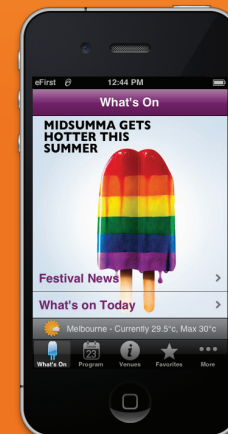


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DATE: Jan 19-21 2012 **OPEN:** 7:30pm
VENUE: Gasworks Art Park
ADDRESS: 21 Graham St, Albert Park
PHONE: 03 8606 4200
WEB: www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** \$35/\$32

Golden Babetime

Golden Babetime is a new addition to the Midsumma program, an alternate Carnival after-party, curated as a collaboration between Grouse Party and Danceteria, and catering more to the ladies and the queer underground. Golden Babetime takes you from Birrarung Marr to Beer-among Babes, after the sun sets, kicking off at 6pm at indoor/outdoor CBD oasis The Deck.



DATE: January 15, 2012 **OPEN:** 6pm
VENUE: The Deck **ADDRESS:** cnr Flinders & King Sts (enter via Mercantile Place) **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.midsumma.org.au
COST: \$16
PRESENTED BY: www.grouseparty.com and www.facebook.com/danceteriaparty

Cycles&Sequences Ross Watson

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the artist's career, Cycle&Sequences defines an exciting new development in Ross Watson's art.

Cycles&Sequences explores cycles of life, notions of time and enduringness, change and transition in today's disposable society.

Recent paintings and edition photography feature new models including Bel Ami stars Dolph Lambert, Kris Evans, Lukas Ridgeston and Lance Corporal James Wharton, who with Sir Ian McKellen toured the UK on an anti-homophobia and anti-bullying tour.

Consummate skill and expansive imagination are evident in this gently surrealist series, which invites us to contemplate our own existence, place in time, and mortality.



DATES: January 20-February 5 2012
OPEN: Fri-Sun, 11am-5pm **VENUE:** Ross Watson Gallery **ADDRESS:** 465 Nicholson St, Carlton North **PHONE:** 03 9348 2821
WEB: www.rosswatson.com **COST:** Free



PREMIER EVENTS

Carnival 2012

Carnival is the opening event of Midsumma's annual queer arts and cultural festival that attracted a whopping crowd of nearly 100,000 in it's first year at Birrarung Marr in 2011. It is the biggest single event in Midsumma's program.

Thanks to the support of our principal partner, the City of Melbourne, Carnival 2012 will again be a free celebration for the entire community to enjoy — queer, straight and everything in between — everyone is welcome!

Free entertainment will also feature from noon-5pm. Teaser performances from some of the best events in the program will whet your appetite for what's on



offer for the next three weeks of festival, all over Melbourne. Be sure to take the tram or train in preparation for a fun-filled day.

A feast of diversity will be laid out for your pleasure on the lower terrace, where a cacophony of stallholders will bare their wares, providing the perfect strolling destination for new friends and eye candy!

Eagle Pack presents the inimitable Dulcie's Dog Show, everyone's favourite pack of bitches. The 2012 categories include 'cutest bitch' and 'best owner and

dog combo' so head to the Eagle Pack stand to check in or register on the day.

JOY 94.9 will broadcast the excitement of the Midsumma Carnival live to air, so don't forget you can listen at www.joy.org.au Make sure you get the JOY iPhone app and while you're there you might as well get Midsumma's — Midsumma's iPhone app.

Keep your eye out for Southern Star Observer to get all the latest information.

DATE: January 15 2012
OPEN: Noon-5pm **VENUE:** Birrarung Marr
WEB: www.midsumma.org.au **COST:** Free

Stories by Starlight

Candy Royalle and Sloppy Joe (plus a number of secret guests and collaborators) come together to offer up Stories by Starlight, an all-consuming fusion of music, poetry, performance and soundscapes.

Known for her arresting and confronting work, performance artist and wordsmith Candy Royalle found a natural fit with Sloppy Joe, a trio who bend the genres of funk, jazz and soul.

Their unique sounds are now the backdrop to her latest body of work. Born of desire, politics and self-discovery, Stories by Starlight is an intense, rhythmic journey through the self and into the stars.



