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Judy Small AM

Chair of Management Board
Midsumma Festival

On behalf of the entire Midsumma Board, and after the record-breaking Midsumma Festival 2023, I say a heartfelt welcome to Midsumma 2024!

Midsumma Festival's research tells us that roughly two-thirds of the people reading this program are returning participants, and about one-third will be attending their first Midsumma events.

For the first group, who know what a fabulous three weeks Midsumma Festival 2024 will be, the anticipation will be palpable. They will hover over their diaries to work out which of the more than 200 events they will go to, whether they'll go alone or with friends, and how they can fit as much into those three weeks as is humanly possible – and then some. They know that Midsumma is a festival full of celebration, reflection, surprises, challenges, laughter, tears and plain good fun, all presented through a huge range of queer arts.

The second group, who have never attended a Midsumma event before, might be wondering what they're in for – so much to choose from, so many different and exciting art forms, so many venues, so much partying, and three weeks of celebrating and reflecting on being part of this amazing community we call LGBTQIA+.

Both groups will find that in addition to the three now iconic, large, public, free outdoor events - Midsumma Carnival, Midsumma Pride March and Victoria's Pride – our signature Midsumma Presents program for 2024 is called "A Brave(R) Space", curated festival within the festival, led by queer artists celebrating and reflecting on the courage, resilience, points of intersectionality, and forward vision of our community through contemporary visual arts, theatre, music, literature, dance and multi-disciplinary art forms.

In addition to our Midsumma Presents curated program, our Open Access program gives artists the opportunity to present their work to new and perhaps otherwise unreachable audiences, setting some of those artists on the way to professional careers in the arts.

Midsumma prides itself on providing disability access to audiences in all its forms, again allowing and encouraging as many and as varied audiences as possible to experience contemporary queer artistic works in all their glory.

So, get out those diaries and start filling in the dates, and I'll see you at Midsumma Carnival on 21 January 2024 and beyond. And remember, if you feel as though there wasn't enough time to experience all the fabulous queer arts you wanted to experience/participate in by the end of the three weeks of the festival, there's always Midsumma 2025!

About Midsumma

Midsumma is Australia's premier queer arts and cultural organisation, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences year-round.

In 2024, Midsumma Festival will expand over 22-days of summer, with a rainbow of queer events that highlight emerging and mainstream LGBTQIA+ arts and culture. Midsumma Festival's program invites you to immerse yourself in the artistic expression of lived experience around gender and sexuality, queer history, and the celebration of new ideas that come to life through world-class art and performance.

Our festival program is made up of diverse art forms and genres, including visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events, and public forums. Featuring 200+ events in 2024, with involvement by over 500 culture-makers in 153 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria.

Although the primary three-week festival is held in summer each year, we work year-round to provide artists, social-changers and culture-makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

For 36 years we have evolved with our communities and repositioned ourselves as a thought leader and cultural influencer, while keeping learning and diversity at our core of what we do. We have experienced rapid growth in audiences, breadth and scope of artist and community engagement, and depth of artistic partnerships.

While we stay committed to our roots, we have matured to become one of Australia's most significant queer arts organisations, supporting generations of LGBTQIA+ cultural voices, discovering artists and starting conversations that shape queer art and culture forever.

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2024!



THE HON. COLIN BROOKS MP

A message from the Minister for Creative Industries

There's no better way to celebrate the beginning of a new year than with the pride-fuelled, creativity of Midsumma Festival.

This year's festival showcases the talent and work of more than 5000 culture makers, artists and performers.

Kicking off with the much-loved Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens, the festival includes over 200 events – from theatre, dance, art, music and comedy to the iconic Midsumma Pride March and much more.

Midsumma will also make its mark beyond Melbourne, with events in Wangaratta, Bendigo,

Ballarat, Geelong, Echuca, Mildura, Shepparton, Gippsland and across the Bass Coast.

Last year the festival welcomed over 300,000 attendees, and 2024 is set to be another epic year.

The Victorian Government is a longstanding – and very proud – supporter of Midsumma, because in Victoria equality is not negotiable and the diversity, vibrancy and creativity of our LGBTQIA+ communities should be celebrated.

Congratulations and thank you to the Midsumma team, to the participating creatives and to the many volunteers who bring this festival to life.

Enjoy Midsumma 2024!



SALLY CAPP

A message from Sally Capp Lord Mayor of Melbourne

One of my favourite aspects about living and working in the City of Melbourne is our fearlessly fabulous parade of individuality.

The Midsumma Festival is a culmination and celebration of that diversity – a reminder that Melbourne is a city for all people no matter who you are, what you wear or who you love. It's this welcoming and inclusive spirit that makes us – at the City of Melbourne – so proud to be a long-time supporter of the festival.

Each summer, it unites the LGBTQIA+ community, attracts more than 255,000 people and sets the rhythm for the year.

We look forward to the live entertainment and creative costumes of the Midsumma Carnival, relish the opportunity to strut our stuff in the annual Pride March, and pour over the packed program of worldclass art and performance right here on our doorstep.

Congratulations to the organisers, artists, sponsors and partners for curating yet another year of celebrations, and cementing Melbourne's reputation as the events, arts and cultural capital.

But mostly, thank you for shining a light on the glorious mix of people, ideas and experiences that create this beautiful bustling city of ours.



RACHEL SLADE
Group Executive, Personal Banking &
Executive Co-Sponsor NAB Pride

A message from NAB

Out and proud in Summer is Midsumma Festival 2024.

At NAB, we're committed to celebrating diversity, inclusion, and the vibrant spirit of our communities. We're thrilled to be back again as a Principal Partner of the Midsumma Carnival, Australia's premier queer arts and cultural festival. We passionately believe that when you can be your authentic self, we all benefit and are better for it. We value everyone's individual journey, and we stand with Midsumma in creating opportunities where everyone can thrive. Together, we embrace the power of unity, acceptance, and love.

Join us at the Midsumma Festival, an open stage for the community to share their stories where

together we'll celebrate love, equality, and the beauty of being our authentic selves. Together, let's make a positive impact as we continue to build a future where diversity is celebrated in all its forms.

Thank you to this year's wonderful artists and performers for sharing their stories, they make for an inspiring experience that not only entertains, but also educates and enriches our community. Thank you also to the festival volunteers for bringing Midsumma to life, making it possible for Melbourne's LGBTQIA+ communities to celebrate their true selves. Midsumma festival simply would not happen without you. Finally, congratulations to the Midsumma organising team. You deliver a world-class festival, filled with events that celebrate our diverse and inclusive LGBTQIA+ community.

Welcome to all and happy Midsumma!

CEO Welcome



Karen Bryant CEO Midsumma

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2024!

Last year was a bumper year! We broke just about every record I think possible for us. Free attendances, ticketed events, numbers of events, participation at all of our three biggest community events. It showed how much we need each other. How much we need to come together. To stand together in both good and challenging times.

The light is changing, the sun warms us a little more each day. I look to our 2024 Midsumma Festival with anticipation of something even more meaningful as we come together yet again. With many new stories to tell and share.

This year is all about celebrating bravery in everyday lives. We need cultural leaders more than ever before, and we have them – everywhere we look.

Let's celebrate them, and us!

Be yourself! Have your say! Listen to others! And let's stand together in all our glorious intersectional diversity.

Passion, joy, connection, vulnerability, authenticity, celebration, community, desire, hope – all expressed across artforms, cultures, lived experiences, age groups, identities, geographical locations.

Whether you use a handwritten diary or an electronic one, get out those markers now, block out the entirety of our festival dates, and plan to totally immerse and engage.

It's going to be huge, and you don't want to miss a moment of the rich and life changing experiences that await.

If this is your first Midsumma you are most welcome – Happy Midsumma!

And for those who have been members of our Midsumma family across the years we look forward to welcoming you back, again and again.

Be Brave! Dive In!

And above all, enjoy it all!

About

Acknowledgement of Country

Midsumma acknowledges that Indigenous Australians are the first peoples of these lands. We pay our respects to all Indigenous Australians past and present, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land. Midsumma takes place between High Summer and Late Summer according to the Wurundjeri calendar of seasons, on whose land much of this festival is taking place.

Cover Image



By Loni Thompson. We are thrilled to announce the incredibly talented artist Loni Thompson as the winning finalist selected for the commission to craft Midsumma Festival's printed guide cover art for 2024! Loni is a Gadigal-based illustrator, designer and artist working in both

traditional and contemporary mediums. Her unique style and perspective promise to bring a fun and vibrant touch to our 2024 festival's identity, celebrating diversity, inclusivity, and the power of the LGBTQIA+ communities. lonithompson.com.au

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Access



Title

Midsummica

Championing new work by disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQIA+ artists.

Midsummica is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ identities, disability, and neurodiversity through performance, presented by alumni from the five years of the Midsumma Pathways Program for disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQIA+ artists. Showcased through an experimental lens; Midsummica includes theatre, music, spoken word, dance and multidisciplinary art forms.

Curated by

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Location

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton

Date

5 Feb

Duration

1hr 30m

Day / Time

Mon 8pm | Auslan and Audio Described

Tickets

\$20 full

Description

Presented by Midsumma Festival and La Mama Theatre

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- Assistive listening
- Relaxed performance
- Tactile tour
- Over 18 only
- Family friendly
- Food available
- Visual rating
- Bar
- Three ticket discount

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tour of women's bathrooms,
who is allowed in and
who is kept out

OVERFLOW

By Travis Alabanza

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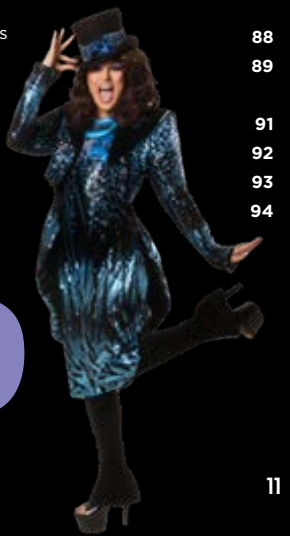
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Midsumma Carnival

Jumpstart the festivities

Nestled within Melbourne's vibrant CBD, Alexandra Gardens hosts Midsumma Carnival, drawing a crowd of over 120,000 enthusiasts, and entry is free. With a plethora of sights, activities, and culinary delights, Midsumma Carnival serves as the quintessential day-long outdoor arts and performance extravaganza, heralding the commencement of our three-week-long festival.

While exploring the expansive 55,000 square meters of Midsumma Carnival, you'll encounter three performance stages, two delectable food hubs offering diverse options, pop-up bars, and a multitude of stalls representing LGBTQIA+ friendly businesses, essential community organisations, and convenient services for your perusal, some even offering complimentary goodies!

Gather your friends and family and congregate in one of our lush pavilions encircling the stages to revel in Carnival's entertainment. Our gifted artists will mesmerise you with an array of vocalists, dancers, DJs, performers, and even an opportunity to flaunt your own talents through our Lip Sync Limelight competition. You can also enter your furry companion into the annual Dog Show for added fun!

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd
CBD

Sun 21 Jan

Midsumma Carnival
11am - 10pm

FREE

No glass or erected marquees



Image: Midsumma Carnival by Tan McCulloch



Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne

MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL 2024



- V** Volunteers Tent
- ★** Carnival Stallholders
- 🍴** Food Vendors
- +** First Aid
- 🍷** Bar
- T** Toilets
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- 🚰** Free Drinking Water
- i** Main Information Tent
- Box Office
- Wheelchair Charging Station
- ♿** Wheelchair Accessible Path
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- Hq** Event Headquarters
- 🐾** Dog Show Registration Tent
- 🚩** Midsumma Merchandise Tent
- Entrance to Gardens
- 🎫** 18+ wristbands

2024 Artwork by Loni Thompson

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Midsumma Pride March

TOGETHER WE UNITE

Rally your friends, family, and cherished fur babies to proudly express your pride at this year's Midsumma Pride March! Whether you take part in the parade by heel or on wheels, with colleagues or loved ones, as an ally or a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, Midsumma Pride March is where we UNITE to celebrate all gender expressions, sexualities, experiences, and personalities of our queer communities!

March with ferocity, individuality, and pride along Fitzroy Street on a one-kilometer parade route leading to the picturesque waterfront of Catani Gardens. The march commences with the thundering engines of the Dykes on Bikes, as per tradition, and is led by the Boon Wurrung Elders and the Rainbow Aboriginal Float, accompanied by hundreds of march groups in all of their glitter and glamour. You'll be greeted at the end of the march with free entertainment and festivities, including DJs and live performances, to relish through the summer afternoon.

We march because we are fierce, fabulous, loved, diverse and proud. Join the Midsumma Pride March to march with those who can, and in solidarity for those who cannot.



Image: Midsumma Pride March 2023 by Suzanne Balding

Midsumma Pride March
Fitzroy St
St Kilda

March starts 11am

Post-Pride Celebrations
Catani Gardens
St Kilda

11am - 4pm

Sun 4 Feb

FREE

No BYO alcohol



MIDSUMMA PRIDE MARCH 2024

St Kilda

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- Midsumma Merchandise
- March Route
- Vehicle Assembly
- Accessible Drop-Off Point
- Marshalling Area
- Food Vendor
- Water Station
- Information Tent
- Bar
- Participant Registration
- 18 + Wristband
- Toilet - Existing Gender neutral + Accessible
- First Aid

Victoria's Pride

Dancing in the streets!

Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Streets will once again be transformed into an extravagant street party - with two live music stages bursting with local, interstate, and internationally renowned artists - to celebrate Victoria's diverse LGBTQIA+ communities.

Victoria's Pride Street Party will showcase live performances, musicians, dancers, comedians, speakers, and circus performers. Throughout the day you can experience interactive activities, community stalls, street performers, and cultural events. Hundreds of local food and beverage traders and local businesses in Fitzroy and Collingwood will open their doors to showcase their unique offerings.

Hot tip - keep an eye out in the shopfronts for pop-up performances. Check out Vicky P's Perks for special offers across the day.

Midsumma will again deliver Victoria's Pride in partnership with the Victorian State Government.

Victoria's Pride.
Image by Suzanne Balding



Victoria's Pride

Smith St and Gertrude St precinct
Melbourne
Inner North

11am - 9pm

Sun 11 Feb

FREE

No glass



Victoria's Pride is a State Government initiative, delivered by festival partner Midsumma



VICTORIA'S PRIDE

STREET PARTY 2024



Gertrude St + Smith St

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- Accessible Drop-Off
- Food Vendors
- First Aid
- Community Stalls
- Toilets
- Accessible Toilet
- Free Drinking Water
- RideShare Zone
- Activation Space
- Caravan Sounds
- Picnic Tables
- Performance Stage
- Event Precinct
- Information & Merch Tent

Victoria's Pride Regional Program

To ensure statewide representation of LGBTQIA+ arts and cultures, Victoria's Pride commissioned community groups, organisations and artists in regional Victoria to facilitate involvement in Victoria's Pride event activities, either in the lead-up to or on the day of Victoria's Pride one-day street party in Melbourne's inner north.



Celebrating Deaf LGBTQIA+ Pride in Regional Victoria

Presented by Expression Australia & Deaf Hub Bendigo

Nov - Feb | Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Gippsland
Expression Australia and Deaf Hub Bendigo will be connecting with Deaf LGBTQIA+ people through community workshops around Victoria and bringing them to Victoria's Pride.

Our Queer History Museum | Under The Big Top

Presented by Goulburn Valley Pride INC.

Our Queer History Museum: 10 Nov - 3 Feb

18 Nov | OUTintheOPEN Festival Carnival Day
3 Feb | Under The Big TOP Pride Ball
Local, regional LGBTQIA+ young people will work with LGBTQIA+ elders to capture and showcase their lived histories at several queer cultural/arts events, including OUTintheOPEN, Shepparton's Festival celebrating LGBTQIA+ pride and community diversity, and Under The Big TOP Pride Ball, a vintage-circus themed, high-camp, glamorous celebration of our LGBTQIA+ community.

Gippsland Pride Festival

Presented by Gippsland Pride Initiative
11 Nov - 10 Feb | Bass Coast, Orbost, Wellington Shire, Poowong, Trafalgar, Yallourn North

In the 6 regions of Gippsland, we have partnered with local outdoor pools and community facilities to host a day of celebration, connection and fun for families and folks of all ages with stalls and resources, music, food and connection with community.

Queer-ways: Retracing Regional Footprints

Presented by Queer-ways

18 Nov | OUTintheOPEN Festival, Shepparton
25 Nov | Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat
2 Dec | Platform Arts, Geelong
11 Feb | Victoria's Pride, Fitzroy
Join LUCIANO and George Keats to chart the queer stories and sites of three regional centres - Shepparton, Ballarat and Geelong. The stories you share will feature in an Augmented Reality Queer Map of each town.

LaNCE TV Panel - The Intersection of Disability & LGBTQIA+ in Rural Victoria

Presented by LaNCE TV
8 Dec | LaNCE TV Studios, Ballarat | Broadcast on C31 & Social Media
A live panel discussion exploring the lives and intersections of LGBTQIA+ regional Victorians living with a disability.

Queerthentic - Regional LGBTQIA+ Art Prize

Presented by Macedon Ranges Accessible Arts Inc.
25 Jan - 11 Feb, Celebration Event 3 Feb | The Old Auction House, Kyneton
Queerthentic Art Prize reveals authentic stories from regional LGBTQIA+ artists exploring the mundane everyday, fabulous culture, and the influence of queer history on past, present, and future.

Transcending the Narrative

Presented by OMNI Insights
31 Jan | Online

Using principles of Narrative Therapy, Lorene Slade (she/they) will take you on a podcast journey from the story trans people have - or are told to have - about their lives, to an affirming, transcendent narrative of our lives.

Pride Fair Day

Presented by LINE Wangaratta
9 Feb | King George Gardens, Wangaratta

LGBTQIA+ In the North East (LINE) Wangaratta, supported and partnered with a variety of local organisations, will coordinate a Pride Fair Day, celebrating and embracing LGBTQIA+ culture, music, art and performance in a safe and inclusive space.

The Big Book Of Queer Bendigo - A Victoria's Pride Celebration

Presented by Bendigo Pride Festival
9 Feb | Bendigo
11 Feb | Victoria's Pride, Fitzroy
The Big Book Of Queer Bendigo is a full-colour coffee table book exploring and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ history of Bendigo and the goldfields region. This won't be a dry textbook but a fabulous scrapbook of fantastic lives and exceptional living.

Bass Coast Youth Pride Prom

Presented by YES Youth Hub
10 Feb | Bass Coast
The Bass Coast Youth Pride Prom is a celebration event for LGBTQIA+ young people and their allies, aged 12-25. An event designed by young people, for young people, every aspect of the celebration is determined by the Pride Tribe - from location, food, entertainment, music, and more!

Sounds Gay, I'm In! Picnic

Presented by Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation & Sunbury Cobaw Community Health

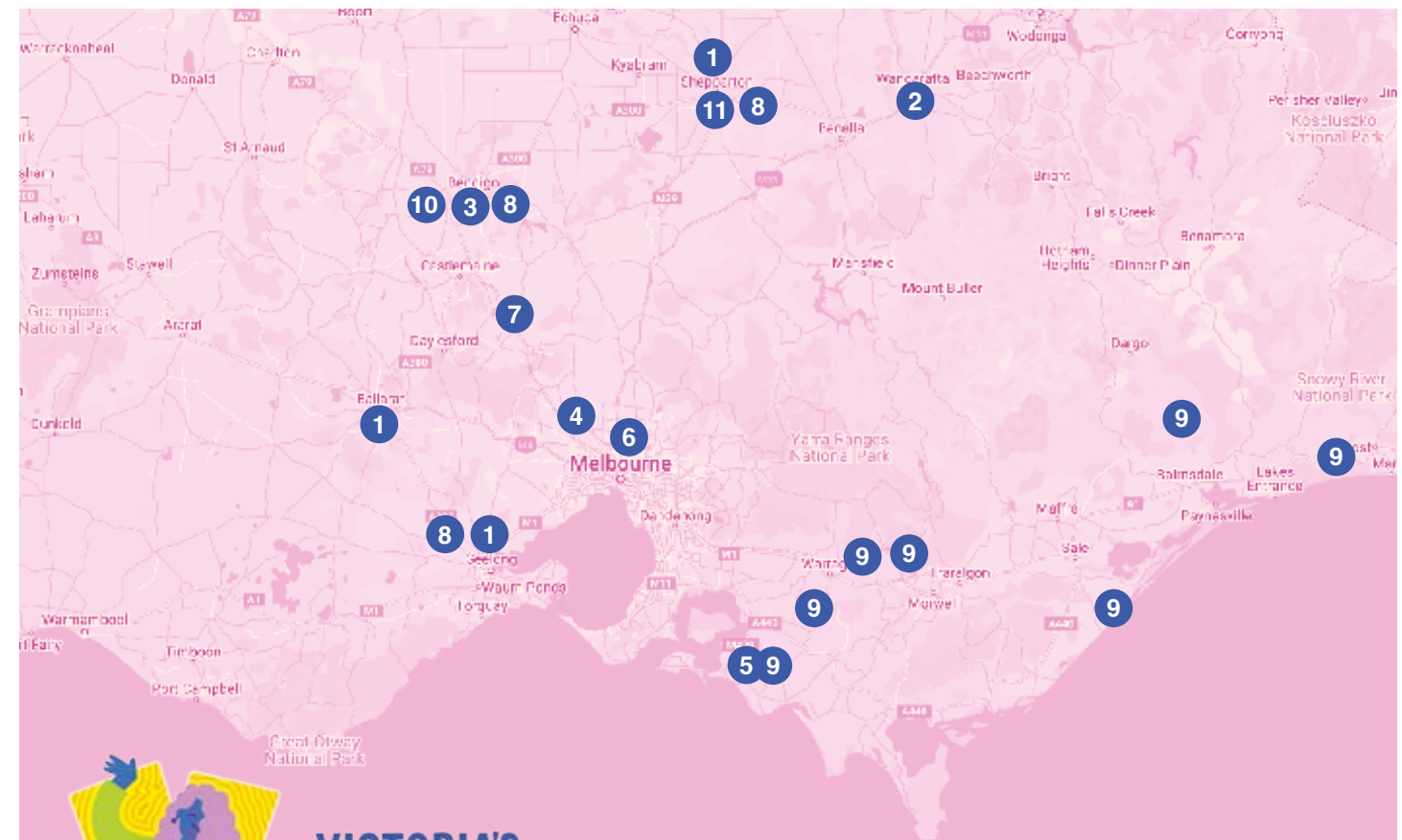
10 Feb | Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation, Sunbury
A beautiful summer picnic to provide a unique intergenerational opportunity for First Nations LGBTQIA+ community, non-indigenous LGBTQIA+ community and allies to come together and celebrate intersectional Pride.

Fourteen-and-nine-months

Presented by Yvette Turnbull
11 Feb | Victoria's Pride, Fitzroy
A narrative short film written and directed by Yvette Turnbull. A coming-of-age comedy filled with all the tumultuous teenage anxiety, kitchen utensil innuendo, and feel-good fuzzies you could possibly want in a queer short film. Set in Bendigo, Yvette will develop and produce the film in regional Victoria in 2024.

Q-Lit Anthology - Queer Out Here: Words and Art from Regional Victoria

Presented by Scratch Arts
11 Feb | Victoria's Pride, Fitzroy
A poignant anthology that spotlights the vibrant and diverse voices of queer writers and artists from regional Victoria. This collection masterfully weaves together poems, essays, short stories, and visual art, offering readers a multifaceted glimpse into the experiences, dreams, and realities of LGBTQ+ individuals away from the metropolitan hubs.



- 1 - QUEER-WAYS: RETRACING REGIONAL FOOTPRINTS
- 2 - PRIDE FAIR DAY
- 3 - THE BIG BOOK OF QUEER BENDIGO
- 4 - SOUNDS GAY, I'M IN! PICNIC
- 5 - BASS COAST PRIDE PROM
- 6 - Q-LIT ANTHOLOGY
- 7 - QUEERTHENTIC - REGIONAL LGBTQIA+ ART PRIZE
- 8 - CELEBRATING DEAF LGBTQIA+ PRIDE
- 9 - GIPPSLAND PRIDE FESTIVAL
- 10 - FOURTEEN-AND-NINE-MONTHS
- 11 - OUR QUEER HISTORY MUSEUM | UNDER THE BIGTOP
- (-)- TRANSCENDING THE NARRATIVE
- (-)- THE INTERSECTION OF DISABILITY AND LGBTQIA+ IN RURAL VICTORIA

Victoria's Pride Regional Program is made up of 13 new and unique commissioned artists, performers, community groups, and LGBTQIA+ organisations in regional, rural and remote parts of Victoria to facilitate state-wide involvement in Victoria's Pride. These events will culminate into a full-day and night street party in Melbourne's iconic Gertrude and Smith Street precinct on Sunday 11 February 2024. To find more information about Victoria's Pride regional projects, visit midsumma.org.au/regional-activations

midsumma.org.au/vicpride



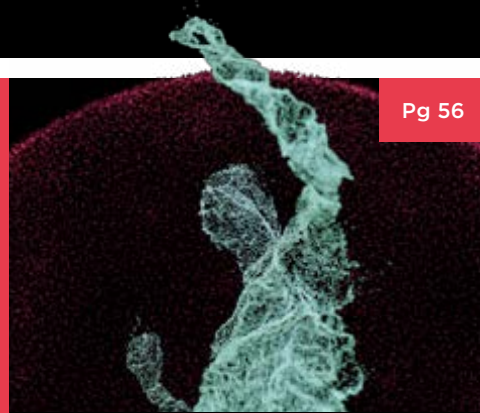
A Brave(R) Space

Presented by
Midsumma Festival

A Brave(R) Space is an artistic exploration of intersectional LGBTQIA+ identity(s) involving the creation of brave new contemporary works, across various art forms. For years Midsumma has explored the notion of cultural safety with artistic communities, against a backdrop of increasing intersectional tensions. Now is the time for bravery; the championing of our diverse cultural warriors as we come together as artists, audiences and communities to be the change-makers for our future. A Brave(R) Space is a call to arms to be courageous in the development of new contemporary arts practises, pushing creative boundaries in the pursuit of a queer aesthetic unique to our region of the world.



