls in drag by Glenn Wilmshurst.

This event is sponsored by the AIDS Foundation.

"POPPORN"

These recent photographic works by Tania de Jong explore censorship and the visualization of gay sex. Pornographic images are blamed, becoming something that cannot be discussed, the boundaries between the explicit and the suggestive, (inappropriately exposed of the gaudy, pop and tradition), it explores the way we choose to look at sexuality.
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Sydney Morning Herald, June 1998

Bookings* Ticketmaster outlets or phone 13 6166

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Summer Concerts
### Street Party

#### January

**Event:**
- **16th Jan:** Banned - Audra Connell in concert with the MSO
- **19th Jan:** Cabaret Latte: "Lieder of the Pack"
- **21st Jan:** Let the Rain Shine - Judy Small Album Launch
- **26th Jan:** Music Recital Series
- **28th Jan:** The Power of Love

**Performing Arts**
- **19th Jan:** Queer Cuts '99: Midsommar's short works season
- **14th Jan:** Razzor Baby Club Swing
- **CLUT (Coloured Ladies in Theatre)**
- **My Life as a Dyke**
- **Samantha Lett's Made Up**
- **Shirley Billing in "A Barrel of Monkeys"**
- **15th Jan:** The White Rose
- **16th Jan:** What Do They Call Me?

**Visual Arts**
- **19th Jan:** Mass Hang: Personal
- **19th Jan:** Queer Street: The Thin Line
- **19th Jan:** Bloodsport Art
- **19th Jan:** Counterbalance Monday
- **19th Jan:** Gallery of the Dolls: Comp Icons We Love
- **19th Jan:** KNOT Nice
- **19th Jan:** KVRU
- **19th Jan:** Male Makepeace
- **19th Jan:** OutSex
- **19th Jan:** Pop Porn
- **19th Jan:** Pussy Love
- **19th Jan:** Regular Wash
- **19th Jan:** The Body Adorned

**Sound and Vision**
- **19th Jan:** A Spire Experience
- **19th Jan:** Joy Melbourne 90.7 Broadcast
- **19th Jan:** Movies Under the Stars (I): "Sound"
- **19th Jan:** Movies Under the Stars (II): "It's in the Water"
a skin summer
**Outings**

**Queered Gardens Exposed: Midsumma Goes Green**

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Contact Midsumma on 9643 9819 for locations or pick up details from Hares and Hyenas or The Festival Club @ Brunswick.

**The Visibility Picnic**

Enjoy a day of celebration and solidarity with bisexual people, their friends and partners. Meet people, drink champagne and be in the sun. BYO food and drinks. Tickets and $5 Badges will be on sale on the day and support your community.

**St. Dorothy's Day**

St Agnes Anglican Church

114 Beaufort Rd Glen Huntly

Pit 5th Feb
4:30pm

$5 for an 8 course supper. Booking essential

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**Archives Open Day**

Australian Lesbian + Gay Archives

Gay and Lesbian Archives

3 Cameron St 5th Floor

Sun 17th Jan 2 - 5pm

FREE

9482 1164

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DT's Hotel

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Sat 20th Jan 3pm

$5 to enter (FREE for novices)

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**Party Out**

Gay Skate

It's time to pull your skates back out of the closet as we see the return of Gay Skate for the 1999 Midsumma Festival. Riding high on the success of last year's spectacular, pots and skaters are set to roll on thick and fast and once more pummel the Hun Killer rails, with more skaters and riders on offer then even before no one will be disappointed. Don't miss out on this unique cruising experience!

**Festival Jack-Off**

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Or email: wankers@melvick.com.au

**B.I. Benefit**

A night of pride and celebration for bisexual people, their friends and partners. Come and have fun with your community.

- **D-4**
  - The Builders Arms Hotel
  - 311 Gertrude St Fitzroy
  - Thurs 4th Feb
  - 9pm onwards
  - Gold coin donation
  - 9571 4128 or 9572 1132

**Satins and Silk Ball**

For women. Proceeds to Matrix Guild Inc, which looks at appropriate support and care for older lesbians. Bookings essential - no phones or door sales. Please write to PO Box 39, Fairfield, 3760 enclosing a stamped self addressed envelope with payment, VTO and signature. Ticker food available.

**Jockless at Jock's Nude # 3**

Gay Male Nude 3's Victoria and Jock's Car Present Jockless at Jock's Nude # 3. A male nude local get together for guys into socializing in the nude. All door charge to cover cost of finger food and entertainment. Strictly under 18's deal applies. OLDERST ARE NOT AN OPTION, expect topless for top ph's. Doors on 3911 3514 between 7pm and 9pm.

**San Remo Ballroom**

358 Nicholls St

Nth Carlton

Sat 6th Feb

7:30pm - 12:45am

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RAZOR BABY 1999

14-24 JANUARY

At The North Melbourne Town Hall

0th: Preview 14 January 1999, 8.45pm, preview tickets $15 Season: January 15-20, 8.45pm, $16

Matinees: January 23 at 5pm

Matinees: January 23 and 25 at 5pm

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POETIC BENT

A night of seachanged fun with cutting-edge lesbian, gay and queer poets and performers. Hold on to your heads! Includes: Jeni Howard (coordination), Dianne McCormack, Catherine Maguire.