DATE: January 18-21 2012 **OPEN:** Wed-Sat 8pm
VENUE: Thousand Pound Bend Gallery
ADDRESS: 361 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne
WEB: www.thousandpoundbend.com.au
COST: \$25/\$18 conc

The Pineapple Sorrows

An absurd tragic-comic new work from Melbourne theatre company, crossditch. In the wake of a wake, one platter remains. Three hors d'oeuvres remember — the Pineapple Sorrows. Performed by Jake Preval, Sherilee Kahui and Music by Dylan Lardelli. Costumes by Chloe Greaves. Directed by Felix Preval.

"And then, he was just gone. Toothpick and all!" — Asparagus Roll.



DATE: From January 17, 2012 **OPEN:** Wed & Sun 6.30pm; Thu-Sat 7.30pm **VENUE:** La Mama Courthouse **ADDRESS:** 205 Faraday St, Carlton
PHONE: 03 9347 6948 **WEB:** www.lamama.com.au **COST:** \$25/\$15 conc

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This men-only fundraiser has guys baring all to win prizes, and maybe a few fans in the crowd.

With the talent and wet-jock segments, the crowd are guaranteed an all-round view of the contestants as they compete for a tropical Queensland getaway.

Throw in a half time comedy act with rapid-auction and it's a great night's entertainment for bugger-all money.

A fundraiser for the David Williams Fund, there's no better way to show your support for those living with HIV/AIDS.



DATE: January 27 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm
VENUE: The Laird Hotel **ADDRESS:** 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford **PHONE:** 03 9417 2832
WEB: www.lairdhotel.com **COST:** \$12



Leggings Are Not Pants

Raw, raucous and beautiful, Leggings Are Not Pants shows that there are no boundaries to gender identity, but there are to lycra.

Full of laughter, sweat, acrobatics, beauty, rocking live music and muscles, this hilarious show defies the divide between masculinity and femininity and explores being queer in today's world.

By the same director as last year's fabulous Ladies Prefer Brunettes, it is presented in conjunction with the Women's Circus.



DATE: February 01-05 2012 **OPEN:** Wed-Fri 8pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm; Sun 6pm **VENUE:** fortyfivedownstairs **ADDRESS:** 45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9662 9966 **WEB:** www.fortyfivedownstairs.com **COST:** \$28



The Year of Magical Wanking

Neil Watkins has wanked more than is healthy, allegedly. One of Ireland's most exciting artists and incendiary performers, Neil is a maverick, a 33-year old homosexual with a Jesus complex. On orders from heaven, this is Neil's journey through the wilderness of queerness — from Catholic Ireland to the cruising bars of the world.

This is a brave and heartbreaking exploration of porn addiction, destructive sexual behaviour, Catholic guilt and family heartbreak.



DATE: From January 17 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 17-21 7pm; 22 8.30pm; 24-29 8.30pm **VENUE:** Theatreworks **ADDRESS:** 14 Acland St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.theatreworks.org.au **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc **SEASON PASS:** with Mother/Son and Negative Energy Inc \$50/\$45 conc



Love In A Cubicle

The all-new 10th anniversary production of one of Out Cast Theatre's biggest successes, Love In A Cubicle.

A glittering coming-of-age comedy with healthy doses of pathos, nudity and whimsy - and on of the most outrageous comedies you've ever likely to see. Two schoolboys fall in love then catch up years later by accident during a hilarious night at a sex club. One man's painful search for love with a little groin-crunching and Greek drama along the way.

Scathing one-liners, sparkling dialogue and a gorgy love story guaranteed to keep you on your toes from start to finish.



DATE: Jan 11- Feb 11 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat 8pm (no show Jan 26) **VENUE:** Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre **ADDRESS:** 270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick **PHONE:** 03 9387 3376 **WEB:** www.moreland.vic.gov.au **COST:** \$34/\$24 conc



T Dance

T Dance, presented by Midsumma, is the ultimate party in the park: an out and proud celebration for the queer community and our not-so-queer friends.

In 2011 T Dance sold out — the biggest crowd in Midsumma history! Get your tickets early to enjoy a sweaty summer evening of dancing, laughing and, if you're lucky, maybe even some lovin'.

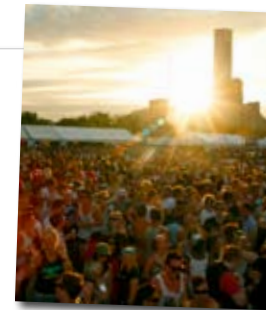
Midsumma has been around the country on a national DJ search, to bring you the very best Australian talent on the decks for T Dance 2012. Watch our winner in action and you be the judge.

What good are rockin' beats without sexy dancers burning

it up for your enjoyment? Never fear, at T Dance all your party desires will be satisfied. And to top it off, Midsumma has decided to get back to our roots and showcase the brilliant local talent on offer.