Angels in Exile
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery
3 Feb - 7 Apr | Incinerator Gallery
This exhibition explores ideas of paradise, both real and imagined, and how queer communities build utopic spaces for convascescence and revelry.
Image: Jason Ebeyer, Touch The Sun, 2020



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A Beat To Hold Back The Dawn

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre and Darebin Arts
10 Jan - 23 Mar | Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
A Beat To Hold Back The Dawn is an interactive video and sound exhibition capturing the ongoing histories of our queer clubbing venues.
Image: Logan Mucha



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Bloodlines

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and The Huxleys
Originally curated by Jacob Boehme and premiered at World Pride & Sydney Festival 2023
21 Jan - 11 Feb | Abbotsford Convent
Bloodlines is a multi-artform exhibition which honours and worships legendary artists lost to HIV/AIDS. The work evokes the colourful rebellious and creative spirit of these outwardly LGBTQIA+ artists that helped shift the worlds of queer art and culture into new realms.
Image: The Huxleys



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ALTAR

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Em Tambree
7 - 10 Feb | Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Courtyard
Today is Sutton's wedding day. Dana has been invited but Dan will be in attendance.
Dan who was once Dana.
Image: JM Tubera



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Bloodlines: Stitch 'n' Bitch

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and The Huxleys
Originally curated by Jacob Boehme and premiered at World Pride & Sydney Festival 2023
3 Feb | Abbotsford Convent
Bring your creative energy to The Huxleys Bloodlines Quilt Workshop and honour those lost to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The communal workshop invites you to transform images into decorative panels that add to a queer history, never to be forgotten.

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Gen K

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Celebrate Ageing
21 Jan - 11 Feb | Digital Event
Gen K (Generational Kindness) celebrates the power of older and younger LGBTQIA+ people to build community through acts of kindness.



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Midsumma Matters: How do the Arts Strengthen LGBTQIA+ Voices in the Global South?

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Fed Square and Margherita Coppolino
3 Feb | The Edge, Fed Square
A lively discussion on strengthening voices, practice and collaboration of LGBTQIA+ artists.



Overflow
Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne, Darlinghurst Theatre Company and Midsumma Festival
31 Jan-4 Feb | Arts Centre Melbourne, Fairfax Studio
From Travis Alabanza (Burgerz) comes a hilarious and devastating tour of women's bathrooms, who is allowed in and who is kept out.

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Homophonic! The RESPECT Project

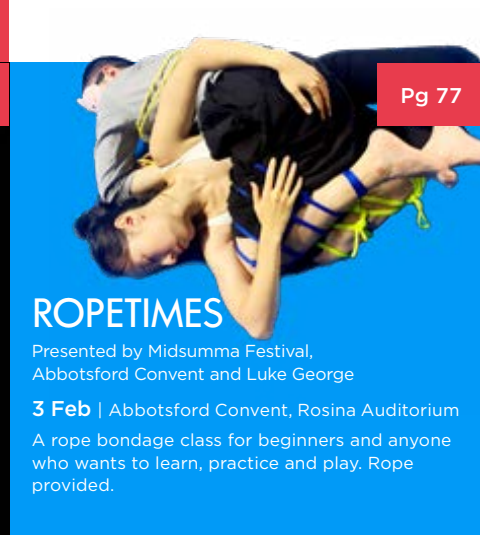
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Fed Square and Homophonic!
3 Feb | The Edge, Fed Square
Works for voices and strings inspired by intergenerational conversations between queer Victorian composers and seniors.



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Midsumma Matters: Radical Acts of Joy and Gathering

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Fed Square
3 Feb | The Edge, Fed Square
Queer disabled artists unpack community, connection, identity and arts practise.



ROPETIMES
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Luke George
3 Feb | Abbotsford Convent, Rosina Auditorium
A rope bondage class for beginners and anyone who wants to learn, practice and play. Rope provided.

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Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post
30 Jan - 11 Feb | No Vacancy Gallery
Finalists are selected from across the country to exhibit works in a showcase of outstanding queer, political, potent and personal art.



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Midsummica

Presented by Midsumma Festival and La Mama Theatre
5 Feb | La Mama Courthouse
Midsummica is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ identities, disability, and neurodiversity through performance, presented by alumni from the Midsumma Pathways Program.
Image: Darren Gill



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The Pearl Prize

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Osborne and Fawcner Publishing
3 Feb | Victorian Pride Centre, Hares and Hyenas
Out of the incredible talent of 15 finalists the winner of The Pearl Prize will be announced.
Image: Osborne and Fawcner Publishing

Midsumma Presents

Experience fresh collaborations between Midsumma Festival and some of Victoria's outstanding cultural institutions.



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CLUB COMPOST

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Mini Beast Disco

3 Feb | Abbotsford Convent, Heritage Gardens

A divine unfurling and grooving of eco-creative offerings for Rainbow Families.



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Divisi Chamber Singers

- a love is a love is a love

Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre

3 Feb | Melbourne Recital Centre, Primrose Potter Salon

Divisi Chamber Singers present a program of works by Meta Cohen, Sally Whitwell and Connor D'Netto.



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Dolly Diamond's Hot Midsumma Roast

Midsumma Festival and Best Productions

2 - 3 Feb | Chapel Off Chapel, Chapel Theatre

A joyous evening of song, comedy and just a small amount of roasting. But for a change, it's all at Dolly's expense! Image: Kate Arnott



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Feral Queer Camp

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Alyson Campbell

26 Jan - 4 Feb

Be part of a new feral queer cohort who will see performance together and consider their meaning. Image: Ezra Lurie



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Homophonic!

Midsumma Festival, La Mama Theatre and Homophonic!

9 - 11 Feb | La Mama Courthouse

Featuring the premiere of the Midsumma-Homophonic! Pride Prize for 2024 by Sophie Rose, performed by Judith Dodsworth.

Image: Darren Gill



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Labyrinth

Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Forest Collective

6 Feb, 8 - 10 Feb | Abbotsford Convent, The Store

In the haunting corridors beneath Abbotsford Convent, Forest Collective presents a new dance-opera & piano concerto.



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Midsumma at the Library

Presented by Midsumma Festival and State Library Victoria and supported by Rainbow Families

21 Jan - 1 Feb | State Library Victoria

A special series of Storytime activities across Midsumma Festival including books, songs and performance.

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MQFF Presents:

Midsumma Movies

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Queer Film Festival

27 & 28 Jan | The Capitol

Gather your mates, bring a date, and immerse yourself in a prime selection of LGBTQIA+ films in the heart of Melbourne.



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NGV x Midsumma

Presented by Midsumma Festival and National Gallery of Victoria

3 Feb | National Gallery of Victoria

A series of community-centred programs, tours and conversations inspired by the art and design at the NGV. Image: Tobias Titz



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Night at the Museum: Midsumma Youth Party

Midsumma Festival, Minus18 and Immigration Museum

27 Jan | Immigration Museum

Minus18 is throwing an epic pride party for LGBTQIA+ youth aged 12 to 19! Image: Theresa Harrison



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Nocturnal: Hot and Bothered

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum

8 Feb

An immersive night celebrating queer culture and daring activism with after-hours exhibitions, talks, tours and surprises.



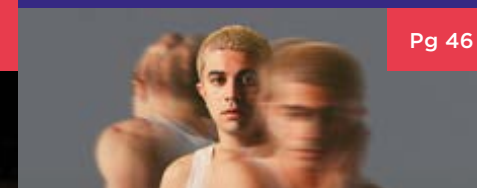
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Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park

22 Jan | Gasworks Arts Park, Gasworks Theatre

Experience new work on stage, hear queer issues and voices and have your say in the 2024 Award selection. Image: Martha Ackroyd Curtis



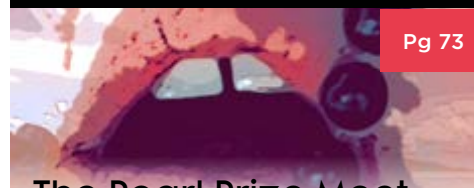
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The Inheritance

Presented by Midsumma Festival and fortyfive downstairs

21 Jan - 11 Feb | fortyfive downstairs

Performed in two parts, Matthew López's landmark play takes its inspiration from E. M. Forster's beloved novel Howards End.



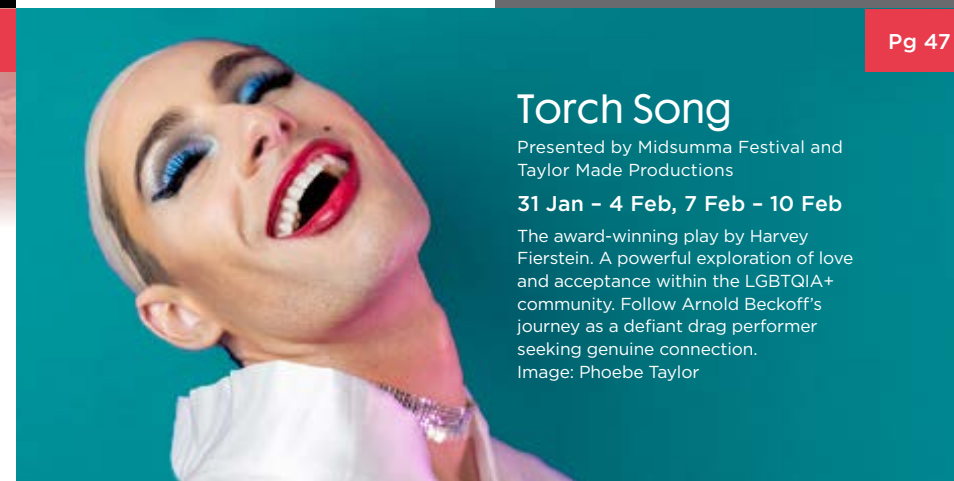
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The Pearl Prize Meet and Greet

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Osborne and Fawkner Publishing

4 Feb | Readings, St Kilda

A chance to celebrate the writings of the incredible 15 authors and how their words are shaping the realm of queer writing today. Image: Osborne and Fawkner



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Torch Song

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Taylor Made Productions

31 Jan - 4 Feb, 7 Feb - 10 Feb

The award-winning play by Harvey Fierstein. A powerful exploration of love and acceptance within the LGBTQIA+ community. Follow Arnold Beckoff's journey as a defiant drag performer seeking genuine connection. Image: Phoebe Taylor

Queer PHOTO

Festival of Queer Photography by Midsumma and PHOTO 2024

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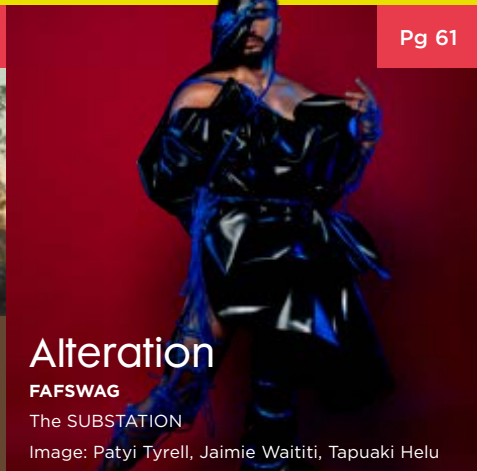
Developed collaboratively by Midsumma and PHOTO 2024, Queer PHOTO combines artist commissions of large-scale outdoor artworks, gallery exhibitions and an interactive public performance program that spans two months (27 Jan - 24 March) over both Midsumma Festival and PHOTO 2024. Head to midsumma.org.au/queerphoto to check out the full line-up of FREE exhibitions and events.



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Affirm

Peter Waples Crowe
Werribee Train Station
Image: The artist and ACMI



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Alteration

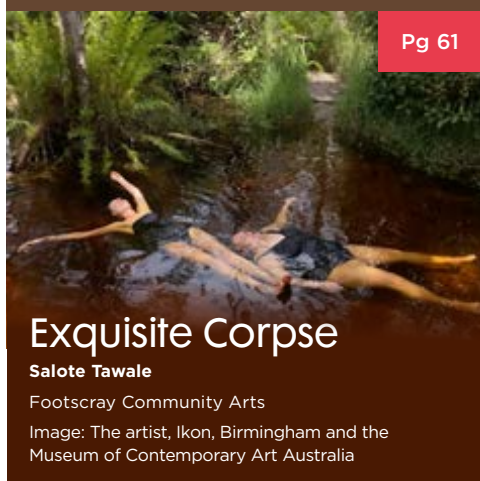
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Black and Blur

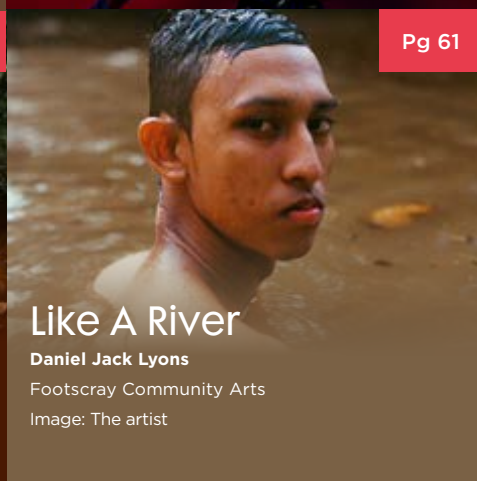
Lilah Benetti
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist



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Exquisite Corpse

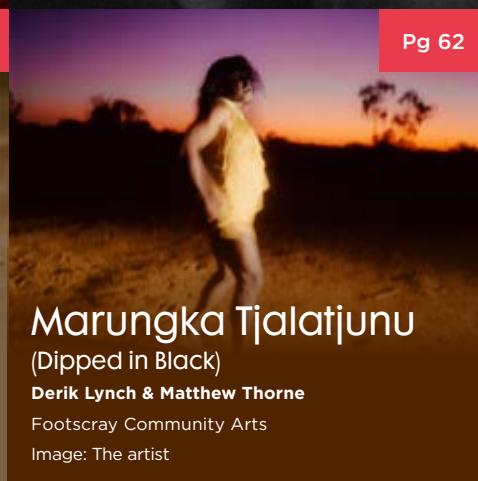
Salote Tawale
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist, Ikon, Birmingham and the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia



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Like A River

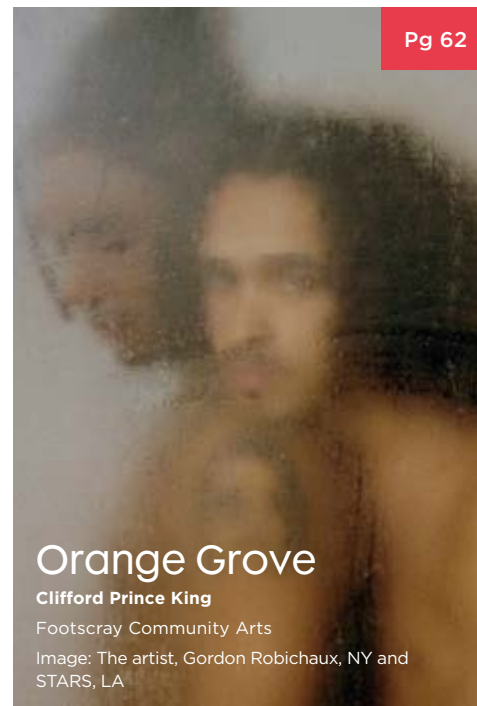
Daniel Jack Lyons
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist



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Marungka Tjalatjunu (Dipped in Black)

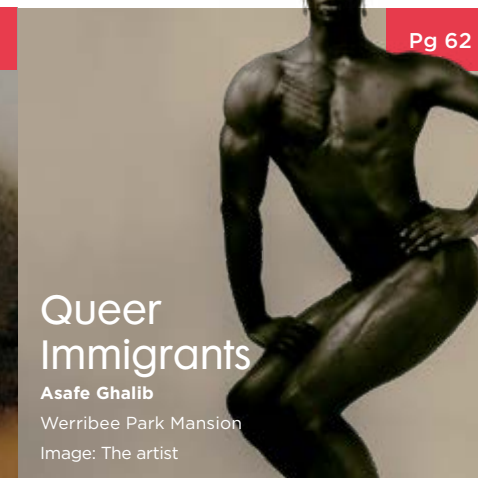
Derik Lynch & Matthew Thorne
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist



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Orange Grove

Clifford Prince King
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist, Gordon Robichaux, NY and STARS, LA



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Queer Immigrants

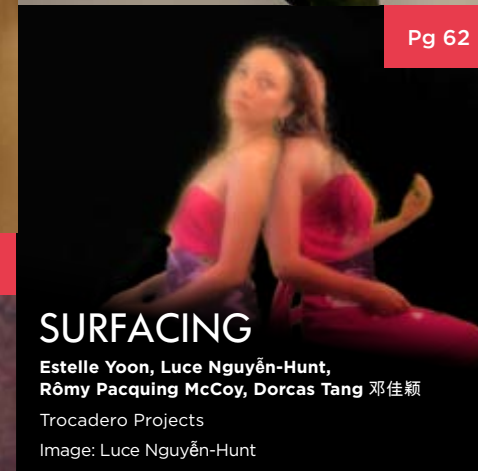
Asafe Ghalib
Werribee Park Mansion
Image: The artist



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So'otaga (Connection)

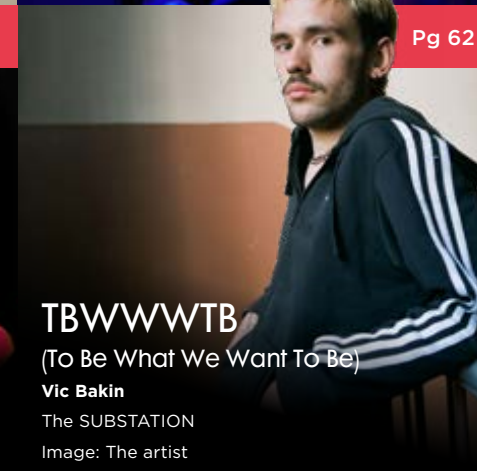
Leilani Fuimaono
The Outside Gallery
Image: The artist



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SURFACING

Estelle Yoon, Luce Nguyễn-Hunt, Rômy Pacquing McCoy, Dorcas Tang 邓佳颖
Trocadero Projects
Image: Luce Nguyễn-Hunt



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TBWWTB (To Be What We Want To Be)

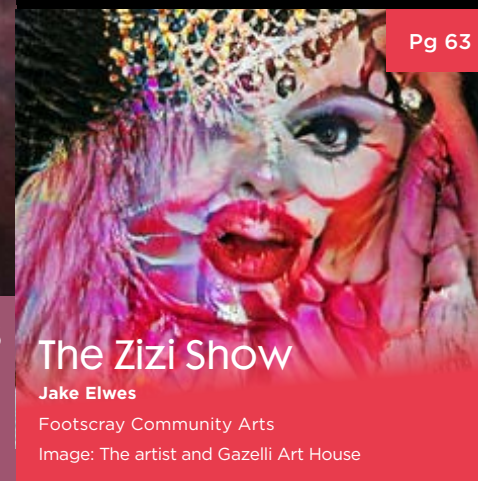
Vic Bakin
The SUBSTATION
Image: The artist



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The New Pre-Raphaelites

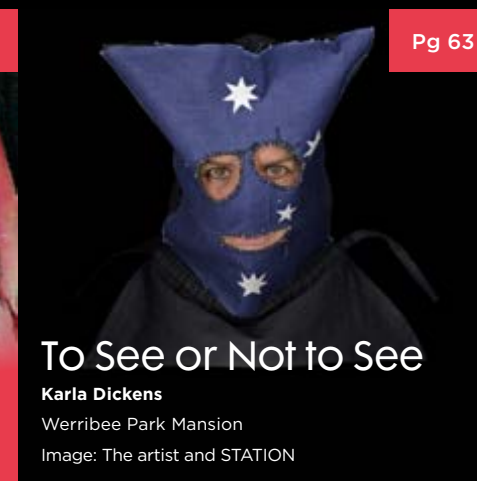
Sunil Gupta
Wyndham Art Gallery
Image: The artist, Hales Gallery, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Vadehra Art Gallery



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The Zizi Show

Jake Elwes
Footscray Community Arts
Image: The artist and Gazelli Art House



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To See or Not to See

Karla Dickens
Werribee Park Mansion
Image: The artist and STATION

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Midsumma Hubs

We are proud to introduce to you our Midsumma Hubs for the 2024 Festival.

These Midsumma Hub venues are dedicated to providing you with a diverse showcase of events, across the 22-day festival, to enrich your Midsumma Festival experience. Never miss a beat, with Midsumma Hubs there is something to see or do every day or night of the week.

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Appalling Behaviour
Presented by Theatre Works

Theatre Works

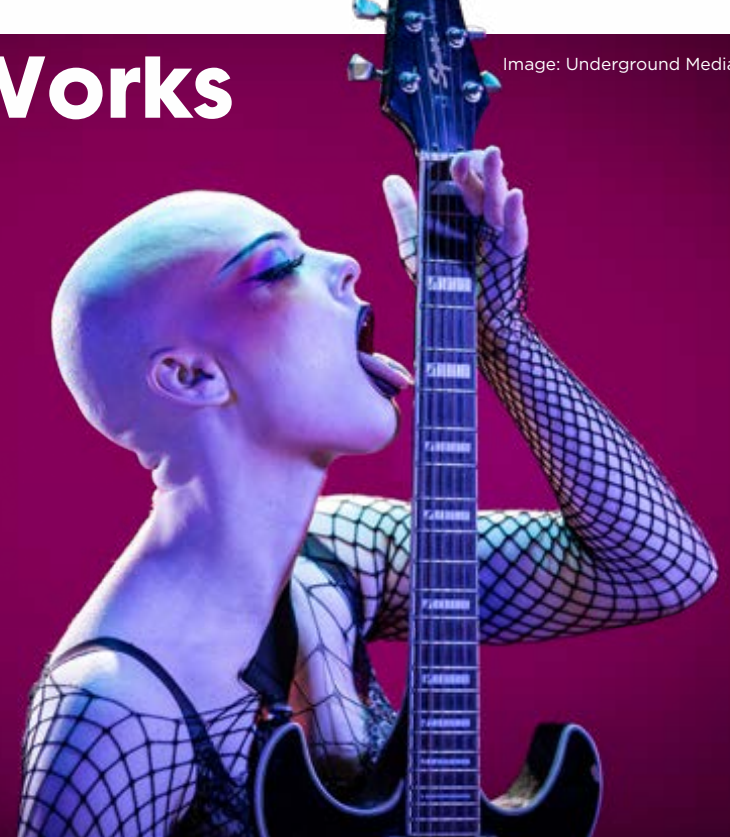
Image: Underground Media

In 2024, Theatre Works' Midsumma Hub will be buzzing with 8 ground-breaking shows across 2 performance spaces. A truly queer program that embraces and celebrates the whole rainbow community. This year's highly anticipated line-up features artists from across the country with massive theatrical works, musical comedies, cutting edge writers and experimental works that will have your heart racing.

Theatre Works
14 Acland St,
St Kilda

Theatre Works Explosives Factory
Rear Laneway 67 Inkerman St,
St Kilda

THEATRE WORKS



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Destroyed
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Home Economics
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I Want It That Gay
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On the Uncertainty of Signs
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The Sour Glitch Refusal
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23 - 25, 27 Jan

To Die Will Be An Awfully Big Adventure
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Victorian Pride Centre

The Victorian Pride Centre is excited to host a big, bold and beautiful program of Midsumma events that connect, support and amplify LGBTIQ+ voices! With everything from creative workshops and inspiring talks to vibrant markets and spin classes on the roof, our line-up reflects the rich diversity of Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities in this purpose-built hub.

Victorian Pride Centre
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda

Image: Sam Copland

Auslan Interpreted Tour of the Pride Centre
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10 Feb

Creating Rainbow Families
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6 Feb

Gay Life Drawing Melbourne
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31 Jan

Gay Stuff Markets
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Finding and Making Home in Histories
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3 Feb

Invest in Queer Joy; Prioritise Refugee, Asylum Seeker, Displaced People's Mental Health
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27 Jan

No Pride in Racism
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30 Jan

Pride Ride
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Pride Rooftop Party Presented by Chemist Warehouse
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2 Feb

Proud MARY!
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27 Jan

Queer Latinx Migrating Down Under
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Queer Social: Hobbies & Crafts Speed Dating
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25 Jan, 1 Feb, 8 Feb

Queerly Beloved: A wholly conversation
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9 Feb

Rainbow Families Extravaganza!
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Spill the Tea
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28 Jan

St Kilda Film Festival Pride Showcase
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7 Feb

Sunday Sizzle
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4 Feb

The Pearl Prize
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Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap
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10 Feb



Gasworks Arts Park

Gasworks Arts Park has been the south side hub for Midsumma Festival and a summer destination for high quality theatre, provocative art and fun nights out with friends for over a decade. Midsumma at Gasworks in 2024 will see a diverse and inclusive program spanning circus, cabaret, drama, comedy, writing and visual art. Support independent artists as they bring the theatres, parklands and gallery spaces to life, and enjoy a drink on the outdoor terrace nestled in the beautiful park.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St,
Albert Park



Image: Rouge by Jodie Hutchinson

- 7-Queens by MJ Bentley**
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21 Jan - 11 Feb

- Heartbeat**
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22 Jan - 11 Feb

- Hot Summer Nights!**
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30 Jan - 3 Feb

- Merging Realities**
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- Queer Playwriting Award Showcase**
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22 Jan

- Rouge**
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- Woman of SALT**
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The Butterfly Club

The Butterfly Club is a small theatre in the heart of Melbourne. We have plenty of shows, award-winning foyer bars, and an enormous collection of kitsch.

