

Welcome to midsumma Festival 2019

John Caldwell

Midsumma Festival Chair

Welcome to another exciting Midsumma Festival. I am constantly astounded by the growing role Midsumma plays in bringing our diverse communities together to promote true inclusion. In past years we have focused on mentoring programs such as Midsumma Futures, a platform for aspiring artists to advance in their careers. In 2018, we launched Midsumma Pathways, a program for LGBTQIA+ artists with disability.

This year we launch BODY, an incredible major work focusing on strengthening Transgender, Gender Diverse and Intersex cultural voices. The year-over-year growth has been both exciting and encouraging, the depth of the program and level of inclusion this year is by far the most inspiring sign that we are truly making a difference.

I encourage everyone more than ever, to study the program carefully, and get out to see as many events as you can to support our amazing and talented artists.

I look forward to seeing you all through the festival.

Victorian Government

For three decades the much-loved Midsumma Festival has made an outstanding contribution to our creative state by fostering and promoting the creativity, diversity and vibrancy of Victoria's LGBTQIA+ communities.

Midsumma is Victoria's premier LGBTQIA+ arts and cultural festival and it continues to go from strength to strength — as evidenced by this year's program. More than 1600 culture-makers will present 165 events across 75 venues in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

From art exhibitions, theatre, live music and spoken word to films, walks, talks and of course, the iconic Midsumma Carnival and Midsumma Pride March — there is something for everyone.

The Victorian Government is proud to partner with Midsumma to support LGBTQIA+ culture and to set the national standard for

LGBTQIA+ equality and inclusion. Congratulations to everyone involved with this year's program.
Happy Midsumma!

Sally Capp

Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Each year Midsumma Festival turns up the heat even higher in January and the City of Melbourne welcomes the burst of culture and community pride it brings.

More than 264,000 people took part in the 2018 festival, with 100,000 enjoying the colourful Midsumma Carnival at the Alexandra Gardens. The broad range of events — from music, film and dance to talks and sports — reflects the rich diversity of our city.

By making visible and celebrating many stories of sexuality and gender, Midsumma encourages respect for the backgrounds of all in our city. The City of Melbourne has been a proud supporter of Midsumma for many years.

Close to half of the events at Midsumma are free to take part in. I believe that this is the hallmark of a truly accessible community festival – one that contributes to making Melbourne a city of outstanding events and culture.

I congratulate the organisers and wish all taking part, a fun and festive Midsumma 2019.

Rachel Slade

Chief Customer Experience Officer & Executive
Co-Sponsor, NAB Pride

We're looking forward to Midsumma 2019; an exciting opportunity for us to connect and celebrate the uniqueness of our community. At NAB, we continue to build an inclusive work environment where our people can be their authentic selves, no matter what their sexual orientation and gender identity, enabling them to perform at their best. This year marks our seventh year partnering with Midsumma. We're thrilled that so many of our people continue to volunteer and get behind this iconic Melbourne festival.

This year we have a particular focus on Bisexual, Trans & Intersex education, shifting the conversation toward advocacy for the broader LGBTI+ community. And we're committed to extending our reach to empower LGBTI+ communities in rural areas. We're

also excited to explore how we can improve the intersectionality within our diverse workforce to promote inclusion. We thank & congratulate the Midsumma team & wish them all the best for a hugely successful festival. Happy Midsumma!

CEO Welcome

Karen Bryant

Chief Executive, Midsumma Festival

Welcome to Midsumma 2019!

Festivals are a time to indulge; to immerse ourselves in cultural offerings; to step outside of our normal day to day and experience different perspectives, different ways of thinking, different journeys and different inspirations; and to share these experiences with others.

This year's Midsumma Festival represents diverse ideas that will reach out and stimulate us emotionally on many levels and perhaps even change us in unexpected and profound ways.

Whether it is the visual, musical, physical, intellectual, social or theatrical events that usually grab your fancy, there is all that and more — so take a leap beyond the known.

This is your opportunity to choose your own festival adventure as you navigate your way across 23 days of Midsumma.

Thanks to everyone who has helped bring this program to you and especially of course to all the artists and event producers whose stories, creativity and talent passionately fill the pages that follow.

I suggest you block out your calendar between 19 Jan and 10 Feb, to make every one of these days count. Book early and stay late!

We look forward to sharing it all with you.

#midsumma

About

Midsumma Festival is Australia's premier LGBTQIA+ cultural festival, made for and by communities who live with shared experiences around diverse gender and sexuality.

We are a champion of LGBTQIA+ cultures, conversations and events. We are the intersection between generations, people, ideas, stories and experiences — a focal point for connections and belonging.

We create inclusive and safe social spaces. We provide platforms for shared experience in a world which often under-represents us. We value diversity and we embrace difference. We increase our communities' profiles and amplify the stories that might otherwise not be seen, heard or felt.

Although the primary 23 day festival is held in summer each year, Midsumma works year-round to provide artists, social-changers and culture-makers with support and tools to create, present and promote their work.

Midsumma Festival brings a diverse mix of artists, performers, communities and audiences together under a single umbrella for a celebration and innovative presentation of queer arts and culture. Read on for our diverse festival program, made up of visual arts, theatre, film, live music, parties, sport, social events and public forums. Featuring approximately 165 events in 2019 with involvement by approximately 1600 culture-makers in over 75 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria to anticipated audiences of over 265,000.

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.

Disclaimer

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Events:

Note: The events are being displayed by alphabetical order.

Performance: Cabaret

#VAL - A Camp-Fire Kiki with Mother

"Work out how you're going to fit this show into your schedule - it's not to be missed. A perfect cabaret, utterly fabulous." OUTinPerth.

Tour de force performer 'Australia's John O'Hara' (School of Rock) returns in his brand new cabaret; #VAL. A fabulously honest and hilariously heartbreaking homage to the mothers of our queer community, #VAL is a true celebration of joy that will definitely leave a speck of glitter in your undies. See you around the camp-fire...

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 3181

Date: 21 - 22 Jan
Time: Mon - Tue 7.30pm
Duration: 65 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$35
Concession - \$30
Group - \$30 (min 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by John O'Hara

Performance: Cabaret

.CHURCH.

The stage is holy, and this is how we pray

Queerly beloved, we are gathered here to worship all that glitters, all the shade, and those that are not afraid! We've prepared a service that will have kings, kweens and everyone in between feeling born again, and have you gagging for more. This is your explosive celebration of ground-breaking circus, burlesque, sideshow & cabaret aimed to leave you dripping with sin. Because let's face it, sin is in. A hetero non-confirmative night of entertainment including cabaret sensation Tash York, burlesque superstar Bettie Bombshell and Australia's queerest and dearest circus creeps and fabulous freaks. It is a great honour to welcome you all to worship with us. The stage is holy, and this is how we pray.

Venue: Howler

7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick VIC 3056, Australia, Brunswick 3056

Date: 22 - 26 Jan

Time: Tue - Sat 8pm

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$26

Group - \$25 (min 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Presented by Highway Robbery Productions

Community & Culture: Faith

A Summer Mass

Celebrating LGBTQIA+ People of Faith

Every year Saint Mark's celebrates all LGBTQIA+ people and couples of faith as especially blessed by God, and prays for equality for all, free from discrimination and stigma. All are welcome for a spiritual 'top up' with fabulous company, sublime music and fantastic refreshments on the lawn after!

Venue: Saint Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy
250 George St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Fri 7pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by St Marks Anglican Church

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

ADAM

Melbourne's nude bar for guys

Every Monday and Tuesday evening, and for our fourth Midsumma, a diverse range of guys meet to play pool, have some drinks, and listen to great music - all in the buff! We're known internationally and are synonymous with queer Melbourne nightlife. If you haven't visited our bar before, then during Midsumma 2019, it's time you came for a visit to discover for yourself what all the talk is about!

Venue: Circuit Bar
103 Smith St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 21 Jan - 5 Feb
Time: Mon - Tue 6.30 - 11.30pm

Tickets: \$10 Door Sales Only

Access: Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Nudity
Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

ADAM & EVerYone

Finally, a nude dance event for EVerYone!

Kicking off Midsumma 2019, ADAM & EVerYone is a queer dance experience like you've never had (unless you've spent quality time in Berlin!). All night, all gender inclusive and nude-heavy. The team that presents ADAM, LUST and the ASM Pool Party have put together a dance party featuring incredible DJs with DJs including techno heavy-weights Adrian Bell & DJ Kiti, and Sydney trance legend Ruby, with performances over 4 floors in one iconic Melbourne location. Sex-positive, body-positive, techno-heavy, and with liberal doses of euphoria, consent and respect.

Venue: Inflation
Geddes Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 18 Jan
Time: Fri 10pm
Duration: 9 hours

Tickets: Full - \$50

Access: Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Nudity
Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Presented by ADAM

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

ADAM Pool Party

The 10th anniversary of Melbourne's favourite pool party for guys!

ADAM's pool party at Melbourne's fabulous Wet on Wellington sauna is an essential part of your Midsumma itinerary. Hot, vivacious and sexy, it embodies Melbourne summer. 2019 is the 10th Anniversary of the iconic Pool Party at Wet on Wellington during Midsumma and ADAM are pleased to be hosting the event for the third year in a row. Sold out last year with over 500 guys attending, we suggest booking early. Special guest DJs include Adam Love (Syd). And of course it's your choice if you wear your favourite swimmers - or nothing at all!

Venue: Wet on Wellington
162 Wellington St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat midday - 8pm

Duration: 8 hours

Tickets: Full - \$30
\$40 at the door

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+
Men Only

Warnings: Nudity
Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Presented by ADAM - Melbourne's nude bar for guys

Talks and Tours: Tours

AIDS Memorial Garden Walking Tour

Stories of hope, heartache and horticulture from the site of the old Fairfield

A special walking tour and morning tea, hosted by Thorne Harbour Health and Melbourne Polytechnic to mark 30 years since the AIDS Memorial Garden was opened on the grounds of the former Fairfield Hospital.
Enjoy the lush grounds of what is now part of Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield. Listen to stories from the Fairfield Hospital at the height of the AIDS crisis in Australia.

Venue: Melbourne Polytechnic College Fairfield Campus
Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield 3078

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun midday - 2pm

Tickets: FREE

Warnings: Long Periods of Standing/ Non-Traditional Sitting

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health (VAC)

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

ARTZ: Love Wins

Fashion celebrating queer culture on the runway

"Artz: Love Wins" invites established and emerging fashion designers to celebrate queer culture and the victory of the "yes" vote by interpreting these themes in collections on the runway. The fashion show will be an all-inclusive event at Crown Towers, showcasing designers from the LGBTQI community, and all designers passionate about equality and love who want to explore these themes.

Venue: Crown Towers, Club 23
8 Whiteman St, Southbank 3006

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun 6pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$40

Access: Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Long Periods of Standing/ Non-Traditional Sitting

Presented by ARTZ

Performance: Musical Theatre

Ace of Hearts

Touching, heartfelt and totally ridiculous!

Welcome to 2019 - the age of sexual liberation. This world of freedom brings new expectations, but Kiera is determined to play the game. She feels no desire to kiss the most beautiful men or women, let alone take one of them to bed. However, she is willing to sacrifice anything to avoid being outcast again.

Venue: The MC Showroom
1/48 Clifton St, Prahran 3181

Date: 1 - 3 Feb | 8 - 10 Feb

Time: Fri 1 - Sun 3 Feb 7.30pm | Fri 8 - Sat 9 Feb 8.15pm | Sun 10 Feb 7.30pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$32

Concession - \$24

Group - \$27 (minimum 4)

Access: Food Available

Warnings: Course Language

Sex Scenes

Strobe Lights

Violence

Smokehaze

Other Warnings: suicide, sexual assault

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

After Dark

Closet: A Carnival Afterparty for Homosexuals & Those Who Love Them

Melbourne's night for homosexuals and those who love them is throwing open the CLOSET doors this 2019 Midsumma Carnival to throw the Northside's best after party. For the uninitiated, CLOSET is one of Melbourne's longest-running and much-loved parties bringing every colour of the rainbow from both sides of the river to come out, dance and be themselves.

Venue: Lounge

Level 1/243 Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 20 Jan

Time: Sun 8pm - 4am

Duration: 8 hours

Tickets: Full - \$18

\$22 on the door

Access: Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Presented by Closet Party

Performance: Theatre

All The Drugs I've Taken

Defiantly Something

All he ever wanted was endless self-indulgent hedonism. But when Circus the Inter-Dimensional Prince accidentally incarnates on a holographic prison planet, ruled by demonic forces hurtling towards another apocalypse, its up to him to... SAVE THE WORLD. Join this promethean psychonaut as he journeys into the final frontier – inner-space – on a quest to lose his mind, and save his soul.

Venue: The Melba Spiegeltent - Studio
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 31 Jan - 1 Feb

Time: Thu - Fri 9.30 - 10.30pm

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$20

Access: Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Sex Scenes

Smoking on Stage

Violence

Smokehaze

Presented by Lost Boy Circus

Performance: Theatre

Am I Queer Enough?

What happens when you're labelled a Questioning Queer? Marco, the dancing vedette dances you off to Queerdom of course! But upon arrival to Queerdom, how do you navigate through all the glitter, sequins and leather? Especially if you have a disability. See how Nade, Jenga and Marco find their strengths to tackle that age-old question, "Am I Queer Enough?"

Venue: Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray 3011

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Fri 7.30pm Sat 5pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$22

Concession - \$18

Group - \$18 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan

Warnings: Course Language
Latecomer Lockout

Performance: Theatre

And Then The Snow Fell On Egypt

A story of love and loss and never letting go

"And Then The Snow Fell On Egypt" is a story shared by many. A story that is limited only by one's own imagination. An escape from this world into the next, where we can revisit our treasured memories and keep a hold of what we have lost. A universe of longing and loss, of happiness and sorrow.

Venue: No Vacancy - QV Gallery
34-40 Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 23 Jan - 3 Feb

Time: Tue - Sun 8pm | No show 26 Jan

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$25

Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Latecomer Lockout

Presented by Gavin Roach

Performance: Comedy
Midsumma Presented

Beast

A self-help comedy for the oppressed

Part stand up comedy and part performance art, Beast is a comedic exploration into the life of a trans person in 2019, what it means to be trans “masculine” without becoming the men we hate, and how taking testosterone can transform you into a social renegade: a beast.

