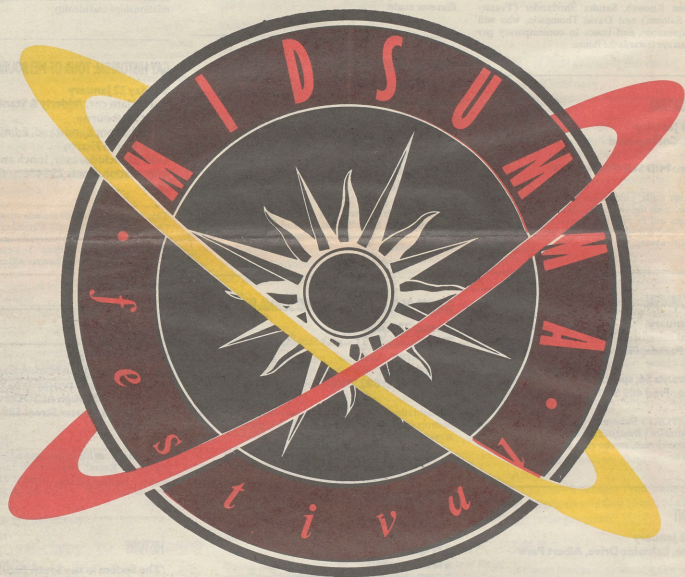


# MID SUMMA FESTIVAL

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## MELBOURNE



20-30 JANUARY

# PROGRAMME



## SOFTWARE: PERFORMANCES BY GAY MEN

Tuesday 24 January - Sunday 29 January  
Tue-Sat 8pm, Sun 5pm  
Athenaeum Theatre  
188 Collins Street, Melbourne  
tickets: \$12, \$8 conc  
bookings 650 1977

A season of performances especially devised for the Mid Summa Festival, including two short plays by Peter Anthony Ryan entitled 'Hello Stranger', vignettes from the lives of two boyhood friends, and 'Without Me I'm Nothing', a comical look at being young, alone and lost in the fast lane. Also 'Acqua Profunda', a movement piece by Bryan Smith of Danceworks, about 'approaching the idea of greater freedom'. Plus 'Up and Over the Famous Mountain' by Trevor Patrick and 'Holiday' by David Bonney.

### THEATRE WRITERS FORUM

'Gay & Lesbian Theatre: Does it have a future?'

Saturday 28 January  
Universal Theatre  
119 Victoria Street, Fitzroy

2pm  
tickets: \$9/\$7 conc  
information: MID SUMMA 419 2631

Dean Michael of Out Theatre will introduce Alex Harding ('Peel Heaven Knows'), Sandra Shoflander ('Framework', 'Blind Salome') and David Thompson, who will discuss the questions and issues in contemporary gay theatre, with an eye towards the future.

### MID SUMMA BAZAAR

Saturday 21 January  
Peel Street, Collingwood  
10am-6pm

information: MID SUMMA 419 2631

A day of street stalls, entertainment and excitement as Peel Street becomes the site of the Mid Summa Bazaar. Gay businesses will be offering everything from haircuts to fairy floss, find out about gay community groups - a 'family' day with a twist!

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 27 January  
Fitzroy Pool  
Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy  
6pm

tickets: entrants \$6, spectators \$3  
information: Fred 489 5105

Get Wet! ALSOPORT's Swimming Carnival will be serious and silly swimmers - freestyle, breaststroke, bondage race, underwater tunnel race, rescue race and more! Be there to cheer them on!

### THE SEX EVENT

Saturday 28 January  
Powerhouse, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park  
Reserve  
2pm  
free

information: Richard 417 1759

You've never done anything like it! Six hours of 500 gay men discovering what it means to be Safe in '89, with a spectacular fireworks finish! The day will cover subjects like relationships, lifestyle and how to make safe sex great sex. A day of demonstration, discussion and discovery.

### POETRY READING

'The Higher Love: Gay Poetry from the beginning'

Tuesday 24 January  
8pm

Misfits  
270 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Poet and performer Adrian Rawlins will read poems about gay love and life, from the Ancient Greeks through to the present day.



### GRAND TRAM MYSTERY TOUR & PARTY

Saturday 28 January  
departs South Melbourne Depot  
cnr Kingsway & Dorcas Streets  
7.30pm

tickets: \$30  
information: Michael 419 0037

The reason you have not moved to Sydney - the Grand Tram Mystery Tour and Party on a beautifully restored W class tram travelling to destinations unknown - dancing in the aisles. Tickets are strictly limited, so book early.