The Butterfly Club
Carson Place, off Little Collins St
(between Swanston & Elizabeth) in the Melbourne CBD



THE BUTTERFLY CLUB



- A Night With Pastor Ace**
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22 - 27 Jan

- Historians Call Us Roommates: A Queer Cabaret**
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10 Feb

- Jack**
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24 - 27 Jan

- Long Drive Together by Neptune Henriksen**
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5 - 10 Feb

- My Life in the Clouds**
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8 - 10 Feb

- Oh Yuck, It's Me**
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29 Jan - 3 Feb

- Slippery**
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24 - 25, 27 Jan

- The Search**
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22 - 27 Jan

Abbotsford Convent

Just four kilometres from Melbourne's CBD, and spread over 16 acres, Abbotsford Convent is Australia's largest multi-arts and cultural precinct: a living place for curiosity and collaboration, meeting and meaning. We work collaboratively with a community of artists and arts organisations across all art forms to present a year-round program of contemporary work that engages, surprises and delights audiences, encourages investigation and learning, and sparks important new conversations.

This year, we invite you to join us on a creative journey with a joyful array of artists sharing their incredible work.

Abbotsford Convent. Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers St,
Abbotsford



Image: Drop Dead Gorgeous, photo by Suzanne Balding

- ALTAR**
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- ALTAR Presents: The Queer Divine**
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- Animalising; Becoming Animal / Intense / Imperceptible**
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- Bloodlines**
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- Labyrinth**
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- ROPETIMES**
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- Wise Words**
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8 Feb



Image: Matto Lucas Photography

The Motley Bauhaus

The Motley Bauhaus is a newly renovated, proudly independent and inclusive multi-disciplinary arts space located just a stone's throw from the CBD on Elgin Street, Carlton. With a focus on the weird, wonderful and Motley, this stunning large venue has two performance spaces and a visual arts gallery that are jammed packed with innovative queer art this Midsumma Festival. Wander into this charming timber and brass finished modern bar for delicious cocktails, gluten free tap beer, conversation starting boardgames, and most importantly - art you can't find anywhere else.

The Motley Bauhaus
118 Elgin St, Carlton VIC 3053

- Bent Burlesque 2024**
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- DADDY**
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- Fragmented Queerage**
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- God Hates Me**
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- Light Touch**
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- Perpetual Stew**
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- Ruff Trade**
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3 Feb, 6 - 10 Feb

- Sauna Boy**
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29 Jan - 3 Feb

- Smatch Game**
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4 Feb

- Thank God You're Queer**
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4 Feb, 11 Feb





Midsumma Westside

Midsumma Westside is a collaboration of Melbourne's western region Councils in partnership with Midsumma. It is a sumptuous slice of Midsumma Festival that programs the wonderful array of events taking place in the west. With exhibitions, drag, live music, performances, circus, pool parties, picnics and walks, the west is set to come alive. Midsumma Westside invites you to GO WEST this summer!

Image: Park Lounge

Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre
Creative Coding
Workshop: Crafting
Algorithmic Love Letters
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Bluestone Church Arts Space
Aunty Bear and ZaZa:
Songs From The
Rainbow Tree And
Beyond
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Fish Amethyst
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The Story Keepers
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Bowery Theatre
YUMMY: Joy Machine
Pg 50 | 3 Feb

**Kelly Park
Park Lounge**
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Laneway Gallery
Finally the Sun - Olivia
Mraz
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**Louis Joel Arts &
Community Centre -
Joel Gallery**
Drag + Life Drawing on
Altona Beach
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**Pride of Our Footscray
Community Bar**
All-Star Pride Drag Bingo
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Fanny & Friends
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First Nations Drag Festival
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**Magic Men of Summer
Risqué Revue**
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Queer Comedy Gala
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Womxn of Comedy
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Pride Pool Party in
Sunshine
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West Footscray Library
Drag Trivia
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Woods Street Arts Space
Fluid Beauty
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**Wyndham Cultural Centre
- The Annex**
The Scrapatorium
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Trades Hall
Cnr Lygon and Victoria St,
Carlton VIC 3053



Chapel Off Chapel

Chapel Off Chapel, in the heart of Prahran, is your Intimate, Live and Iconic Midsumma hotspot, offering a dazzling array of shows to tickle everyone's fancy! The Chapel stage will see Ziegfeld Boy in 'Bombshell,' paying homage to Hollywood blondes - both cheeky and glitzy. Tash York's hilarious new comedy cabaret 'Love That For You', Dolly Diamond's 20-year celebration 'Hot Summer Roast'. Our own Queen of the Universe star, Trevor Ashley in 'The (first annual) Farewell Show'. The Local Lesbians return with candid tales of lady love in 'Lesbian Love Stories', and don't miss 'Torch Song,' an iconic play that delves into LGBTIQIA+ acceptance. Get ready for a whirlwind of Midsumma entertainment at Chapel Off Chapel.

Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St,
Prahran



Image: Manuel Ortegon

Bombshell
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**Dolly Diamond's Hot
Midsumma Roast**
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Lesbian Love Stories
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**Trevor Ashley:
The (first annual)
Farewell Show**
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The Library is Open

Join **Yarra Libraries** online for free access to a massive collection of LGBTIQIA+ literature, including ebooks, audiobooks and over 200,000 pages of digitised queer magazines from the 70s-00s.

Visit one of our branches and upgrade your membership for exclusive access to selected branches outside of ordinary opening hours.

yarralibraries.vic.gov.au



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Performance

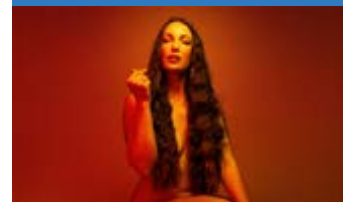
#midsumma



Animalising; Becoming Animal / Intense / Imperceptible.
Presented by Abbotsford Convent

Theatre

18+ Y <50 RP



A Body at Work

The debut solo show from queer artist and sex worker Frankie van Kan exploring what it means to be A Body at Work in the adult industry

La Mama HQ, Carlton
27-28 Jan, 31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr
Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Sun 4pm | Wed 6:30pm
| Relaxed: 31 Jan 6:30pm
\$37 full | \$27 conc | \$10 First Nations
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language
Presented by Frankie van Kan
Image: by Darren Gill

Serial nudist, Frankie van Kan (aka Frankie Valentine) achieves the improbable task of exposing more of herself than ever before, in this deeply intimate piece of confessional theatre. Directed by Maude Davey, 'A Body at Work' is the tale of a queer woman's fourteen years, and counting, in the sex industry.

Comedy

18+ Y 6g 75



A Night With Pastor ACE

Darwin Fringe 2023 Award Winner

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne
22-27 Jan 1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm | Auslan: 25 Jan 7pm
\$39 full | \$35 conc | \$31 group (min 6)
△ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | References to suicide and/or self-harm
Presented by The Butterfly Club
Image: by Tom Kelly

This show is a sacrilegious musical comedy featuring Ace, their ukulele, a PowerPoint presentation, dildo throwing, and their journey of finding queer joy despite every effort to pray the gay away.

"A Night With Pastor Ace really won the crowd over!" - LAUNCHdarwin

Cabaret

18+ Y <50



All-Star Pride Drag Bingo

Footscray's famous drag bingo!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
2 Feb 2hrs
Fri 7:30pm
\$15 full
△ Mature themes
Presented by Pride of our Footscray

Fun bingo games, camp prizes, and fabulous drag shows from an all-star cast including our resident hostesses Amanduh and HollyPop plus some very special guests!

Theatre

18+ 3 Y 6g 75 RP



Abbotsford Convent, Abbotsford
7-10 Feb 1hr
Wed-Sat 8pm | Sat 4pm
Auslan: 9 Feb 8pm
Relaxed and Tactile Tour: 10 Feb 4pm | Cast and Creatives Q&A: Fri 9 Feb 9pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc | \$15 First Nations
preview: \$20 | \$15 conc | \$10 First Nations
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Em Tambree

ALTAR

"Am I your something old?"

Sutton's life, meticulously chosen, is a testament to her aspirations. The white picket fence, a husband, three children; these were the chapters she wrote for herself. But amidst her well thought out life plan was something Sutton could never have accounted for... Dana.

Today is Sutton's wedding day. Dana has been invited but Dan will be in attendance.

Dan who was once Dana.

Performance

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Dance

18+ Y 75



Animalising; Becoming Animal / Intense / Imperceptible

Abbotsford Convent - Industrial School, Abbotsford
8-10 Feb 50m
Thu-Sat 8pm | Opening: Wed 7 Feb 6-7:30pm
Workshop: Sat 10 Feb 10am-3pm
\$35 full | \$30 conc
△ Nudity | Loud or sudden noises
Presented by Abbotsford Convent

Tony Yap & Jack Riley (dancers), Agus Riyanto (supreme trance master) & Reuben Lewis (musician) showcase striking and intense aesthetics from Ancient Javanese bull-trance and queer sub-cultures. The work delves into the themes of sexlessness and nakedness, in a captivating becoming of animals, intensity and imperceptibility.

Interactive Performance

18+ 75



Atmosphere

An original durational performance art piece

Enter the space, disrupt the environment and create some art.

Atmosphere is a new interactive and durational performance art piece presented and created by Lauren Caltabiano. Within the space, you help make the work, you inform the 'Atmosphere'.

Watch the artist create for 6h a day, responding to you. This piece is exciting and waiting to see how you evolve the Atmosphere.

Bard's Apothecary, Melbourne CBD
30 Jan-1 Feb
Tue-Thu 5-11pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Lauren Caltabiano
Image: by Lauren Caltabiano

Theatre

18+ Y <50



Appalling Behaviour

"An unflinching portrayal of the kind of character rarely seen onstage" - The Age

Theatre Works, St Kilda
30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
Tue-Sat 7:30pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Theatre Works

Reimagined from the streets of Paris, this timeless Australian monologue whisks the audience through the enthralling depths of the Parisian urban shadows. From the serene banks of the Seine to the hidden pulsing heart of its nocturnal clubs, this celebrated and internationally embraced poetic narrative unveils a man teetering on the precipice of the city's allure...

Cabaret

18+ Y 6g 75 RP



Bent Burlesque 2024

"An orgy of glamour and daring..."

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
24-27 Jan 1hr
Wed-Sat 9pm | Auslan: 26 Jan 9pm | Tactile Tour: 26 Jan 9pm | Relaxed: 25 Jan 9pm
\$28 preview | \$32 full | \$28 conc
\$25 group (min 4)
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language

Now in its 13th year of existence, Bent is a treat from the subversive pulse of Australia. Satirical, sexy and outrageously hilarious!

Australia's Queen of Burlesque, Imogen Kelly, presents a diverse cast with theatrical enchantments from the LGBTQAI+ performance underbelly of Australia.

"I loved this show so much I want to marry it ★★★★★" - Australian Stage

Interactive Performance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

CLUB COMPOST

A divine unfurling and grooving of eco-creative offerings for Rainbow Families

Join renowned and beloved Proud and Queer underground artists, Betty Grumble and DANDROGYNY, as they undulate, squirm and worm into orbit. You'll be invited to feel, chatter with and celebrate your body! This collaborative disco combines music, movement and play to cultivate an expansive view of the natural world, fostering deeper empathy, understanding and a sense of awe, always.

Abbotsford Convent - Heritage Gardens, Abbotsford

3 Feb 2hrs

Sat 1pm | Auslan
Bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and wear green!

\$10 full | \$8.75 group (min 4) | \$0 First Nations

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Mini Beast Disco

Cabaret



Dean Arcuri is Out of this World

Escape to the stars, shoot for the moon or come crashing down?

Come hitch a ride with singing sensation Dean Arcuri, as he blasts off in a musical space oddity, singing in the centre of his own universe, and see what happens when others try to shoot down this shining star.

Grouse Melbourne, Fitzroy

23 Jan, 30 Jan, 6 Feb 1hr 15m

Tue 7:30pm

\$30 full

Image: by HDGimage Photography

Buckle up and get ready to rocket!

"Arcuri isn't afraid of putting himself out there" - MCV

Cabaret



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Dolly Diamond's Hot Midsumma Roast

A 20 year milestone celebration

Dolly Diamond celebrates 20 incredible years being a part of Melbourne's world-famous, Midsumma Festival - and she's celebrating with some of her closest, most talented (and bitchiest) friends.

Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel Theatre, Prahran

2-3 Feb 1hr

Fri, Sat 8pm

\$39 full | \$35 conc | \$45 table seat

Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Best Productions

A joyous evening of song, comedy and just a small amount of roasting. But for a change, it's all at Dolly's expense!

Theatre



The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton

5-11 Feb 1hr

Mon-Sun 9pm

\$28 full | \$24 conc

Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language

Presented by The Cafe Debris Company

Image: by Travis De Jonk

DADDY

A new show by Brent Thorpe

DADDY is back. Brent Thorpe is 60, fit, dangerous and committed to ageing disgracefully. In the wake of Pride and Drag Story Time events being cancelled across Australia, DADDY is more than happy to give right wing conservatives exactly what they want. Just more of it than they ever bargained for. This show celebrates how much fun getting older really is and as DADDY says: 'You're never too old to take a pill and dance on a podium wearing a jockstrap.'

Theatre



Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda

6-10 Feb 1hr

Tue-Sat 7:30pm

\$30 full | \$25 conc

Strong language | Mature themes

Presented by Theatre Works with Ebony Rattle and Sarah-Jayde Tracey

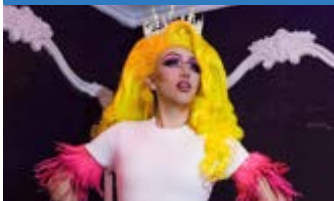
Destroyed

How does it feel to lose control?

A queer, punk retelling of The Tragedy of Macbeth by William Shakespeare.

Evelyn Jones' best friends keep killing themselves. While struggling to process grief, three weird people she meets at a bus stop tell her that her enemies will get what they deserve. She becomes so obsessed with their prophecy that it completely and utterly consumes her, leaving nothing behind.

Variety



Acland Street Plaza, St Kilda

4 Feb

Sun 2:30-5:30pm

FREE

Presented by Acland Street Village Business Association

Image: by Alejandro Cartagena

Emerging Drag Queen Competition

Witness the crowning of the Queen of Acland!

In celebration of Pride March, Acland Street Village would love to invite you to a family-friendly emerging drag competition in Acland Plaza, hosted by Brenda Bressed, from 2.30pm - 4pm on Sunday 4 February. Hosted on the back of a beautiful old Dodge, join us and support these wonderful artists as they strut their stuff and vie for the title of Queen of Acland. Then, enjoy a DJ until 5.30pm.

Thank you for your **Support**



Image: Anadiction (Harley Dunally-Lee) performing in The Cocoa Butter Club Midsumma Special 2018. Photo by Alexis D.Lea Photography

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Musical



Fanny & Friends

The ultimate musical tribute show!

See drag queen Fanny Adams, AKA the potty-mouthed Pom, transform into EIGHT musical icons in this all-live singing tribute extravaganza. Get ready for the best of Liza, Barbra, Cher, Frank, and more, like you've never seen them!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 3 Feb 1hr
 Sat 7:30pm
 \$20 full
 △ Strong language
 Presented by Pride of our Footscray

Cabaret



Fashioning Drag

Drag cabaret meets performative runway by Melbourne unisex fashion label JUDE

Artisanal Melbourne-made fashion meets conceptual drag performance and VIP shopping night at the JUDE retail studio. Accompanied by special guest star Davey Thompson, fashion designer Jude Ng revives 20-year seasoned character Miss Moneesha in an event that fuses drag performance, speakeasy style stage design and sustainable fashion.

JUDE Store, Fitzroy
 8 Feb
 Thu 6-9:30pm | Stage Show: 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$27 conc
 △ Long periods of standing
 Presented by JUDE
 Image: by Suleiman Enayatzada

Cabaret



First Nations Drag Festival

A celebration of First Nations drag artists!

An evening celebrating the talent of First Nations drag artists, hosted by Cerulean (Miss First Nation Supreme Queen 2023).

Come enjoy fabulous drag performances by Cerulean and her guests, and hear from the performers on what it's like to be a First Nations artist working in drag.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 8 Feb 50m
 Thu 7:30pm
 \$20 full | \$0 First Nations
 △ Mature themes
 Presented by Pride of our Footscray

Theatre



Fish Amethyst

The space trip of your life!

Take a trip with the gods into outer space in this hilariously camp sci-fi adventure. Buckle in as your supreme deities defy gender and gravity to fulfil their mission and blow your mind! Warning: spontaneous enlightenment may occur and results could include unintended chakra luminescence.

A new Australian work, written by Chris Molyneux and John Jenkin.

Supported by a Maribyrnong City Council creative venue.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
 7-10 Feb 1hr 15m
 Wed-Sat 7pm | Sat 2pm
 \$33 full | \$23 conc
 △ References to suicide and/or self-harm | Loud or sudden noises
 Presented by Callipygian Blue Circle
 Image: by Vera Way

Variety



Glitter Groove

The south-east's summer queer party!

Get ready for the ultimate summer queer extravaganza! Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with jaw-dropping performances by sensational drag performers, powerhouse singers belting out your favourite tunes and mind-blowing beats from our top notch DJ! Immerse yourself in a world of glitter and glamour as we celebrate love, diversity and self-expression for the queer community in the south-east!

Bunjil Place, Narre Warren
 9 Feb 3hrs
 Fri 7pm
 \$10 full | \$8 conc

Comedy



God Hates Me

A nerdy trip from witchcraft trials to the modern capitalist hellscape of billionaire cultists

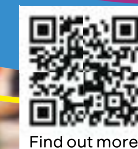
It's nerdy. It's filled with strange facts that are funny. How did we get here? How is it that with more and more information we have an increase in flat earthers? Let's enter a comedy cabaret roundabout of right-wing cultists, curing cancer with broccoli, private jets and preachers in expensive sneakers and give it a whirl!

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 28 Jan 1hr
 Sun 6pm
 \$25 full | \$15 conc
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Depictions of violence | Mature themes
 Presented by Jack Brady
 Image: by Jack Brady

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Cabaret

18+ Y <50



Historians Call Us Roommates: A Queer Cabaret

Nuns, pirates and spies, oh my!

Comedian Chelsea Heaney battles queer erasure by exploring centuries of queer stories of people you won't believe you haven't heard of or had no idea were queer! From polyamorous gothic queens, to bisexual, convent burning nuns, there are many shades of gay to enjoy!

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 10 Feb 1hr
 Sat 5:30pm
 \$39 full | \$35 conc
 Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Loud or sudden noises
 Presented by The Butterfly Club

Theatre

3 Y <50



Home Economics

A delicious series of vignettes teetering on the axis of sex and food

Real food, real mess and a sickly saturated design underpin our society's complicated relationship with overindulgence of all kinds in this new staging of 'Home Economics'. This emerging team offers their take on the triptych of FLOUR, SUGAR, and TRUFFLES: a deliciously icky series of character studies. It is a lip-licking critique of where desire meets violence that will leave you starving for more.

Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda
 30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
 Tue-Sat 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Depictions of violence | Strong language | Mature themes

Cabaret

18+ Y <50



Jock

A cabaret

Harry's buff, dumb, and always looking for that D#.

Jock is a deliciously funny cabaret about sex, footy and self-acceptance.

Join Harry as he's flung from the high school locker rooms and into the impossible expectations of twinks, bears, and everything in between.

The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne CBD
 24-27 Jan 1hr
 Wed-Sat 7pm
 \$39 full | \$35 conc
 Themes of a sexual nature | References to sexual violence | Mature themes
 Presented by The Butterfly Club
 Image: by Kathleen Lee, edited by Kate

Cabaret

3 Y <50



La Nonna's Saucy Sauce Day

Let's get saucy!

At the height of summer when the tomatoes are at their best, join La Nonna for the sauciest day of the year! Centred around the age-old tradition of the 'sauce day', La Nonna invites you to La Mama for the beautiful ritual of chopping, crushing and bottling the summer's tomatoes. With storytelling, dance, music and food, La Nonna's Saucy Sauce Day will forge a new kind of family tradition. This is a queer family festa you don't want to miss!

La Mama HQ, Carlton
 7-11 Feb 1hr 30m
 Wed-Sat 7pm | Sun 4pm
 \$37 full | \$27 conc | \$12 First Nations
 Presented by ry - a ry presentation
 Image: by Darren Gill

Circus

3 Y 75



Hot Summer Nights!

Glam, glitter and circus

A Midsumma Festival 2023 hit, this outrageous circus cabaret show features a handpicked cast of Australia's top circus performers and hosted by the brilliant, multi award-winning cabaret star, Tash York.

Get ready for neon lights, incredible vocals and mind-boggling feats of strength.

A non-stop steamy celebration of the cheeky, the awe-inspiring and the downright sexy!

Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park
 23-25 Jan, 27 Jan, 30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
 Tue 23-Thu 25, Sat 27 Jan 7pm | Tue 30 Jan-Fri 2 Feb 9pm | Sat 3 Feb 6:30+9pm
 \$30 preview | \$40 full | \$35 conc | \$35 group (min 6)
 Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature
 Presented by Red Canvas Productions and Gasworks Arts Park

Cabaret

3 18+ Y <50



Hufflepuff

A gay Hogwarts comedy

Taking place during the Tri-Wizard Tournament (which sadly isn't a wizard three-way), a gay Hufflepuff becomes obsessed with Cedric Diggory and tries to help him win the tournament. All the while, battling the obstacles that any gay student faces at school. Slither-in to this Chamber of Secrets and be entertained by a story filled with every Harry Potter pun, musical numbers and some onstage magic!

Speakeasy Theatre, Melbourne CBD
 26-27 Jan, 2-3 Feb, 9-10 Feb 1hr
 Fri, Sat 7pm
 \$40 full | \$30 conc
 Strong language | Smoke/haze | Mature themes
 Presented by Dirk Strachan-Thornton

Cabaret

3 Y 75 <50



Lesbian Love Stories

WE'RE BACK, BUTCHES!

After sold-out seasons across the country, your favourite gals are u-hauling their way back to Melbourne for Midsumma Festival!

LLS features tales of lady love from across the globe, told anonymously through song, speech and prose, giving the audience an inside glimpse of the lesbian experience. Unashamedly honest and raw, LLS will provide you with a good laugh and an awkward moment (or three).

Buckle in.

Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran
 27-28 Jan 1hr
 Sat 7pm | Sun 2pm | Sun 6pm
 \$49 full
 Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Mature themes
 Presented by The Local Lesbians
 Image: by Joel Devereux

Theatre

18+ Y <50



Long Drive Together by Neptune Henriksen

Two friends. Fifteen years. One road trip.

From critically acclaimed writer/director Neptune Henriksen comes a heartfelt play about friendship and grief. Solar and Dylan reunite to road trip to their friend's grave, on the 15 year anniversary of her death by suicide. During the drive, the friends reminisce, joke around, and finally face tough realities.

★★★★ - *The Scotsman (UK)*

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 5-10 Feb 55m
 Mon-Sat 7pm
 \$39 full | \$35 conc | \$31 group (min 6)
 Strong language | Latecomer lockout | References to suicide and/or self-harm
 Image: by Neptune Henriksen

Cabaret

3 18+ Y <50



I Want It That Gay

Featuring 90s and 00s hits - with a rainbow twist!

It's 1998... you're sitting in front of your TV on Saturday morning watching Video Hits. The Spice Girls pop up on screen, you LOVE the Spice Girls! But soon you're wondering - do I want to be Sporty Spice or do I want to be with Sporty Spice...?

'I Want it That Gay' is an irreverent look at the way popular culture shapes what we see and therefore who we're allowed to be.

Theatre Works, St Kilda
 30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr 30m
 Tue, Thu, Sat 7pm | Wed, Fri 9pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Mature themes

Theatre

18+ Y <50



Iago

Kiss or kill. The debut play by Douglas Hackett

'Iago' is a modern re-visioning of William Shakespeare's Othello, through the lens of its central relationship. Through contemporary voice, Elizabethan language, dance, stage combat and scenes of physical intimacy, 'Iago' is a 70-minute investigation of male sexuality and manhood that asks the audience to confront their own ideas of masculinity.

With dramaturgy by acclaimed Australian playwright Stephen Sewell.

Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT), Albert Park
 31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr 10m
 Wed-Fri 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 2:30pm
 \$49 full | \$39 conc | \$37.25 group (min 4)
 Nudity | Depictions of violence | Mature themes
 Presented by Late August Productions
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Cabaret

3 18+ Y 75



Magic Men of Summer Risqué Revue

A celebration of the male form!

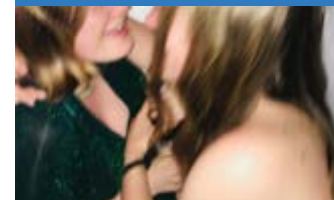
An incredible night of male entertainment featuring burlesque, cabaret, circus, dance, and more! Back by popular demand after selling out two years in a row, this guarantees to be the hottest day of summer!

Your ticket also includes late night entry to the dancefloor and late night drag shows at Pride of our Footscray.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 27 Jan 1hr
 Sat 7:30pm
 \$30 full
 Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Mature themes
 Presented by Pride of our Footscray

Theatre

3 OC 75 RP



Marriage

If you've been jump-scared by a wedding invitation, this one's for you

Picture this bridal party: a bunch of twenty-something teenage girls and exes, and exes-of-exes. The bride is not here, but there are more important things to do than finding her. Women to fight, women to woo, twin flames to separate, and political debates to be had. What does marriage actually mean to the gay hive mind? You probably won't find out here. But you'll have fun anyway!