Venue: Arts House | Studio 2
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb
Time: Thu - Sat 8.30pm
Duration: 60 mins

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20

Warnings: Nudity
Strobe Lights
Smokehaze
Other Warnings: Adult content

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Theatre

Become The One

By Adam Fawcett, 2018 Midsumma Playtime Staged Readings Winner

An AFL player forms a relationship with a young queer man, turning his personal life upside down. But it's the outside world that needs shaking up... Starring performers Chris Asimos and Henry Strand, this smart, sexy and challenging new work asks how same-sex partners of closeted athletes can continue to live in silence, and what it might take – as a lover and a high profile sportsman – to Become The One.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 31 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Wed - Fri 7.30pm | Sat 4pm & 7.30pm | Preview Thu 31 Jan

Duration: 70 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$29

Group - \$25 (minimum 4)

\$25 preview

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Food Available

Auslan interpreted performance - 4pm Sat 2 Feb

Warnings: Course Language

Latecomer Lockout

Nudity

Violence

Smokehaze

Other Warnings: Contains references to bullying

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park and Lab Kelpie

Talk and Tours: Workshop
Midsumma Presented

BodMod Salon

A casting workshop to creatively explore personal experiences related to bodies

A small-group workshop to learn basic skills in body casting, and in the process explore issues around bodies, gender and expressions of identities. Participants will be introduced to quality materials and processes involved in the production of body casts, sculpting and modifying objects, creating unique and personal items to affirm their relationship to their bodies.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 2 Feb

Time: All genders workshop Sat 11am | Trans, Gender Diverse and Intersex only workshop Sat 2.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$20

Pay What You Can: Trans, Gender Diverse and Intersex only workshop

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Talks and Tours: Talks
Midsumma Presented

Body and Country

Two First Nations artists speak on the intersections of body and Country

Join lyrical poet, Lay the Mystic, and cross-disciplinary artist and writer, SJ Norman, as they discuss their experiences of embodiment and connection with Country as First Nations trans people.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 2 Feb
Time: Sat 4pm
Duration: 90 mins

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available

Warnings: Other Warnings: Content about racism

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Visual Arts: Exhibition

CHORUS

Explore the power of gossip in this darkly humorous and immersive video installation

CHORUS is a video and sound installation by artist Melanie Jame Wolf about the power of rumour. The work consists of a series of videos in which Wolf performs a cast of personas as they inhabit an imaginary Mythic Space. From this stylised, darkly humorous pop space of 'critical camp', CHORUS explores the pleasures and perils of the unison voice of the group, and of speaking alone.

Venue: The Substation
1 Market St, Newport 3015

Date: 20 Jan - 16 Mar

Time: Opening: Sun 20 Jan 2 - 5pm | Exhibition: Tue - Sat 11am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by The SUBSTATION

Performance: Theatre

Cake Daddy

Fat is a verb. Come and gorge on Cake Daddy's slice o' vinyl disco heaven!

Cake Daddy will plunge you belly deep inside a queer experience of fat/ness, laying bare the fortitude and fabulosity required to step into the world as a fat person. Theatre Works hosts the Aussie premiere of a delicious collaboration between wreckedAllprods Alyson Campbell and Lachlan Philpott and queer Irish artists Ross Anderson-Doherty and Marty Byrne.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St.Kilda 3182

Date: 3 - 10 Feb

Time: Mon 7pm | Tue - Sat 9pm | Sun 2pm | Mon 4 Feb 7pm

Auslan Interpreted

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$32

Concession - \$27

Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

\$25 tightarse Tuesday

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity

Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Presented by Theatre Works

Performance: Cabaret

Cazeleon: The Movies in My Mind

Old school Hollywood glamour as you've never seen it before

Winner of the Adelaide Fringe Best Emerging Artist weekly award. This cabaret in CinemaScope will take you on a mesmerising journey as Cazeleon fights for liberation and freedom. Featuring songs from Shirley Bassey to Duke Dumont, this theatrical mash-up of the past and present will leave you on the edge of your seat!

***** 'Cazeleon's voice is incredible!' - GlamAdelaide

Venue: The Melba Spiegeltent - Studio
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 6 - 10 Feb

Time: Wed - Sun 8pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$25

Group - \$25 (minimum 8)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Warnings: Course Language

Latecomer Lockout

Presented by C J Stewart Productions

Talks and Tours: Talks

Celebrating Intersex Bodies

Beauty and strength in diversity

Still frequently presented as a problem to be fixed - both medically and socially - intersex people continue fighting for the right to exist without being subjected to discrimination and non-consensual medical procedures. Featured BODY artists and activists Kelly O'Shea (New Zealand/Aotearoa) and Bonnie Hart (Aus) come together to discuss the ways that we can refocus our understandings of intersex, and instead celebrate intersex bodies for their beauty and strength.

Venue: Arts House

521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Fri 6.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Other Warnings: Content about intersex discrimination

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Theatre

Cock

Mike Bartlett's award-winning play about sexuality and choice

John has a boyfriend but he's just met the girl of his dreams and he's going to have to choose. Hearts are on the line and everyone's ready for a fight in Mike Bartlett's razor-sharp comic drama. First seen in 2018, Beng Oh's critically acclaimed production is back for a return season.

Venue: fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 30 Jan - 10 Feb
Time: Tue - Sat 7.30pm | Sun 5pm
Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$35
Concession - \$28
Group - \$24 (minimum 6)

Access: Bar Available: true
Wheelchair access: contact venue in advance

Presented by 15 Minutes from Anywhere

Visual Arts: Social

Company Ink

Queer life drawing with Eureka

Dip your pen in queer and alternative ink and celebrate the diversity of the queer body. Artists of all skill levels are invited to join Convent-based artist Eureka for life drawing in the stunning Mural Hall at the Abbotsford Convent. Diverse genders and identities welcome. Eureka will provide on-the-spot teaching and drawing materials.

Venue: Abbotsford Convent - Mural Hall
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford 3067

Date: 26 Jan

Time: Sat 2 - 4pm

Tickets: Full - \$20

Concession - \$15

Group - \$15 (minimum 4)

Access: 18+

Warnings: Nudity

Community & Culture: Festival
Midsumma Presented

Consent Festival

What does "consent" mean?

Kick off your Midsumma Festival with this one-day, special event to explore conversations that connect ideas of consent with LGBTQIA+ communities, welcoming intersectionality and accessibility. Engage through open forums, practical workshops, deep-dive discussions, and even sparkling performances, all inside a safe space to unpack the taboos, share experiences, and unite in passion and curiosity.

Venue: The Melba Spiegel tent
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 19 Jan

Time: Individual sessions: Sat 10am - 7pm | Party: Sat 7pm onwards

Tickets: \$50 Full Day | \$30 Party Only
Pay What You Can - All Day: \$0 | Pay What You Can - All Day: \$5
| Pay What You Can - All Day: \$10 | Pay What You Can - All Day: \$20 | Pay What You Can - All Day: \$40

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Relaxed Performance
Bar Available
Food Available

Warnings: 18+ select sessions

Presented by Midsumma Festival, MEAN Projects and Melba Spiegel tent

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Crafty Queers

Crafty Queers is Kingston's inaugural visual arts residency and exhibition program celebrating craft and queer culture through the work of contemporary artists, Anna Dunnill and Nicholas Smith. Working from the ceramics studio at Kingston Arts over summer, each artist will develop a new body of work for the joint exhibition launch at Kingston's Pop Up Bar and Arts Centre Galleries.

Venue: Kingston Arts Centre - G1 + G2
979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin 3189

Date: 1 - 9 Feb

Time: Opening: Fri 1 Feb 6.30 - 8.30pm | Exhibition: Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm | Sat midday - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Kingston Arts

Talks and Tours: Talks

Cultivating Courage

Meeting Life's Challenges One Heartbeat at a Time
"Brave, inspiring, gentle, thought-provoking."

We can't always choose what happens to us in life. But we can always choose how we respond. Psychotherapist Carol-Ann Allen explores how we grow our courage when we meet life's challenges with heart and spirit. At any age, in any circumstance. Prepare to be uplifted. Cultivating Courage is a free community event. Seating is limited, so book early.

Venue: St Kilda Life Saving Club
34 Jacka Bvd, St Kilda 3182

Date: 6 Feb

Time: Wed 6.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Performance: Musical Theatre

Cutting The Chord

KaDo Warehouse: “possibly the most eclectic place I have ever seen” - thesprinkler.com.au

Green Room Award winner Matthew Grant, Butterfly Club founder, teams up with Jaywell Sound to curate a unique salon experience at KaDo Warehouse. An interactive exhibition/performance with photographer Ivan Kemp and singer/songwriter Aidan Rolfe. Cocktail in hand, go on a musically intoxicating, visually evocative, emotional journey. If Jeff Buckley and Sia had a love child it might be Aidan Rolfe.

Venue: KaDo Warehouse
36 Cremorne St, Cremorne 3121

Date: 20 Jan - 10 Feb

Time: Thu 8pm | Fri 10pm | Sat 8pm | Sun 4 + 8pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$30

Group - \$30 (minimum 4)

Access: Bar Available

Presented by Cremorne Pleasure Gardens

Visual Arts: Social

DATE NIGHT AT HEIDE

Hone your dating skills at the home of modern love

Heide puts the art in heart for a date night in its romantic Heart Garden. Whether you are coupled, or looking to meet the arty queer of your dreams, enjoy a cocktail and cultured conversation. Tickets include a special performance by The Huxleys and exclusive access to the exhibition House of Ideas, set in Heide I, the original home of John and Sunday Reed and incubator of artistic passions.

Venue: Heide Museum of Modern Art
7 Templestowe Rd, Bulleen 3105

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun 5.30 - 7pm

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$30

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

18+

Presented by Heide

Category - Talks and Tours: Talks

Dads, Donors and More

Options for Making Rainbow Families

Join us for an evening of rainbow family story sharing from a diverse group of LGBTQ, gender diverse and non-binary dads, parents and donors who identify as male. Whether you are deciding to have kids, thinking of co-parenting or planning on being a known donor, this community forum will cover these tricky topics and more, including surrogacy and foster care.

Venue: Loop Bar
23 Meyers Pl, Melbourne 3000

Date: 29 Jan
Time: Tue 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Bar Available
18+

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health (VAC), Rainbow Families Victoria and Broadtree Foundation

Performance: Dance
Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens

"The choreography is extraordinary. You could almost watch this as a ballet – the movement is precise, lovely and strange with a human tenderness at the core." - The Scotsman, 2018
"A striking sense of imagination" - The Times (UK), 2018

Dancing Qweens is a new work by choreographer and drag artist James Welsby (Valerie Hex) exploring 50 years of queer dance history channelled into a highly interactive and surreal experience of queer bodies in motion. Alongside this performance season, Welsby has curated a public program of queer dance classes, workshops and panel discussions.

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 30 Jan - 3 Feb
Time: Wed - Sat 8.30pm | Sun 7pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20
\$15 Dancehouse members

Access: Wheelchair Access
Audio Description
Auslan
Note: This performance involves audience participation and encourages the audience to dance

Warnings: Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Dancehouse

Talks and Tours: Talks
Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens: Let's Get Critical at the Bar

Several panel discussions with leaders from the queer performance communities to discuss and dissect queer culture and its intersections with the social, the political and the performative. With the organisation of Dancehouse being Australia's leading organisation for independent dance and Midsumma being Victoria's premiere LGBTIQ+ festival, this is the first collaboration between the two bodies and will surely yield powerful and necessary discussion.

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 23 Jan
Time: Wed 6 - 7pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Dancehouse

Talk and Tours: Workshop
Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens: Let's Get Metaphysical

The two-day workshop for queer performance makers, led by experienced professionals, inquires deeply into the social, political and choreographic significance of queer dance. This is a space to respond to provocations, test ideas, and critically discuss style, context, and community. The focus will be on developing performance ideas based on stimuli and material within the workshop, culminating in a micro-festival of performance with the intention to provide participants with new tools they can apply to their practice. This workshop is open to all, but priority will be given to queer performance makers with a committed practice. Submit an EOI by December 10 at www.dancehouse.com.au

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 2 - 3 Feb
Time: Sat - Sun 11am - 4pm

Tickets: Full - \$140
\$100 Dancehouse members

Presented by Dancehouse

Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens: Let's Get Physical

Ten x dance classes exploring queer dance manifestations and possibilities from a range of teachers in a range of styles: Voguing, Waacking, Hip Hops in Heels, Same-Sex Ballroom, Drag, Afro Caribbean, Improvisation, Contemporary Dance, Latin, and Indigenous Identity in Queer Dance. Classes are open to everyone, queer or not, and no dance experience is necessary.

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 21 Jan - 1 Feb

Time: Mon - Fri 7 - 8pm except Wed 23 Jan 8 - 9pm

Tickets: \$140 (all 10 classes)
\$100 Dancehouse members

Presented by Dancehouse

Talk and Tours: Talks
Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens: Lets Get Critical

Three panel discussions with leaders from the queer performance communities to discuss and dissect queer culture and its intersections with the social, the political and the performative. These conversations, a regular feature in Dancehouse's public programs, are presented here in a first-time partnership with Midsumma, Victoria's premier LGBTQI+ festival. Structured in three parts, this series will reflect on the specificities and forces at play in Australian queer culture(s).

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 2 - 3 Feb
Time: Sat - Sun 5pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: FREE

Presented by Dancehouse

Talk and Tours: Workshop
Midsumma Presented

Dancing Qweens: Public Program

A series of queer dance classes, workshops and panel discussions exploring 50 years of queer dance history.

James Welsby curates a series of queer dance classes, a workshop and panel discussions alongside his performance season at Dancehouse exploring queer dance history. Organised in three parts, Let's Get Physical, Let's Get Meta-Physical and Let's Get Critical, the series will focus on discussing, dissecting and experiencing queer culture and its intersections with the social, the political and the performative.

Venue: Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 21 Jan - 3 Feb

Time: Classes: Mon - Fri 7pm to 8:00pm each night (21-22Jan - 24Jan- 1 Feb) Wed 8-9pm 23 Jan | Workshops: 11am to 4pm (Feb 2-3) | Conversations: 5pm (Feb 2-3 at Dancehouse). Wed 6-7pm 23 Jan at Midsumma Festival Bar
various

Tickets: Full - \$Classes: \$140 (all 10 classes), \$100 for Dancehouse Members | Workshop: \$140, \$100 for Dancehouse Members | Conversations: FREE (bookings essential)

Access: Classes are open to everyone, queer or not, and no dance experience is necessary.

Presented by Dancehouse

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Dapper

The Dapper Queer features artists who have played with, constructed and considered the threads we wear and how style can both define and expose us. The exhibition connects to our queer histories, gender fluidity and acknowledges the defiantly dapper.
Artists: Ray Cook, Lin Tobias, Peter Waples-Crowe, The Butch Project, UB Topia and Anj Hans. Curated by Angela Bailey.