### FIRST STEP

Sunday 29 January  
Community Room, St Klida Library  
150 Carlisle Street, St Klida  
11am - 4pm, party 4pm - 6pm

free information: Simon 650 5103 2-6pm Mon-Fri

Ran by young people for young people (under 26 years), First Step is a fun day of informal discussions providing information on issues such as coming out, safe sex, health, relationships and identity.

### GAY HISTORICAL TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Sunday 22 January  
starts 11am cnr. Adderly & Stanley Streets,  
West Melbourne  
lunch 1.30pm Bandstand, Edinburgh Gardens,  
North Fitzroy

cost: \$2 includes tour, lunch and drinks  
information: Louis 25 5486 or Graham 499 6334

This historical tour will include such significant places as Chapter House, St Paul's Cathedral, the Lobster Pot (a tiny bear with a colourful past) and the site of Society Five's first home in Carlton. You can do the tour on your bicycle or in your car. The tour will conclude with a picnic lunch. Remember when.

### CAR RALLY

Sunday 22 January  
starts 11am, Prahan Market Car Park  
cost: \$10 per car - proceeds to Ward 4  
Committee through ALSOCare  
information: Porter Street 529 5166 or Fred 489 5105

The ride of your life in and around Melbourne - remember the Wacky Races? The rally will finish late afternoon with a beach picnic so bring a hamper with you. Pre-pay your registration fee to be included in the draw for a special prize.

### HISTORY

'The Sodom in the South Pacific'  
Misfits Basement  
270 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy  
Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 January  
8pm  
tickets: \$8/\$6 conc  
information: MID SUMMA 419 2631

### GAY FILM FESTIVAL

State Film Theatre  
1 Macarthur Street, East Melbourne  
24 February - 3 March  
full program & information: 651 1490

All new local and international productions of interest to gays and lesbians. Highlights include 'True Faith' by Melbourne filmmaker Lawrence Johnson, 'Garbo, Sillier & I', a documentary about the silent film director Mauritz Sillier and his relationship with Greta Garbo, plus Sillier's 1916 silent classic 'The Wings', thought to be the first gay film ever made.

### PICK-A-HIT BENEFIT NIGHT

Monday 30 January  
8.30pm  
Last Laugh  
64 Smith Street, Collingwood  
tickets: \$20/\$16

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE DAVID WILLIAMS FUND  
bookings 419 8600

Featuring Bob Downe and Coralie Hollow, all your favourite tunes from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Take a campy trip down memory lane, and have the chance to win fantastic prizes!

### SERVICE OF BLESSING ON THE MID SUMMA FESTIVAL

Sunday 22 January  
The Church, 325 Dorcas Street, South  
Melbourne  
7pm  
information: 882 5154

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

### RESTAURANT EVENING

Tuesday 24 January  
Bouzy Rouge  
339 Queensbury Street  
à la carte menu  
9.30 Dulcie du Jour & friends  
reservations: 328 1486

Make a group booking with your social circle and wine and dine in glamorous surroundings, then be entertained by the incomparable Dulcie du Jour and friends. Get witty, make new friends at this Melbourne Gay Friends event.

### RED RAW

Sunday 29 January  
Cooze Road, West Melbourne  
11pm - late  
tickets: \$25 door, \$20 presale (venues + BASS)  
information 489 231

The ALSO Foundation's annual RAW party will be the spectacular finale to the Mid Summa Festival. DJ's are David Kelly and Rob Davis, lighting by Paul Williams. This year's RAW party promises to be the biggest and best yet.





## IMAGING AIDS

Linden Gallery  
26 Acland Street, St Kilda  
18 January - 5 February  
Wed-Fri 1pm-6pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm  
free  
information: Linden 534 2396

Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts  
Dallas Brooks Drive, The Domain, South  
Yarra  
28 January - 26 February  
Tue-Fri 10.30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 2pm-5pm  
free  
information: ACCA 654 6422

Two exhibitions in the visual arts including painting, photography, graphics, installation and drawing. Accompanied by a series of essays, the exhibitions will address critical responses to the international crisis that is AIDS. More than 40 artists addressing issues of sexuality, prostitution, women's fertility, IV drug-use, political persecution and medical and scientific knowledge, will be represented.

**OPENING NIGHTS**  
Linden - Tuesday 17 January 6-8pm  
ACCA - Friday 27 January 6-8pm

Gay figures and incidents in history tend to become invisible when history is written for the dominant culture. Robert French from the Gay Archives Project addresses this problem in his presentation illustrated with slides. Covering such aspects as homoeroticism among aboriginal tribes, sodomy and the convict system, famous scandals through to the advent of gay liberation. There will be an opportunity for discussion after the presentation.

### THE QUILT PROJECT: AN AUSTRALIAN AIDS MEMORIAL

From Friday 20 January  
Venue to be announced.