The Terrace, Flemington
 30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
 Tue-Sat 5pm | Tue-Sat 7pm | Sat 2pm | Relaxed | Captioned
 Preview (Tue 30 Jan): \$20 full, \$15 conc
 Season: \$25 full, \$20 conc
 Strong language | Loud or sudden noises
 Presented by Unspooled Theatre

Dance



Mechorstra
 "...an exquisite display of contemporary dance married with top-class choreography"
 - Dance Train Magazine

Immerse yourself in 'Mechorstra' - a captivating interplay between movement and music where dancers create unique movements inspired by orchestral soundscapes. An unforgettable experience pushing the boundaries of contemporary dance.

"A show to be remembered, thunderous applause is heard long after the final bows" - DANCE WRITER

The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran
 8-11 Feb 1hr
 Thu-Sat 8pm | Sun 7:30pm
 \$42.50 full | \$37.50 conc
 △ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Loud or sudden noises
Presented by Scimm. Dance Company
 Image: by Tiam Courtice

Theatre



Mid-Life Clear-Out
 Wonder Woman proclaimed, "honesty'll save the world or THIS show!"

Queer storytelling that goes deep with a touch of comedy to uncover truths and falsehoods.

While clearing her storage, QQ uncovers her father's last words, a vagina puppet, a superhero outfit, and her ex-GF's photos. Will they live in new beginnings? You decide.

New writing based on real life.

The MC Showroom - The Clubroom, Prahran
 25-27 Jan 55m
 Thu-Sat 6:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 △ Strong language | Latecomer lockout
Presented by Queerlysh Productions
 Image: by Afonso Azevedo Neves

Variety



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Midsummica
 Championing new work by disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQIA+ artists.

Midsummica is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ identities, disability, and neurodiversity through performance, presented by alumni from the five years of the Midsumma Pathways Program for disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQIA+ artists. Showcased through an experimental lens; Midsummica includes theatre, music, spoken word, dance and multidisciplinary art forms.

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton
 5 Feb 1hr 30m
 Mon 8pm | Auslan and Audio Described
 \$20 full
Presented by Midsumma Festival and La Mama Theatre
 Image: by Darren Gill

Comedy



Mister Act
 Oh, happy gay!

Jayden, Simon and Allen return for another hour of divine queer comedy, featuring new sketches, old faithfuls and a gospel's worth of excellent needle drops (mainly Jessie Ware). Following on from their debut sell-out show "Am I Doing This Right?" at Midsumma Festival 2023, the boys are back with more hilarious sketches and candid storytelling about all our queer little insecurities. It's heartfelt gay comedy at its funnest and finest. Hallelujah!

The Improv Conspiracy, Melbourne CBD
 25-28 Jan 1hr
 Thu-Sat 7pm | Sun 6pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | References to drug use
Presented by Mister Act
 Image: by Tiana Hogben

Cabaret



My Life in the Clouds
 World Pride hit comes to Midsumma

You're 17, gay and in NYC two years before the AIDS crisis, what you gunna do? Live on the 25th floor overlooking Central Park. Aussie theatre veteran Jonathan Mill looks back 45 years to his time spent living in the clouds.

The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne CBD
 8-10 Feb 1hr
 Thu-Sat 7pm
 \$45 full | \$40 conc
 Image: by Henrich Varga

Comedy



Oh Yuck, It's Me
 A self-portrait of myself, the artist, by me, the artist

Nominated for "Best Performer" and "Best Production" in the 2023 Green Room Awards (Independent Theatre category).

Ever since she was a little girl, Jessie Ngaio has fantasised about killing herself. When she came perilously close to making fantasy reality, she knew something had to change. This show is about finding a will to live even while the world crumbles and burns around you. Oh and there will be a clown.

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 29 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
 Mon-Sat 7pm
 \$37 full | \$33 conc
 △ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | References to suicide and/or self-harm
Presented by The Butterfly Club
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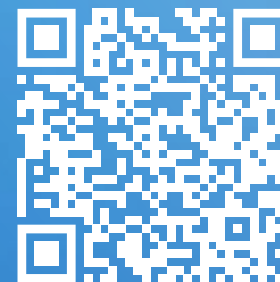
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Cabaret



On the Uncertainty of Signs

"Willing has advanced queer music in Australia" - 4ZZZ

What if the inbox of a meme page held the keys to the city? Specifically, how people in it loved?

'On The Uncertainty of Signs' weaves a revelatory adult contemporary score with the love stories Willing scoured his DMs to retrieve. An insufferably romantic cabaret for the natural wine generation and their parents who couldn't stand the stench.

Theatre Works, St Kilda
23-27 Jan 1hr
Tue-Sat 7:30pm
\$30 full | \$25 conc
△ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Mature themes
Presented by Theatre Works

Theatre



One Of Them Ones by Charlie Josephine

Why's it gotta be so complicated?

Frankie is desperate to be understood, accepted, loved. But the LGBTQ alphabet soup has got Michael's head spinning.

An uplifting Australian premiere about two siblings living in a rural community trying to get their heads around gender identity.

Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne
31 Jan-3 Feb, 7-10 Feb 1hr 10m
Wed-Sat 6:30pm
\$20 full | \$15 conc | \$10 group (min 4)
△ Strong language | References to suicide and/or self-harm | Mature themes
Presented by Gavin Roach
Image: by Cameron Grant

Comedy



Queer Comedy Gala

A night of stand-up comedy with an all-star queer cast!

Eight of Australia's best queer stand-up comedians, together to bring you a night of non-stop laughs at Pride of our Footscray!

Featuring the fabulous Kirsty Webeck as your emcee.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
25 Jan 2hrs
Thu 8pm
\$25 full
△ Mature themes
Presented by Pride Comedy & Pride of our Footscray
Image: provided by Kirsty Webeck

Theatre



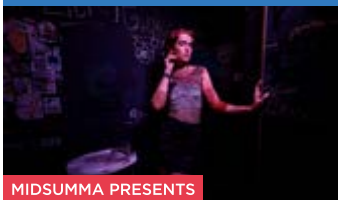
Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer-focused theatre works

Join us for a unique night of fresh excerpts from our top 5 finalists: The Queer Kingdom by Tom Ballard; Day for It by Lindstedt and Davies; Sexcapades by Rosemary Cann; Concrete by James Elazzi; Men on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown by Adam Fawcett. Experience new work on stage, hear queer issues and voices and have your say in the 2024 Award selection.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park
22 Jan 2hrs 30m
Mon 6:30pm | Auslan
\$22 full | \$18 conc
Presented by Midsumma Festival & Gasworks Arts Park
Image: by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Theatre



Overflow

A hilarious and devastating tour of women's bathrooms, who is allowed in and who is kept out

By Travis Alabanza.

Cornered into a flooding toilet cubicle and determined not to be rescued again, Rosie distracts herself with memories of bathroom encounters. Drunken heart-to-hearts by dirty sinks, friendships forged in front of crowded mirrors, and hiding together from trouble.

★★★★ Time Out

Arts Centre Melbourne - Fairfax Studio, Southbank
31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr 10m
Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 3pm | Sun 5pm | Auslan, Audio Described & Tactile Tour: 1 Feb 7:30pm | Relaxed: 3 Feb 3pm
\$59 full | \$49 conc | \$55 group (min 4) | \$45 trans community | \$25 First Nations
Presented by ACM, Darlinghurst Theatre Company and Midsumma Festival

Theatre



Perpetual Stew

Bite-sized stories that serve up the absurdity, drama, and comedy of the classic dinner scene

Bread, water, ale, tears, passive aggression: everyone's bringing their baggage and adding it to the pot. Why do so many genres and forms traverse the dinner table to serve audiences the most iconic dialogues, imagery, and action the arts have to offer? Perpetual Stew explores the complexities and rich aromas of the dinner scene whilst adding our own flavours to the mix.

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
6-10 Feb 1hr
Tue-Sat 6pm | Preview: Tue 6 Feb 6pm
Opening: Wed 7 Feb 6pm
\$28 preview | \$35 full | \$28 conc
△ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Smoke/haze
Presented by Milly Walker, Charlie Lawrence and Victoria Barlow

Theatre



Residency Showings

Support The Round to support local LGBTQIA+ artists

Two performing arts groups will use the Round's Residency during Midsumma Festival in our Studio Theatre. Come along to see a fabulous new work, or better still, see both!

Full performance listings available at midsumma.org.au

The Round Studio, Nunawading
2 Feb 45m | 3-4 Feb 1hr
Fri 7:30pm | Sat 8pm | Sun 2pm
Fri-Sat: \$35 full | \$20 conc | \$10 First Nations
Sun: \$10 full
△ Mature themes
Presented by The Round
Image: by Hamish Kale

Cabaret



Reuben Kaye: The Kaye Hole

Late night, done right

Tumble down The Kaye Hole with Reuben Kaye for the ultimate night out this Midsumma. Queer, messy, fast, loose and f*cking hilarious. The hottest late-night ticket in town where the riskiest and most diverse acts let loose, dripping in sweat and backed by a live band. Hosted by cabaret icon "The Evil Love Child of Liza Minnelli and Jim Carrey" (BTG) Reuben Kaye. Bring yourself and come correct.

Meat Market - Cobblestone Pavilion, North Melbourne
9 Feb 1hr
Fri 7pm
\$69.90 full
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language
Presented by Century Entertainment

Interactive Performance



Pride Piano Bar with Frock Hudson & Cameron Thomas

You won't just sing along, you pick the tunes as well!

It's musical mayhem and madness, as Cameron Thomas tickles the ivories and Frock brings the flamboyance in an aural experience like no other.

This outdoor performance is via closed system headphones, so you can sing along like no one's listening (and out sing Frock while you're at it!).

Grouse Melbourne, Fitzroy
28 Jan 1hr 30m
Sun 2:30pm
\$30 full

Theatre



Queer as Flux

An intimate, uplifting solo show celebrating the universality of transitioning

Transitioning isn't new - everybody does it! Autobiography meets activism as Zac Callaghan pays homage to trail-blazing Transcestors, not-so-queer ancestors and the creatures who depend on us. Fresh from the Sydney Opera House, Queer as Flux playfully invites you to spend the night with a grown-up tomboy, their Drag Queen Fairy Godmother and two wise whales.

Theatre Works, St Kilda
30 Jan-3 Feb 1hr 10m
Tue, Thu, Sat 9pm | Wed, Fri 7pm
\$30 full | \$25 conc
△ Mature themes
Presented by The Nest Ensemble and Theatre Works

Cabaret



Reuben Kaye: World War Me

Multi-award winning, Australian comedian, singer and writer Reuben Kaye brings his brand-new show to Melbourne for one night only!

Loud, politically active, queer, brash. Part eulogy, part elegy, part Eastern Bloc Dog Day Afternoon. This is the scandalous story of Reuben's scoundrel uncle springboarding into a cabaret that crosses continents, generations and the political spectrum of the 20th century.

The Round Theatre, Nunawading
7 Feb 1hr
Wed 7:30pm
\$40 full | \$30 conc
△ Strong language | Smoke/haze | Mature themes
Presented by UndergROUND Cabaret
Image: by Jax Moussa

Circus



Rouge

Circus for grown-ups

A decadent blend of sensational acrobatics, operatic cabaret and tongue-in-cheek burlesque.

A non-stop celebration of the astonishing, surprising, subversive and the supremely sexy; award-winning Australian circus sensation Rouge brings an outrageous brand of adult circus.

Winner Best Circus Adelaide Fringe 2020

"One badass sizzler of a show ★★★★★" - Daily Mail (UK)

Gasworks Arts Park, Albert Park
6-10 Feb 1hr
Tue-Fri 7pm | Sat 6:30pm | Sat 9pm
\$30 preview | \$40 full | \$35 conc | \$35 group (min 6)
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Highwire Entertainment & Gasworks Arts Park
Image: by Jodie Hutchinson

Theatre



Ruff Trade

A bit of olde world filth by Steven Dawson

Australia's longest running, award-winning LGBTI+ theatre company returns to Melbourne with a spankingly new, darkly comic tale of Elizabethan sex workers and their imagined part in the untimely death of famous writer Christopher Marlowe. Ribald, bloody and randy. Not for the faint-hearted.

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 23-27 Jan, 30 Jan-3 Feb, 6-10 Feb 1hr
 Tue-Sat 7:30pm
 \$37 full | \$28 conc
 △ Nudity | Depictions of violence | Strong language
 Presented by Out Cast Theatre

Theatre



Sauna Boy

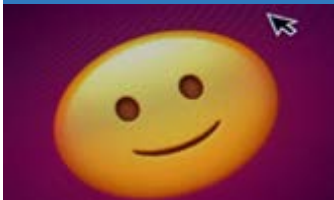
A place where men from all walks of life come to relax, socialise and most importantly... f*ck

Join Dan as he navigates a hidden world of lust, friendship and unorthodox working relationships. Pulsing with frenetic energy and laced with sexual tension; 'Sauna Boy' is guaranteed to touch you in more ways than one.

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 29 Jan-3 Feb 1hr 15m
 Mon-Sat 9pm
 \$28 full | \$24 conc
 △ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language
 Presented by Gavin Roach & Dan Ireland-Reeves
 Image: by Dan Ireland-Reeves

Welcome to West End Sauna...

Musical



Send Nudes

A new musical (staged reading presentation)

Five strangers become the victims of a hacker blackmail scam and form a support group as they navigate the violation of privacy, its effect on their livelihood, work and relationships.

The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran
 5 Feb 1hr 30m
 Mon 7pm
 FREE booking required
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Mature themes
 Presented by Autonomous Inventions

Inspired by true events, 'Send Nudes' is a musical about the power of people coming together in solidarity to regain control of their narrative.

Comedy



Slippery

"Never a dull moment... sensationally absurd, and highly recommended" - Theatre Haus

A polyamorous love square is shattered into a jarring triangle when one of the lovers returns as a ghost! And someone is to blame!

The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne CBD
 24-25 Jan, 27 Jan 1hr
 Wed, Thu, Sat 5:30pm | Thu 8:30pm
 \$39 full | \$35 conc
 △ Loud or sudden noises
 Presented by The Butterfly Club
 Image: by Jade Ellis Photography

Who amongst them has committed this terrible crime?! Betrayal, ecstasy, plague, flood and war - this is four-way love and death... this is Slippery!

Comedy



Smatch Game

It's here! It's live! It's Smatch Game!

Following a SELL-OUT debut, you're invited to the triumphant return of 'Smatch Game' - the game show where four of Melbourne's best character comedians show off their celebrity impersonations and battle it out for the ultimate prize!

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 4 Feb 1hr
 Sun 9pm
 \$28 full | \$24 conc
 Presented by Corner Shop Comedy

Hosted by Golden Gibbo nominee Andy Balloch ('Am I The Drama?'), 'Smatch Game' is a riot of cooked character chaos!

Theatre



STUCK by Kikki Temple

A trans woman and a neo-Nazi get STUCK in an elevator...

Two people, stuck together, forced to deal with their fear, loathing and lust with no way to escape.

Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne
 31 Jan-3 Feb, 7-10 Feb 1hr
 Wed-Sat 8pm
 \$20 full | \$15 conc | \$10 group (min 4)
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Depictions of violence | Strong language
 Presented by Gavin Roach
 Image: by Cameron Grant

What conversations are they forced to have? What concessions will they be forced to make?

And when the hell will someone fix the damn elevator?



Cabaret



Tash York: Love that for you

Have you ever asked yourself, am I living my life right?

Tash York is going through the crossroads moments of her life to see if she could have done life better. In this original comedy cabaret backed by The Red Red Wines (Peppy Smears & Vivian Fonteyn) find out why living life the hard way is almost always the fun way. Live, Laugh, Love that for you! Think Bianca Del Rio crossed with Meow Meow... but on a budget!

Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel Theatre, Prahran
 9-10 Feb 55m
 Fri, Sat 7pm
 \$32 full | \$30 conc | \$38 table seat
 Δ Strong language | Loud or sudden noises
Presented by Big Hair Productions
 Image: by Mark Gambino

Comedy



Thank God You're Queer

Improv with Pride!

Following SELL-OUT crowds, 'Thank God You're Queer' is back to throw your favourite LGBTQIA+ comics into the deep end of improv comedy!

Join the fun as two of Melbourne's rising queer comedians perform a set of stand-up before squirming amongst the finest improv minds in the community.

Will they rise to the challenge? Come and find out!

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 4 Feb, 11 Feb 1hr
 Sun 7:30pm
 \$28 full | \$24 conc
Presented by Corner Shop Comedy

Comedy



Thomas Jaspers is Revolting

The sold-out Midsumma Festival 2020 hit show returns

After years of performing all over Melbourne, Thomas Jaspers is ingrained in the fabric of the local gay scene, like a stain on a towel at Wet On Wellington.

Expect trash. Hilarious, sticky-in-a-good-way, packed-full-of-heart, locally-sourced, organic trash.

"He'll be a national treasure" - Herald Sun
 "Jaspers nails his performance with wit and nuance"- Australian Arts Review

Comedy Republic, Melbourne CBD
 9-10 Feb 1hr
 Fri, Sat 7pm
 \$29 full | \$27 conc | \$26 group (min 4)
 Δ Strong language | References to drug use | Mature themes
Presented by Silly Old Queen productions
 Image: by Alexander Legaree

Theatre



To Die Will Be An Awfully Big Adventure

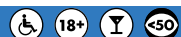
A pirated reproduction of Peter Pans (1904-2023)

The Midnight Horror X the Peter Pans (Barrie, Disney, Mary Martin's made-for-TV movie, et al).

A DIY bedtime thriller. A lawless inventory of regression. Using pulleys, wire, Happy Thoughts™ and wrapped in gold foil emergency blankets, the performers repurpose scenes, chapters, and a memory of an island that doesn't exist.

Theatre Works, St Kilda
 6-10 Feb 1hr
 Tue-Sat 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Δ Nudity | Strong language | Smoke/haze
Presented by The Midnight Horrors

Theatre



The Inheritance

The Australian premiere of the epic Tony and Olivier Award winner for Best Play

Performed in two parts, Matthew López's landmark play takes its inspiration from E. M. Forster's beloved novel Howards End, spanning generations in an "exquisitely truthful and funny" (Telegraph) exploration of love and legacy. Kitan Petkovski (The Gospel According to Jesus, Queen of Heaven) directs this bold, sexy, and deeply moving production, featuring a stellar ensemble cast.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne CBD
 21 Jan, 24 & 25 Jan, 26 & 27 Jan, 28 Jan, 30 Jan & 6 Feb, 31 Jan & 1 Feb, 2 & 3 Feb, 4 Feb, 7 & 8 Feb, 9 & 10 Feb, 11 Feb
 Date pairs are pre-determined as above
 Sun 2pm & 7pm | Tue-Sat 7pm 3hrs
 two-part ticket: \$109 full | \$99 concession
Presented by Midsumma Festival and fortyfivedownstairs

Theatre



The Search

"A spine chilling talent" - Toronto Star

Straight from a sell-out season in New York, Jess McAvoy performs this one person rock musical about finding one's true voice. 'The Search' is a contagiously vulnerable, genre-bending performance that asks the questions: Who do you think you are? And, what do you want to become?

"Hypnotically Honest Material" - Australian Musician Magazine

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 22-27 Jan 1hr
 Mon-Sat 8:30pm
 \$45 full | \$40 conc | \$38 group (min 6)
 Δ Strong language | References to drug use | Mature themes
 Image: by Jen Macchiarelli

Theatre



Torch Song

The award-winning play by Harvey Fierstein

A powerful exploration of love and acceptance within the LGBTQIA+ community. Follow Arnold Beckoff's journey as a defiant drag performer seeking genuine connection. Directors Cal Robinson-Taylor and Phoebe Taylor create an emotionally charged experience that celebrates love's resilience. Join us for a captivating performance that sparks dialogue and honours human connections.

Image: by Phoebe Taylor

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Chapel Off Chapel - The Loft, Prahran
 31 Jan-4 Feb, 7-10 Feb 2hrs 30m
 Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 2:30pm | Preview: Wed 31 Jan 7:30pm
 \$25 preview | \$45 full | \$38 conc
 Δ Themes of a sexual nature | Smoke/haze | Latecomer lockout
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Taylor Made Productions

Theatre



TRANS WOMAN KILLS INFLUENCER

Famous pro-man advocate, Alejandro Mate, is missing. His disappearance leads back to a known Trans business woman and LGBTQIA+ advocate, Denise Catacutan. We are thrown back to the incident through the lens of the people who were there. As we repeatedly relive the day of the disappearance, we are faced with the question, "Did the trans woman kill the influencer?"

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton
 27-28 Jan, 31 Jan-4 Feb 1hr
 Thu-Sun 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 4pm | Wed 6:30pm
 \$27 preview | \$37 full | \$27 conc | \$12 First Nations
 Δ Depictions of violence | Strong language | References to drug use
Presented by Tayotayo collective

Theatre



The Sour Glitch Refusal

A pantomime non-binary escape room experience

The Sour Glitch Refusal is a vicarious riddle room with little space for diligence. Wordplay is foreplay, sense is nonsense, clues are costumes, and the escape is in the doing.

They (and Them) have one hour to solve the mystery and make an escape.

Created and performed by Audley Anderson and Haz Lugsdin.

Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda
 23-25 Jan, 27 Jan 1hr
 Tue-Thu, Sat 7:30pm | Sat 2pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Δ Nudity | Smoke/haze | References to suicide and/or self-harm
Presented by Sporepunk

Cabaret



They Came From Uranus

A tale of lust, sex & perversion in a psychedelic adults-only sci-fi puppet burlesque

'They Came From Uranus' tells a story of lust, sex and perversion. Belonging to the oeuvre of the best B-grade trashy sci-fi movies, our tale follows a woman's courage as she saves the world from an alien invasion and restores universal faith in the great responsibility of our most precious of assets... social influencers.

The MC Showroom - The Showroom, Prahran
 24-27 Jan 1hr
 Wed-Sat 7:30pm
 \$35 full | \$30 conc
 Δ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature
Presented by Murray And The Murrayettes
 Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

Cabaret



UnderGROUND Cabaret: An Evening with Dolly Diamond

Dolly Diamond has proven herself to be one of the country's finest comedy cabaret talents, and she's coming to the UnderGROUND Cabaret Club!

Combining superb comic skills and vocal talent, Dolly has the unique ability to keep her audiences on the edge of their seats, whilst always feeling safe in the hands of this consummate professional.

The Round Studio, Nunawading
 9 Feb 2hrs
 Fri 8pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 Δ Strong language | Smoke/haze | Mature themes
Presented by UnderGROUND Cabaret
 Image: by Elliot Moody

Cabaret



Vau d'vile Vixens

Australia's only drag queen owned and operated venue

Vau d'vile - The 'd' is for drag, darling. Perfect for hens/bucks/hucks/pre-wedding nights, date nights, birthdays and besties, join us for tasty tapas and our fabulous 'Discotheque' and 'Diva-stated' production shows, with a rotating cast of some of Melbourne's finest drag talents including Rupaul's Drag Race Down Under Season 3 cast member Bumpa Love.

Vau d'vile - Showroom, Fitzroy
 26 Jan, 2 Feb, 9 Feb 3hrs
 Fri 7:30pm
 \$83.50 full | \$41.50 conc
 Δ Strong language | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Vau d'Vile Drag Cabaret
 Image: by James Tapai Photography and Bumpa Love

Spotlight on Midsumma Pathways

Midsumma Pathways is a nine month mentorship and career development program for queer artists with lived experience of deafness, disability, neurodiversity, and chronic illness.

Now in its sixth year of delivery, please join Midsumma Pathways Alumni along with our broader queer disabled community in celebrating the chance to gather, connect and share ideas and creativity at Midsumma Festival 2024.

This project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.



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Image: JM Tubera

ALTAR

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Em Tambree

7-10 Feb | Abbotsford Convent

Sutton's life, meticulously chosen, is a testament to her aspirations. The white picket fence, a husband, three children; these were the chapters she wrote for herself. But amidst her well thought out life plan was something Sutton could never have accounted for... Dana.

Today is Sutton's wedding day. Dana has been invited but Dan will be in attendance. Dan who was once Dana.



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Destroyed

Presented by Theatre Works in association with Ebony Rattle and Sarah-Jayde Tracey

6 - 10 Feb | Theatre Works

Evelyn Jones' best friends keep killing themselves. While struggling to process grief, three weird people she meets at a bus stop tell her that her enemies will get what they deserve. She becomes so obsessed with their prophecy that it completely and utterly consumes her, leaving nothing behind.

A queer, punk retelling of The Tragedy of Macbeth by William Shakespeare.



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Midsummica

Presented by Midsumma Festival and La Mama Theatre

5 Feb | La Mama Courthouse

Midsummica is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ identities, disability, and neurodiversity through performance, presented by alumni from the five years of the Midsumma Pathways Program for disabled and neurodiverse LGBTQIA+ artists.

Image: Darren Gill



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Midsumma Matters: Radical Acts of Joy and Gathering

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Fed Square

3 Feb | The Edge, Fed Square

Queer disabled artists unpack community, connection, identity and arts practise.



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Oh Yuck, It's Me

Presented by The Butterfly Club

29 Jan - 3 Feb | The Butterfly Club, Upstairs

Ever since she was a little girl, Jessie Ngaio has fantasised about killing herself. When she came perilously close to making fantasy reality, she knew something had to change. This show is about finding a will to live even while the world crumbles and burns around you. Oh and there will be a clown.