Don't miss the glistening sun over the fine Melbourne cityscape. Immerse yourself in the pumped crowd, skin to skin in the middle terrace of Birrarung Marr, a stone's throw from our vibrant CBD.

If you prefer to watch that sweaty crowd from just a little further away, get priority service and, the most important of all,



toilet access. Book your VIP tickets now — before the restricted release runs out.

Check the website for updates on all the tantalising treats on

DATE: January 15 2012
OPEN: 5-10pm **VENUE:** Birrarung Marr
WEB: www.midsumma.org.au
PRESALE TIX: \$35/\$27 conc & members
DOOR TIX: \$50/\$38
VIP TIX: \$100



In Vogue: Songs by Madonna

The controversial smash hit of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Michael Griffiths is Madonna. No accent, costume or wig. Just 'Madge' accompanying herself at the piano leading you on a journey through her tough life and tender songs.

Strike a pose, get into the groove and express yourself as Madonna opens her heart! Written and



DATE: January 18-28 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 18-21 8pm; Jan 25 & 27 9.30pm; Jan 26 & 28 7.30pm
VENUE: fortyfivedownstairs **ADDRESS:** 45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9662 9966
WEB: www.fortyfivedownstairs.com
COST: \$29/\$55 conc



The Australian Same-Sex Dancesports 2012

Hosted by Luke Gallagher and

Kaye Sera, the glamour and glitz will be dazzling at St Kilda Town Hall as same-sex couples glide by. The excitement grows and grows on this night of heated competition with a brilliant climax at the end, the Latin American A Grade final. The couples converge from around Australia and New Zealand to battle it out. Audience members can join in too (at no extra charge). Register for the Most Out-of-Time Waltz, but don't forget your tiara. This event has been a regular on the Midsumma Festival calendar, proudly hosted by Dance Cats



DATE: February 4 2012 **OPEN:** 6pm **VENUE:** St Kilda Town Hall **ADDRESS:** 99A Carlisle St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9209 6777 **WEB:** www.portphillip.vic.gov.au **COST:** \$20/\$15 conc

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Yarra Arts Urban in Colour and Elegance in Line



Urban in Colour (upstairs) is the aspect of visual perception and an exploration of colour in its present form.

It questions and inspects us as people and the world that surrounds us all the way from the streets to the alleys. Urban in Colour takes not only colours but also the shapes, lines, 3D forms and subject matter of the urban landscapes we inhabit.

Elegance in Line (downstairs) is an exhibition that dignifies grace in its appearance. The refined arrangement of perfectly styled lines creates a peaceful and quiet movement in a seemingly still group of works.

LAUNCH NIGHT: January 19 2012 **OPEN:**

Wed-Sat 11am-5pm; Sun Noon-5pm

VENUE: 69 Smith St Gallery **ADDRESS:** 69 Smith St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9347 2713 **WEB:** www.69smithstreet.com.au **COST:** Free



Stories from the city, stories from the sea, queer urban tales

Visual Arts Exhibition: The industrial exhibition spaces of The Substation house an exploration of urban myths and queer legends with exhibitions by artists including Andrew Browne, Lucas Grogan, Kate Just, Martha McDonald and Heather B Swann.

Martha McDonald Boat Performance: Philadelphia-born performer Martha McDonald will host evenings of maritime revelry with intimate performances involving music, storytelling and song aboard the HMAS Blackbird.

EXHIBITION: Jan 14-Feb 25 **VENUE:** The Substation **COST:** Free. 8.30pm

BOAT PERFORMANCE: Jan 19-28 2012.

OPEN: Thur-Sat 7.30pm.

VENUE: HMAS Blackbird, travels from Docklands to The Substation. **COST:** \$35



The Divine Miss Bette

This Midler cabaret, starring Catherine Alcorn, is like a snort

of something expensive and naughty. Bawdy, brash and just as glamorous as the original, Alcorn returns to The Butterfly Club with her acclaimed show The Divine Miss Bette.



DATE: From January 19-22; 26-29 2012

OPEN: Thu-Sat 9pm; Sun 8pm

VENUE: The Butterfly Club **ADDRESS:** 204 Bank St, Sth Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9690 2000 **WEB:** www.thebutterflyclub.com

COST: \$27/\$24 conc

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Hares & Hyenas will host its 20th birthday season of Word is Out, including twenty readings, events and performances to celebrate the 20 years of queer literary culture developed by the bookstore.