Venue: Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora 3083

Date: 17 Jan - 3 Mar

Time: Opening: Thu 31 Jan 6 - 8pm | Exhibition: Thu - Sun 10am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available

Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

De/Afficiency

The Debris Facility is a conglomerate entity inhabiting one human body, but whose boundaries and operations are leaky and evaporative. In this new responsive installation project by Debris Facility, im/material entanglements of the administration of control and haptic pleasures work with and against each other. Through mutations of consumer objects typically kept in close proximity to the body, De/Afficiency re-organ-ises biological systems and resonances of the body, reframing and shaping its social presence.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb
Time: Thu - Fri 4 - 10pm | Sat 11am - 10pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Cabaret

Dolly Diamond In 'Parton Me'

The Queen of Cabaret meets the Queen of Country

Award winning Dolly Diamond presents her homage to the incomparable Dolly Parton. In this world premiere performance, Dolly Diamond lovingly performs her favourite Dolly Parton songs and shares a few of her favourite Dolly stories... as only she can do. Directed by self-confessed Parton fan Wes Snelling, with musical director Shanon Whitelock on piano and Caleb Garfinkel on guitar.

Venue: Kew Court House
188 High St, Kew 3101

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 8pm

Duration: 80 minutes plus interval

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$26

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by Boroondara Arts

Talks and Tours: Talks

Doubling Down: A Discussion on Disability and LGBTIQ

In times of increasing acceptance of sexual and gender diversity, are some of our community being left behind? What is our role as a community to ensure equity for all? Join us for an evening of discussion and hear lived experiences from members of our community about life as an LGBTIQ person with a disability.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun 6.30 - 8.30pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available

**Presented by GALFA in Association with QUIPPINGS:
Disability Unleashed**

Performance: Comedy

Drag A Thon 2019

It's back! The world's longest running non stop drag event returns for 2019

'Drag A Thon' returns to The 86 for another day of snags and non-stop drag. The open stage commences at 2pm and anyone wanting to get their drag on and perform is encouraged! The evening's headline show commences at 8pm for five hours of non-stop drag. A BBQ is provided in the afternoon and best of all, it's all free!

Venue: The 86 Cabaret Bar
185 Smith St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 27 Jan

Time: Sun 1pm - 1am

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Long Periods of Standing/ Non-Traditional Sitting
Strobe Lights
Smoking on Stage
Smokehaze

Presented by The 86 Cabaret Bar

Kids & Families

Drag Story Time at the Incinerator Gallery

Join our fabulous drag artist to hear stories, sing songs, eat fairy floss, giggle, and celebrate loving who you are. There are two sessions: 11am is age appropriate for families, and 1pm is a little bit risqué (for adults only). After the program find somewhere comfy in the garden with a rainbow library book to share with your family and friends. This is a free event but numbers are limited.

Venue: Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Moonee Ponds 3039

Date: 9 Feb

Time: Families: Sat 11 - 11.45am | Grown-ups: Sat 1 - 2pm

Duration: 45 mins, 1 hour

Tickets: FREE
RSVP essential at Incinerator Gallery

Access: Wheelchair Access
Family Friendly

Other Warnings: 1pm session suggested for Adults only

Presented by Incinerator Gallery, Moonee Valley Libraries and Women*s Circus

Performance: Cabaret

Elton John: The Genesis of Glam

ELTON JOHN – the Genesis of Glam – takes you back to the Big Bang of flamboyant rock, where music, people and attitudes changed forever. Matthew Hadgraft (Peter Allen Live in Inverted Commas, ABBA Live) will have you boogying and grooving, with the songs that kick-started the 70s by ELTON JOHN, glam rock's sparkling tiara. Dig out the sequins and platforms!

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$20

Group - \$20 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Presented by Faff & Sass Productions

Performance: Theatre

FLAWED ____ like a b_y

Every time you undercut me, invalidate me, sideline me

An experimental, multidisciplinary show about being gay and growing up in a homophobic part of Australia. 'Flawed' looks at how the pressure of an over masculine and narrow minded society affects those who are queer - and by expulsion - end up trying to find themselves in the other.

Venue: La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton 3053

Date: 23 - 27 Jan

Time: Wed 6.30pm | Thu - Sat 7.30pm | Sun 4pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$20

Access: Wheelchair Access

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Sex Scenes

Violence

Presented by La Mama

Performance: Cabaret

Father Figure

A tribute to the legend that was George Michael

An evening dedicated to music legend George Michael. Sit back and relax as rising cabaret artist Andy Johnston (Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Twink Ascending) takes you through all the hits as he shares how the late pop icon taught him to understand love, heartbreak and pride. With a live three piece band bringing to life iconic songs such as Careless Whisper, Freedom! '90 and Father Figure, this show is a must for all music lovers!

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 3181

Date: 23 - 25 Jan

Time: Wed - Fri 7.30pm

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$38

Concession - \$35

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Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Latecomer Lockout

Presented by Don't Be Down Productions

Film

Film Screening: Love, Simon

"A smart spin on the straight romcom" - The Guardian

Join us for a free screening of acclaimed film Love, Simon at Preston Library. Everyone deserves a great love story, but for seventeen-year-old Simon Spier it's a bit complicated: he's yet to tell his family or friends he's gay and he doesn't actually know the identity of the anonymous classmate he's fallen for online. Light refreshments and free popcorn included!

Venue: Preston Library
266 Gower St, Preston 3072

Date: 24 Jan
Time: Thu 7 - 9pm

Tickets: FREE – Requires registration.

Access: Wheelchair Access.

Warnings: Course Language.
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Presented by Preston Library.

Performance: Comedy

Garry Starr Performs Everything

Disgraced actor Garry Starr defies his critics by performing every genre of theatre possible, thus saving the performing arts from its inevitable extinction.

Winner Adelaide Fringe Emerging Artist Weekly Award 2018; Winner NZ Fringe Tour Ready Award 2018; Nominee Melbourne Comedy Festival Golden Gibbo 2018; Nominee Melbourne Comedy Festival Best Newcomer 2018. Disgraced actor Garry Starr defies his critics by performing every genre of theatre possible, thus saving the performing arts from its inevitable extinction. Directed by Cal McCrystal (Mighty Boosh).

Venue: Howler
7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick 3056

Date: 22 - 26 Jan
Time: Tue - Sat 6.30pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$26
Concession - \$23
Group - \$23 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity

Presented by MILKE

Visual Arts: Social

Gay Life Drawing Melbourne

Melbourne's most talked about life drawing event!

Gay Life Drawing Melbourne has become one of the most popular life drawing events in Melbourne. A fun night of self-expression, artists of all stages capture the essence of talented models. To celebrate its first anniversary, we exhibit previous work on our walls throughout Midsumma and present a ticketed drawing class featuring four models depicting the classic Rocky Horror Picture show.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares and Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 20 Jan - 20 Feb

Time: Special event 21 Jan 7 - 10pm | Exhibition Mon – Fri 9am – 6pm | Sat 10am – 6pm | Sun 11.30am – 6pm

Duration: 3hrs

Tickets: Full - \$27

Concession - \$20

\$20 bring a friend (applies only to full price ticket)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Relaxed Performance

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Nudity

Presented by Gay Life Drawing Melbourne

Community & Culture: Market

Gay Stuff Markets

Returning to Midsumma Festival for it's second year!

Gay Stuff Market is a collection of the finest creators, artisans and style makers from the queer community. Convening at Hares and Hyenas, Melbourne's proud queer bookshop and venue, come experience this fun community spirited event. Offering everything from fashion, art, plants, homewares, accessories, pleasure products, vintage and recycled pieces, books, bar, cafe, tunes & more!

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun 12 - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Presented by Steven Trosti

Performance: Cabaret

Gays of Our Lives

A cappella party with Ginger & Tonic as they celebrate the music of their favourite queer icons!

Beloved a cappella girl gang Ginger and Tonic are putting their signature spin on a glittery canon of iconic hits; from Kylie to Queen, Ricky Martin to Cher! It's a celebration of queer artists and their pride anthems that will have you shaking your bon-bon! A-camp-ella at its most fabulous!

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park - Main Theatre
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 25 Jan

Time: Fri 9.30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$30

Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language
Smokehaze

Presented by Ginger and Tonic

Performance: Cabaret
Midsumma Presented

Gender Euphoria

Get in at the beginning of this gender defying performance journey

Joined by a cavalcade of transgender legends, cabaret icons Mama Alto and Maude Davey embark upon a new variety adventure - nothing less than the pursuance and promulgation of Gender Euphoria, the state of being deliriously happy with one's own and everyone else's gender identities, gender choices and gender expressions. Goodbye gender dysphoria - hello Gender Euphoria.

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne - Fairfax Studio
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne 3004

Date: 24 Jan

Time: Thu 7pm

Duration: 75 mins

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$28

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Hearing Loop

Bar Available

Food Available

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Smokehaze

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne

Talk and Tours: Workshop

Get Ready! With Ruby Slippers and Friends

Grab your lashes and get up close and personal with local drag legends

High-femme burlesque champion and makeup abuser Ruby Slippers presents a series of intimate and interactive drag makeup tutorials featuring some of her best Judies including Art Simone, Dandrogyny, Jandruze, Joel Devereux, Minnie Taur and Prozac. Pack your compact and your most burning questions and join them in the 86 workroom to see these dolls demo their painting skills live, while dishing out their intimate secrets about serving face.

Venue: The 86 Cabaret Bar
185 Smith St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 22 - 31 Jan

Time: Tue - Thu 7pm

Duration: 120 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$23.5

Access: Bar Available
18+

Presented by The 86 Cabaret Bar

Performance: Cabaret

Give a F*ck Cabaret

“In life, our fucks must be spent on something”

A delicious buffet of highly skilled and renowned performers from circus, dance, drag, live art, song and clowning will respond to author Mark Manson's book "The Subtle Art of Not Giving a Fuck" and his provocation that one has limited amount of 'Fucks to give' in this world, so you should invest them wisely. Theatre Works gives a Fuck and invites you to give a fuck in our summertime party on Acland Street, St Kilda.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda 3182

Date: 18 - 27 Jan
Time: Tue - Sun 9pm
Duration: 60 mins

Tickets: Full - \$32
Concession - \$27
Group - \$25 (minimum 6)
\$25 tightarse Tuesday

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity
Smokehaze

Presented by Theatre Works

Sports

Glam Slam Melbourne Tournament

Making the Australian Open Glam

Now in its second year at Melbourne Park during the Australian Open, the Glam Slam has attracted 170 players from around the globe. VicTennis and the GLTA are proud to host the only LGBTI diversity event at a Grand Slam anywhere in the world. Play takes place over 3 action packed days at Albert Reserve on St Kilda Rd and at Melbourne Park; 25th to 27th of January. Its free for Spectators to attend the Albert Reserve Matches. Finals on Sunday the 27th from 3 to 7pm require a Ground pass to Melbourne Park. For more details see victennis.com

Venue: Melbourne Park
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne 3000

Date: 25 - 27 Jan

Time: Fri midday - 10pm | Sat - Sun 9am - 7pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by VicTennis & the GLTA

Social: Networking

Globe Networking - Powered by Optus

Melbourne's best LGBTI professional networking event

January 2019's GLOBE Networking– powered by Optus, will be one of GLOBE's biggest networking events of 2019. This year, we're excited to be at a fabulous new venue, the Melbourne Public. GLOBE networking events are a great way to meet and network with other professionals. Some canapes provided and drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Venue: Melbourne Public
11 Dukes Walk, South Wharf 3006

Date: 10 Jan
Time: Thu 6pm
Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: Full - \$15
GLOBE members - free
\$20 at door (if not sold out)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by GLOBE

Performance: Music

Goddess Grooves

Midsumma's premier women's music event.

Goddess Grooves showcases some of Melbourne's finest local singer songwriters. This year, another eclectic musical evening of soul, jazz, blues and rock, as Michelle Parsons, Jo Jo Smith, Michelle Chandler, Ruth Katerelos and Monique Kenny share the stage for one night only. Enjoy original tunes and covers. A night of music, laughter and spontaneous harmonies. Don't miss it!

Venue: Wesley Anne
250 High St, Northcote 3070

Date: 1 Feb
Time: Fri 7.30pm
Duration: 150 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20
Group - \$22 (minimum 8)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs
Midsumma Presented

HABITS and Friends

Celebrate the closing night of BODY with border-blending party jams

Headlining with HABITS and featuring some of Melbourne's finest trans, gender diverse and intersex performers - including guest appearance from Italian DJ and star of Motus' MDLSX, Silvia Calderoni - celebrate the closing night of BODY with a music event that blurs the edges of party, performance, gender and body.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 2 Feb
Time: Sat 8.20pm - 1am

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Smokehaze

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Interactive

Midsumma Presented

HR

An industrial manifesto on beauty, labour, and embodiment

The familiar whirr of film projectors set the sound stage for this industrial manifesto on the economic value of labour and clinical experimentation of beauty by artist, film maker, and intersex human rights activist, Bonnie Hart. For three hours, Hart's body will be harvested, wrapped in plastic, vital essence extracted, whilst the public consumer perpetuates the cinematic loop of abstracted values, internalised deficiency and ambitious striving.

Venue: Arts House

521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 3 - 6pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Cabaret

He's Every Woman

"Awestruck... An utter delight... This show would entertain anywhere in the world" - The Plus Ones

"This show is a real winner" Theatrepeople.Green Room Award nominee Justin Clausen ('The Lady Is A Tramp') and Jamie Burgess ('Fortified', '39 Forever', 'Adulting') will take you back through their 'hairbrush singing years', re-imagining the iconic GIRL songs that shaped their world-view, and encouraged them both to sing out loud and proud!

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 3181

Date: 8 - 9 Feb

Time: Fri - Sat 8.30pm

Duration: 1 Hour

Tickets: Full - \$39.5

Concession - \$34

Group - \$29.5 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Hearing Loop

Bar Available

Warnings: Latecomer Lockout

Presented by Jamie Burgess & Justin Clausen

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Her... The Photographic Series

From the maker of The Video Suitcase Walk REBOOTED, comes an intimate photographic series

HER... The Photographic Series is a black and white photographic series of the one person dear to my heart, my partner, lover, and muse. Through these snaps of time I hope to capture her essence and show her to you. Come along to this intimate exhibition and experience HER... with your dearest one.