Image: Eff Pan Photography



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The Reclamation of Terra

25 Jan - 5 Feb | VAS Gallery

In this exciting multimedia exhibition, queer disabled trans man, Teague Leigh asks the LGBTQIA+SB community to rally together to reverse global warming and the current destruction of the planet.

Image: Teague Leigh

Theatre



Vespertilio by Barry McStay

Inspired by the incredible true story

Alan is on the hunt to find the last greater mouse-eared bat living in Britain, but a tender romance with Josh, the charming young runaway he meets in an abandoned railway tunnel, begins to divert him from his mission.

Can these two damaged men fix one another....even if only a little?

Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne
 31 Jan-3 Feb, 7-10 Feb 1hr 10m
 Wed-Sat 9:15pm
 \$20 full | \$15 conc | \$10 group (min 4)
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language
Presented by Gavin Roach
 Image: by Cameron Grant

Theatre



Woman of SALT

They said she couldn't, so she did

Step into a world where embracing your fury is the only option. Woman of SALT is the dangerously enticing story of one woman's journey through Life, Love and Drag. Bella Nitrate bares ten years of scars in a production unlike any other.

Experience the unmerciful cosmos of life as an AFAB girl in a man's world and how she learnt to embrace her rage and use it to Stand A Little Taller.

Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park
 25 Jan, 8-10 Feb 1hr 20m
 Thu-Sat 8pm | Opening: Thu 25 Jan 8pm
 \$52.95 full | \$49.95 conc
 △ Strong language | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Bella Nitrate and Donnie Dimase

Cabaret



YUMMY: Joy Machine

An outrageous and joyful drag variety show with world class performers

Get ready for one of the most entertaining variety shows on the scene. From its humble beginnings as an underground club cabaret, to sell out shows on the West End and 5 Star reviews in Edinburgh Fringe Festival, YUMMY has taken the world of drag cabaret by storm.

"Wonderfully campy... a perfect way to forget the troubles of the world for sixty minutes! ★★★★★" - Stage Whispers 2023

Bowery Theatre, St Albans
 3 Feb 1hr 15m
 Sat 7pm
 \$32 full | \$26 conc | \$20 group (min 4)
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Smoke/haze | Mature themes
Presented by Bowery Theatre
 Image: by Joel Devereux

Dance



Waves Are Disturbances

Queer experimental performance by Zoë Bastin

Dive into an immersive realm where bodies become waves, soundscapes converge, and perception transcends reality.

"Exhilarating, thought provoking, genre defining performance" - Drift Festival

Dancehouse - Sylvia Staehli Theatre, Carlton North
 31 Jan-3 Feb 1hr
 Wed-Fri 7pm | Sat 1pm+7pm
 Audio Described & Relaxed: 3 Feb 1pm
 \$35 full | \$25 conc | \$15 First Nations
 △ Smoke/haze | Loud or sudden noises
Presented by Zoë Bastin Projects
 Image: by Jordan Kaye

Comedy



Womxn of Comedy

Headlined by Bea Barbeau Scuria

Bea is a stand-up comedian, screenwriter and producer whose voice has been described as manic, unique and sharp!

Get ready for a night of laughs as we present a line-up of Australia's best female, femme, and AFAB comedians, accompanied by sizzling drag king performances!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 30 Jan 1hr
 Tue 7:30pm
 \$23 full
 △ Mature themes
Presented by Pride Comedy

Queer As Foxtrot

Queer as Foxtrot is a supportive space where people can meet for social dance classes and events in a friendly environment for lovers of dance (or even the dance curious), within the LGBTQI community.

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queerasfoxtrot.com.au

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Music

Homophonic! The RESPECT project.
Image by Darren Gill



Popular Music



Aunty Bear and ZaZa: Songs From The Rainbow Tree and Beyond

Music written with children for children

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
27-28 Jan 50m

Sat, Sun 2pm | Sun 10am | Auslan: 28 Jan 2pm | Relaxed: All

\$20 full | \$15 conc | \$11 group (min 4) | \$10 child | \$0 First Nations

Presented by Fat Fruit and Maribrynong City Council

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

Aunty Bear and ZaZa are two queer, super Aunties from Footscray. They play live music, share stories and sing songs they write in collaboration with children. You may have seen Aunty Bear and ZaZa in the show they wrote with seven children from Rainbow families called The Rainbow Tree.

Classical



Divisi Chamber Singers - a love is a love is a love

'A love letter to queerness and the LGBTQIA+ community' - Meta Cohen

Melbourne Recital Centre - Primrose Potter Salon, Southbank
3 Feb 1hr

Sat 7pm | Auslan

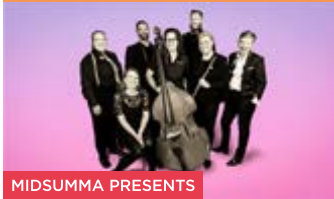
\$37 full | \$30 conc

△ Themes of a sexual nature

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Recital Centre

Divisi Chamber Singers present a vibrant program of works on queer experiences by three major, award-winning Australian queer composers - Meta Cohen, Sally Whitwell and Connor D'Netto.

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

La Mama Courthouse, Carlton
 9-11 Feb 2hrs
 Fri, Sat 7:30pm | Sat 2pm | Sun 4pm |
 Audio Described: 9 Feb 7:30pm
 Relaxed: 10 Feb 2pm (1 hr)
 \$37 full | \$27 conc | \$12 First Nations |
 \$20 relaxed
Presented by Midsumma Festival, La
 Mama Theatre and Homophonic!

Homophonic!

New music by queer composers

Homophonic! is bringing the disco ball to the concert hall and celebrating the wonderful sound world of LGBTIQ+ composers today. Performed by the Homophonic! Chamber Ensemble and The Consort of Melbourne. Featuring the winner of the Midsumma-Homophonic! Pride Prize for 2024, by Sophie Rose, performed by Judith Dodsworth.

"Homophonic! produces nothing less than musical utopia" - Stage Whispers

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Fed Square - The Edge, Melbourne CBD
 3 Feb 1hr
 Sat 1:30pm | Auslan
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Fed
 Square and Homophonic!
 Image: by Darren Gill

Homophonic! The RESPECT Project

Singing our stories, loud and proud

Works for voices and strings inspired by intergenerational conversations between queer Victorian composers and seniors. Emotional, powerful storytelling maintaining our queer cultural history through music, humour, and a healthy dose of shared outrage.

Performed by The Consort of Melbourne and the Homophonic! String Quintet.

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - The Store, Abbotsford
 6 Feb, 8-10 Feb 1hr
 Tue, Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 2pm | Audio
 Described and Tactile Tour: 10 Feb 2pm,
 1:15pm | Long periods of standing
 \$20 preview | \$40 full | \$35 conc | \$25
 First Nations
Presented by Midsumma Festival,
 Abbotsford Convent and Forest Collective

Labyrinth

In the haunting corridors beneath Abbotsford Convent, Forest Collective presents a new dance-opera and piano concerto

Through this immersive theatrical experience, you will descend into the labyrinth of Greek myth, witnessing first-hand the ordeal of Theseus, Ariadne and her half-brother, the Minotaur.

"Forest Collective make contemporary music sound, look, and feel exciting." - CutCommon

Folk



Brunswick Ballroom, Brunswick
 8 Feb 2hrs 15m
 Thu 8pm
 \$35 full
Presented by The Brunswick Ballroom
 and Compass Bros Records
 Image: by Virginia Cummins

Michael Waugh 'We Are Here' in concert

Painting vivid, joyous, funny & loving pictures of growing up queer in rural Australia, Michael has reinvigorated Australian folk and alt-country music

Award-winning songwriter Michael Waugh celebrates Midsumma with a special collection of new songs from his forthcoming album, a kick-ass band and special guests.

"When Michael Waugh opens his mouth you should listen" - The Australian

Popular Music



Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel Theatre, Prahran
 27-28 Jan 1hr
 Sat 8pm | Sun 5pm
 \$65 full | \$79 table seat
 ⚠ Strong language | Mature themes
Presented by TAE presents

Trevor Ashley: The (first annual) Farewell Show

Introducing "Trevor Ashley: The (first annual) Farewell Show" - a dazzling and heartfelt spectacle that promises to leave you speechless! Join us for an unforgettable night as we bid farewell (for now) to one of the most iconic performers of this generation, Trevor Ashley.



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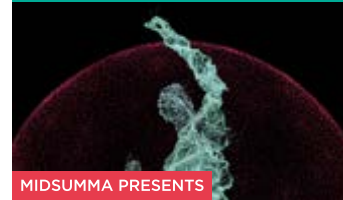
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Visual Arts



Image: Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award, image by Suzanne Balding ft Leonie Rhodes winning submission 'National Treasure'

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Bundoora
10 Jan-23 Mar
Tues-Sat 11am-4pm
Artist Talk: Sat 3 Feb 2pm (Auslan)
FREE
△ Strobe lights | Mature themes
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

A Beat To Hold Back The Dawn

An exhibition by Logan Mucha

'A Beat To Hold Back The Dawn' is an interactive video and sound exhibition merging architecture, electronic music and cutting-edge technology to capture the ongoing histories of our queer clubbing venues.

Logan Mucha brings this work to life as winner of the Bundoora Homestead Art Prize Award at the 2023 Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent, Abbotsford
21 Jan-11 Feb
Mon-Sun 10am-4pm
Opening: Sat 27 Jan 6-8pm
Artist Tour & Talk: Sat 10 Feb 2-3pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and The Huxleys

Bloodlines

A loving tribute to the many influential voices silenced by the HIV/AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and 90s

Bloodlines is a multi-artform exhibition which honours and worships legendary artists lost to HIV/AIDS. The work evokes the colourful rebellious and creative spirit of these outwardly LGBTQIA+ artists who helped shift queer arts and culture into new realms.

Originally curated by Jacob Boehme and premiered at World Pride & Sydney Festival 2023

Exhibition



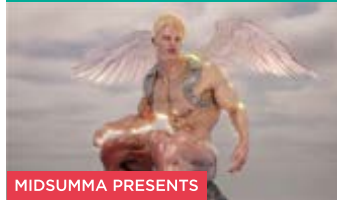
Gasworks Arts Park - Heritage Hallway, Albert Park
21 Jan-11 Feb
Mon-Sun 9:30am-4:30pm | Tea With The Artist: 27 Jan 12-2pm at the Gasworks Café
FREE
Presented by Curator Tracey Mcirvine and Gasworks

7-Queens by MJ Bentley

Drag from a new perspective

Step into 7 different worlds of Melbourne through the lens of 7 drag photos. 7-Queens is a series of 7-Melbourne drag queens and the worlds they inhabit expressed through digital photography and composites. Each photograph expresses a unique story or ethos. These works feature Rupaul's Drag Race's Aubrey Haive, Deja, Dettol, Jimi The Kween, Sarah Jessica Carpark, and Tilly Capulet.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Incinerator Gallery, Aberfeldie
3 Feb - 7 Apr
Tue-Sun 11am-4pm
Opening: Fri 2 Feb 6-8pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery
Image: by Jason Ebeyer, Touch the Sun

Angels in Exile

This exhibition explores ideas of paradise, both real and imagined, and how queer communities build utopic spaces for convalescence and revelry.

'Angels in Exile' reflects upon feelings of abandonment, societal judgment and the yearning for companionship. It encourages healing and confluence, whilst imagining ways to forge queer havens of stronger, softer and braver spaces.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Paine Reserve, Newport
27 Jan-24 Mar
Daily 24hrs
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia
Image: Courtesy the artist

Create your own Alter Ego

Explore an outdoor installation of alter-ego portraits created by students from Green Tree Acting Studio with Persian artist Sammaneh Pourshafighi. Through a guided workshop, students experimented with crafting alternate personas using props, clowning, and character development techniques. This playful series of large scale photos celebrates the power of imagination and world building.

Visual Arts

Exhibition



Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona
Workshop: 28 Jan | Exhibition: 3-11 Feb
Sat, Sun 11am-3pm | Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Workshop: Sun 28 Jan 12-1:30pm
Exhibition Launch: Sat 3 Feb 2-4pm
FREE | Booking required for Workshop
Presented by Matto Lucas, Louise Karch
Image: by Matto Lucas

Drag + Life Drawing on the Altona Beach

Beautiful Altona Beach comes alive with queer performers

Come along to Altona Beach for a free afternoon of plein air queer (and rainbow family-friendly) life drawing with some off Melbourne West's most exciting performers and drag artists. Facilitated by artist and educator, Matto Lucas, you will have the opportunity to exhibit your sketches, drawings and experiments made on the day at a community exhibition at Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre.

Exhibition



Laneway Gallery, Laverton
21 Jan-11 Feb 24hrs
Daily 24hrs
FREE
Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council and Laneway Gallery
Image: Bright Eye, Finally The Sun by Olivia Mróz

Finally the Sun – Olivia Mraz

Creative City Hobsons Bay

'Finally The Sun' seeks to challenge traditional stereotypes surrounding queer love while interrogating societal preconceptions and expectations that limit its expression. By creating a safe and inclusive space, the exhibition fosters dialogue and promotes a deeper understanding of the diverse experiences within the queer community.

Exhibition



Smith + Gertrude, Fitzroy
30 Jan-4 Feb, 6-11 Feb
Tue-Sun 11am-6pm | Opening: Thu 1 Feb 6-9pm | Relaxed: 31 Jan 6-9pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Presented by CJ Starc and Zoë Sydney
Image: by CJ Starc and Zoë Sydney

Frankenstein Show

An exhibition exploring how queer and trans artists construct their own bodies

Featuring works from ten emerging LGBTQIA+ artists working in a range of mediums, the 'Frankenstein Show' showcases how we reshape physical characteristics and social categories in our image. Come to opening night to see drag in the gallery, or drop in at one of our other workshops or events throughout the show.

Open during Victoria's Pride next to the Smith Street stage.

Exhibition



Wolfhound Gallery, Fitzroy
27-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb, 8-11 Feb
Sun-Mon 12-4pm, Thu-Sat 12-5pm | Opening 27 Jan 6-8pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Image: by Evan Cooper

Echoes and Whispers

A multiple exposure photographic exploration of the male form

Part installation, part photographic exhibition.

The works exist in a space where people can see the possibilities of photography as art form.

Exhibition



The Motley Bauhaus - The Gallery, Carlton
30 Jan-3 Feb, 6-10 Feb
Tue-Sat 4-11pm | Opening: Tue 30 Jan 6-9pm
FREE
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature
Image: by Fragmented Queerage

Fragmented Queerage

A collision of collage

Queerage: a quantitative means of determining the level of gayness in an area at any given time.

In this group exhibition of analogue and digital collage, artists Trevor Ball, Nick Heynsbergh, Yianni Giovanoglou and Antonio Steverink, rip, tear and redefine who and what and how we want to be in the world.

Art Online



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Digital Event (Midsumma Festival)
21 Jan - 11 Feb
Available online via the Midsumma website
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Celebrate Ageing

Gen K

The heart of LGBTQIA+ communities

Gen K (Generational Kindness) celebrates the power of older and younger LGBTQIA+ people to build community through acts of kindness for LGBTQIA+ community members doing it tough.

Photo portraits and stories from intergenerational teams provide moving insights into their acts of intersectional kindness.

Exhibition



Heartbeat

by John Knap

This exhibition explores and celebrates the often-neglected realm of men's emotions. Amidst societal pressures, it highlights men's liberating journey towards emotional expression. Its subjects transcend age and background and reflect moments of introspection, joy, sorrow, and resilience.

'Heartbeat' inspires discussions on emotional authenticity and vulnerability in men, breaking gender boundaries and promoting a more harmonious society.

Gasworks Arts Park - ARB Gallery, Albert Park

22 Jan-11 Feb

Mon-Sun 9:30am-4:30pm | Opening: Mon 22 Jan 5:30-7:30pm

FREE

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Image: by John Knap

Exhibition



In Shadows

Curated by Zhipéng Guo

What do we do in shadows? When no one is watching, when no one is judging, when we are free to be who we are and express our true selves. Explore the little-exposed fetish side, through the lens of a single historical culture, from places close and far. Staged by Zhipéng Guo (Sir Z), from artists he admires.

Artists: Main Gallery: Zee, Tong Se Fang, BuWay Kang and Studio Dee. Director's space: Domasan and Zhipéng Guo

XYZ Photo Gallery, Docklands

21 Jan, 24-26 Jan, 28 Jan, 31 Jan-2 Feb, 4 Feb, 7-9 Feb, 11 Feb

Wed-Fri, Sun 2-6pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature

Presented by XYZ Photo Gallery

Image: by Tong Se Fang

Exhibition



In their Names

Photographs and video installation by award winning photographer Ayman Kaake

"In their Names" is a thought-provoking, immersive exhibition that sheds light on the criminalisation of homosexuality in over 74 countries, 13 of which impose death by public stoning. Through a captivating multi-media installation where art meets activism, this exhibition delves into the lives of individuals affected by this injustice. It urges us all to question and confront the criminalisation of love.

Eltham Library Community Gallery, Eltham

25 Jan-11 Feb

Mon-Thu 9am-9pm | Fri 9am-6pm | Sat, Sun 10am-5pm

FREE

△ Mature themes

Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council

Image: by Ayman Kaake

Exhibition



Intimate Spaces

Crip queer artists represent! Midsumma Festival, it's time to embrace the last avant-garde!

The North Preston Lifesaving Club, presents 'Intimate Spaces', a collectively individual take on the spaces we dare to find different. Ideas burning deep come out for show, fiercely, held up on the walls and plinths of the gallery, championing a radical social model of disability by otherwise marginalised creatives.

North Preston Lifesaving Club, Preston

31 Jan-11 Feb

Mon-Sun 12-6pm

FREE

△ Themes of a sexual nature

Presented by North Preston Lifesaving Club

Image: by Billie Parsons

Exhibition



Janne Kearney: Eye Candy

Janne Kearney's broad spectrum colourful images offer a message of female empowerment and sexual autonomy

In her current series 'Eye Candy', the artist creates a space in her art where all forms of sexual and gender orientation are not just accepted but celebrated.

Flinders Lane Gallery, Melbourne CBD

23-27 Jan, 30 Jan-3 Feb, 6-10 Feb

Tue-Sat 11am-5pm | Exhibition Celebration: Sat 27 Jan 1-3pm

FREE

Presented by Flinders Lane Gallery

Image: Janne Kearney, 'Sugar and Spice: Art Simone', 2023, oil on linen, 100 x 100cm

Exhibition



Jeremy Hawkes - matter

Proud Crip queer artist Jeremy Hawkes exhibits his first solo show

This show comprises works from across his creative practice and uses painting, drawing and sculpture to explore ideas that matter... with matter. Using the body as a site of identity, the works explore how we exist in the world as corporeal beings under the threat of mass extinction.

North Preston Lifesaving Club, Preston

21-30 Jan

Mon-Sun 12-6pm | Opening 21 Jan 3pm

FREE

Presented by North Preston Lifesaving Club

Image: Art by Jeremy Hawkes

Queer PHOTO

Festival of Queer Photography by Midsumma and PHOTO 2024

27. January –

24. March 2024

Footscray,
Newport, Werribee

Image: Clifford Prince King, Untitled, (m _ q), 2017. Courtesy the artist, Gordon Robichaux, NY and STARS, LA

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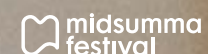


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Queer PHOTO is presented by Midsumma and PHOTO 2024 in association with Trocadero Projects and is supported by Creative Victoria through the Victorian Government's Go West Fund

Exhibition



Light Touch

Emerging artist exhibition by Jane Korneyko

Light Touch is an appreciation of the fleeting moments of unique shapes and shadows our bodies create, forever lost unless captured at a single point in time. A vulnerable depiction of a moment; intimate, dark and desiring.

Artist's models are predominately from Melbourne's polyamorous, queer and kink communities showcasing and celebrating these diversities and interests as part of the incredible Midsumma Festival.

The Motley Bauhaus - The Gallery, Carlton

22-27 Jan

Mon-Sat 4:30-11pm | Opening: Tue 23 Jan 7pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Mature themes

Image: by Jane Korneyko

Exhibition



Merging Realities

by Max Wald

This exhibition is a relational exploration of queerness as it grapples with profound connection to beauty and inner turmoil. The collection explores the dialogue and tension between portraiture and still life. Clowns, rock stars, and angels are infused with the spirit of inanimate objects, while still life takes on a human dimension. This symbiosis invites you to question the boundaries between the animate and inanimate, the organic and inorganic, nature and madness.

Gasworks Arts Park - Foyer Gallery, Albert Park

22 Jan-11 Feb

Mon-Sun 9:30am-4:30pm | Opening: Mon 22 Jan 5:30-7:30pm

FREE

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Image: by Max Wald

Exhibition



Microbial Soup

A quirky exhibition examining the microbial soup we live in

All a microbe wishes to do is multiply and prosper. Sometimes, how they do this creates infection and disease. Our society creates great stigma around certain infections and disease which hampers prevention, treatment and recovery.

This exhibition takes an offbeat, yet scientific, viewpoint of many microorganisms that affect us all.

Dollhouse Gallery Brunswick, Brunswick East

21 Jan, 23-25 Jan, 27-28 Jan, 30 Jan-1 Feb | Tue-Thu, Sat, Sun 11am-5pm | Captioned | Opening Fri 19 Jan 6-9pm

FREE

△ Themes of a sexual nature | Mature themes

Presented by Jimmy Twin

Exhibition



Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

In its 9th incredible year

Midsumma and Australia Post present Australia's leading queer visual arts award. Finalists are selected from across the country to exhibit works in a showcase of outstanding queer, political, potent and personal art. Award recipients share in a prize pool of \$7K and a paid artist residency with Bundoora Art Centre. Audience to cast their vote for People's Choice Award.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD

30 Jan - 11 Feb

Tue-Wed 12pm-4pm | Thu-Fri 12-6pm | Sat-Sun 1-4pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post

Image: Leonie Rhodes' winning 2023 submission 'National Treasure'

Exhibition



Not Just A Phrase

Pleasure Project 2024

Pleasure Project is a curatorial initiative that stages exhibitions centred on queer women and gender diverse people.

Featuring artists working across mediums, 'Not Just A Phrase' explores words, phrases, symbols and signifiers that hold meaning for queer women and gender diverse people and communities.

Image: by Mads Rowe, 'Small Nods', 2023

Unassigned Gallery, Brunswick

25-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb

Mon, Thu, Sat, Sun 11am-4pm | Fri 11am-8pm | Opening: Thu 25 Jan 6-9pm | Spoken Word Night: Thu 1 Feb 6-9pm

FREE

△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language

Presented by Tor Evans

Exhibition



O UT

Celebrate the launch of O UT, our Midsumma Festival exhibition program, featuring some of Australia's most exciting emerging and mid-career LGBTQIA+ artists. Showcasing the work of multiple artists in our annual O UT group exhibition, plus an exciting lineup of solo exhibitions, each with their own unique curatorial voice, and spread across our three story gallery, O UT represents the diverse experiences of our community for an all-welcoming affair.

Brunswick Street Gallery, Fitzroy

27-28 Jan, 30 Jan-4 Feb, 6-11 Feb

Tue-Sat 10am-5pm | Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Sat 27 Jan 6-8pm

FREE

Presented by Brunswick Street Gallery

Image: by Brunswick Street Gallery

Exhibition



Queer Latinx Migrating Down Under

Capturing humans navigating layers of identities, hopes and dreams

This photographic project curated by Jose-Octavio Ortiz and Arun Ernesto Munoz explores the layers of identity and intersectionality experienced by LGBTQIA+ Latinx people living in Australia. These photos allow subjects to present themselves and represent their own lives and new reality as migrants.