It features writers, artists and performers from its entire history, and a range of new writers from across the country and an international guest.

Featuring a range of book launches, readings and performances,

highlights include, Rapid Fire, Novel Conversations, Julie Peters' I Dream Therefore I Am, Word is Out poetry slam, deaf and disability event Quippings, and much more.

Special performance nights include programming by Bryan Andy, Bumpy Favel, Kath Duncan, Ursula Dawkins, Jules Wilkinson, Crusader Hillis and Rowland Thomson. Guests include, Joan Nestle, Kim Westwood, Andrea Goldsmith, Christos Tsiolkas, Geoffrey Knight, Steve Dow, Kelly Gardiner, Benn Bennett, Noel Tovey, Jack Charles, Moira Finucane, Jackie Smith, Sally Goldner, Maude Davey and Sophie Cunningham.

DATE: Jan 17-Feb 4 2012 **OPEN:** see website
VENUE: Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589
WEB: www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** From \$10 (group from \$8, 8pp min) **SEASON PASS:** \$150

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MIDSUMMA'S PLAY-IN-THE-RAW @ THE CHAPEL

Bringing you a cornucopia of the most mouth-watering plays from around the globe for a scorching



Midsumma season, PLAYING-IN-THE-RAW takes the playreadings out of the chairs + the productions out of the theatre. Featuring works by acclaimed writers Sam Peter Jackson, Duncan Graham, Alex Broun, the controversial Tim Fountain + Oscar Winner Alan Ball (American Beauty, Six Feet Under, True Blood).

DATES: Jan 11 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** See website for details **VENUE:** Chapel off Chapel **ADDRESS:** 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran **WEB:** www.chapelloffchapel.com.au **PHONE:** 03 8290 7000 **COST:** \$18 - \$26



TOONARAMA

Midsumma's premier TOON event!

Introducing Facebook phenomenon TOONARAMA: The Exhibition. A caricature collection of the famous and infamous — cool celebrities, sexy sports stars, community cuties and fabulous friends drawn by cartoonist Brett Willis.



DATES: January 12-29 2012 **OPEN:** Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 11am-4pm
VENUE: Artboy Gallery **ADDRESS:** 99 Greville St, Prahran **PHONE:** 03 9939 8993 **WEB:** www.artboygallery.com **COST:** Free



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- Entries to be delivered on DVD (file format .avi, mpeg2, .mov etc) or uploaded to youtube.com
- Finalists must provide a broadcast quality version of the film if they reach the top 10.



Metamorphosis

Metamorphosis is the fight for survival and the grasp at life that follows. Interpreting the transformation of caterpillar to moth, the show draws heavy influence from Butoh Dance Theatre.

Metamorphosis sees the Butoh Body born alone onto the cold, white earth, exploring its environment through trial and error, failure and success.

Metamorphosis is explored in the intimate space of the La Mama Theatre as a richly visual and interactive performance. The audience's actions and response affect the developing Butoh Body and, by extension, the environment it inhabits. Presented as part of the Midsumma at La Mama season.

DATE: February 1-5 2012 **OPEN:** Wed and Sun 6.30pm; Thur-Sat 7.30pm **VENUE:** La Mama Courthouse **ADDRESS:** 205 Faraday St, Carlton **PHONE:** 03 9347 6948 **WEB:** www.lamama.com.au **COST:** \$25/\$15 conc

Negative Energy Inc

If you're not angry you're either heavily medicated or not paying attention. Angry homosexualist Ash Flanders takes no prisoners in this unwarranted attack on modern society. From Christianity to Cher, The Secret to Shelly Croft, watch him direct his misplaced rage at anyone and everyone. And who knows — it could be you! Accompanist and actual 'talent' Dave Barclay will support Ash as he rants and warbles in a desperate attempt to prove life is an exhausting, pointless and thankless task — made harder by the sheer volume of arseholes in the world.



DATE: Jan 15 - Feb 05 2012 **OPEN:** Sat-Sun 7pm **VENUE:** Theatreworks **ADDRESS:** 14 Acland St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.theatreworks.org.au **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc **SEASON PASS:** with Mother/Son and The Year of Magical Wanking \$50/\$45 conc

Queer City Premier Arts

Reveal discloses, divulges and displays the various stories that need to be told. It explores a number of topics from gender, stereotypes, body image, sexuality, identity and the real world.

The images mix irony, symbolism and a keen sense of humour, while also questioning the viewer.