Venue: Grey Cells Green
50 Chapel St, Windsor 3181

Date: 23 Jan - 1 Feb

Time: Opening: Wed 23 Jan 6 - 11pm | Exhibition: Wed - Thu 5 - 10pm | Fri 5 - 11pm | Sat midday - 11pm | Sun midday - 10pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Bar Available
Food Available
Family Friendly

Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Hitched

Curated by Maddee Clark and Neika Lehman

On 9 December 2017, after a period of heightened public debate, legalised coupledness in the Marriage Act 1961 was defined as 'the union of 2 people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life'. Looking to art and the public archive, Hitched reflects on the histories and politics of queer communities and their relationship to legalised unions.

Venue: Wyndham Art Gallery
177 Watton St, Werribee 3030

Date: 14 Jan - 10 Feb

Time: Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm | Sat - Sun 11am - 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Relaxed Performance
Bar Available
Food Available

Presented by Wyndham City Council

Performance: Music

Homophonic!

New music by queer composers

Homophonic!, new classical music by queer composers. Celebrating Sapphic symphonists, homosexual harmonies, and the long and proud tradition of composers being as gay as the day is long. We're bringing the disco ball to the concert hall! Come and experience Melbourne's most in demand classical musicians playing some outlandishly fabulous music, while listening to the sounds of today's LGBTQ composers.

Venue: La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton 3053

Date: 30 - 31 Jan | 3 Feb
Time: Wed - Thu 7.30pm | Sun 4pm
Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$30
Concession - \$20

Access: Wheelchair Access
Audio Description
Tactile Tour
Bar Available

Presented by La Mama

Talks and Tours: Talks
Midsumma Presented

Hypothetical

It's back for another Midsumma! The Hypothetical brings together comedians, doctors, community members, activists and authors, and throws them into a fictional storyline where they tackle the big topics affecting our LGBTI communities with their keen insight, irreverent humour, and razor-sharp wit. Register early as this event books out every year.

Venue: Federation Square - Deakin Edge
cnr Flinders & Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 22 Jan

Time: Tue 7pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE – Requires registration

Access: Wheelchair Access

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Category - Performance: Cabaret
Midsumma Presented - false

I Sing Songs

Award winning and prolific musical director Steven Kreamer finally steps out from behind the keys in this dazzling cabaret debut, singing songs about love, songs not about love, and even songs about songs. Unleashing a suite of original tunes, reinvented iconic showstoppers, and his favourite pop hits, I Sing Songs may contain traces of accordions and kicklines.

Venue: fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 23 - 27 Jan
Time: Wed - Sat 7pm | Sun 5pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$30
Concession - \$26
Group - \$26 (minimum 6)
\$59 double bill with Livvy & Pete: The Songs Of Olivia Newtown-
John and Peter Allen (also at fortyfivedownstairs)

Access: Bar Available
Wheelchair access: contact venue in advance

Performance: Cabaret

I'll Have What He's Having

A love affair with food

Adrian's toothsome show will take you on a gastronomical journey of self-discovery, music, comedy and love. The show's inspiration grows from the viral video "Nigella Talks Dirty". No time for picky eaters here, this show is a people-pleasing buffet! Audiences are in for a treat. A sticky, sweet treat guaranteed to make you crumb.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 22 - 23 Jan | 5 Feb

Time: Tue 22 - Wed 23 Jan 9.30pm | Tue 5 Feb 7pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$22

Group - \$22 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language:

Presented by Maniacal Arts

Visual Arts: Exhibition

In Situ Series 2

**** This event has been CANCELLED ****

A journey into the lives of artists, In Situ celebrates what it means to be an artist living in The Kulin Nation in 2018.

An exhibition by Bethany Atkinson-Quinton + Snehargho Ghosh with Hamuera Rimene, Hannah Donnelly, Alice Skye, Charlotte Allingham, In Situ cares about artists being heard. A collaborative platform to weave connections between like-minded individuals and build a sustainable community, it takes the audience on a journey into the lives of artists creating work in urban spaces and celebrates what it means to be an artist living in The Kulin Nation.

Presented by BLINDSIDE

Performance: Comedy

Jen Der Unpacks

"She owns every inch of the stage" - Marie Clare

The power of manifestation hey? An opportunity has fallen into Jen Der's lap but she is afraid of coming to terms with it. What is going on inside that little head of hers? Solo performance from Kat Mroz about the inner conflict she is having about what could be the greatest thing that has ever happened in her life.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 9pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$22

Group - \$22 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Strobe Lights

Presented by Jen Der

Performance: Interactive
Midsumma Presented

Kelly O'Shea: BODY

A pop-up photo booth for you to explore gender and embodiment

Enter this pop-up photobooth and be prepared to shed your ideas about bodies... and perhaps try on some new ones? You are invited to make this space your own for a short time, and use our props to create new ways of having a body. When you're ready, you can take a photograph to keep or to share with this ongoing project by Wellington-Wairarapa based artist, Kelly O'Shea.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu 5.30 - 9pm | Fri 6 - 9pm | Sat 3 - 9pm

Duration: Up to 10 mins

Tickets: FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Interactive

King for a Day

The Original Glamourboi Sexy Galexy invites you to be “A King for a Day!”

Internationally acclaimed drag king Sexy Galexy is excited to be hosting a Midsumma Festival exclusive where you get to explore and develop your inner King. This one day workshop will cover the essentials to get you performance ready - makeup application, customising your costume, character development and “package” making! Attendees have the opportunity to be a part of the Drag King Cabaret Showcase that night.

Venue: Vau d'vile Drag Cabaret
62 - 70 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 27 Jan

Time: Workshop: Sun 11am – 5pm | Performance: Sun 7 – 9pm

Tickets: Full - \$95
\$13 performance only (no workshop)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
18+
All welcome

Presented by Sexy Galexy

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

Kong's 6th Birthday Blowout

Kong's Kings: subverting drag since 2013

Kong's Kings is turning six and they're throwing one epic inclusive queer party! Feast on a tasty assortment of your favourite drag kings, queens and queer AF acts from the last six years, plus special guests and DJs to keep your party fresh all night. It's only at Kongs that you can have your cake and drag kings too.

Venue: Howler

7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick 3056

Date: 25 Jan

Time: Fri 9.30pm

Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: Full - \$28.5

Concession - \$23.5

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Long Periods of Standing/ Non-Traditional Sitting

Nudity

Smokehaze

Presented by Kong's Kings

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Leigh in London

Over her career Robyn Beeche documented seemingly opposing worlds: the post-punk, new romantic fashion and music scenes of 1980s London, and Hindu ceremonies held in the Indian pilgrimage town of Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh. The works in this exhibition center on Beeche's time in London and in particular the photographs she took of Leigh Bowery.

Venue: The Bowery Theatre
Princess St, St Albans 3021

Date: 21 Jan - 22 Mar

Time: Mon - Thu 9am - 5pm | Fri 9am - 4.30pm | Sat 9am - 12.30pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Robyn Beeche

Category - Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented - false

Let's Eat Cake

LOVE WINS : MARRIAGE EQUALITY CAPTURED

The LET'S EAT CAKE exhibition and book launch will be celebrating and commemorating all those who participated in the historical Marriage Equality marches in Melbourne and Sydney and follows the journey right to the end to the Canberra's announcement in December 2017.

Venue: Melbourne City Library Gallery
253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 16 Jan - 7 Feb

Time: Opening: Thu 24 Jan 6 - 7.30pm | Exhibition: Mon - Thu
8am - 8pm | Fri 8am - 6pm | Sat 10am - 5pm | Sun midday - 5pm

Tickets: FREE – Booking required

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Maylei Hunt

Performance: Spoken Word

Lisa-Skye's Harehole Takeover!

Spoken word, smut or speed dating? We have your night covered!

Spoken word for everyone, speed dating for femmes, and all the things Lisa loves! Featuring funny and sad, sexy and sweet, light and dark performances of fiction, memoir, poetry and song. Each night host sparklepuppy Lisa-Skye takes a different focus from consent to body positivity, cliché's, expectations, grey areas, and much more. Now in its eleventh year, these events do sell out so book in advance!

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 22 - 25 Jan

Time: Tue - Fri Doors 6.30pm | Show 7pm

Duration: 105 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$26

Concession - \$20

Group - \$18 (minimum 4)

\$60 patron ticket (includes free gift and reserved seating)

\$65 all four events superpass

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Latecomer Lockout

Sex Scenes

Violence

Presented by Lisa Skye

Performance: Cabaret

Livvy & Pete: The Songs Of Olivia Newton-John and Peter Allen

‘Michael Griffiths and Amelia Ryan are a match made in cabaret heaven’ - West Australian

Helpmann award winner Michael Griffiths and cabaret darling Amelia Ryan celebrate the songbooks of Aussie icons Olivia Newton-John and Peter Allen. From their humble small-town beginnings to world domination in sequins and jumpsuits, revisit all of their sing-a-long classics from Rio to Tenterfield, all the way to Xanadu and beyond. 'Not a moment wasted, it's a perfect tribute' - The Advertiser

Venue: fortyfivedownstairs
45 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 23 - 27 Jan
Time: Wed - Sat 8.30pm | Sun 6.30pm
Duration: 65 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$39
Concession - \$35
Group - \$35 (minimum 6)
\$59 double bill with I Sing Songs (also at fortyfivedownstairs)

Access: Bar Available
Wheelchair access: contact venue in advance

Performance: Theatre
Midsumma Presented

MDLSX by Motus

“A perceptions-scrambling work from the Italian revolutionary theatre troupe Motus.” - Ben Brantley, The New York Times

MDLSX is an explosive, lysergic and solitary hymn to the freedom of becoming, to gender b(l)ending, to being other than the borders of the body. In this mind-blowing theatrical trip, platinum-maned punk god/dess Silvia Calderoni uses her family’s home videos to blur fiction with her own life story. MDLSX is a “scandalous” theatrical trip: part performance-art monologue, part DJ set featuring music from The Smiths, Vampire Weekend, R.E.M. and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

Venue: Arts House | Main Hall
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7pm | Post Show Q & A Thu 31 Jan | Auslan Interpretation 1 Feb

Duration: 80 mins

Tickets: Full - \$35
Concession - \$30

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity
Strobe Lights

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Film
Midsumma Presented

MQFF @ The Drive In

**It's going to be systematic, hydromatic, ultramatic...
it's Greased Lightnin'!**

Melbourne Queer Film Festival invites you to start your engines because Grease is the word for one very special night at the Coburg Drive-In for a Grease sing-a-long. That's right, the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds will be gracing the silver screen. What better way to spend a summer night than with friends, food and film?

Venue: Village Drive-In, Coburg
155 Newlands Rd, Coburg North 3058

Date: 1 Feb
Time: Doors Fri 7pm | Film 8.30pm
Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: Full - \$35
\$100 four in a car

Access: Wheelchair Access
Food Available

Warnings: Course Language
PG rating

Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival

Youth

Mad Hatter Tea Party

Don't be late for this very important date

Are you 12-25 living in Victoria? Want to meet other gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and queer young people? Join us for a mad hatter tea party event! No cost for event. Bring money for food. There will be DJs and giveaways! Prizes and giveaways for best costume. Alcohol and drug free event. Friends and allies welcome!

Venue: The Substation
1 Market St, Newport 3015

Date: 23 Jan
Time: Wed midday - 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Food Available
Family Friendly

Presented by Queer Youth Alliance Network

Performance: Theatre

Madame Nightshade's Poison Garden

“...delightful, disgusting, provocative and confronting...” – ArtsHub

Marie Antoinette meets Quentin Tarantino in this outrageous, award-nominated show by Anna Thomson (POPOMOCO), directed by Sarah Ward and Maude Davey. Beatrice draws you into a dystopian Eden and anarchic playground of her alter-ego Madame Nightshade, serving up the messy truths of our ailing planet. Queer, feminist clowning with a social conscience that “...will leave you stunned and flabbergasted...” (TheatrePress).

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 23 - 26 Jan

Time: Wed - Sat 9pm

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$27

Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Strobe Lights

Use of Replica Weapons On Stage

Smokehaze

Other Warnings: Food is used in the show. Use of syringe (needle) onstage.

Presented by Anna Thomson and Gasworks Arts Park

Category - Sports

Midsumma Presented - false

Magical Mystery Tour

The annual Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour to a secret picnic location

Come along for a leisurely drive and picnic on the annual Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour. Bring your friends and pet and test your navigation skills with the specially prepared and cooked up clues to eventually end up at a wonderful picnic spot where prizes for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and best dressed vehicle are awarded. Bring your picnic lunch, e-tag, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, chair and rug. Barbecues may not be available at this time of year so pack your lunch and hit the road with the Motafrenz Car Club.

Venue: Como Park North
opposite 150 Alexandra Ave, South Yarra 3141

Date: 28 Jan

Time: Mon 9.45am - 5pm

Tickets: \$20 car (inc. driver) + \$5 per passenger

Presented by Motafrenz Car Club

Performance: Cabaret

Mama's Little Gayby

In this one woman cabaret, Mamas' Little Gayby shares stories of growing up in the 90s with lesbian mothers and discovering her own queerness. As a cis, hetero, mono woman, in a community and family of LGBTQIA+ peeps, Courtney pays respect to those who don't have the same privilege in the nuclear norm, while sharing where she fits in.

Venue: Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray 3011

Date: 6 - 9 Feb

Time: Wed - Thu 7pm | Fri - Sat 8pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$24

Group - \$22 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Other Warnings: Adult and sexual content. Auslan Interpreted:

Thu 7 + Fri 8 Feb

Presented by Mamas' Little Gayby

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

Melbourne Pride Ensemble Launch

Challenging stereotypes and social isolation faced by older LGBTQIA+ people

The Melbourne Pride Ensemble celebrates art, diversity and the older LGBTQIA+ community through creative actions, social connectedness and advocacy. Please join Melbourne Pride Ensemble for an open workshop, meet our “Bedrock Members” and stay on afterwards for a Pizza in the Garden Party.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda 3182

Date: 26 Jan
Time: Sat 2 - 4pm
Duration: 2 hrs

Tickets: FREE – Requires registration

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by Theatre Works & Melbourne Pride Ensemble

Performance: Theatre

Merciless Gods

Where do the Gods live? Down here, in the sewers, with us...

A brutal and tender examination of queer immigrant experiences in Australia, *Merciless Gods* unveils the hidden faces of ancient capricious deities on mortal soil. Returning to Melbourne for *Midsumma*, this award-winning collection of theatrical vignettes from queer indie wunderkinds Little Ones Theatre is based on the writings of acclaimed author and observer Christos Tsiolkas and adapted for the stage by Dan Giovannoni.