**WORKSHOP**  
Wednesday 25 January  
St Mark's Church Hall, Cnr Moor & George  
Sts, Fitzroy  
from 6pm

information: general 616 7721  
technical 329 9966  
donations (materials) 417 1466

The Quilt project is a nationwide campaign to memorialise those we have lost in the AIDS epidemic. A workshop for anyone interested in producing a quilt panel will be held on Wednesday 25 January, so come along and see how you can get involved in this important project.

### DREAMS OF MEN: TURNING FANTASY INTO REALITY

Sunday 29 January  
Club 80  
10 Peel Street, Collingwood  
12noon - 6pm  
tickets: \$2 PROCEEDS TO THE DAVID  
WILLIAMS FUND  
information: Bob 416 1880

Vision Club, in association with Jackaroos, Laurie's Leather World and Cruiser, with special assistance from Club 80 present an exhibition of erotic art and fantasy wear - uniforms, leather, you name it - all on live models. Catering for every taste explore!

### MID SUMMA MADNESS

Sunday 22 January  
7th Heaven at Zuzu's  
168 Exhibition Street, City  
11pm - late  
entry: \$7  
information: 662 0511

High tide at 7th Heaven. Surf's up - get down; twist and pass the tanning butter! Beach yourself - watch out for the shark! Hotter than hell, and twice as much fun. Celebrate Mid Summa at this crazy indoor beach party - costumes encouraged.

## IMAGING



### GAY & LESBIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Saturday 21 January  
St Marks Church Hall, Cnr Moor & George Sts,  
Fitzroy  
11am - 4pm  
free  
information: Michael 417 1759

Find out about the state of play in contemporary gay studies. Speakers include: Dennis Altman, Rosemary Pringle, Gary Dowsett and Barbara Creed. Workshops will be run about Lesbians in Women's Studies, the History of the Gay Movement and Lesbian and Gay Relationships.

### CAMPING WEEKEND

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 January  
at Licola  
via Cruisers Motorcycle Club Inc  
PO Box 57 Altona 3018  
free  
information: 398 2322 7-9pm

Spend the weekend at a remote campsite in spectacular Gippsland high country - bushwalks and swimming on site. Own transport, camping gear, food and drink required. Nonmotorcyclists very welcome. Map and instructions on how to get there available on request.

### RAGE ON WHEELS

Wednesday 25 January  
Fun Factory Rollerskating Rink  
cnr Chapel Street & Toorak Road, South  
Yarra  
7.30pm  
cost: \$3 includes skate hire  
information: Victorian Network 650 5103

Young, gay and under 26? Then Rage On Wheels is for you! Organised by the gay youth support group, Victorian Network, it'll be an excellent night of thrills and spills on roller skates. Peter, our guest DJ will be playing the latest dance trax and someone will win over \$100 in records.

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

Fri 20 / Sat 21 / Thu 26 / Fri 27 / Sat 28 January  
8.45pm  
Royal Botanical Gardens  
enter via Gate H, Alexander Ave  
tickets: \$19.90, \$12.90 conc  
bookings: 650 1977

Shakespeare's immortal tale of fairies, fantasy and frolicking presented by FEIPP in Melbourne's own Royal Botanical Gardens. A rare theatrical treat - not to be missed!

**BONUS!** Use your ticket for free entry to Mandate after the show!

### MISS MELBOURNE DRAG

Friday 27 January  
Mansion, 82 Queen's Road, St Kilda  
9pm  
tickets: \$5, table bookings available  
information: Mansion 529 3165

See Miss Pascoe Vale, fly with Miss Tullamarine, experience Miss Mooner Ponds. Not just another drag contest - a suburban battle royal of slap and tat. BYO Melway!

### THE FABULOUS SINGLETTES in STOP! IN THE NAME OF LOVE

opens January 11  
Universal Theatre  
19 Victoria Street, Fitzroy  
Tue-Fri 8.15pm, Sat & Sun 7pm, Sat 10pm  
tickets: \$27.90, \$16.90 conc, \$19.90 groups  
bookings: 419 3777

Direct from London, the Fabulous Singlettes are set to take you down memory lane with their potent mixture of Girl Group sounds from the 60's, new frocks, hairdos and even more musical!

### ONLY HEAVEN KNOWS by Alex Harding

opens 2 February  
Studio, Victorian Arts Centre  
8pm nightly  
tickets: \$21, \$12 conc. Discount Monday,  
Matinee Wednesday \$12, \$10 conc  
bookings: 650 4888 or BASS

A love story set at Kings Cross in the 40s and 50s when gay for some meant bright and happy, but for others meant a world of private passions in the face of growing community prejudice. A warm, fresh musical love story; a young man's journey of discovery, danger and love.