Victorian Pride Centre - Pride Gallery, St Kilda

21 Jan-11 Feb

Sat, Sun 10am-6pm | Mon-Fri 9am-6pm | In Conversation: 28 Jan 6pm

FREE

Presented by Victorian Pride Centre and Latin American Hispanic Rainbow Community

Exhibition



Queer PHOTO - Alteration

At the intersections of archival practices, the digital, and Queer Indigenous storytelling, 'Alteration' is a glimpse into the practice of Aotearoa-based Queer Polynesian arts collective FAFSWAG. Contemplating ancestry, legacy, reclaiming stolen narratives, speculating futures and redefining the image of Queer Pacific bodies, living on stolen land, 'Alteration' aims to break a now predictable set of colonial determinants.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Substation, Newport

27 Jan-23 Mar

Wed-Sat 12-6pm

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, PHOTO Australia and The Substation

Image: Courtesy Pati Tyrell, Jaimie Waititi, Tapuaki Helu

Exhibition



Queer PHOTO - Exquisite Corpse

Reflecting on her experiences as a person from two different colonies (Australia and Fiji), artist Salote Tawale takes Indigenous knowledge systems as a founding base. This exhibition takes its name from the collaborative drawing game popularised by surrealist artists, who in turn, appropriated Oceanic objects and ideas. 'Exquisite Corpse' refers not only to this reclaimed methodology, but also the cumulative migrant experience.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray

3 Feb-26 May

Sat-Sun 10am-4pm | Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm

FREE

Presented by Footscray Community Arts, Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia

Image: Still from YOU, ME, ME, YOU, 2022, commissioned by Ikon, Birmingham and the Museum of Contemporary Art

Public Art



Queer PHOTO - Affirm

Located within the architecture of Station Place, Peter Waples-Crowe's site-specific work 'Affirm' presents scenes at once familiar to the 'Australian' vernacular yet subjected to the artist's unique lens and collage-like methodologies. Through working with his image-based archive, Peter's remixing of the old and new constructs and weaves various narratives, affirming Peter's identity and exploring related concerns of his practice.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Werribee Train Station, Werribee

27 Jan-31 Dec 2024

Daily 24hrs

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Photo Australia and Wyndham City Council

Image: Courtesy the artist and ACMI

Public Art



Queer PHOTO - Black and Blur

What if Black Queerness could be more than embodied? Through this series featuring portraits of migrant and Indigenous Black individuals and rooted in the unique context of what is commonly referred to as Australia, Lilah Benetti's work recognises that Blackness is far from a monolithic identity; rather, a mosaic of cultural, ethnic, and global Indigenous backgrounds, shaped and coloured by the unique contexts from which we emerge.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray

27 Jan-24 Mar

Daily 24hrs

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia

Image: Courtesy the artist

Public Art



Queer PHOTO - Like A River

Daniel Jack Lyon's portrait photography visualises and empowers the trans and queer communities living in the Amazon Rainforest, made in collaboration with Casa do Rio, a community-based organisation that celebrates and supports the cultural lives of teenagers and young people living in the Amazon. Lyons' portraits explore how deep Indigenous traditions and modern identity politics meet.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray

27 Jan-24 Mar

Daily 24hrs

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia

Image: Courtesy the artist

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray
3 Feb-26 Mar
Sat, Sun 10am-4pm | Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm | Captioned
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia
Image: Courtesy the artists

Queer PHOTO - Marungka Tjalatjunu (Dipped in Black)

'Marungka Tjalatjunu' (Dipped in Black) follows Yankunytjatjara man Derik Lynch's trip back to Country for spiritual healing - a journey from oppressive white city life in Adelaide, back home to his remote Anangu Community (Aputula) to perform on sacred Inma ground. Inma is a traditional form of storytelling using the visual, verbal, and physical.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray
3 Feb-26 Mar
Sat, Sun 10am-4pm | Tue-Fri 9:30am-5pm
FREE
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia
Image: Courtesy the artist, Gordon Robichaux, NY and STARS, LA

Queer PHOTO - Orange Grove

Clifford Prince King documents his intimate relationships in traditional, everyday settings that speak on his experiences as a queer black man. 'Orange Grove' is dark and handsome, filled with King's warm and intricate portraits that flow like tapestries while witnessing lovers and friends in the ether of vulnerability.

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Werribee Park Mansion, Werribee South
27 Jan-24 Mar
Mon-Sun 10am-5pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia
Image: Courtesy the artist

Queer PHOTO - Queer Immigrants

Asafe Ghalib's work is an act of both confrontation and pride. Coming from a religious family and background, Ghalib's work embraces rebellion to reclaim their identity and history. Ghalib's focus is to photograph LGBTQIA+ individuals, in a glamorous celebration allowing both photographer and subjects personality to emerge in full bloom.

Public Art



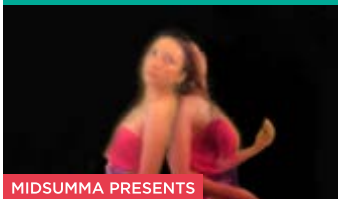
MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Outside Gallery (near Paine Reserve), Newport
27 Jan-24 Mar
Daily 24 hrs
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Photo Australia and Hobsons Bay City Council
Image: Courtesy the artist

Queer PHOTO - So'otaga (Connection)

'So'otaga', meaning "connection" or "bond" in Samoan, is a love letter both to and from Leilani Fuimaono's extended LGBTQIA+ Pasifika community, inviting viewers to engage with and reflect upon their own personal experiences of community and belonging. Taken over a seven year period, the work explores the connections within Pacific Islander diasporas.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Trocadero Projects, Footscray
27 Jan - 24 Mar
Wed-Sat 12-5pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Photo Australia and Trocadero Projects
Image: Courtesy of Luce Nguyễn-Hunt

Queer PHOTO - SURFACING

Trocadero Projects presents an exhibition of new and experimental photographic work and related writing from emerging artists Luce Nguyễn-Hunt, Romy Pacquing McCoy, Dorcas Tang and Estelle Yoon. In 'SURFACING', these four artists challenge the traditions of the photographic medium as they explore and extend personal and community archives, through a queer and diasporic lens.

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Substation Billboards
27 Jan-24 Mar
Daily 24hrs
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, PHOTO Australia and The Substation
Image: Courtesy the artist

Queer PHOTO - TBWWWTB (To Be What We Want To Be)

Based in Kyiv, Ukraine, Vic Bakin uses photography to celebrate the queer community around him. After years and years of Soviet forbiddance and suppression, and against the current conflict they fight against, the Ukrainian queer scene has sprouted from the underground, persevering in the face of true adversity.

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee
27 Jan-14 Apr
Sat, Sun 11am-4pm | Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Photo Australia and Wyndham City Council
Image: Courtesy the artist, Hales Gallery, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Vadehra Art Gallery

Queer PHOTO - The New Pre-Raphaelites

Sunil Gupta's 'The New Pre-Raphaelites', is a touring exhibition by Autograph London. Featuring 13 photographs which take their starting point from historical paintings by the 1848 Pre-Raphaelites. The staged photographic works recreate the vivid colours and strong presence of Pre-Raphaelite paintings, but, as Gupta states, "I've updated them to reflect contemporary queer culture in India."

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray
27 Jan-24 Mar
Daily 24hrs
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Photo Australia
Image: Courtesy the artist and Gazelli Art House

Queer PHOTO - The Zizi Show

'The Zizi Show' by Jake Elwes explores the intersection of Artificial Intelligence & drag performance. Drag challenges gender and explores otherness, while A.I. often mystified as a concept and tool, is complicit in reproducing social bias. Zizi combines these themes through a deepfake, synthesised drag identity created using machine learning. The project explores what AI can teach us about drag, and what drag can teach us about A.I.

Public Art



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Werribee Park Mansion, Werribee South
27 Jan-24 Mar
Mon-Sun 10am-5pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Photo Australia and Wyndham City Council
Image: Courtesy the artist and STATION

Queer PHOTO - To See or Not to See

On the site of the historical Werribee Park Mansion grounds cross-cultural Wiradjuri woman Karla Dickens presents 'To See or Not to See', a series that reflects on the artists' personal ideas and feelings on being invisible as a middle-aged woman, as a First Nation woman, and how her ancestors have needed to hide their Aboriginal identity in Australia.

Exhibition



Linden New Art, St Kilda

21 Jan, 23-28 Jan, 30 Jan-4 Feb, 6-11 Feb
Tue-Sun 11am-4pm | Artist Talk: Sat 3 Feb 2pm (Captioned) 1hr
FREE
Presented by Dr Betty Sargeant and Linden New Art Gallery
Image: by Betty Sargeant

REAL FAKE: AI the Wild Frontier

Immersive art exhibition and artist talk by Betty Sargeant

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the prevailing medium of our times, a medium that is set to shape the future of human cultures. An unexplored area of AI is its impact on natural environments. This immersive art exhibition and artist talk invites audiences to question how we relate to global wilderness in the context of AI technology.

Exhibition



VAS Gallery, East Melbourne

26 Jan-5 Feb
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm | Sat, Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: 25 Jan 6-8:30pm | Auslan: 25 Jan 6pm | Audio Described: All | Relaxed: 26 Jan-5 Feb | Captioned: 26 Jan-5 Feb
FREE
Image: by Teague Leigh

The Reclamation of Terra

A mixed media call-to-arms by Teague Leigh

"What good is fighting for global equality if there is no habitable planet on which to live these social gains?"

In this exciting multimedia exhibition, queer disabled trans man, Teague Leigh asks the LGBTQIA+SB community to rally together to reverse global warming and the current destruction of the planet.

Exhibition



Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery, Ringwood

22-25 Jan, 29 Jan-2 Feb, 5-9 Feb
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
FREE
△ Strong language
Presented by 2 Halves as a Whole
Image: 2 Halves as a Whole, 'Illuminati Confirmed', 2023 (section)

Worth 2 Billion I'm Told

A colourful, playful, and psychologically provoking exhibition

The exhibition by Naarm based artists Ali Bagnato and Paige Templeton, also known as 2 Halves as a Whole, celebrates excess, rudimentary materials and #SWAG, deep-diving into seminal 2000s popular culture to reshape the 21st century in accordance with their somewhat delusional, idealistic, and inward world views.

Photo by Nathan Engel



film



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
The Capitol, Melbourne CBD
 27-28 Jan
 Various times
 Check online for details
 Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Queer Film Festival

MQFF Presents: Midsumma Movies
 MQFF brings you a sizzling weekend of the newest and most fabulous queer cinema

Get ready for a hot summer weekend of queer cinema as Melbourne Queer Film Festival presents back-to-back screenings at The Capitol. Gather your mates, bring a date, and immerse yourself in a prime selection of LGBTQIA+ films in the heart of Melbourne.

film



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
 7 Feb 2hrs
 Wed 7:30pm | Captioned: All
 \$15 full | \$12.50 conc | \$12.50 First Nations
 △ Strobe lights | Images or recordings of Aboriginal people who have passed away | Mature themes
 Presented by St Kilda Film Festival

St Kilda Film Festival Pride Showcase
 Thought-provoking stories from LGBTQIA+ filmmakers

As part of the Film Festival's 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2024, the St Kilda Film Festival is proud to present this fantastic selection of some of the best of LGBTQIA+ short filmmaking. With a powerful authenticity of vision, a direct gaze, and inspirational vulnerability, this taste of short form cinema will take you on a journey through profound and thought-provoking stories from LGBTQIA+ filmmakers.

Melbourne Queer Film Festival Presents:

MIDSUMMA MOVIES

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Kids & Families



Photo by Alexander Grey

Kids and Families



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

State Library Victoria, Melbourne CBD

21 Jan - 1 Feb

Various times | Auslan: All Storytimes
Find out more at slv.vic.gov.au/midsumma
FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and State Library Victoria and supported by Rainbow Families

Midsumma at the Library

Join queer authors, storytellers and artists to celebrate families in the LGBTQIA+ community!

State Library Victoria welcomes communities with a special series of Storytime activities across Midsumma Festival including books, songs and performance. Let your creativity run wild with drop-in craft workshops and a rainbow art installation.

Kids and Families



ArtPlay, Melbourne CBD

3-4 Feb

1hr

Sat, Sun 11am

\$15 full | \$12.50 conc | \$5 child

Presented by All The Queens Men and ArtPlay

Image: by Jo Duck

Play Date

A dance party for little people and rainbow families!

Join Turtle and Sugar Rush for a high energy dance concert for children (4 - 7 years), guardians, and friends. This day doof disco dance premieres original pop bangers like 'Babes, I'm Fruity', 'Cow of the Sea', 'Shake whatever you got' and the instant classic 'My Chosen Family.'

Sing along or learn Auslan inclusive dance moves. Guaranteed to give you a rush or help you come out of your shell!

Kids and Families



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

10 Feb

Sat 2:30-4:30pm | Relaxed

FREE booking required

Presented by Rainbow Families Switchboard

Rainbow Families Extravaganza!

Dancing, dress ups and drag storytime for rainbow families of all different shapes and sizes

Bring your babies, toddlers, and kids for a fabulous afternoon. Quiet outdoor space provided. Children must be supervised. BYO snacks.

Dress in your favourite party outfit. See you on the dancefloor!

Featuring DJ Gay Dad and Frock Hudson.

Kids and Families



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray

3-4 Feb

1hr

Sat, Sun 11am | Sat, Sun 2pm | Relaxed: All

\$23 full | \$18 conc | \$16 child

Image: by Darren Gill

The Story Keepers

Enchanting queer fairy tales!

The Story Keepers are coming to share a silly, playful, musical, unapologetically queer show for kids and their adults. Join them (and Esmerelda the chicken) as they bring three forgotten fairy tales to life! With your help, umbrellas become swords, chairs become mountains, siblings meet giants, musicians find true love, and a Viking turns out to be... well, come along to find out! You haven't seen fairy tales quite like this before. Supported by a Maribyrnong City Council creative venue.



We are an LGBTQIA+ health and wellbeing service, run by LGBTQIA+ communities for LGBTQIA+ communities.

We offer:

- Mental health counselling and peer support
- Alcohol and drug related counselling and support
- Housing support
- LGBTQIA+ support for incarcerated people [pre & post release]
- Family violence service and support
- Services for people who use violence in relationships
- Support for queer and trans young people of colour
- Queerspace Youth
- Support for parents of trans and gender-diverse young people
- One-on-one mentoring for LGBTQIA+ people and their families
- Information for new LGBTQIA+ parents and carers
- LGBTQIA+ Carer Support Group
- Services for LGBTQIA+ people with disabilities
- Statewide LGBTQIA+ Family Counselling and Support
- QHub for rural LGBTQIA+ people



Call 1800 LGBTQ Queerspace.org.au



Queer relationships can be complex and are often misunderstood.

We are committed to supporting LGBTQIA+ people to have safe intimate and family relationships.

Are you:

- Worried about your partner or family?
- Concerned about how power is being used in a relationship?
- Being told that you need to be accountable for hurting someone?

Queerspace Supports are available to:

- People experiencing violence
- People using violence
- Children
- Families
- Intimate Relationships
- Gender diverse folks
- Queer folks
- QTPOC folks



Call 1800 LGBTQ Queerspace.org.au



Queerspace

Youth



Image: The Story Keepers.
Photo by Darren Gill

Youth



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
27 Jan 3hrs
Sat 6:30pm | Auslan
FREE booking required

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Minus18 and Immigration Museum

Image: by Theresa Harrison

Night at the Museum: Midsumma Youth Party

It's time for a free youth dance party with Minus18!

To celebrate Midsumma, Minus18 is throwing an epic pride party for LGBTQIA+ youth aged 12 to 19!

Expect live music, drag, competitions, snacks, activities, new pals and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum exhibitions after dark.

Community & Culture

Image: Invest in Queer Joy; Prioritise Refugee, Asylum Seeker, Displaced People's Mental Health. Photo by Shann Daniels



Faith



St Joseph's Parish South Yarra, South Yarra

9 Feb

Fri 8-9pm | Relaxed Session

FREE booking required

Image: by Teresa, Acceptance

Acceptance Melbourne: an LGBTQIA+ affirming mass for Catholics and friends

Yes, you CAN be both queer and Catholic

Acceptance Melbourne has been creating and claiming safe and fully affirming spaces in Melbourne for 50 years. We know that queer people are beloved by God. Join us for mass, followed by a cuppa and snacks.

Day Out



Crucible Tattoo Co., Kensington

28 Jan

Sun 10am-6pm

FREE

⚠ Mature themes

Presented by Crucible Tattoo Co.

Crucible Tattoo Co. Flash Day

"...redefining the intimidating nature of getting a tattoo" - The Urban List

Proudly queer/trans owned tattoo studio, Crucible Tattoo Co., is celebrating Midsumma Festival by hosting a flash day! Choose from designs by the resident LGBTQIA+ artists and get tattooed at a discounted rate. Doors open at 10am, first in best dressed!

Instagram @crucibletattooco

Social



West Footscray Library, West Footscray

10 Feb

2hrs

Sat 5pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Maribyrnong Libraries

Image: by Joel Devereux

Drag Trivia

A night of fun pop culture, book and film trivia

Maribyrnong Libraries presents Drag Trivia! Join drag queen Valerie Hex (Val) for a night of fun pop culture, book and film trivia. Val works tirelessly to create, enhance and extend the possibilities of drag cabaret and community engagement. Val enjoys combining her love of trivia and performance with hilarious and memorable events.

Arts



Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton

11 Feb

3hrs

Sun 11am

FREE booking required

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: Fluid Beauty by Mish Winters

Fluid Beauty

People aged 18 to 25 years are invited to express their 'Fluid Beauty' by joining us for an empowering free workshop

Discover new dimensions of self-expression and celebrate the beauty of fluid identities. With professional guidance, create unique looks and capture them through stunning portraits and interviews. This workshop is a safe space for self-discovery, connection and understanding.

Spaces limited. Bookings essential.

Market



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda
 3 Feb
 Sat 12-5pm
 FREE
Presented by Gay Stuff

Image: by Steven Trosti

Gay Stuff Markets

Shop small, shop local, shop queer

Gay Stuff is back at Midsumma Festival for a 6th year!

Gay Stuff is prideful and celebrates everything queer with a fabulous line up of vendors. Featuring specialty goods from a collection of Melbourne's finest queer and allied artists, creatives and style makers.

What's on offer: fashion, accessories, plants, homewares, jewellery, art, crafts, zines, books, handmade goods and more!

Social



Brunswick Ballroom, Brunswick
 9 Feb 3hrs
 Fri 7pm
 \$27 full | \$22 conc
 Themes of a sexual nature | Strong language | Mature themes

Image: by Gideon Heine

Human Love Fest

An LGBTQIA+ edition of the phenomenal live dating show: Human Love Quest

A live onstage dating show presented by friends Xander Allan, Conor Gallacher, The Captain and Dr. Gretta.

With an homage to Dolly Doctor (romance advice segment "Things Can Only Get Gretta") and live reading of submitted love notes from secret admirers in the audience, you're guaranteed a night of quality entertainment, as heart-warming as it is hilarious.

Social



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
 27 Jan
 Sat 1-4pm
 \$17 full | \$12 conc | \$0 First Nations
 References to suicide and/or self-harm

Presented by The Iceberg Foundation

Image: by Shann Daniels

Invest in Queer Joy; Prioritise Refugee, Asylum Seeker, Displaced People's Mental Health

Investing in queer joy and mental health is key to us being our favourite selves

Discussions about investing in queer joy and prioritising the mental health of the LGBTQIA+ refugee, asylum seeker and displaced people communities.

Social



Collingwood Town Hall, Collingwood
 28 Jan
 Sun 2-4pm
 FREE
Presented by All The Queens Men

Image: by Bryony Jackson

LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club

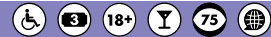
The social event of the month!

Celebrate intergenerational inclusivity, learn new dances, enjoy delicious catering and chat with fabulous people.

Dance Club is a regular, safe, joyous and inclusive space for the whole community, older people, allies, friends and family. No dance experience needed. All welcome.

"This event fills me with joy and community. I love it!" - Dance Club regular

Arts



Meat Market - Cobblestone Pavilion, North Melbourne
 2-3 Feb 4hrs
 Fri, Sat 7pm
 \$45 full | \$35 conc | \$40 group (min 4)
 Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Mature themes

Presented by Txnth Muse

Image: by Txnth Muse

Love, War and Theatre

Fantastical festival of queer sex worker artistry!

A weekend wonderland showcasing the expression and unique understandings of your local queer sex workers.

Come immerse yourself in a bristling marketplace full of sex worker babes' visual artistry, mischievous and dazzling roving performers, and a delicious line up of performances on the big stage.

Market



Moon Dog World, Preston
 4 Feb
 Sun 12-5pm
 FREE
Presented by Moon Dog Craft Brewery

Image: by Matt McGuire

Makers Market

Get along to Moon Dog World and peruse the wares at our Makers Market centering queer artists, crafters and business owners.

Day Out



Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne CBD
 21 Jan
 Sun 11am-10pm
 Auslan: Main and Picnic Stages
 Audio Described Tour
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: Midsumma Carnival 2023. Photo by Nikki Russian Photography

Midsumma Carnival

Start your 2024 Midsumma Festival with a bang

Join us at Queer Melbourne's favourite day in the park - a free, family-friendly, full-day outdoor festival to kick off 22 days of Midsumma. There's something for everyone, with three stages, plenty of stalls, and a stack of activities to enjoy, including the iconic Dog Show. Celebrate into the warm summer evening with entertainment, dance vibes and DJs galore!

Social



Melbourne Museum, Carlton
 8 Feb 3hrs
 Thu 6pm | Auslan Tour available
 \$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 museum members
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum

Nocturnal: Hot and Bothered

An immersive night celebrating queer culture and daring activism with after-hours exhibitions, talks, tours and surprises

Step into a world of Museum wonder at Nocturnal, an after-hours Melbourne Museum experience just for adults. Catch up with friends for late night exhibition access including Titanic: The Artefact Exhibition, talks and tours, wearable art drop-ins, music and more.

Day Out



Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens, St Kilda
 4 Feb
 Sunday 11am-4pm | Auslan: Summer Pride Stage at Catani Gardens
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Tan McCulloch

Midsumma Pride March

St Kilda's dazzling celebration of diversity and pride

Everyone is welcome to celebrate all things queer in Melbourne's iconic Midsumma Pride March. Whether you grab your friends, families and loved ones together to strut down Fitzroy Street with ferocity and uniqueness, or join the throngs cheering from the sidelines; PRIDE is always at the centre of the day. Don't miss the post march festivities on the waterfront, in the beautiful Catani Gardens.

Arts



Kelly Park, Werribee
 3 Feb 4hrs
 Sat 6pm | Auslan
 FREE
Presented by Wyndham City Council

Image: by Artificial Studios - Jorge de Araujo

Park Lounge

Expect nothing less than everything!

Join us at Park Lounge for a luminous evening of performances!

Hosted by the fabulous 2JOOCEE, the not so slim but always shady FAboriginal MC in full sequin attire! The audience will be taken through an eclectic mix of captivating performances including music, theatre, drag and dance.

Presented by Wyndham City, Park Lounge is a free event open to everyone.

Social



Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Sunbury
 10 Feb
 Sat 6-9pm
 FREE
Presented by Hume City Council

Pride Pool Party

Come and make a splash with us!

An inclusive swim event for LGBTQIA+ community members, family and friends. This is an all-ages, family friendly event (usual "watch around water" rules apply). Do some laps, enjoy the inflatables, experience the indoor warm water pool or relax on the lawn in a safe and friendly environment. BBQ and cold drinks will be for sale, with vegetarian option.

Day Out



Pride Pool Party in Sunshine

Best pool party in the west!

Celebrate Brimbank's vibrant LGBTQIA+ community with a fun day out in Sunshine. Bring your picnic blankets and loved ones and we'll sort out the rest!

Featuring aqua aerobics and Zumba classes, inflatable slides for the little ones, live music, and FREE catering provided by Brimbank's youth FReeZA Committee.

All genders and bodies celebrated!

Sunshine Leisure Centre, Sunshine

27 Jan

Sat 11am-3pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Creative Brimbank and Brimbank Leisure Services

Image: by Matto Lucas

Social



Moon Dog OG, Abbotsford

7 Feb

Wed 7-9pm

FREE

Presented by Moon Dog Craft Brewery

Image: by Anthony Strong

Queer Trivia Night

Get down to Moon Dog OG for our fun inclusive Queer Trivia night!

Come down from 7pm for a 7:30pm kick off, there'll be a tonne of prizes and \$17 jugs of Fizzer and Old Mate!

Grab your team and book a table now!

Faith



Rainbow Quaker Meeting

Come and discover what Quakers do!

Who are the Religious Society of Friends a.k.a the Quakers? What do they do? Doesn't it have something to do with oats? Or are they Amish? Many LGBTQIA+ people find their spiritual home with us, some are just passing through. Come along and discover how we worship, what Quakers do, what it's got to do with oats, and how we live our lives through peace, equality, and integrity.

Victorian Quaker Centre, West Melbourne

28 Jan

1hr

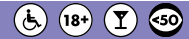
Sun 2pm

FREE

Presented by Rainbow Friends, Victoria

Image: Victoria Regional Meeting

Social



The Laird, Abbotsford

30 Jan

3hrs

Tue 5pm | To ensure that you don't miss out on any of the fun, please arrive on time.

FREE booking required

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Speed Mating

Feeling the urge to build your queer friendship circle?

Have you felt like your social skills could use a bit of practice? Have you wanted to get out of the house more? Craving to meet cool new friends just like you? Well, do we have the event for you! 'Speed Mating' is one of Melbourne's most introvert-friendly events out there and we would love you to come and join us for a night of queer friendship.

Social



Spill the Tea

Coffee, cake and songs about love!

Spill The Tea is an opportunity to connect in a fun, social environment without the alcohol. Along with a free afternoon tea, Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus are bringing a bit of extra sweetness with a selection of songs about love. While you're at the Pride Centre, check out resident bookshop Hares & Hyenas, and explore the collection at the Australian Queer Archives! Remember to get in early or you might miss out on cake!

Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda

28 Jan

Sun 1-5pm

FREE

Presented by Victorian Pride Centre and Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus

Image: by Mia Cambriello

Social



The Provincial Hotel, Fitzroy

11 Feb

8hrs

Sun 3pm

\$25 full

Presented by Sundaylicious

Image: by Paige Walling

Sundaylicious - The Provincial

LGBTQIA+ event

Sundaylicious is proud to be involved with Midsumma Festival to celebrate with our rainbow community like only we can...

We'd love to see all the colours of the rainbow community fly their flags together on the beautiful rooftop at The Provincial Hotel, Fitzroy.

Social



Saint Hotel, St Kilda

4 Feb

8hrs

Sun 1pm

\$25 full

Presented by Sundaylicious

Image: by Paige Walling

Sundaylicious - The Saint

Sundaylicious - where the celebration never stops

Join us as Sundaylicious takes over The Saint on Pride day! We'll be there from 1pm, ready to party with amazing DJs and embrace the incredible atmosphere of this proud day. After the march, come celebrate with us and experience the ultimate Sundaylicious experience at the hot venue, The Saint.

Arts



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Readings, St Kilda

4 Feb

Sun 2-3pm | Auslan

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Osborne and Fawkner Publishing

Image: supplied by Osborne and Fawkner Publishing

The Pearl Prize Meet and Greet

A Queer bloom on Australia's writing landscape

Following the The Pearl Prize Award Presentation, this is a chance to meet these incredible authors and congratulate their writings and how their words are shaping the realm of queer writing today. Proudly held at Readings, St Kilda bookstore, the publication featuring the works from the 15 finalists will be available for purchase and be signed by these talents.