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne 3004

Date: 6 - 10 Feb

Time: Wed & Thu 7.30pm | Fri 7.30pm | Sat 2pm & 7.30pm | Sun 5pm

Duration: 120 minutes (including interval)

Tickets: Full - \$47
Concession - \$38
\$30 Under 30s

Access: Wheelchair Access

Audio Description

Auslan

Hearing Loop

Bar Available

18+

Auslan Interpreted performance 9 Feb 2pm

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Sex Scenes

Smoking on Stage

Violence

Smokehaze

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne

Performance: Music

Michael & The Mascs: My Vanity Project

“Vocally, Lindner is a powerhouse...” - The Barefoot Review

Singing the kitsch classics of Peggy Lee, Connie Francis, Ann-Margret, The Shangri-Las and more, music theatre stalwart, Michael Lindner, takes a break from musicals with Michael & the Mascs in 'My Vanity Project'. With a band led by Joshua James Webb, join him at Gasworks Studio Theatre for a night of classic tunes, the odd sassy story and an occasional wrong turn!

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 6 - 9 Feb

Time: Wed - Sat 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$30

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

M+

Other Warnings: Possible coarse language

Presented by Michael Lindner

Performance: Cabaret
Midsumma Presented

Midsumma Extravaganza

Midsumma Festival's all-star variety night

After last festival's sold out Midsumma Comedy Extravaganza, we've upsized to an all-star variety show of epic proportions! Set in the grand dame that is Hamer Hall, hosted by Rhys Nicholson, the Midsumma Extravaganza features the cast of Yummy, Zoe Coombs Marr, Mama Alto, Trevor Ashley, Carlotta, Joel Creasey and more, together with a rocking live band.

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne, Hamer Hall
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne 3004

Date: 29 Jan

Time: Tue 8pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: A Reserve \$79, B Reserve \$69, C Reserve \$59
Conc: B Reserve \$59, C Reserve \$49

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Hearing Loop

Bar Available

Food Available

Warnings: Course Language

Smokehaze

**Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne
with Trevor Ashley Enterprises and Thomas Jaspers**

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

Midsumma and Australia Post Art Prize

In its fourth year, the Midsumma and Australia Post Art Prize is a reputable annual and widely recognised award for the arts. The selection of queer artists from across the country, showcase their potent personal and political perspectives of the world. Open to early-career and established artists working in any medium, the finalists' artworks will be made available to the public for viewing and voting during Midsumma Festival for The People's Choice award.

Venue: No Vacancy - QV Gallery

Date: Opening 22 Jan Tue 6pm Exhibition 23 Jan - 3 Feb | Tue - Fri midday - 6pm | Sat - Sun midday - 5pm | Artist Talk Tue 29 Jan 6pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Auslan: opening

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Social: Competitions & Pageants

Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual Australia International

Australia's largest Drag Queen and Transgender Talent & Beauty Pageant

Who will be crowned in the 10th year anniversary of the country's biggest and most talked about pageant for drag queens and transgender beauties? It's back in the West due to popular demand and sponsorship by the Hobsons Bay City Council! Watch contestants go head to head at the iconic Williamstown Town Hall as they proudly represent their cultural diversity and uniqueness in this year's theme "Colours of the World".

Venue: Williamstown Town Hall
104 Ferguson St, Williamstown 3016

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 6 - 10pm

Tickets: Full - \$50

Concession - \$40

\$60 Premium allocated seat with table

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Presented by Trans Angels Victoria Inc & Trans Pageant Australia International

Category - Performance: Comedy
Midsumma Presented - false

Mouthy

Guaranteed 28.3 percent lesbian content

Women are told to be seen and not heard... or is that children? Either way, these three have never done what they're told. Mouthy is a showcase of Melbourne's most out, proud and prominent lesbian comics. Starring, Sharon Andrews, Gabe Hogan and Kellyn Lee. They've seen some things and have something to say. Well, two of them do anyway.

Venue: Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray 3011

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7.15 pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$20

Concession - \$15

Group - \$15 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Youth

Music On The Deck

Celebrate Midsumma Festival by relaxing at the Newport Community Hub and enjoying tunes from some of summer's hottest young artists. Win movie passes and other great prizes, and keep cool with complimentary icy poles, drinks and mouth watering foods. All families welcome.

Venue: Newport Community Hub
11-13 Mason St, Newport 3015

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Fri 5 - 7pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Hobsons Bay UP Youth Services

Visual Arts: Public Art

My Milonga, the Dance of the Heart

Award Winning International Artists

The Dance of the Heart is a series of complex and large scale photographic images inspired by the Tango. Using the Tango as a visual metaphor, the artists visually explore the intricate details of diversity in humanity as it negotiates relationships on the (re) imagined dance floor. The exhibition narrative is also about Australia embracing the changing face of its people; as we open ourselves to modern diversity. Gerard O'Connor and Marc Wasiak are an award winning team of dynamic artists. Gerard is a photographer and film maker and Marc is a wardrobe and set designer. For over 20 years they have made massive, complex tabloid work together and their imagery receives acclaim both in Australia and internationally. The Governor General of Australia has purchased four artworks by the artists for the Government House art collection in Canberra.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 22 Jan - 10 Feb

Time: Opening: Wed 23 Jan 6pm | Exhibition: Daily 9.30am - 4.30pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Audio Description
Family Friendly

Presented by Gerard O'Connor and Marc Wasiak

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs
Midsumma Presented

Nocturnal featuring Nakhane

Nocturnal February, featuring South African musician and queer rights advocate, Nakhane, is more than just a party, but a transformation of the museum into an adult playground. With a line-up of live music and DJs, plus bars, casual dining, and roving entertainment, guests can explore the exhibitions after-hours (with drinks in hand), gaze upon collection treasures and speed-meet Museum experts who will be scattered across the gallery spaces.

Venue: Melbourne Museum
11 Nicholson St, Carlton 3053

Date: 1 Feb
Time: Fri 7 - 11pm
Duration: 4hrs

Tickets: Full - \$35
Concession - \$25

Access: Wheelchair Access

Sports

Nomads Assassins Walk - South Melbourne to Carlton

A walk through beautiful old Melbourne suburbs, with a twist

Follow Melbourne locations in the double life of John Freeman / Edward Oxford, who in his youth attempted to assassinate Queen Victoria. Everyone survived! We'll walk past his Albert Park home, the church where he became church warden, his grave and more, with anecdotes about his fascinating life along the way.

Venue: Albert Park Station/Light Rail stop 128, cnr Bridport and Ferrars St, South Melbourne 3205

Date: 27 Jan

Time: Sun 10am

Duration: 6 hours

Tickets: FREE

Warnings: Medium fitness level required

Presented by Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group Inc.

Sports

Nomads Bayside Cycling - and punt - to Williamstown

Explore stately mansions, the Pink Lake and the Westgate Punt

This easy ride will take us from Federation Square along Southbank, through majestic mansions and gardens in South Melbourne then follow the Bay to Westgate Park with its intriguing Pink Lake. After a short punt ride to Spotswood (cost \$5) we'll ride along the coast for lunch on the stately Williamstown waterfront. Return by train, or cycle back along the coast.

Venue: ACMI Cafe & Bar
Federation Square, Melbourne 3000

Date: 10 Feb

Time: Sun 10.30am

Duration: 2 - 6 hours

Tickets: FREE

Access: Food Available

Warnings: Basic cycling experience required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group Inc.

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

NudeManFest Australia Day Weekend

NudeManFest Australia Day Chill weekend in Central Victoria

Come and enjoy a relaxed chill long weekend nude camping in Central Victoria during Midsumma Festival. With gorgeous scenery, relaxed atmosphere, games, walking tours and other activities, it promises to be a great weekend for nude gay men.

Venue: Charnwood Camp
1450 Lima East Rd, Lima East 3673

Date: 24 - 28 Jan

Time: Thu - Mon daily | site opens Thu 10am

Tickets: \$220 full weekend (5 days)
\$50 per day

Access: Wheelchair Access
18+
Men or Male Identified Only

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity

Sex Scenes:

Other Warnings: See website for FAQs

Presented by NudeManFest

Kids & Families

Once Upon a Drag Storytime

‘Comedic productions simply don’t get much better than this.’ — Great Scott

It's Drag! It's story time! It's drag story time! This is no ordinary story time — it's a magnificent theatrical extravaganza with books! Award-winning queer comedy troupe PO PO MO CO bring their wacky performance art to the stage at Hares & Hyenas in three shows of family fun for people of all ages but especially the under 8s. Supported by City of Yarra.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 9 Feb

Time: Sat 11am | Sat 2pm (Auslan interpreted) | Sat 8pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: \$15 full | \$10 concession
Families: \$10 each (min 3, matinees only)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Family Friendly
Auslan Interpreted: Sat 9 Feb | 2pm

Presented by PO PO MO CO, Rainbow Families Council and Hares & Hyenas

Performance: Music

Orpheus

**Landmark new ballet-opera by Evan Lawson,
choreographed by Ashley Dougan**

Forest Collective is proud to present the world premiere season of new ballet-opera of ancient Greek myth Orpheus by artistic director Evan Lawson. A thrilling retelling of the infamous myth, this version not only explores the sad tale of his love with Eurydice but his untold gay relationship with fellow argonaut, Calais. This landmark new opera, the first in Midsumma Festival's history, will prove to be one of the cultural highlights for Melbourne summer 2019.

Venue: Abbotsford Convent - Sacred Heart Auditorium
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford 3067

Date: 31 Jan - 3 Feb

Time: Preview: Thu 7.30pm | Season: Fri 7.30pm | Sat 1pm | Sun
3.30pm & 7.30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$40

Concession - \$30

Group - \$28 (minimum 10)

Seniors \$35

Preview: \$27

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Recommended for 15 years or over

Presented by Forest Collective, as part of Convent Live

Visual Arts: Exhibition

PINK

A visual cornucopia of queer art

Tacit turns PINK for Midsumma, 'The Story of the Girls' by Ben Mercer & Tom Pender, a survey of The Laird's 'Men on Men' competition and PINK BITS curated by Keith Lawrence celebrating bodies, objects and urges. Solo exhibitions from TJ Bateson, Tim Craker, Ren Gregorcic and Tricia Page round out what is the most lavish Midsumma visual arts event.

Venue: Tacit Galleries
123a Gipps St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 23 Jan - 3 Feb

Time: Opening: Wed 23 Jan 6.30 - 8pm

Exhibition: daily Thu 24 Jan - Sun 3 Feb 11am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access: true
18+: true

Warnings: Nudity
Sex Scenes

Presented by Tacit Galleries

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

POISE

An art installation that reimagines the body as a physical place

Through the use of sculpture, sound and contemporary jewellery, POISE reconsiders popular thinking of both the beauty and function of our forms. Enter this immersive installation and interact with an environment that reimagines our altered bodies as a physical space, by Wellington-Wairarapa based artist, Kelly O'Shea.

Venue: Arts House
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb
Time: Thu - Fri 4 - 10pm | Sat 11am - 10pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Music

Panopticon

Melbourne vocalist and electronic percussionist Simona Castricum performs Panopticon exclusively for Midsumma Festival: an emotive collection of songs about the fear of missing out set between contradictions of intimacy and self-reflection against the burdens of scrolling, surveillance and isolation. Simona brings her signature percussive pop and provocative typography to Arts House, in a performance that explores the body's liminal spaces between the physical and the emotional.

Venue: Arts House

521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan

Time: Thu 6pm

Duration: 40 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$15

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Smokehaze

Other Warnings: Content about transphobia and mental illness

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Community & Culture: Day Out

Park Lounge

Deep West Pride Without Prejudice

Soak up a #deepwest LGBTQIA+ experience in Werribee! Bring your family and your friends, pull up a beanbag and enjoy the festivities. Feast your eyes, relax and prepare to dance to a jam-packed program that celebrates all shades of Queer-expression.

Venue: Kelly Park

Corner of Cherry St and Synnot St, Werribee 3030

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 5 - 9pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Wyndham City

Performance: Theatre

Party Snake

Kotryna Gesait "giving us some of the most heartfelt and perceptive theatre that one could wish to see" - The Adelaiddian

An electrifying one-Queen-show about the raw, glamorous and raucous life of a drag queen. Party Snake is about the many skins we wear to blend into the many lives we lead and the many people we are all at once. From drugs to eyelashes to philosophy, Party Snake is a sure night of hilarity, tenderness and boundless imagination.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 5 - 7 Feb

Time: Tue - Thu 9pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$35

Concession - \$25

Group - \$25 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Perceptions Of Our Future

Art presented by the Fabulous Art Group Society

What do you Perceive of our Future? Is it the emergence of new technology or does it belong in the realm of design? Is it a scene stolen from dreams or a dystopian soap opera? Perceptions of our Future features works by Andrew Li, Ben Barek, Chris Wong, Dave Behrens, Marco Ryan, The Hairy Loft and Jimmy Twin. At Pride of our Footscray.

Venue: Pride Of Our Footscray
1/86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray 3011

Date: 15 Jan - 17 Feb

Time: Opening: Sat 19 Jan 6 - 9pm | Exhibition: daily midday - 1am

Tickets: FREE

Access: Bar Available
Food Available

Presented by Fabulous Art Group Society

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

Personal Touch

Throughout history, self-portraiture has provided a means for artists to examine their place in society. In the time of the camera phone, self-representation by artists provokes needed discussion on the problematic binaries associated with gender and identity. Personal Touch expresses the sensitivity with which artists are addressing the evolving nature of selfhood, at a time when the political status quo fails to do so.

Venue: Incinerator Gallery
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie 3040

Date: 22 Jan - 17 Feb

Time: Opening: Fri 25 Jan 6 - 8pm | Exhibition Tue - Sun 11am - 4pm | Artist Performance and Talk Sat 2 Feb 2pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Warnings: Nudity

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

Community & Culture: Day Out

Picnic at Forest Glade

Enjoy a picnic with other members of Melbourne's GLBTI community, in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mount Macedon

Take a drive in the country and join the Melbourne Rainbow Band and the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus for their annual picnic. Take a stroll around 14 acres of stunning private gardens at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon, while the MGLC and MRB provide a musical touch and Motafrenz display some of their classic cars. BBQs are not permitted.