### FESTIVAL RADIO

Your radio will be an essential accessory during the Mid Summa 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 - 85.5 on your FM band.

7.45 am and 5 pm weekdays - what's on and roundups  
5.15 pm weekdays - interviews and reviews  
2.30 pm Sunday afternoons - arts events reviewed, previewed and excerpted on Art Attacks  
10.30 pm - midnight Wednesday evening - The Lesbian and Gay Show: Melbourne's only gay radio program.

### SAFE 89

It's more than sex: it's about a new mood in summer '89. Watch out for special appearances of the Safe Singing Telegrams during MID SUMMA - taking the message of SAFE 89 to the streets.  
Keep your eyes on the skies, too, as SAFE '89 takes flight.

### DEVELOPING INTIMACY

The MID SUMMA Festival captured on Polaroid in an exhibition that will grow daily. See where you've been, see what you missed as the exhibition appears at Festival events every day of MID SUMMA. A travelling documentary with a difference. Smile!

### FESTIVAL CLUB

You know your favourite venue. Give the venues the support they deserve and get out there during the Festival to make MID SUMMA a true community festival. Visit a venue you haven't tried before, make new friends and, above all, play SAFE.

The information contained in this programme was correct at the time of printing.



# CALENDAR

JANUARY 1989	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22	MON 23	TUE 24	WED 25	THU 26	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 29	MON 30
<b>IMAGING AIDS</b> Linden Gallery St Kilda	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	
<b>CAMPING WEEKEND</b> Licola info: 398 2322	•	•	•								
<b>THE FABULOUS SINGLETTES</b> Universal Theatre 419 3777	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>FESTIVAL RADIO</b> 3CR 8.5.5AM on your dial	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b> Fitzroy Pool									•		
<b>MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM</b> Royal Botanical Gardens 650 1977	•	•					•	•	•	•	
<b>MID SUMMA BAZAAR</b> Peel Street, Collingwood		•									
<b>QUILT DISPLAY</b> Peel Street, Collingwood		•									
<b>GAY &amp; LESBIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE</b> St Marks, Fitzroy info: 417 1759		•									
<b>GAY HISTORICAL TOUR</b> starts cnr Adderley & Stanley Sts West Melbourne			•								
<b>CAR RALLY</b> starts Prahran Market Car Park			•								
<b>SERVICE OF BLESSING ON THE FESTIVAL</b> The Church, 325 Dorcas St, South Melbourne			•								
<b>MID SUMMA MADNESS</b> 7th Heaven			•								
<b>SOFTWARE: PERFORMANCE BY GAY MEN</b> Athensium Theatre bookings 650 1977					•	•	•	•	•	•	
<b>POETRY READING</b> Misfits Basement, Fitzroy					•						
<b>RESTAURANT NIGHT</b> Bouzy Rouge reservations 328 1486					•						
<b>QUILT WORKSHOP</b> St Marks Fitzroy						•					
<b>RAGE ON WHEELS</b> Fun Factory, cnr Chapel St & Toorak Rd						•					
<b>GAY HISTORY: The Sodom in the 5th Pacific</b> Misfits Basement, Fitzroy						•	•				
<b>IMAGING AIDS</b> Australian Centre for Contemporary Art								•	•	•	
<b>MISS MELBOURNE DRAG</b> Mansion, bookings 529 3165								•			
<b>THEATRE WRITERS</b> Universal Theatre bookings 419 2631									•		
<b>THE SEX EVENT</b> Powerhouse, Albert Lake info: 417 1759									•		
<b>MYSTERY TRAM TOUR &amp; PARTY</b> departs South Melbourne depot									•		
<b>FIRST STEP</b> St Kilda Library, 150 Carlisle Street										•	
<b>EROTIC ART &amp; FANTASY WEAR</b> Club 80, Peel St Collingwood										•	
<b>RED RAW</b> all night										•	
<b>PICK-A-HIT AIDS BENEFIT</b> Last Laugh, bookings 419 8600											•
<b>ONLY HEAVEN KNOWS</b> Studio, Victorian Arts Centre bookings 650 4888											•
<b>GAY FILM FESTIVAL</b> State Film theatre, Programme: 651 1490											•
<b>DEVELOPING INTIMACY</b> MID SUMMA on Polaroid daily at Festival events	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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The MID SUMMA Festival is a non-profit organisation run as a service to Melbourne's gay community. MID SUMMA will be held annually, the ideas or assistance for new events are always welcome. Annual membership of the Festival is available, which gives you a voice in setting the direction for MID SUMMA. Call the office on 419 2631 for more details.

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