Fashion



Wyndham Cultural Centre - The Annex, Werribee

31 Jan-4 Feb, 7-11 Feb

Wed-Sun 11am-3pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham Arts and Culture

Image: courtesy of the artist, Connor Ovenden-Shaw, also known as Foot

The Scrapatorium

Create your own piece of wearable art

Welcome to The Scrapatorium. It's a friendly, drop-in maker space, equipped with sewing and other textile construction tools.

Your host Connor Ovenden-Shaw and fellow visiting creatives are resident in the space, ready to encourage your creativity.

The Scrapatorium is a program centred around an exploration of waste, creativity and self-confidence. Drop-in and create.

Fashion



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda

10 Feb

Sat 10am-4pm

FREE

Presented by Victorian Pride Centre and Ballarat Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap

Image: by BTGDSS and Luke David

Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap

Grab a fabulous new outfit for Victoria's Pride the next day!

The Victorian Pride Centre and Ballarat Trans & Gender Diverse Clothes Swap Shop are holding a free clothing swap, a great opportunity to connect with other fashionistas and discover all kinds of apparel in a safe, inclusive environment. All items are free!

All ages are welcome and bookings are not required.

Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Gertrude Street and Smith Street, Fitzroy

11 Feb

Sun 11am-9pm

Auslan: Smith and Gertrude Stages Tactile Tour

FREE

Presented by Midsumma in partnership with the Victorian State Government

Image: by Suzanne Balding

Victoria's Pride

Big Queer Street Party

Get ready! We're delivering another 10 hour, non-stop, arts-filled annual extravaganza that radiates love, unity, and diversity! Victoria's Pride Street Party is an entire day showcasing LGBTQIA+ artists, performers and culture makers, community stalls and local offerings to celebrate the powerful expression of LGBTQIA+ pride. Families, friends, and allies all welcome. There will be something for everyone to explore, from morning to night!

Faith



St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne CBD

28 Jan

Sun 10-11:15am

FREE

Presented by St Michael's Uniting Church

Image: 'Jesus the Includer' by David Hayward

"Your people shall be my people" – a celebration of spiritual belonging

Join us for our Sunday Service

A joyful service celebrating inclusive community and the courageous faith of queer people, as we claim our place in the church. Led by St Michael's LGBTQIA+ minister, Rev Dr Margaret Mayman with St Michael's members and friends. Inspiring liturgy, peaceful reflection and beautiful music. All welcome.

Talks, Tours & Workshops



Image: Wise Words

Tours



Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield - AIDS Memorial Garden, Fairfield

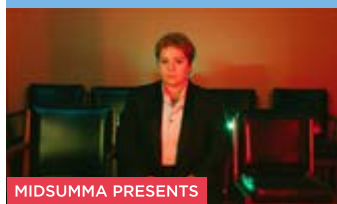
2 Feb 1hr
 Fri 12pm
 FREE booking required
 ⚠ Mature themes
 Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

AIDS Memorial Garden Walking Tour

Remember Fairfield - from hospital to horticulture

Fairfield Hospital was originally opened in 1904. Diseases treated included typhoid, cholera, scarlet fever and in its final years HIV/AIDS. This walking tour provides a rare opportunity to be guided through the memorial garden, learning about its history and the people we remember today.

Talks



Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Courtyard, Abbotsford

10 Feb 1hr
 Sat 12:30pm
 FREE
 Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Em Tambree
 Image: by JM Tubera

ALTAR Presents: The Queer Divine

A panel on queer faith

THE QUEER DIVINE explores the diverse intersectionality of faith and the queer lived experience. With keynote speakers, ALTAR seeks to engage both LGBTIQ+ and religious community about how we can create safer and more inclusive spaces for LGBTIQ+ people with faith.

Talks, Tours and Workshops

Tours



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda
 10 Feb 45m
 Sat 2pm | Auslan Interpreted
 FREE booking required
 Presented by Midsumma Festival & Victorian Pride Centre
 Image: by Max Hayward

Auslan Interpreted Tour of the Pride Centre

Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities are invited to join our first ever Auslan-interpreted guided tour to learn about the Victorian Pride Centre's award-winning architecture, its resident organisations, bookable spaces, and events calendar while also having an opportunity to explore the Pride Gallery exhibition and the Hares & Hyenas bookshop.

Workshops



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
 6 Feb
 Tue 6:30-8:30pm | Auslan and Relaxed
 FREE booking required
 Presented by Rainbow Families Switchboard

Creating Rainbow Families

An information session for the LGBTIQ+ community

Welcoming LGBTIQ+ prospective and expectant rainbow families. Meet rainbow families of all shapes and sizes - including some teenagers! Covering the challenges and joys of parenting, co and step-parenting, being a non-bio parent or donor, surrogacy, parenting post-separation plus lots more.

Workshops



Various Venues Across Melbourne, Melbourne
 26 Jan-4 Feb
 Various dates, times
 See website for details and to apply
 \$25 full | pay what you can
 Presented by Midsumma Festival and Feral Queer Camp
 Image: by Ezra Lurie

Feral Queer Camp

Explore Midsumma, seeing shows and talking about performance, with a gaggle of queer thinkers and makers

Be part of a new feral queer cohort who will see performance together and consider: how we learn (from each other) about what makes performance queer; how we talk about queer performance; how we make performance; how we might queer reviewing; and, above all, how we might develop a network of queer thinkers and makers.

Workshops



Abbotsford Convent - Boiler Room, Abbotsford
 3 Feb 3hrs
 Sat 12pm | Panel at 2pm
 This workshop is part of the Bloodlines exhibition
 \$7 registration fee | Free if contributing an image
 Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and The Huxleys

Bloodlines: Stitch 'n' Bitch

Bring your creative energy to Stitch 'n' Bitch with The Huxleys, honouring those lost to the HIV/AIDS epidemic

This communal quilt making workshop invites you to transform images into decorative panels that add to a queer history... never to be forgotten. Standby for our callout requesting images of artists and loved ones who were lost.

Originally curated by Jacob Boehme at World Pride & Sydney Festival 2023

Workshops



Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre, Altona Meadows
 1 Feb 1hr 30m
 Thu 6pm
 FREE booking required
 Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries
 Image: by Joel Humphries

Creative Coding Workshop: Crafting Algorithmic Love Letters

Inspired by computer scientist Christopher Strachey, Joel Humphries (PhD researcher & writer of Queer Computer) will guide you through the process of coding your own unique algorithmic love letter - no coding experience required!

Please bring a laptop (only a limited number available for communal use).

Talks



Victorian Pride Centre - Australian Queer Archives, St Kilda
 3 Feb 2hrs
 Sat 2pm
 \$10 full | \$5 conc
 Presented by Australian Queer Archives

Finding and Making Home in Histories

An afternoon at the Australian Queer Archives

The Archives has been collecting, curating and celebrating queer histories in different homes since 1978. This Midsumma Festival, we're opening up our newest home at the Victorian Pride Centre for you to come and find a home in history, and learn about how the Archives' and our communities' histories are intertwined.

Workshops



Gay Life Drawing Melbourne

Gay Life Drawing returns to the Pride Centre this Midsumma Festival!

Gay Life Drawing is all about embracing body positivity and queer visibility through themes reflecting queer culture, art and cinema.

Hosted by the fabulous Ian James Scott and featuring life models, good times are guaranteed. Basic drawing materials will be supplied, but feel free to BYO art supplies.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
 31 Jan 2hrs
 Wed 7:30pm
 \$35 full | \$30 conc
 △ Nudity
Presented by Gay Life Drawing Melbourne & Victorian Pride Centre
 Image: by @ty.photography

Workshops



Gay Life Drawing X Granny Bingo

Have a laugh & learn to draw!

Drag comedy icons Edith Vale and Maureen McGillicuddy are teaming up with the Gay Life Drawing Melbourne team for a hilarious life drawing session!

Whether you're a first time artist or looking to refine your skills, our teachers will be on hand to guide you as your models Edith and Maureen have you in stitches. You can bring your own materials or use the equipment provided.

DT's Hotel, Richmond
 27 Jan 2hrs
 Sat 3pm
 \$35 full
 △ Nudity | Strong language | References to drug use
Presented by Silly Old Queen productions
 Image: by Daniel Sutton

Workshops



Queer Social: Hobbies & Crafts Speed Dating

Hobbies are for life, love is for the weekend

Hobbies are the best lovers! They keep you mentally healthy, entertained and satisfied.

Come and speed-try four different hobbies and crafts per session. Learn the basics, get ideas, gain inspiration and find your new passion. No previous knowledge needed.

Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda
 25 Jan, 1 Feb, 8 Feb 1hr 30m
 Thu 6pm
 \$35 full | \$30 conc
Presented by Laneway Learning
 Image: by AllGo & M. Yebra

Talks



Queerly Beloved: A wholly conversation

A three course banquet of food and ideas!

Led by Hana Assafiri OAM, founder of the beloved Moroccan Soup Bar, this Conversation Salon, paired with a three-course dinner, invites you to embark on a thoughtful exploration of the intersection between queer identity and faith.

Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda
 9 Feb 2hrs
 Fri 6:30pm
 \$70 full
Presented by Victorian Pride Centre and Moroccan Soup Bar
 Image: by Moroccan Soup Bar

Talks



Midsumma Matters: How do the Arts Strengthen LGBTQIA+ Voices in the Global South?

A lively panel discussion on strengthening voices, practice and collaboration of LGBTQIA+ artists

Featuring panelists: Luz Elena Aranda, Karen Bryant, Daniel X. Harris, Dan Santangeli and Beau Vigushin.

Fed Square - The Edge, Melbourne CBD
 3 Feb 1hr 30m
 Sat 3pm
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Fed Square and Margherita Coppolino

Talks



Midsumma Matters: Radical Acts of Joy and Gathering

Queer disabled artists unpack community, connection, identity and arts practise

Panelists with lived experience of deafness, disability, neurodiversity and chronic illness will explore their experiences of queer joy and gathering through the lens of their diverse arts practises and community engagement.

Programmed in collaboration with the Midsumma Pathways Advisory Group

Fed Square - The Edge, Melbourne CBD
 3 Feb 1hr 30m
 Sat 11am
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Fed Square

Workshops



ROPETIMES

An introductory workshop in rope bondage and navigating intimacy, pleasure and consent

Returning to Midsumma after sellout workshops in 2022 and 2023. Facilitated by acclaimed artist and ropeworker, Luke George (Still Lives - NGV/Rising 2022) - ROPETIMES is a rope bondage class for beginners and anyone who wants to learn, practice and play. Come with a partner or meet someone at the workshop. No previous experience required. Rope provided.

Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford
 3 Feb 3hrs
 Sat 10am | Sat 3pm | Auslan: 3 Feb 10am
 \$45 full | \$35 conc | \$20 First Nations
 △ Themes of a sexual nature | Latecomer lockout
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent & Luke George

Talks



The Pearl Prize

A glittering addition to the queer writing scene

A writing award where queer writers have a platform of self expression through the writing landscape and into publication. Out of the incredible talent of 15 finalists, the winner of The Pearl Prize will be announced proudly at Hares and Hyenas, Victorian Pride Centre. The publication featuring the works from the finalists will be available for purchase, and can be signed by these talents.

Victorian Pride Centre - Hares and Hyenas, St Kilda
 3 Feb 1hr
 Sat 2pm | Award Presentation | Auslan
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Osborne and Fawkner Publishing
 Image: by Osborne and Fawkner Publishing

Tours



NGV x Midsumma

Experience a series of community-centred programs inspired by art at the NGV

Art has the power to inspire conversation and connect people across many experiences and contexts. Midsumma and NGV will come together again to co-present a series of community-centred programs, tours and conversations inspired by the art and design at the NGV, exploring diverse stories and histories through works on display. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

National Gallery of Victoria and The Ian Potter Centre, Melbourne CBD
 3 Feb, various times
 For program details go to ngv.melbourne
 FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and National Gallery of Victoria
 Image: by Tobias Titz courtesy of the NGV

Talks



No Pride in Racism

A community panel on sexualised racism in LGBTQIA+ communities

LGBTQIA+ community leaders share their thoughts and perspectives on sexualised racism in the community. From fighting stigmatising language on apps and online dating spaces, to responding to micro-aggressions, and fetishisation of racial identities.

This panel will share experiences of queer people of colour, culture, and faith. This event is open to people of all racial and cultural backgrounds.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
 30 Jan 2hrs
 Tue 6pm | Auslan and Relaxed
 FREE booking required
 △ Strong language | References to sexual violence
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Talks



Wise Words

An evening of intergenerational storytelling

Wise Words' features a line-up of some of Australia's most prominent and talented LGBTQIA+ writers, performers and activists talking about their experiences of what it is to be a queer woman (trans and non-binary inclusive). Previous speakers have included Andrea Goldsmith, Claire G. Coleman, Moira Finucane, Giselle Au-Nhien Nguyen, and Sarah Ward (aka Yana Alana)

Abbotsford Convent - Oratory, Abbotsford
 8 Feb 1hr 30m
 Thu 6:30pm
 FREE booking required
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Parties and Social Events



Image: THH Queer Pool Party.
Photo by Phil Soliman

Party 🚶 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Beyond Rainbows Nuit Blanche Drag White Night

Dress in your most dazzling white attire. Enjoy a drag performance or 3 while you dance away at Beyond Rainbows Nuit Blanche (sleepless night) styled drag white night. To complete our Nuit Blanche themed night we will have special effects lighting, specially-designed dance floor where you can watch our performers and shake it out to some great tunes with the DJ as they pump it out. Plus fantastic beer, wine, food, spirits and cocktails. A White Night selfie is a great means to capture this night forever.

Coburg RSL, Coburg
3 Feb 4hrs
Sat 7:30pm
\$30 full | \$28 conc | \$28 group (min 6)
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Mature themes
Presented by Beyond Rainbows
Image: by Beyond Rainbows

After Party 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



JIZZ Carnival After Party

Everyone is going to JIZZ!
An all-inclusive event to kick on and get sticky, powered by BARBA presents, featuring the best local queer DJs and performers, and only a stone's throw away from Midsumma Carnival.
If you missed previous years, expect quality techno beats and performance art, surrounded by open-air and vibrant floors filled with the most colourful of our queer babes... Got Jizz?

Top Yard, Melbourne CBD
21 Jan 9hrs
Sun 9pm
\$55 full
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by BARBA presents
Image: by Matto Lucas Photography

Parties and Social Events

Party 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Lady Like Pool Party 2024

Kick off this Midsumma with Melbourne's sexiest pool party series!

Join hundreds of Melbourne's LGBTQI+ community as you enjoy the 25m heated pool surrounded by sexy people! Have a drink or two and perhaps even a cocktail from our amazing mixologist!

Bask in the sun on our massive outdoor sundeck and dance till you drop and play your way through a labyrinth of play spaces.

Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
29 Jan
Mon 7pm-2am
\$55 full
△ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Strobe lights
Presented by Wet on Wellington

Party 🚶 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Proud MARY!

Melbourne's favourite quite contrary disco is getting high for Midsumma Festival!

MARY! is testing her city limits for a very special Midsumma Festival day party at (simply) the best rooftop in town.

Shimmy on down to the spectacular Victorian Pride Centre for some not-so-private dancing with MARY! and friends.

Big Hair Energy strongly encouraged. No Ikes.

Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda
27 Jan 7hrs
Sat 3pm
\$40 full | \$25 First Nations
Presented by MARY! Disco and The Victorian Pride Centre
Image: by Victorian Pride Centre & MARY!

Party 🚶 18+ 🍷 🍸 🌐



qweird social

unleash. revolt. get qweird

An unapologetic, adults-only punk party paradise for queers who've had enough of the same old glitter crap.

Be whatever you want. Be kinky, be femme, be fat, be naked, be butch, be furry, be slutty, be loud, but be beautiful on your own f*cking terms.

djs/performers/drinks/debauchery

Pandora Nightclub, South Melbourne
3 Feb
Sat 9pm-3am
\$45 full | \$38 conc
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Party 🚶 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Pride Rooftop Party Presented by Chemist Warehouse

Cocktails | Nibbles | Freebies | Drag | Brand Activations

Join us, along with some amazing brands, as we celebrate Midsumma Festival! Explore beauty and wellness activations, dance the night away and score some free products. We proudly celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community as Major Partners of the Vic Pride Centre.

Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda
2 Feb 3hrs
Fri 6:30pm
FREE booking required
△ Long periods of standing
Presented by Chemist Warehouse

Party 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Queer Pool Party 2024

Melbourne's sexiest pool party series!

Join hundreds of Melbourne's LGBTQI+ community as you enjoy the 25m heated pool surrounded by sexy people! Have a drink or two and perhaps even a cocktail from our amazing mixologist!

Bask in the sun on our massive outdoor sundeck and dance till you drop with our three fabulously handsome DJs and play your way through a labyrinth of play spaces.

Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
3 Feb 8hrs
Sat Midday
\$55 full
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Wet on Wellington

Party 🚶 18+ 🏠 🍷 🍸 🌐



Social Butterflies

Make friends, dress up and enjoy being yourself

A safe and welcoming space for ALL gender diverse people and their guests. Whether you're a seasoned member of the community or just starting to explore your identity, this event is designed to foster friendships, and a sense of belonging. If you are gender diverse: join us. And if you're shy; just say hi to the girls with the sharks.

DT's Hotel, Richmond
26 Jan
Fri 7:30pm-1am
FREE
Image: by DT's Hotel

After Party



St Kilda Pride Afterparty at The Espy

St Kilda's iconic Pride March afterparty is back!

Is there a better way to celebrate Pride than with a party of over-the-top deco, rainbow cocktails galore and more entertainment than you can shake a glitter covered stick at?

Grab the crew and head straight from the parade to the party!

Hotel Esplanade, St Kilda
 4 Feb 12hrs
 Sun Midday
 FREE
Presented by Hotel Esplanade, St Kilda

Party



THH Queer Pool Party

Melbourne's biggest and most inclusive queer pool party returns and everyone's invited!

Splashback in time to the 1990s, the second decade of our organisation, which is now celebrating its 41st year! Hosted by Melbourne drag royalty Cerulean, we have lots of fun planned for Melbourne's biggest EVER queer pool party! Melbourne Surge and Glamourheads will get us wet, while DJ Gay Dad will be spinning the decks. Our pool party is for everyone - all are welcome.

Prahran Aquatic Centre, Prahran
 28 Jan
 Sun 12-4:30pm
 \$22.50 full | \$17.50 conc
 ⚠ Loud or sudden noises
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health
 Image: by Phil Soliman

After Party



Sunday Sizzle

Pride March After Party at the Victorian Pride Centre

Celebrate Midsumma's Pride March with a huge rooftop after party at Victoria's hub for LGBTIQ+ communities! Enjoy fabulous live shows by Keely Wins & the Heaps Good Dancers, dance to queer anthems by Confide DJs (Simonetti & Jesse DM), grab a refreshing bev (including heaps of alcohol-free options) and get saucy at our sausage sizzle. Free entry and all ages are welcome!

Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda
 4 Feb
 Sun 1-8pm
 FREE
Presented by Victorian Pride Centre
 Image: by Sam Copland

Party



Wet Pool Party 2024

Melbourne's sexiest summer event!

Kick off this Midsumma with Melbourne's sexiest pool party series!

Join hundreds of Melbourne's men and male-identifying and presenting people.

Enjoy the 25m heated pool surrounded by sexy people! Have a drink or two and perhaps even a cocktail from our amazing mixologist!

Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
 10 Feb 8hrs
 Sat Midday
 \$55 full
 ⚠ Nudity | Themes of a sexual nature | Smoke/haze
Presented by Wet On Wellington



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Midsumma is a volunteer fuelled organisation that wouldn't exist without the contribution from our fabulous volunteers.

The team has been growing for years and we love new members!

Fill out the volunteer application at:
midsumma.org.au/volunteer

Sports

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Image: Pride Ride.
Photo by Mark Gregory & Victorian Pride Centre

Sport



Melbourne Park | Albert Reserve,
Melbourne

26-28 Jan

Fri - Sun | Various times

ENTRY into Melbourne Park requires an Australian Open Ground Pass Ticket - starting from \$19

Presented by Ralph Lauren

AO Glam Slam

Presented by Ralph Lauren

AO Glam Slam is the largest LGBTQ+ event at a Grand Slam. LGBTQ+ tennis players of all abilities can participate in this event. Competitive and social play matches will be played over two days which will culminate in the Glam Slam Finals on Sunday 28 January.

Off court there will be plenty of events that will allow the Australian Open to be open for all.

Sport



Melbourne Park, Melbourne

25 Jan

Thu 10am-10pm

ENTRY into Melbourne Park requires an Australian Open Ground Pass Ticket - starting from \$19

Presented by Tennis Australia

AO Pride Day

The Australian Open is proud to be an event that is welcoming, safe and inclusive for all. There will be fun and colourful activations as well as entertainment across the precinct.

The AO will transform into a huge celebration of pride, inclusion and diversity that will also include the launch of the Finals Festival at John Cain Arena (a separate ticket is required).

Sports

midsumma.org.au

Sport



Carlton Baths Community Centre, Carlton

3 Feb

Sat 4-8pm

\$11.50 full | \$6.20 conc

Presented by Active Melbourne and The Y

Carlton Baths 2024 Pride Party

In celebration of the Queer community and allies, Carlton Baths will host an afternoon of family-friendly fun including live music, giveaways and activities for all to enjoy.

Come and enjoy performances from your favourite LGBTQIA+ artists, connect with local community organisations and experience a range of fun, recreational activities throughout the centre.

Sport



Carlton Football Club, Carlton North

28 Jan 5hrs

Sun 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Strong language | Latecomer lockout | Long periods of standing

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group

Nomads Treasures of the Garden State

Enjoy Inner Melbourne from a different perspective

Enjoy a north-to-south walk from Princes Park, North Carlton (tram #19) to the Botanic Gardens via iconic parklands. Plus learn about the many architectural gems and memorials along the route. BYO water bottle plus snacks and lunch. Wear a hat, sunscreen and closed footwear. Multiple transport options at the end. Registration essential.

Walking is great exercise!

Sport



Yarrambat Park Golf Course, Yarrambat

11 Feb 4hrs 30m

Sun 9am

\$37 full

△ Long periods of standing

Presented by Melbourne Rainbow Golfers, Proud 2 Play, Belgravia Leisure, Golf Australia and Nillumbik Shire Council

Rainbow Golf Cup

The Rainbow Golf Cup is a social golf day for LGBTQIA+ golfers and allies of all ages and abilities! Beginners are welcome with equipment available upon request.

Event start time: 9.00am

Tee-off time: 10.00am, shotgun start

Format: Ambrose (9 holes)

Presentations: 1.00pm (refreshments provided)

Sport



Fitzroy Pool, Fitzroy

10 Feb 1hr 30m

Sat 9:30am

FREE booking required

Presented by Glamourhead Sharks Aquatic Club

Glamourhead Sharks "Give Swimming a Go" Day

Ever wanted to give swimming a go?

Melbourne's Glamourhead Sharks swim club invites everyone from beginners to seasoned swimmers to 'Give Swimming a Go' this Midsumma Festival.

Tackle the dreaded butterfly or just do a few lazy laps with us at Fitzroy Pool.

Sport



Victorian Pride Centre - Rooftop, St Kilda

10 Feb 45m

Sat 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:30am

Sat 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm

\$35 full

△ Latecomer lockout | Loud or sudden noises

Presented by Bodhi & Ride

Image: Mark Gregory & Vic Pride Centre

Pride Ride

Spin class on the Pride Centre Rooftop!

We've revolutionised traditional spin and created an exhilarating 45-minute full body cardio workout on a bike like no other. Our rides push you with fast choreography to spike the heart rate, epic climbs for maximum resistance, light jogs to pull it back when needed and a moment of mindfulness.

If you're yet to experience it for yourself, it's time to get yourself on the bike!

Sport



Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

28 Jan

Sun 11am-1pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club

Serve It, Smash It, Love It 2024

Free introduction session to social badminton for the LGBTQIA+ Community

Have you ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and social sporting environment?

Melbourne Smashers is an LGBTQIA+ and allies social badminton club. No experience is necessary. The club will have coaches available. Come along and... Serve It! Smash It! Love It!



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Ticketing and Access Information

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How can I get my tickets?

Online

Purchase tickets quickly and easily by searching for the event at midsumma.org.au and select 'Book Online'. We accept VISA and MasterCard only. Tickets are available online until one hour before an event's start time, unless otherwise specified.

Call Us

Our friendly ticketing team are available weekdays from 11am to 4pm on 03 9296 6600 for enquiries and bookings. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year but online bookings are available over this period. Midsumma Festival is National Relay Service Ready. relayservice.com

At the Venue

Purchase tickets at the venue's box office, from one hour prior to the show. Tickets are subject to availability. Contact the venue directly to confirm venue opening times. Some venues may be cash only.

Ticket Delivery

All tickets will be emailed to you directly. Save paper and show your E-ticket on your smart-phone at the venue. Phone run out of battery? Simply turn up! Venues will have a door list, photo ID required.

Exchanges

Exchanges can be organised for a small fee. Please contact us on 03 9296 Mon-Fri 11am-4pm to arrange. Please note, exchanges can only be issued for another session of the same event, for tickets of the same value. Your new tickets must be issued by Midsumma at least 48 hours prior to the original booked session. For more information visit midsumma.org.au/ticketing

Refund Policy

Refunds will not be issued unless an event is cancelled, re-scheduled or significantly re-located. Refunds will not be issued for change of mind, illness or missed performance. Latecomers may not be permitted at the discretion of the venue and refunds will not be issued in this instance. For more information visit midsumma.org.au/ticketing

Discounts and Concessions

Concession Tickets

We accept a range of concession cards — for a full list of concessions visit midsumma.org.au/ticketing You will be required to show proof of concession when entering the venue.