Venue: Forest Glade Gardens
816 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon 3441

Date: 26 Jan

Time: Sat 10am - 4pm

Tickets: \$10 at the gate
Children under 16: Free

Access: Family Friendly

Presented by The Melbourne Rainbow Band & The Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus

Performance: Theatre
Midsumma Presented

Playtime Staged Readings

Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focussed theatre works

Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focussed theatre works. Playtime aims to discover and develop new talent and get queer stories out there for mainstream theatre audiences to enjoy. Experience fresh new 15 minute excerpts, meet the creators and have your say to help select the Playtime favourite of Midsumma Festival 2019.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 30 Jan
Time: Wed 7pm
Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$18
Concession - \$15
Group - \$15 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available
Food Available

Warnings: Course Language
Other Warnings: Adult content

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park and Midsumma Festival

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Polari

A specially curated visual art exhibition for Midsumma Festival 2019

'Polari' brings together a selection of local, interstate and international queer artists whose practices explore methods of communication. Incorporating illustration, animation, video, installation, performance, photography and experimental media, 'Polari' attempts to playfully explore the ways in which we divulge conceptual artistic frameworks and meanings.

Venue: Trocadero Artspace
Level 1, 119 Hopkins St, Footscray 3011

Date: 16 - 26 Jan

Time: Opening: Wed 16 Jan 6 - 9pm | Exhibition: Wed - Sat
midday - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Bar Available

Presented by Trocadero Artspace, Curated by Matto Lucas

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

Popchops

Paradise Edition

"A queer pop party so hot, you'll melt your popsicle". Heaven is a place on Earth, and this summer that place is Popchops. As part of Midsumma Festival, Popchops are throwing an all-inclusive, all-sweaty celebration of poptimism. It's a safe-space for queers, kweens, beards, babes, straights and anyone else who flocks to the d-floor when they hear their favourite banger. All you need is positivity. And a little glitter.

Venue: Woody's Bar
64 Smith St, Collingwood

Date: 25 Jan
Time: Fri 9pm
Duration: 7 hours

Tickets: Full - \$12

Access: Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Presented by

Performance: Music

Preludes and Nocturnes

An evening of music for three keyboards with spellbinding projected imagery, Preludes and Nocturnes is an unfolding idea explored within a minimalist sound-world. A diverse album of instrumental pieces performed by PJNoack, William Elm and Gareth Wiecko, Preludes and Nocturnes reflects on being alone and being together when everything around us is changing.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 6 - 8 Feb

Time: Wed - Fri 7pm

Duration: 75 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$25

Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: No interval.

Presented by PJNoack

Performance: Theatre

Press Play

"A Queer Apocalypse" by Tooth n' Fang

Two women hide inside a lonely motel room on a forgotten road. Celebrating and mourning their last night together, they discuss love, sex, drugs, and the afterlife. Shifting between memory and surreal fantasy, their discussions spin into an intricate web of lust and longing, asking the question: is this the end of the world? Press play to find out.

Venue: The MC Showroom
1/48 Clifton St, Prahran 3181

Date: 6 - 9 Feb

Time: Wed - Thu 7.30pm | Fri - Sat 6.45pm

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$26.5

Concession - \$20

Group - \$25 (minimum 4)

Access: Bar Available
Food Available

Warnings: Course Language:
Latecomer Lockout
Smoking on Stage
Violence
Smokehaze

Presented by Tooth n' Fang

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Preview NYC Pride EXHIBIT

"The man behind some of the most stunning male art in the world" - GayStarNews London

Preview this captivating exhibition of paintings before it exhibits in New York City for World Pride and the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall. Travel continues to inform Watson's art - from classical paintings he's seen in the Louvre Museum, to Queens Guards he's photographed in London. On returning to his Melbourne studio, the artworks evolve, with his visual inventions fusing the homoerotic with classical imagery and contemporary vignettes found in daily life.

Venue: Ross Watson Gallery
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North 3054

Date: 26 Jan - 10 Feb
Time: Sat - Sun 11am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Warnings: Nudity

Presented by Ross Watson

Sports

Pride Run & Walk

Join Melbourne Frontrunners in a fun run/walk, in celebration of diversity, around Melbourne's famous Tan Track. Participants will walk/run one or two laps around the Tan in an inclusive event for all fitness levels. This event is both dog and child friendly as well as being a great way for keen runners to kick off the 2019 running calendar.

Venue: The Tan Track - The Pillars of Wisdom
Alexandra Ave, South Yarra 3141

Date: 27 Jan

Time: Sun 8.30am

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$20

Concession - \$15

Under 18s - free

Access: Family Friendly

Presented by Melbourne Frontrunners

Performance: Interactive

Pussy Play Masterclass

"A gift that keeps on giving" - Great Scott!

Ever made a pussy out of plasticine? Now is the time to get up close and personal with our vulvas. Burlesque legend Strawberry Siren presents Pussy Play, an interactive and playful masterclass filled with original techniques to perfect the art of playing with your partner's pussy or even your own. "Mandatory viewing" - Ed Fest Mag

Venue: The Toff in Town
252 Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 25 - 26 Jan

Time: Fri - Sat 7.30pm

Duration: 55 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$25

Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

\$50 both shows: Pussy Play and Wank Bank

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Other Warnings: Sexual References

Presented by Rural Ranga

Community & Culture: Festival

QWere Street Summer Vibes

**Montmorency Traders and Banyule Council present
Midsumma on QWere Street!**

We're bringing a Midsumma street party to Montmorency! Enjoy a fun-filled late evening event with live performances, a kid's zone, creative activities, roving entertainment, alfresco dining, waterslide and much, much more! Everyone is welcome! This is a free event! No BYO.

Venue: Montmorency Village
Were St, Montmorency 3094

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 6.30pm

Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Montmorency Traders Association

Talks and Tours: Talks

Queer @ the library?

Nevo- young passionate activist

Nevo Zisin first came out as lesbian at 15, then two years later as transgender. Releasing their memoir Finding Nevo on gender and sexuality, Nevo is unafraid to delve into difficult and often taboo topics. Meet others from the local rainbow community and Nevo at Frankston Library. A FREE event but bookings are essential. For details phone 97841020 or library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on

Venue: Frankston Library
60 Playne St, Frankston 3199

Date: 4 Feb

Time: Mon 5.30pm for nibbles, 6pm for Nevo

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Frankston Library

Performance: Theatre

Queer Asians Anonymous

How does it feel to be a "minority within a minority"? Welcome to another group session where queer Asian men unpack issues and concerns that impact them being not only a sexual minority but also a racial minority in a predominantly White Australia. This dramedy play looks into these issues (and more) through the eyes and voices of the men in a queer Asian support group. So, fill out the sign-up sheet, pull up a chair and watch a group of queer/gay Asians (Gaysians?) discuss, opine and argue about being gay and Asian in an oh-so White gay Melbourne.

Venue: Footscray Community Arts Centre - Basement Theatre
45 Moreland St, Footscray 3011

Date: 7 - 10 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7.30pm | Sun 2pm

Tickets: Full - \$32

Concession - \$24

Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

Queer Economies - Bus Projects

Queer Economies at Bus Projects forms part of a multi-site exhibition and public program series, which takes its cue from the handmade artworks and objects that queer artist and activist David McDiarmid gifted to friends and loved ones during his lifetime. Following in McDiarmid's generous logic, Queer Economies explores the non-monetary, in-kind economies that emerge within LGBTQIA+ communities, in order to foster resilience, love and connection.

Venue: Bus Projects
25 - 31 Rokeby St, Collingwood

Date: 16 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Opening: Fri 18 Jan 6 – 10pm | Exhibition: Tue - Fri midday - 6pm | Sat 10am - 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Presented by Presented by Midsumma Festival in association with Abbotsford Convent, Bus Projects and Centre for Contemporary Photography

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

Queer Economies - Centre for Contemporary Photography

Queer Economies at the Centre for Contemporary Photography (CCP) forms part of a multi-site exhibition and public program series, which takes its cue from the handmade artworks and objects that queer artist and activist David McDiarmid gifted to friends and loved ones during his lifetime. Following in McDiarmid's generous logic, Queer Economies explores the non-monetary, in-kind economies that emerge within LGBTQIA+ communities, in order to foster resilience, love and connection.

Venue: Centre for Contemporary Photography - Night Projection Window
404 George St, Fitzroy

Date: 24 Dec - 30 Jan
Time: Daily from sunset

Tickets: FREE

Presented by Presented by Midsumma Festival in association with Abbotsford Convent, Bus Projects and Centre for Contemporary Photography

Visual Arts: Exhibition
Midsumma Presented

Queer Economies - St Heliers St Gallery

Queer Economies at St Heliers Street Gallery, Abbotsford Convent, forms part of a multi-site exhibition and public program series, which takes its cue from the handmade artworks and objects that queer artist and activist David McDiarmid gifted to friends and loved ones during his lifetime. Following in McDiarmid's generous logic, Queer Economies explores the non-monetary, in-kind economies that emerge within LGBTQIA+ communities, in order to foster resilience, love and connection.

Venue: Abbotsford Convent - St Heliers Street Gallery
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford

Date: 21 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Gifting – closing event: Sat 9 Feb midday – 4pm | Exhibition:
Mon 8am – 4pm | Tue – Sat 8am – 9pm | Sun 10am – 9pm | Sat
26 - Mon 28 Jan closed

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available

**Presented by Presented by Midsumma Festival in association
with Abbotsford Convent, Bus Projects and Centre for
Contemporary Photography**

Performance: Circus

Queer Lady Magician

Revisiting a childhood love of stage magic with a strong sense of social justice - and a severe case of impostor syndrome.

Can an overly honest person be a good magician? If you failed at something once should you never try again? And what's with all these straight white men in Orientalist drag? Creatrix Tiara, Queer Lady Magician, revisits a childhood love for stage magic with a sense of social justice - and a severe case of impostor syndrome.
Info & Warnings: queerladymagician.com

Venue: The Melba Spiegeltent - Studio
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 30 Jan - 3 Feb
Time: Wed - Sun 8pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$30
Concession - \$20
Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
MA15+ (young people allowed with adult supervision)

Warnings: Course Language
Use of Replica Weapons On Stage
Violence

Other Warnings: Light audience participation, drinks (both optional)

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

Queer Pool Party

We owe those beaches nothing!

Get wet 'n' wild and celebrate the queerest time of year with sunshine, eye candy and a recovery sesh, before you slide on to The Railway Hotel for Happy Hour. Everyone's invited. Bring your daddies, besties, lovers, human pets, aunties & guncles. All genders and sexualities welcome. Partake in mildly competitive water sports with Water Polo Victoria, tap your feet to poolside entertainment or simply sunbathe away on homo hill. Free soft drinks and sausage sizzle for herbies & carnies. Kids and families friendly!

Venue: Prahran Aquatic Centre
41 Essex St, Prahran 3181

Date: 27 Jan

Time: Sun 1 - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Food Available

Family Friendly

Other Warnings: This is an alcohol free event

Presented by Thorne Harbour Health (VAC)

Talk and Tours: Workshop

Queer Quickies

Take over Theatre Works and bring your creative queer ideas to life

Queer Quickies is an inclusive and open event for all LGBTQIA+ artists, writers, wordsmiths, choreographers, and theatre-makers. You're invited to read through an excerpt from a play that you are writing, or to show something from work in development. Read alone, enlist the help of actors to embody your characters, show a movement sequence or sing some songs. The Theatre Works stage is yours.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda 3182

Date: 10 Feb
Time: Sun 4pm
Duration: 6 hours

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Presented by Theatre Works

Social: Competitions & Pageants

Queer Quizmania

Three fabulous nights of trivia!

How well do you really know your gay trivia? Three fabulous nights of camp trivia will test your knowledge of pop culture, TV shows, movies, theatre and EVERYTHING gay. Book a table with friends or take a chance and we'll hook you up with a team. With more of what you loved in 2018, QuizMania comes back with a bang in 2019!

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 7 - 9 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 9pm

Duration: 90 minutes plus interval

Tickets: Full - \$20

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Adult content

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Visual Arts: Online
Midsumma Presented

QueerTech.io

Art at your fingertips

Go to “queertech.io” on your screen of choice to reveal an online art experience of imaginative, revelatory and playful works that go beyond the binary in digital art. Midsumma Festival and QueerTech.io have gathered together new works from across the globe for you to view in bed, on the tram, in the park or wherever works for you. And you can literally virtually get inside the work when the QueerTech.io artist collective present Black Box, an experiment in live digital making at Testing Grounds. And check out pg 51 for our hands on workshops for queer youth at ACMI.

Venue: Online <http://QueerTech.io> | Exhibition Testing Grounds
1 City Rd, Southbank 3006

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Online from Fri 18 Jan | Testing Grounds Interactive
Experience Fri 1 Feb 6pm - 10pm

Tickets: FREE | ACMI Youth Workshop - EOI closes Mon 7 Jan

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Midsumma Festival and QueerTech.io

Youth
Midsumma Presented

QueerTech.io: Youth Workshop

Join a hands-on two-day creative workshop for queer youth, making interactive internet artworks. Start out culture jamming with GIF mash-ups, work with artists from the QueerTech.io collective to make interactive 3D websites! No prior expertise expected, get the digital know-how and get making!

Venue: ACMI – Studio 2
Federation Square, cnr Swanston & Flinders St, Melbourne

Date: 21 - 22 Jan
Time: Mon - Tue 10am - 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Food Available
Ages 14 - 21

Presented by Presented by Midsumma Festival, QueerTech.io and ACMI

Talks and Tours: Talks

Queerstories

"Queerstories provides a platform for voices often unheard." - QNews

Enter the raucous, radical and wildly funny world of Queerstories, and enjoy an unexpected tale or two from a diverse line up of stars and strangers, hosted by Maeve Marsden. There's more to being queer than coming out and equal marriage! Winner of Best Spoken Word at Sydney Fringe Festival 2016, Queerstories is fast becoming an institution around Australia.

Venue: Brunswick Mechanics Institute
270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick 3056

Date: 23 Jan

Time: Wed 7.30pm

Duration: 2 hours + interval

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$20

Group - \$25 (minimum 10)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Food Available

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Maeve Marsden

Performance: Cabaret

Radical Rituals

Disco meets divinity. Cabaret meets cult.

Dare to surrender to desire? Find cathartic release? Joyous and rebellious, this is a queer punk cabaret of the divine kind. Join drag deity Glitterfist as they spread the gospel of love, rage, and filth alongside spectacular gender-bending artists. Feast on sacred installations and radical rituals of drag, burlesque and performance art celebrating our innate fabulousness, and leave feeling transformed.