The Festival Club @ Baroona
64 Smith St. Gillingwood
Thurs 28th Jan 7:30pm
$6
$6 Full $5 Concession (including seniors)
9419 4443 (Bookings)

JOAN NESTLE

Joan Nestle is one of the world’s influential lesbian women and academics. Her work in concluding the Lesbian History Archives in New York and her many books and articles have shone much-needed light on the continuum of queer desire throughout this century and before. Nestle came out as lesbian in the 1950s, and worked in the workers’ and women’s civil rights and gay liberation movements. She helped establish the Gay Academic Union (GUA) in 1972, and co-founded the Lesbian History Archives (LHA) in 1972 and is the author of several books. Gleanest the launch of her new book A Pipeline: A New and Selected Writings, a collection of intensive essays and ruminations about human sexuality, butt-kisser relationships, sex writing, the importance of preserving queer history, the love between lesbians, and gay men, and the urban daily camaraderie among lesbians that as a community continues to fly its diversity. In Association with Crisis Press (US).

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QUERELLY WRITTEN: two all-day writing workshops

Week one: Short Story

Saturday 25th June 2011

10:00am – 4:00pm
$40/$30 for Writers’ Centre members (per workshop)
9419 1077 or 9419 4443 (Bookings)

Week two: Writing for Film

Saturday 9th July

9:00am – 4:00pm

INTERNATIONAL: Intimate Writing Conference

Sunday 17th July

9:00am – 4:00pm

The Festival Club @ Baroona
64 Smith St. Gillingwood
8:30pm
$6 Full $5 Concession (including seniors)
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RAPID FIRE (FRUIT COCKTAIL)

Multi-hued, mondrian strips, striped hats, queer cassette – call mayday you will – think global as 12 queer writers of many stripes and backgrounds get 6 minutes each to read your heart.

Includes: Wayne King, Cox Aramgama, Derek Fu, Nidad Breech, Jen Sph, Tony Ayres, Rosalie Burchell, Steven Dickson.

THE FORUMS/NETWORKS (cont...)

LABOR LEARNS

At Midlands last year Labor listened to the concerns and issues of Victoria’s gay and lesbian community. Labor is now taking its policies for the coming state election. Concerns and issues raised by Victoria’s gay and lesbian community are an important part of these policies. This is a final opportunity to discuss with John Brumby and his team the concerns and shape of these policies before their public release later this year.

The National Museum, Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Avenue South
Wed 21st July 7pm
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Law Institute of Victoria
470 Bourke St. Melbourne
Mon 18th Jan 7 – 9pm
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9645 5511

SPLASH: Recently published authors

Novelist Linda Cammen reads from her latest detective novel. Acclaimed Ghost writer writes from his and his partner Richard Whitworth’s revealing half-life story. Comic King from his autobiography of growing up Aboriginal and gay (stuck in nuns) and writer and Thirteenth Con Aramgama from his erotic, warm and poetic tale of a young Canarian leaving home at age. Monti’s Children. In conversation with Penguin books.

The Festival Club @ Baroona
8:30pm
9419 4443 (Bookings)
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Miss Information loves to
Shop, Eat, Dance & Bonk

University studies show that homosexuals prefer to shop more than any other animal species known to man. The discovery of the 'shopping gene' has allowed scientists to work in partnership with consumer marketing teams, pinpointing homosexual consumer activity to be most active during the summer months. Melbourne provides the perfect habitat for the shopping gene, with more variety and shopping space per homosexual than any other city in the world. During the Midsumma Festival, we suggest that both visiting and local homosexuals keep their shopping genes activated and visit Melbourne's shopping precincts and homosexual-owned stores.

After a ferocious day's shopping, drop those fashion-laden bags and wrap those aching limb-wrists around a freshly brewed coffee in one of Melbourne's posy-powered cafes. Melbourne's buzzy cafe strips are a breeding ground for conspiring homosexuals. Remember, the homosexual gene needs to be regularly nourished, with a saute of hot gossip, a glass of Sauvignon Blanc and a buzz on the mobile phone, which of course all consorting homosexuals should leave turned on, especially when planning a night at the discotheque.

Scientists remain baffled over the homosexual's need to dance, however some theorists are labelling the contagion as Ciccone-Minogue Disorder. It is a proven fact that by the age of forty, 70% of city dwelling homosexuals have spent 9.8% of their life at the discotheque. This calculates to approximately four years. Fortunately Melbourne offers excellent around the clock servicing for homosexuals suffering such afflictions. The hugely attended Red Raw and Eclipse dance parties remain a testament to this shocking disorder.

It is probably a lucky thing that homosexuals have trouble conceiving with their partners. Their excitable behaviour would have ensured a perpetual population explosion of astounding proportions, not to mention less room on the dancefloor for all those expectant homes. Nevertheless, such deterrents should not discourage those still trying to conceive. Melbourne homosexuals are very accommodating; when asked politely they are only too happy to oblige with most if not all sexual favours, and are well trained in the artistry of safe sex practices.

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