Previews

Shows may offer discounted tickets for performances early in the season. If you purchase these tickets please be mindful that there may be a few production 'kinks' to iron out.

Groups

Some events may offer a discount if you purchase tickets as a group. So grab your friends and colleagues and book together! If an event offers a group discount, it will be listed on the event page on our website.

3 Show Package

Purchase full price tickets to three or more eligible events and collect a 10% discount at checkout. You can identify eligible events by the ticket icon with the number three inside (see page 7 for the symbol key).

Babes-in-Arms

Children under two years old may be admitted to some events without a ticket to sit on the knee of a parent or guardian, unless otherwise stated. Excludes 18+ events.

Free Events

Many of our events are free of entry charge. However, some still require you to secure your place by booking. No fees apply for ticketed free events. Entry to non-ticketed free events is subject to venue capacity and at the discretion of venue staff.

Terms and Conditions

A booking fee of \$5.25 is applied per transaction (not per ticket) for all bookings made through Midsumma. Midsumma takes no responsibility for tickets issued through third party ticketing agencies and you should always contact your original point of sale for any ticketing enquiries.

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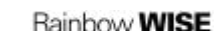
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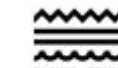
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If you are concerned about the behaviour of yourself or someone you know call MRS for free, inclusive, confidential, 24/7 advice and support.

1300 766 491
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CASEY RAINBOW COMMUNITY PICNIC

Sunday February 18th 2024 12pm-4pm
Old Cheese Factory - 34 Homestead Road, Berwick

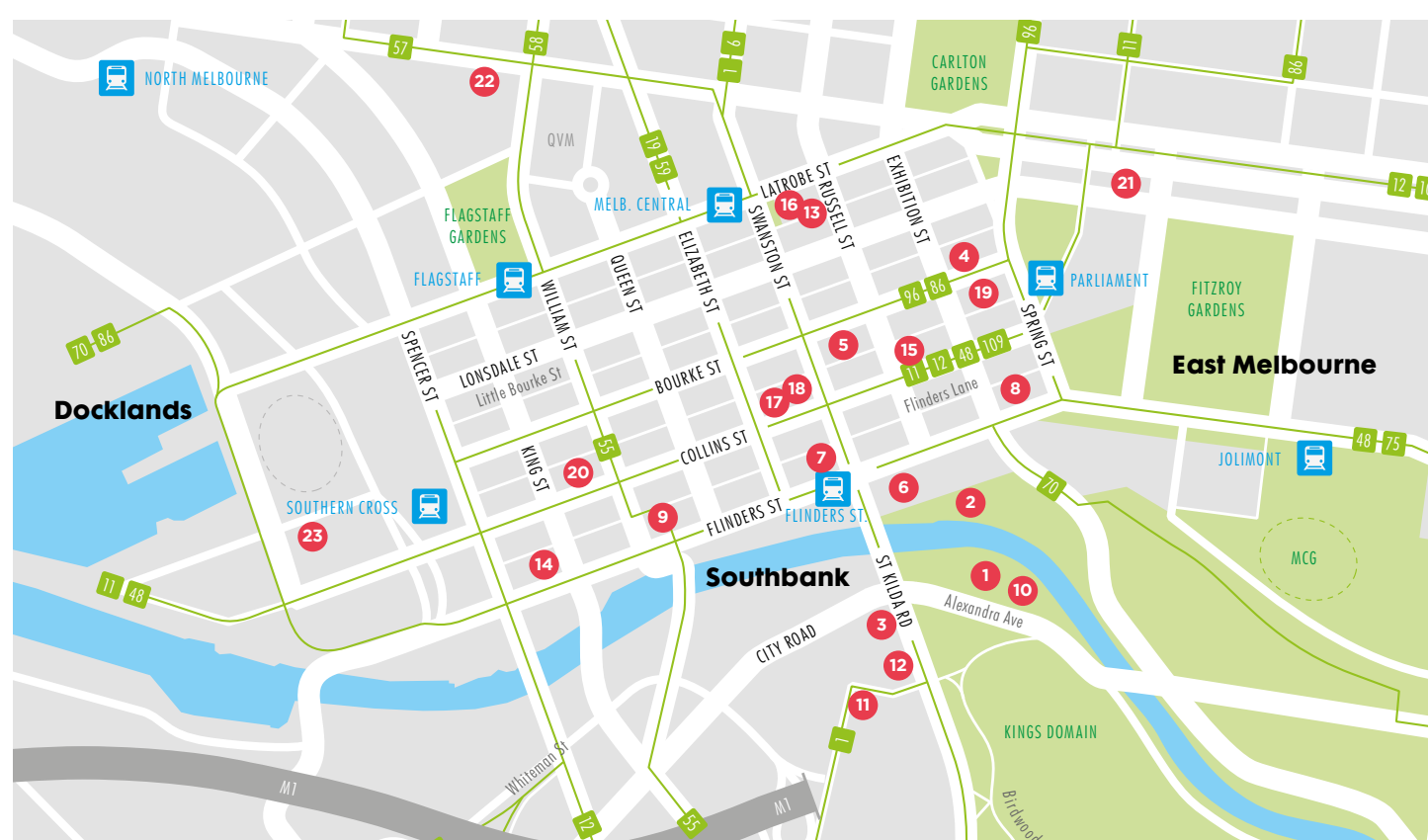
Join us for a fun-filled and relaxing family day out celebrating our LGBTIQA+ community and allies in Melbourne's Southeast. In partnership with the Casey Rainbow Community, we bring you the Rainbow Community Picnic which has something for everyone including live music, art and craft activities and more.

Bring your picnic goodies including food, blankets, family and friends and join in with our performers onstage! Don't forget to take a wander through the beautiful gardens.

Please register your attendance.





Melbourne, CBD – Venue Map midsumma.org.au



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St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
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Birrarung Marr, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 5 or 6 Any Swanston St tram to stop 13</p> <p>3 Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14</p> <p>4 Bard's Apothecary
Shop 7, 24 Crossley St, Melbourne
Train: Parliament
Tram: 35, 86, 96 to stop 9</p> <p>5 Comedy Republic
231 Bourke St, Melbourne
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10 Any Bourke St tram to stop 7</p> | <p>6 Federation Square - The Edge
Flinders St, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
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Lv 1, 37 Swanston St, Melbourne
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45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
Train: Parliament or Flinders St
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400 Flinders St, Melbourne
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Tram: 35, 70 or 75 to stop 3</p> <p>10 Melbourne Park
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne
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Tram: 70 to stop 7B</p> | <p>11 Melbourne Recital Centre
31 Sturt St, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 1 to stop 17 any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 14</p> <p>12 National Gallery of Victoria
180 St Kilda Rd, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14</p> <p>13 No Vacancy Gallery
QV Complex, 34-40 Jane Bell Ln, Melbourne
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522 Flinders St, Melbourne
Train: Southern Cross or Flinders St
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120 Collins St, Melbourne
Train: Parliament
Tram: 11, 12, 48 or 109 to stop 7</p> | <p>16 State Library Victoria
328 Swanston St, Melbourne
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8</p> <p>17 The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Pl, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 11 tram 11, 12, 48, 86, 96, 109 to stop 6</p> <p>18 The Capitol
113 Swanston St, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
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Level 1/19 Meyers Pl, Melbourne
Train: Parliament
Tram: 11, 12, 48 or 109 to stop 8</p> <p>20 Top Yard
Geddes Lane, Melbourne
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 12, 35, 48, 58, 70, 75, 109 to stop 3</p> | <p>21 VAS Gallery
430 Albert St, East Melbourne
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8</p> <p>22 Victorian Quaker Centre
484 William St, West Melbourne
Train: Flagstaff
Tram: 57 to stop 9 tram 58 to stop 10 tram 19 to stop 7</p> <p>23 XYZ Photo Gallery
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Train: Southern Cross
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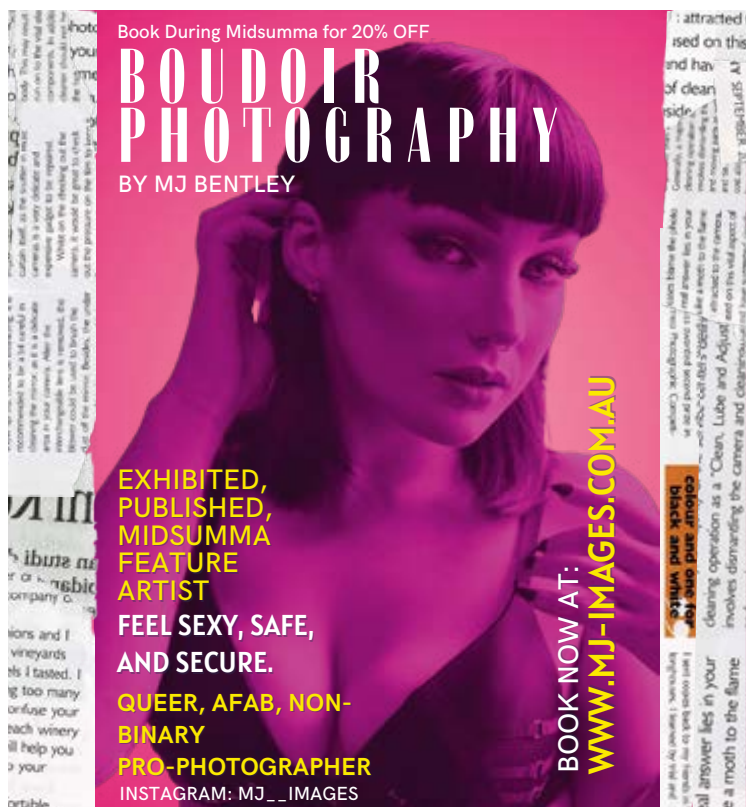
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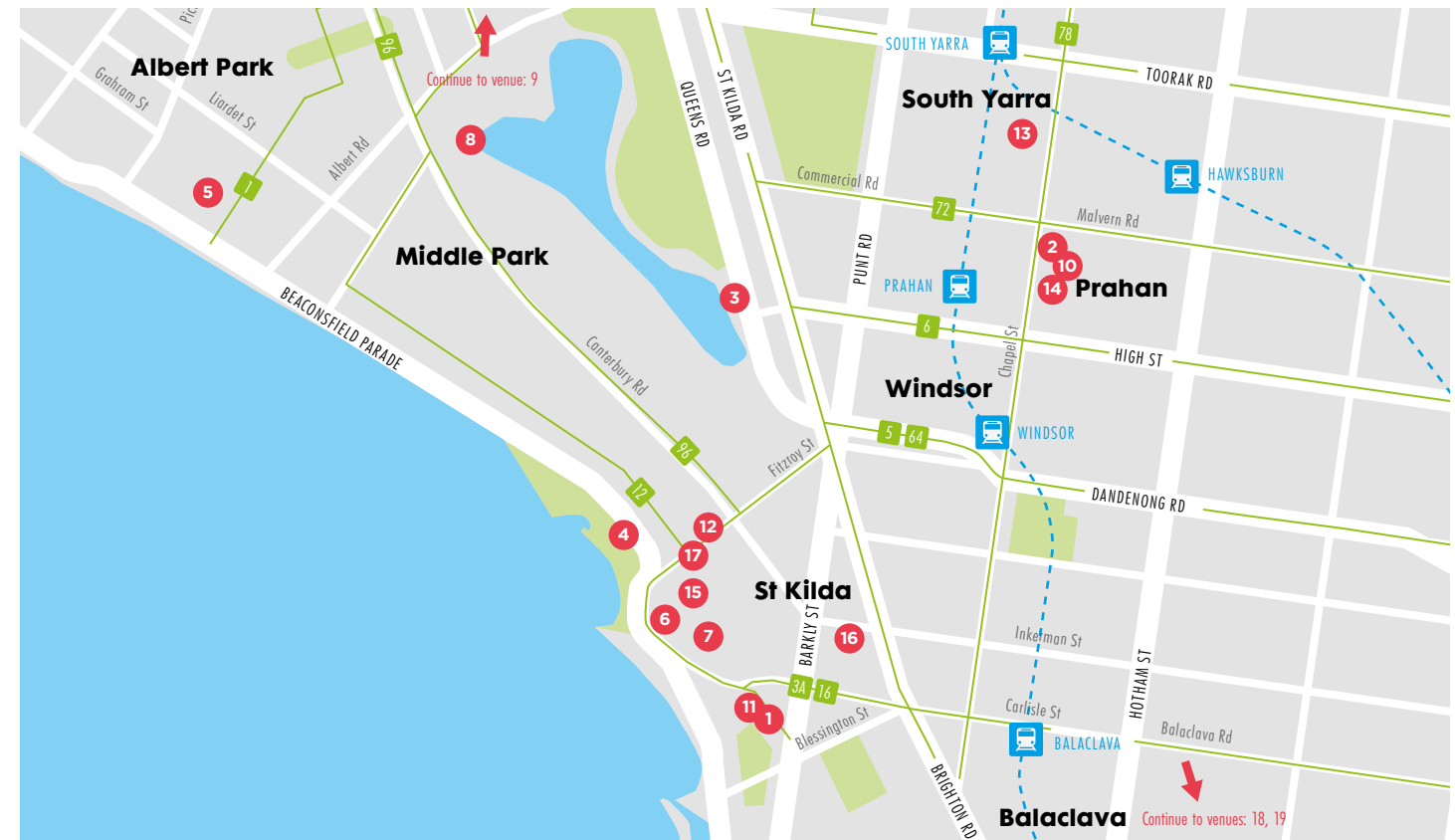


Inner North

- 1 Abbotsford Convent**
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Victoria Park
Bus: 200, 207 to Clarke/Johnston St
- 2 Brunswick Street Gallery**
Level 1, 322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | Tram 96 to stop 13
- 3 Carlton Baths Community Centre**
248 Rathdowne St, Carlton
Tram: 96 to stop 14 | Tram 1, 6 to stop 114
- 4 Collingwood Town Hall**
140 Hoddle St, Collingwood
Tram: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
Tram: 12, 109 to stop 19
Bus: 246, 302-5, 309, 318, 350, 905-8 to Gipps/Hoddle St
- 5 Dancehouse**
150 Princes St, Carlton North
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 114 | tram 96 to stop 15
- 6 DT's Hotel**
164 Church St, Richmond
Tram: 78 to stop 62 | Tram 48, 75 to stop 18
- 7 Fitzroy Pool**
160 Alexandra Pde, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 18 | Tram 96 to stop 15
- 8 Gertrude & Smith Sts**
Gertrude St & Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 13 | tram 12, 109 to stop 15 | tram 86, 96 to stop 11
- 9 Grouse Melbourne**
171 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
- 10 JUDE Store**
252 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 19
- 11 La Mama Courthouse**
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
Bus: 200-207 to Lygon/Elgin St
- 12 La Mama HQ**
1/205 Faraday St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
- 13 Meat Market**
3 Blackwood St, North Melbourne
Tram: 19 to stop 9 | Tram 58, 59 to stop 14
- 14 Melbourne Museum**
11 Nicholson St, Carlton
Tram: Parliament
Tram: 86, 96 to stop 11
- 15 Moon Dog OG**
17 Duke St, Abbotsford
Tram: 12, 109 to stop 22
- 16 Smith + Gertrude Gallery**
73 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 15 | Tram 12, 109 to stop 15
- 17 The Laird**
149 Gipps St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
- 18 The Motley Bauhaus**
118 Elgin St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112
- 19 The Provincial Hotel**
Cnr Johnston and Brunswick Sts, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 13
- 20 Vau d'ville**
62-70 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 96 to stop 13 | tram 11 to stop 16

North

- 21 Wet on Wellington**
162 Wellington St, Collingwood
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
Tram: 12, 86, 109 to stop 16
Bus: 246, 302-5, 309, 318, 350, 905-8 to Gipps/Hoddle St
- 22 Wolfhound Gallery**
Level 1/386-388 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 17
- 23 Brunswick Ballroom**
314-316 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Train: Upfield line to Jewell
Tram: 19 to stop 21
- 24 Brunswick Town Hall**
233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Train: Upfield line to Jewell
Tram: 19 to stop 21
- 25 Bundoora Homestead Art Centre**
7 Prospect Hill Dr, Bundoora
Tram: 86 to stop 63
Bus: 382, 566 to Grange Bvd/Plenty Rd
- 26 Carlton Football Club**
Ikon Park, 400 Royal Pde, Carlton North
Tram: 19 to stop 16
- 27 Coburg RSL**
323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Train: Upfield line to Coburg
Tram: 19 to stop 32
- 28 Crucible Tattoo Co.**
333 Racecourse Rd, Kensington
Train: Craigieburn line to Newmarket
Tram: 57 to stop 25
- 29 Dollhouse Gallery Brunswick**
289 Lygon St, Brunswick East
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 123
- 30 Moon Dog World**
32 Chifley Drive, Preston
Bus: 513, 514 to Chifley Dr/Bell St
- 31 North Preston Lifesaving Club**
677 High St, Preston
Train: Mernda line to Regent
Bus: 552, 553 to Regent St/High St
- 32 The Terrace**
24 Finsbury St, Flemington
Train: Craigieburn line to Newmarket
Tram: 57 to stop 25
- 33 Unassigned Gallery**
55 Edward St, Brunswick
Train: Upfield line to Jewell
Tram: 19 to stop 20



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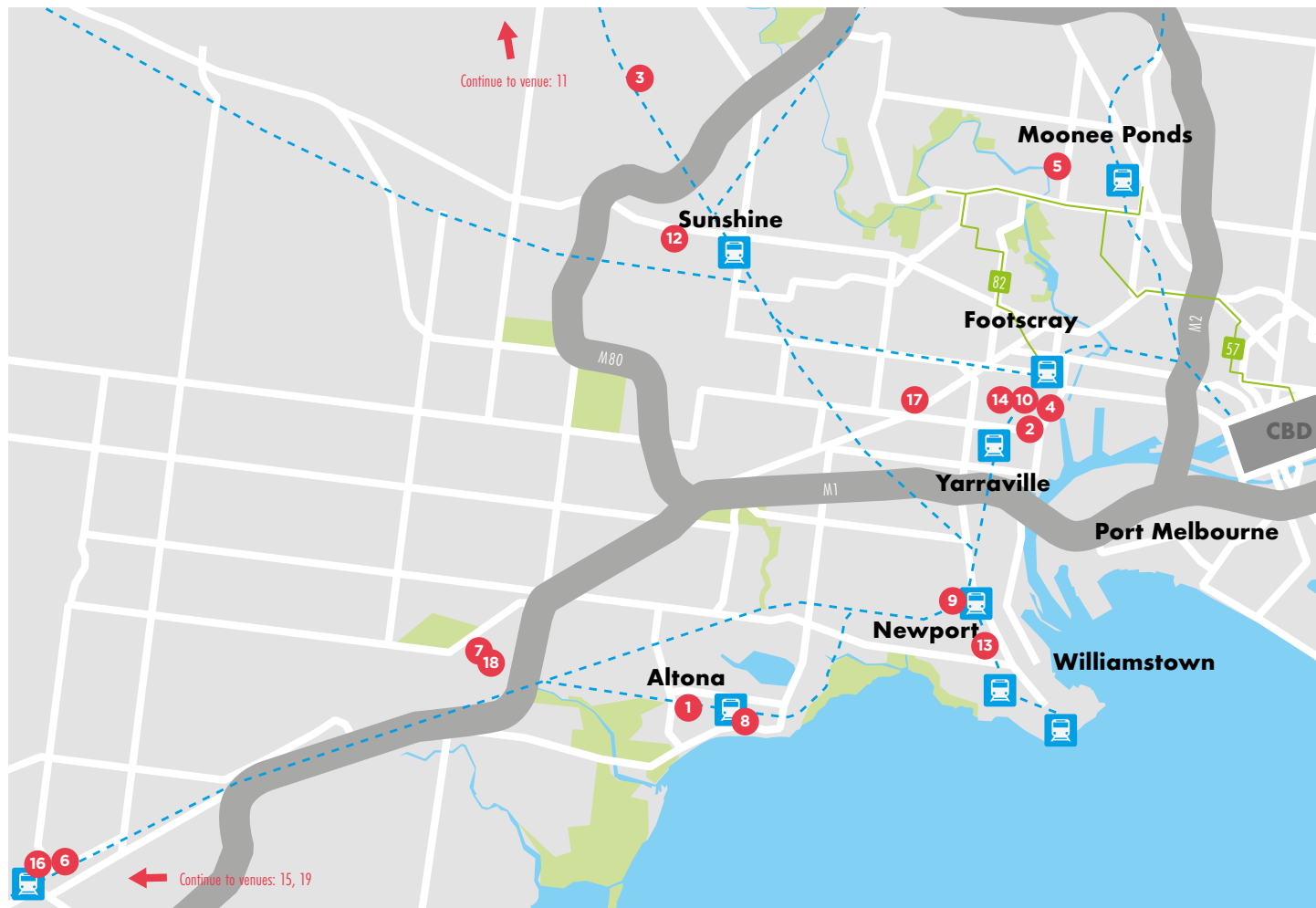
- 1 Acland Street Plaza**
112-162 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16 to stop 33 | tram 96 to stop 139
Bus: 246 to Carlsisle St/Barkly St
- 2 Chapel Off Chapel**
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 3 Cracked Actors Theatre**
Powerhouse On The Lake Level 1, 34 Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
Tram: 3/3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 to stop 27
- 4 Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens**
Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | Tram 96 to stop 132 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 30
- 5 Gasworks Arts Park**
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
Bus: 236 to Graham / Pickles St | bus 606 to Bridport/Richardson St
- 6 Hotel Esplanade**
11 The Esplanade, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 136 | tram 12 to stop 143
- 7 Linden New Art**
26 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16 to stop 136
- 8 Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre**
30 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park
Tram: 12 to stop 131 | tram 96 to stop 129
- 9 Pandora Nightclub**
127 Dorcas St, South Melbourne
Tram: 58 to stop 118 | tram 1 to stop 20
- 10 Prahran Aquatic Centre**
41 Essex St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 32 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 11 Readings, St Kilda**
112 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16 to stop 33 | tram 96 to stop 139
Bus: 246 to Carlsisle St/Barkly St

South East

- 12 Saint Hotel**
54 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16, 96 to stop 133
- 13 St Joseph's Parish South Yarra**
30 Fitzgerald St, South Yarra
Train: Cranbourne, Frankston or Pakenham line to South Yarra
Tram: 78 to stop 49 | Tram 58 to stop 128 | Tram 72 to stop 29
- 14 The MC Showroom**
Level 1, 50 Clifton St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 46
- 15 Theatre Works**
14 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 136 | Tram 12 to stop 143
- 16 Theatre Works Explosives Factory**
67 Inkerman St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 67 to stop 34
- 17 Victorian Pride Centre**
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | Tram 12 to stop 143
- 18 Bunjil Place**
2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren
Train: Pakenham line to Narre Warren + 16 min walk
- 19 LOEV**
277 Keys Rd, Moorabbin
Bus: 767 to Keys Rd/ Chesterville Rd | Bus 631 to Cheltenham Sec Col/Bernard St + 15 min walk

East

- Eltham Library Community Gallery**
Panther Place, Eltham
Train: Hurstbridge line to Eltham
- Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery**
32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood
Train: Belgrave/Lilydale line to Ringwood
- Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield**
Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield
Train: Hurstbridge line to Dennis + 25 min walk
Bus: 546 to Melbourne Polytechnic / Heidelberg Rd | bus 250, 251 to Victoria Rd/Westgarth St
- The Round**
397 Whitehorse Rd, Nunawading
Train: Belgrave/Lilydale line Nunawading
- Yarrambat Park Golf Course**
649 Yan Yean Rd, Yarrambat
Train: Mernda line to Mernda + 385 bus
Bus: 385 to Bannons Lane/Yan Yean Rd



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| <p>1 Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows
Bus: 411/412, 496/498 to Central Square Shopping Centre</p> <p>2 Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64</p> <p>3 Bowery Theatre
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess St, St Albans
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to St Albans</p> | <p>4 Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64</p> <p>5 Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie
Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41 plus 10 minute walk along Maribyrnong River</p> <p>6 Kelly Park
Cnr Cherry & Synnot St, Werribee
Tram: Werribee line to Werribee</p> <p>7 Laneway Gallery
44 Woods St, Laverton
Train: Werribee line to Laverton</p> | <p>8 Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre
5 Sargood St, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona
Bus: 411, 412 to McBain St/ Blyth St bus 415, 903 to Altona Station/Railway St South</p> <p>9 Paine Reserve & The Outside Gallery
Mason St, Newport
Train: Werribee / Williamstown line to Newport</p> <p>10 Pride of our Footscray Community Bar
Level 1, 86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 63</p> <p>11 Sunbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre
20 Ligar St, Sunbury
Train: Sunbury line to Sunbury</p> | <p>12 Sunshine Leisure Centre
5 Kennedy St, Sunshine
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to Sunshine</p> <p>13 The Substation
1 Market St, Newport
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport</p> <p>14 Trocadero Projects
Level 1, 40 Leads St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 63</p> <p>15 Werribee Park Mansion
Gate 2, K Rd, Werribee South
Train: Werribee line to Werribee + 439 bus
Bus: 439 to Werribee Park Mansion/Main Dr</p> | <p>16 Werribee Train Station
Station Place, Werribee
Train: Werribee line to Werribee</p> <p>17 West Footscray Library
539 Barkly St, West Footscray
Tram: 57 to stop 9 tram 58 to stop 10</p> <p>18 Woods Street Arts Space
44 Woods St, Laverton
Train: Werribee line to Laverton</p> <p>19 Wyndham Cultural Centre
177 Watton St, Werribee
Train: Werribee line to Werribee</p> |
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