Venue: The Melba Spiegeltent
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 30 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Wed 30 Jan, Fri 1 Feb, Thu 7 Feb, Sat 9 Feb 9pm | 7 Feb
Auslan Interpreted

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$32
Concession - \$25
Group - \$22 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity
Strobe Lights
Smokehaze

Presented by Glitterfist Productions

Kids & Families

Rainbow Family Storytime

All families are unique and special

Join drag performers Rex Spandex and Jesse Dean for a very special Storytime celebrating diverse families, celebrating identity, and embracing who you are. We'll be sharing our favourite rainbow books, singing songs, and having a fabulous time! All families welcome.

Venue: Newport Community Hub
13 Mason St, Newport 3015

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Fri 4pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Relaxed Performance

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Community & Culture: Day Out

Rainbow Pride in Altona

The Rainbow Event - Midsumma in Altona!

Walk with pride as you cross over at the rainbow crossing to the rainbow party in Logan Reserve for a Rainbow Pride Tea Party. All manner of delicious rainbow-inspired foods will grace the tables under a rainbow marquee. There will be activities for the kids, music for everyone to enjoy and rainbow bubbles to blow. Be the rainbow and help paint the rainbow crossing in our public art project and visit the Joel Gallery for an LGBTQIA+ exhibition to complete a day filled with rainbow pride.

Venue: Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre
5 Sargood St, Altona 3018

Date: 9 Feb

Time: Sat 11am - 4pm | Afternoon Tea at 2pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Food Available

Family Friendly

Presented by Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

Performance: Spoken Word

Rapid Fire

12 writers, 6 minutes each

With over 35 past incarnations under its belt, Rapid Fire is both the longest running spoken word event at the Hare Hole, and its most popular. Join us as 12 writers have 6 minutes each to win the hearts and minds of the audience in one of the most engaging spoken word events on the cultural calendar. Line-up announced soon.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 29 Jan

Time: Tue 8pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full - \$18

Concession - \$12

Group - \$14 (minimum 4)

\$10 unwaged

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Hares & Hyenas

Performance: Cabaret

Rebel

Glam rock. Circus. Bowie.

A live circus rock tribute to the original rebel, David Bowie. Stage dive into the mosh pit for a night of live music, glittering glam rock, phenomenal acrobatics, breathtaking aerials and spectacular heart-stopping sideshow. Combining music, circus and comedy, bringing to life an incredible body of work that spanned over 50 years, with an aesthetic that inspired generations.

Venue: The Melba Spiegeltent
35 Johnston St, Collingwood 3066

Date: 30 Jan - 3 Feb
Time: Wed - Sun 7pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$35
Concession - \$29
Group - \$29 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Smokehaze

Presented by Highwire Entertainment

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Richard Harding | Pinkwashing

Harding's exhibition explores discrimination and pinkwashing around the world

This exhibition was derived from an SBS News broadcast from January 2018, as Australia geared up for Midsumma Pride March in Melbourne and the 40th Anniversary of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras. Harding's artworks mingle images of celebration with archive footage of targeted attacks on people of difference to explore how discrimination has been experienced by LGBTQIA+ people around the world.

Venue: Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
7 Prospect Hill Drive, Bundoora 3083

Date: 15 Nov 2018 - 3 Mar 2019

Time: Opening: Thu 31 Jan 6 - 8pm | Exhibition: Thu - Sun 10am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Sports

Serve It! Smash It! Love It! - Introduction to Badminton

Free Introduction Session to Social Badminton

Ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and social sporting environment? Thought about playing badminton? Melbourne Smashers is a social badminton club. Join this Open-Play session where people can try badminton for free. No experience is necessary. Coaches will be available, or the more experienced can play a game. Come along and ...
Serve It! Smash It! Love It!

Venue: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre
30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park 3026

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 11am - 2pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club

Talks and Tours: Talks

Sex Ed for Grown Ups!

"All you've ever wanted to know about puberty, porn and consent but were too afraid to ask" - a grateful parent somewhere!

A fun, interactive and inclusive Sex Ed evening for parents and carers. Answering all the awkward questions on topics from puberty to porn to consent! Proudly presented by sexuality and respectful relationships educator, Deanne Carson (Body Safety Australia). For LGBTQIA+, gender diverse, non-binary parents & carers with kids aged 8 to 14. Book the babysitter – adult only event.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 4 Feb

Time: Mon 7pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$15

Concession - \$10

Access: Wheelchair Access

Relaxed Performance

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Rainbow Families Victoria

Performance: Interactive

Shania Choir: Pub Choir

"I love that! That made my day!" - Shania Twain

Shania Choir are back again with a brand new show. Get ready for a singalong of epic proportions. Throw on some leopard print to stake your claim as best dressed Shania, learn your words for choiroke, and warm up those vocal chords because this time, the harmonies are yours! Join this group of a capella singers in their dedication to the one and only Shania Twain.

Venue: Howler
7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick 3056

Date: 24 Jan
Time: Thu 9.30pm
Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30
Concession - \$25
Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Latecomer Lockout

Presented by Shania Choir

Performance: Cabaret

So You Think You Can Drag 2019

So You Think YOU Can Drag is RETURNING TO MELBOURNE!

A massive concert and contest for amateur drag queens and kings to strut their stuff and compete for the title. 'So You Think You Can Drag' has run annually in Melbourne for the past four years, and this event ALWAYS sells out! Hosted as always by the incredible Dolly Diamond, this is one of Melbourne's biggest drag events of the year!

Venue: Howler

7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick 3056

Date: 26 Jan

Time: 9.30pm

Duration: 120 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$29

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Presented by Highwire Entertainment

Talks and Tours: Talks

Sodomy

A tangential exploration of the dark swamps of Prahran

Come along on a journey with Cam Knuckey as he talks about the sordid history of Prahran. From boy floggings, baby farming, brothels, rapes and murders to the trials in the Prahran Court, explore the relationship of the gays of the period in contrast to the high life and Town Hall Balls and Banquets of the rich establishment that sat and judged them.

Venue: Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library
39 St Edmonds Rd, Prahran 3181

Date: 7 Feb

Time: Thu 7pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Violence
Smokehaze

Presented by Cam Knuckey, printmaker & illustrator

Talks and Tours: Talks

Speak Up! I Can't Hear You

A panel discussion on storytelling in LGBTQIA+ communities

For the past 28 years Switchboard Victoria has been listening to the stories of LGBTQIA+ communities. This panel digs deeper into the stories we tell and how they shape who we are. Featuring Lou Bennett, Christos Tsiolkas and Carolyn D'Crúz and hosted by community activist and gender transcendent diva Mama Alto. All monies raised go to Switchboard Victoria.

Venue: Federation Square - Deakin Edge
cnr Flinders & Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 29 Jan

Time: Tue 6.30pm

Duration: 3 hours

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$15

Group - \$20 (minimum 6)

\$50 VIP

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Relaxed Performance

Bar Available

Presented by Switchboard Victoria

Performance: Cabaret

Sunshine Boy

The Life of Leigh Bowery

Dance, text, fashion, art, sex and music. This was Leigh Bowery – the art-fashion icon of the underground clubs of 1980s London hailing from Melbourne’s working-class west. You’ll be lured into the depths of his infamous nightclub, Taboo for a pulsating hour, backed by the unmistakable soundtrack of the generation. This is an in-your-face eyeshot into a life lived wildly... a long way from Sunshine.

Venue: The Bowery Theatre
St Albans Community Centre, Princess St, St Albans 3021

Date: 1 Feb

Time: Fri Doors open 7pm | Performance 7.30pm | Q&A 8.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$15

Access: Wheelchair Access
Hearing Loop
Bar Available

Other Warnings: Sexual references - over 16 only

Presented by Andy Howitt

Performance: Cabaret

TAINT

Raw, intimate and surprisingly ticklish

Somewhere in the warm, wet place between fantasy and filth lies TAINT...a vibrant art party of intimate experimentation with Melbourne's most creatively ambitious cabaret, drag and burlesque muses and misfits. A meaty marmalade of half-baked morsels to challenge the palette, sate the appetite and upset the tum.

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 30 Jan

Time: Wed 7.30pm

Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: Full - \$20

Concession - \$15

Group - \$15 (minimum 4)

\$10 Skint

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Sex Scenes

Strobe Lights

Violence

Smokehaze

Presented by TAINT Cabaret

Performance: Theatre

THE MAIDS

One Mistress, Two Maids, and a ferocious game of make believe

Each night, Solonge and Claire enact a perverse, elaborate fantasy of slaughtering their Mistress. Trapped by circumstance, this ritual has become their only escape. Seething with deliciously violent sensuality, this riotous exploration of class, gender and sexuality is delivered with a high octane glitter-slap of homoerotic theatricality. Genet's masterpiece reimaged by two of Melbourne's most exciting award-winning queer theatre makers.

Venue: Brunswick Mechanics Institute
270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick 3056

Date: 30 Jan – 9 Feb

Time: Preview Wed 30 Jan | Season 31 Jan - 9 Feb | Wed - Sun
7.30pm

Duration: 70 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$28

Concession - \$22

Group - \$22 (minimum 8)

\$22 preview

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity

Strobe Lights

Smoking on Stage

Violence

Smokehaze

Presented by Samuel Russo & Adam Ibrahim

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

THICK 'N' JUICY: Sunset Boat Party

Featuring high-profile DJs and a spectacular fireworks display!

Join the THICK 'N' JUICY party family and all their cheeky friends as they set sail aboard the Victoria Star luxury cruise ship on Australia Day (Saturday) for a massive sunset boat party with an amazing lineup of high-profile DJs, spectacular fireworks display and hundreds of sexy sailors! Ticket includes complimentary food.

Venue: Victoria Star Cruises

Dock 9 Central Pier, Victoria Harbour, Docklands 3008

Date: 26 Jan

Time: Boarding Sat 6pm | Departing 6.30pm | Return 10.30pm

Duration: 4.5 hours

Tickets: Full - \$40

Concession - \$35

Group - \$35 (minute 10)

Access: Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Presented by THICK 'N' JUICY party family and all their cheeky friends.

Performance: Theatre

The Butch Monologues

The worldwide sensation celebrating butches, masculine women, gender rebels and transmen comes to St Kilda

Hear powerful and often humorous secret stories exploring sexuality, vulnerability and desire taken from interviews with butches, masculine women, gender rebels and transmen living across the world. After sellout seasons at the Southbank Centre London, and at WOW (Women of the World) Festival with audience members queuing around the block, Theatre Works is proud to bring The Butch Monologues to Australia, complete with additional local stories and local performers.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda 3182

Date: 27 Jan - 3 Feb

Time: Sun 27 Jan 2pm | Mon 7pm | Tue - Sun 9pm | Auslan
Interpreted & Relaxed Performance Tue 29 Jan

Duration: 60 Mins

Tickets: Full - \$32
Concession - \$27
Group - \$25 (minimum 6)
\$25 tightarse Tuesday

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Relaxed Performance
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Theatre Works

Performance: Cabaret

The Countdown

Timewarp with us for The Countdown, a celebration of your favourite classic Australian and international hits. Hosted by Molly Melodrama and starring some of Melbourne's finest drag artists, we have curated a playlist of essential grooves to take you on a musical journey through history. Buckle up for a night of rocking music, funkadelic dancing, and questionable fashion choices.

Venue: Vau d'vile Drag Cabaret - House of Love Bar
62-70 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 25 Jan - 8 Feb
Time: Fri 8pm
Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20
Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Strobe Lights

Presented by Vau d'vile Drag Cabaret

Talks and Tours: Tours

The Famous ALGA History Walk

Explore queer history through the streets of Melbourne!

Join us as we make our way around St Kilda to explore stories from our very queer past. Parties! Scandals! Nightclubs! Love affairs! Outrageous fashion! Come along for a tour of St Kilda as we get queer history out of the archives and take it to the streets.

Venue: Luna Park
18 Lower Esplanade, St Kilda 3182

Date: 27 Jan
Time: Sun 11am
Duration: 90 mins

Tickets: Full - \$20
Concession - \$10

Presented by Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives

Performance: Theatre

The Felix Monologues

"Gavin Roach will enchant, illuminate and enthrall the audience." - OUTinPerth

Gird your loins in anticipation of the world premiere of The Felix Monologues. Embark on a two-and-a-half hour retrospective of queer theatre-maker Gavin Roach's one-man shows, Confessions of a Grindr Addict, Any Womb Will Do and Oh God, What If It's Me?, and find out why Roach is an artist to watch.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7pm

Duration: 150 minutes (including 2 x 15 minute intervals)

Tickets: Full - \$35

Group - \$25 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Gavin Roach

Category - Talks and Tours: Talks

The Gays Are Revolting Live

Join Melbourne-based podcast The Gays Are Revolting for a live version of their popular show

The Gays Are Revolting is a podcast and weekly news source for contemporary gays, bringing you a healthy dose of smutty lovemaking stories and trivial pop culture nonsense, without all that hetero hoopla. Putting the G in LGBTIQA+, their live show will help you be the best G you can be.

Venue: Evie's Disco Diner
230/232 Gertrude St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 3 Feb
Time: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$20

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Lipp Media

Performance: Cabaret

The Legend of Queen Kong Episode II: Queen Kong in Outer Space

A rock-concert, space-fiction of meteoric proportions

Sarah Ward, the artist behind Yana Alana, brings you her latest stage creation, QUEEN KONG, in a rock-concert, space-fiction of meteoric proportions. This mythological rock-god is backed by all-queer, all-gender-diverse rock band the HOMOsapiens. Featuring deaf performer Asphyxia and Auslan Interpreter Kirri Dangerfield in this epic of accessibility. Directed by Anni Davey, with video art by The Huxleys. Join the rEvolution!

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne - Fairfax Studio
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne 3004

Date: 16 - 20 Jan

Time: Wed - Fri 7.30pm | Sat 4pm & 7.30pm | Sun 5pm

Duration: 75 mins

Tickets: Fri & Sat evening \$45 full | \$39 conc | \$30 under 30
Sat matinee & Wed, Thu, Sun \$39 full | \$34 conc | \$30 under 30

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Captioning

Relaxed Performance

Course Language

Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Other Warnings: Loud music: ear plugs will be available

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne

Performance: Cabaret

The Miss Behave Gameshow

**Part gameshow, part freewheeling disco party...
Everyone's a winner!**

Join Miss Behave for a night of satirically subversive fun and games that has even the most conservative audience turned unruly. No night is the same but every night is riotous fun. Don't miss this "wickedly mischievous" (The Times) festival sensation at Arts Centre Melbourne. "How something this much fun hasn't been criminalised is a minor miracle." - Londonist

Venue: Arts Centre Melbourne - Fairfax Studio
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne 3004

Date: 22 - 27 Jan

Time: Tue, Wed, Sun 8pm | Fri, Sat 7.30pm & 9.30pm

Duration: 80 mins

Tickets: Full - \$39

\$49 Fri and Sat 7.30pm shows

\$30 under 30s

Access: Wheelchair Access

Auslan

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Long Periods of Standing/ Non-Traditional Sitting

Nudity

Smokehaze

Presented by Arts Centre Melbourne

Performance: Circus

The Odditorium

“Immersive...sensational...packed full of beautiful simplicity, daring feats of showmanship and pure imagination.” - Theatre Press

The Odditorium brings an authentic vaudeville experience to Midsumma. In a 60-minute cabaret, The Odditorium fuses traditional and unique performance mediums with modern twists and turns. Special guests join object manipulator, The Quizzical Mr Jeff and cabaret powerhouse, Sophie deLightful in this queer edition of The Odditorium - sexy, sassy and totally your type.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 31 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 9.30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$32

Concession - \$28

Group - \$24 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

Warnings: Course Language

Nudity

Strobe Lights

Smokehaze

Other Warnings: Adult themes

Presented by Gasworks Arts Park

Performance: Musical Theatre

The Rest is Drag

Sexuality is complicated in or out of costume, in this new musical comedy from Darwent & Gray

Returning by popular demand, this original musical from Darwent & Gray follows Michael and Claire, a drag queen/drag king double act, best friends, who are both in monogamous gay relationships. When they suddenly find themselves falling in love, they are forced to reassess everything they thought they knew about themselves, and question where performance ends and their real desires begin.

Venue: Chapel Off Chapel - Loft
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 3181

Date: 24 - 26 Jan

Time: Thu 7pm | Fri 9pm | Sat 7pm

Duration: 60 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$29

Concession - \$25

Group - \$22 (minimum 5)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language

Presented by Darwent & Gray

Performance: Theatre

The Trial of Dorian Gray

Wilde's classic fable, reimagined

Trapped in a battle of the wits with a woman who has every reason to do him harm, Dorian Gray finds himself on trial, forced to answer for a century of crimes.

Venue: The Courthouse Hotel
86-90 Errol St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 23 Jan - 2 Feb
Time: Wed - Sat 7.30pm
Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20
Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Bar Available
Food Available

Warnings: Course Language
Latecomer Lockout

Presented by Bitten By Productions

Performance: Dance
Midsumma Presented

Third Nature

Third Nature is an opulent dance work exploring the wildness of gender and the weirdness of human sexuality. In a world where South Asia was never colonised and there were no colonial sanctions on gender and sexuality, two people delight in their own bodies. A sensuous, riotous work of lavish beauty and playful disarray by Raina Peterson and Govind Pillai.

Venue: Arts House | Studio 1
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne 3051

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 8.30pm | Auslan Interpreted 1 Feb | Audio Described 2 Feb

Duration: 50 mins

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20

Access: Audio Description
Auslan

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

Performance: Theatre

Truly Madly Britney

Britney Spears, Savage Garden, Las Vegas, Morphine, and a brand new play; the perfect backdrop for a summertime party in St Kilda

Long term boyfriends, Adam and Steve, are die-hard Britney Spears fans and Savage Garden doppelgängers. Together they embark upon a pilgrimage along the holy sites of Britney's 2007 breakdown. But when their meet-and-greet tickets for Britney's Las Vegas concert residency are inexplicably cancelled, everything begins to fall apart. Truly Madly Britney premieres at Theatre Works in the heart of St Kilda.

Venue: Theatre Works
14 Acland St, St Kilda 3182

Date: 20 Jan - 9 Feb
Time: Tue - Sun 7pm
Duration: 90 Minutes

Tickets: Full - \$32
Concession - \$28
Group - \$25 (minimum 6)
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Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Sex Scenes
Use of Replica Weapons On Stage
Violence

Presented by Theatre Works

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Unbroken

Portraits of resilience and transformation

Inspired by the Japanese art form kintsugi and employing body painting, photography and documentary filmmaking, Unbroken presents moving personal stories of trauma and vulnerability, transformation and discovery in a uniquely intimate portrait gallery and video installation exhibition. Unbroken is an intersectional cultural space for people with experiences of diverse gender and sexuality, race, disability, mental illness, asylum seeking and sexual assault. Performance on opening night with Lady Zee and Achala.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 22 Jan - 10 Feb

Time: Opening + Performance: Wed 23 Jan 6pm | Exhibition: daily
9.30am - 4.30pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access
Captioning
Bar Available

Warnings: Nudity
Adult Content

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

Unicorns - The Festival!

Get excited! Your favourite queer warehouse party is hosting its first ever festival!

Take out your unicorn horn and throw around some eco-glitter, Unicorns is hosting its first ever festival! Unicorns will be taking over the Northcote Town Hall with a delicious day fest full of music, shows, activities, art & workshops. Expect our usual antics of glitter stations, kissing booths, body painting, talented performance artists and quality beats. But throw in some sexy educational workshops, game rooms, hair & make up stations and more music than you can poke a bubble wand at!

Venue: Northcote Town Hall
189 High St, Northcote 3070

Date: 2 Feb

Time: Sat 1 - midnight

Tickets: \$58 first release
\$65 second release | \$70 third release

Access: Wheelchair Access
Auslan
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity

Presented by Del Cat Events

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Unzipped

A fruity exhibition of miniature dioramas & potty-mouthed puns by installation artist, Tinky

Through pun-tastic miniature dioramas, Melbourne street artist Tinky brings her humorous work from the laneways of Melbourne into contemporary boutique Lord Coconut in a titillating exhibition: Unzipped. Unzipped celebrates Melbourne's Midsumma Festival and diversity in all its glory (holes) with witty characters that find themselves in questionable scenarios and bawdy narratives to provide amusing context.

Venue: Lord Coconut
Level 5 Mitchell House, 358 Lonsdale St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 21 Jan - 9 Feb

Time: Opening: Mon 21 Jan 5.30 - 7.30pm | Exhibition: Mon - Fri
11am - 6pm | Sat midday - 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Warnings: Nudity
Sex Scenes
Violence

Presented by Tinky

Performance: Cabaret

Victor Frock-Paulia

Gentlemen Prefer Songs

The luscious tones and charismatic presence of opera baritone Paul Hughes reunites with flamboyant cabaret comedienne Frock Hudson, for a gendertastic evening of classic icons and musical divas in a celebration of song that'll reset your aural a-gender! There's always someone younger and hungrier coming round the corner, so fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night!

Venue: The 86 Cabaret Bar
185 Smith St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 7 - 9 Feb

Time: Thu - Sat 7.30pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$25

Group - \$20 (minimum 6)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Presented by The 86 Cabaret Bar

Performance: Cabaret

Victoria Falconer: Oxymoron

TimeOut London's Top 10 Cabaret Superstars

A show about identity, contradiction, conversation and eels from a biracial multi-instrumental bisexual femme cabaret artist person. Victoria Falconer, the half-moustached one from EastEnd Cabaret and 1/3rd of comedy power trio Fringe Wives Club, brings Oxymoron to Midsumma Festival. Twice winner of Best Cabaret at Adelaide Fringe, Winner of Best Musical Variety Act at the London Cabaret Awards and Green Room Award nominee. In quote sidebar (if space permits): "An acclaimed multi-instrumentalist with excellent comic chops. A gem of a show" - Broadway Baby

Venue: Howler

7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick 3056

Date: 22 - 23 Jan

Time: Tue - Wed 9.30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full - \$25

Concession - \$20

Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access

Bar Available

Food Available

18+

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs

WESTGAY

A very special Midsumma WESTGAY edition, presented by the kids who bring you the fab FRIYAY and CLOSET parties. WESTGAY turns Littlefoot, Footscray's nicest neighbourhood cocktail bar, into the big, gay party westside queers have been waiting for. So dress yo-selves up, uber across the West-Gay-te and come on down!

Venue: Littlefoot
223 Barkly St, Footscray 3011

Date: 2 Feb
Time: Sat 8pm - 3am

Tickets: \$10 door sales only

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
Food Available
18+

Presented by Closet and Fannys

Performance: Interactive

Wank Bank Masterclass

**“Stimulating and possibly life-changing show.” -
Broadway Baby**

The artist who created an art book from his happy ending massages in NYC, brings you an informative, interactive and playful masterclass of original techniques to perfect the art of handling your partner's member (or even your own). Enjoy waves of adolescent laughter and be prepared to end up in a hilarious circle jerk with carrots and cucumbers. Winner: Best Interactive Show - Adelaide Fringe 2017

Venue: The Toff in Town
252 Swanston St, Melbourne 3000

Date: 25 - 26 Jan

Time: Fri - Sat 8.45pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full - \$30

Concession - \$25

Group - \$25 (minimum 6)

\$50 both shows: Pussy Play and Wank Bank

Access: Wheelchair Access

18+

Warnings: Course Language

Sexual References

Presented by Rural Ranga

Performance: Theatre

What Ever Happened to Jeremy Baxter?

Everything will go to plan as long as everyone follows the rules...

Luke and Marty kidnap wealthy socialite Jeremy Baxter in a ploy to use the hefty ransom to fund a new start to their troubled lives. But only if everything goes to plan... FRED the ALIEN Productions presents an original drama that explores the relationship between masculinities, class, and power struggle.

Venue: Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park 3206

Date: 23 - 26 Jan
Time: Wed - Sat 7pm
Duration: 75 mins

Tickets: Full - \$25
Concession - \$20
Group - \$20 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available
18+

Warnings: Course Language
Latecomer Lockout
Nudity
Use of Replica Weapons On Stage
Violence

Other Warnings: Adult themes | Sexual references

Presented by FRED the ALIEN Productions

Performance: Cabaret

What a Drag! 2019: A Night of a Thousand Madonnas

Kimono she better don't!

What a Drag! is back! Come celebrate all things Madonna at Chapel Off Chapel with Melbourne's most fabulous Drag Queens for one night only. Hosted by the stunning Rhubarb Rouge with DJ David Virgona. EXPRESS YOURSELF and come as your favourite Madonna incarnation. All ticket proceeds and donations will raise funds for Thorne Harbour Health (Formerly VAC) and Joy FM.

Venue: Chapel off Chapel
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran 3181

Date: 9 Feb

Time: Sat 9pm

Duration: 150 mins

Tickets: Full - \$5

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language
Nudity

Visual Arts: Exhibition

Widgets and Doohickies from a Camp Toolbox

"Never keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level. It's cheaper." - Quentin Crisp

This exhibition, curated by Dr Ray Cook and Dr Alison Bennett, considers camp to be an unstable suite of strategies available to the non-mainstream. Working models of camp become tools for artists, individuals and communities alike to negotiate assertive pathways through marginalisation.

Venue: RMIT, Project Space / Spare Room
Building 94, Level 2, Room 1, 23-27 Cardigan St, Carlton 3053

Date: 31 Jan - 2 Mar

Time: Opening: Thu 31 Jan 5 – 7pm | Exhibition: Wed – Fri 10am – 5pm | Sat midday – 4pm

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Dr Ray Cook and Dr Alison Bennett

Performance: Comedy

Woah, Alyssa! 2

★★★★ "A rollercoaster ride of eccentric, fun and invigorating sketch comedy." - Fest Magazine

Woah, Alyssa! is a sketch comedy duo made up of some guy and his boyfriend. These two hush puppies are back for Woah, Alyssa! 2 where they're gonna play every character in an energetic hour lampooning overcooked pop songs, empty-headed talk show segments, straight actors doing gay smooches, and that's just the tip of the shaft!

Venue: Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065

Date: 24 - 25 Jan

Time: Thu - Fri 9.30pm

Duration: 50 mins

Tickets: Full - \$24

Concession - \$18

Group - \$18 (minimum 4)

Access: Wheelchair Access
Bar Available

Warnings: Course Language: true

Presented by Woah, Alyssa!

Category - Talks and Tours: Talks
Midsumma Presented - false

Writers in Conversation

Bobuq Sayed and Adolfo Aranjuez are friends and colleagues on Archer Magazine. As writers and editors they are an intrinsic part of Melbourne's queer lit scene. Join them as they discuss their writing, their inspiration and the direction of queer stories for a new generation.

Venue: Newport Community Hub - Library
13 Mason St, Newport 3015

Date: 31 Jan

Time: Thu 6.30pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: FREE

Access: Wheelchair Access

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

Visual Arts: Exhibition

You're That Person to Someone

“Remember what it felt like when you saw a queer person owning it, and it gave you permission to be yourself? You're that person to someone.” - Juan pa

A dedication of love and devotion to the community that affirms I am who I am, you are who you are, and we can be the people we want to be. The title of the exhibition was created on a day that I was feeling insecure about my identity and the work that I do. This day I needed an affirmation of my self-worth. Taking the form of a magician's never-ending handkerchief and love locks, each day a Mailbox Artspace box will be unlocked and new words of affirmation will be added to the previous days.

Venue: Mailbox Art Space
141 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Date: 28 Jan - 24 Feb

Time: Opening: Thu 31 Jan 6 - 8pm | Exhibition: daily 9am - 5pm

Tickets: FREE

Presented by Kieran Butler

Social: Parties, Clubs & Pubs
Midsumma Presented

ZZZ *CANCELLED* Nocturnal - Neon Rainbow

The halls of Melbourne Museum are flicking their lights to a neon rainbow to celebrate Melbourne's queer nightlife at their monthly party night Nocturnal. Featuring top performing artists and DJs who have helped shape the contemporary nightlife scene, this night will shake the walls of the Museum to life with our queer culture.

**Presented by Melbourne Museum and Scratch Arts
Community**

Performance: Theatre

ZZZ *CANCELLED* We Are Rising Stars

Hilarious and politically incorrect, three generations of women negotiate race, family and sex from the confines of a cruise ship cabin

When Mia agrees to a birthday cruise with her girlfriend Ange, her politically incorrect mother Bessy, and her born again feminist grandmother Tilda, she thinks she's in for some family bonding and a free holiday. But soon after they set sail the ship is in lockdown, there's a Category 1 storm approaching and the four women are trapped in their bargain single cabin.

Presented by Red Stitch Actors' Theatre

Category - Performance: Musical Theatre
Midsumma Presented - false

ZZZ *cancelled* The Last Five Years

Funny and poignant, Jason Robert Brown's contemporary musical takes us into the rise and fall of Cathy and Jamie's relationship, from start to end... or end to start. An intimate and devastatingly honest window into love, struggling artists, and the games humans play. Nominated for seven Drama Desk Awards, this intensely personal one-act show will move you.

Presented by Pursued By Bear