LAUNCH NIGHT: January 18 2012 **VENUE:** Thousand Pound Bend Gallery **ADDRESS:** 361 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 0450 258 730 **WEB:** www.thousandpoundbend.com.au **COST:** Free

Urban Scrawl

Through street art, words, photography and light painting, urban artists Kaff-eine,

Tigtab, Blacklodge and Precious Little lead the expedition into the clandestine corners of Melbourne, from the painted laneways to the subterranean catacombs, snaking like a circulatory system under the city skin. Urban Scrawl is where identity and ephemera intersect.



DATE: From January 16 2012 **OPEN:** 9am-5pm **VENUE:** City Library **ADDRESS:** 253 Flinders Ln, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9658 9500 **WEB:** www.citylibrary.org.au **COST:** Free

Britney Spears: The Cabaret

The sell-out smash hit Britney Spears: The Cabaret returns to Melbourne's premier cabaret venue Chapel Off Chapel for the 2012 Midsumma Festival.

Starring acclaimed singer and actress Christie Whelan (The Drowsy Chaperone, Xanadu, The Importance of Being Earnest), Britney Spears: The Cabaret is a satirical look at the perils of fame by award-winning writer/director Dean Bryant.

Mathew Frank's musical direction sees Britney's hits transformed into cabaret songs.



DATE: January 18-29 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Chapel Off Chapel **ADDRESS:** 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran **PHONE:** 03 8290 7000 **WEB:** www.chapeloffchapel.com.au **COST:** \$37/\$32 conc

Unanswered!

Unanswered! was a dance work prepared as a Short Sweet Dance piece for the Short Sweet Dance Melbourne 2011.

It was awarded Best Choreography and Best Female Dancer at the festival. Collaboration with The Project will extend this work to a full-scale 45 minute to one-hour production.

Unanswered! looks at the beauty which is life. Life as equals. With all the opinions and structures that have formed in society, no person, shape, size or gender is different. We are a race looking for answers, seeming to be restricted in finding them by the obstruction which is individual opinion. The performance is seen from different perspectives involving examples of human behaviours, good, bad or undecided.

DATE: Preview Jan 25, 26-28, 31 & Feb 4 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Theatre Works **ADDRESS:** 14 Acland St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.theatreworks.org.au **COST:** \$32 full \$27.50 conc

Pride March Victoria 2012



Join your fellow LGBT community and those who support us in a show of solidarity and diversity as we march down Fitzroy St in the 17th annual Pride March Victoria.

The celebration continues into the night at Catani Gardens. Please note this is a NO BYO event.

DATE: February 05 2012 **OPEN:** Noon **VENUE:** Catani Gardens **ADDRESS:** Beaconsfield Pde, Melbourne **WEB:** www.pridemarch.com.au **COST:** Free

After 'Homosexual': The Legacies of Gay Liberation

This event brings together international figures in queer history and politics to discuss the impact of Dennis Altman's book *Homosexual: Oppression and Liberation*, and the legacies of gay liberation 40 years on.

Featuring Altman, UK gay historian Jeffrey Weeks, American cultural historian Alice Echols, and archival footage curated by the Australian Lesbian & Gay Archives, the panel opens a two-day international conference marking this anniversary.

Supported by La Trobe University, the Australian Lesbian & Gay Archives, Victoria University and Midsumma.

DATE: February 02 2012 **VENUE:** Australian Centre for the Moving Image **ADDRESS:** Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 8663 2200 **WEB:** www.acmi.net.au **COST:** \$17/\$14 conc

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Landscape Dreaming

Marco is sick of his family pressuring him to 'find a nice gay man and settle down' and is convinced the only way to shut them up is to bring his ideal boyfriend to an upcoming wedding.

The trouble is, he can't think of anyone who's up to scratch. So he hires John, a heterosexual actor, to fill the role.

When John's girlfriend rejects his spontaneous proposal, John moves in with Marco and the real trouble starts. Marco's jaded friend, Trent, falls in love with John but is too embarrassed to reveal it.

Marco's hook-up on the side proves to be more to his liking than the man on his couch and he discovers the problem with wanting what you can't have.

DATE: From January 18 2012 **OPEN:** Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun 7.30pm **VENUE:** La Mama Courthouse **ADDRESS:** 205 Faraday St, Carlton **PHONE:** 03 9347 6948 **WEB:** www.lamama.com.au **COST:** \$25/\$15 conc

Mother/SON

In his internationally acclaimed one-man show Mother/SON, New York Jewish writer/performer Jeffrey Solomon plays both a son and a mother as they struggle to accept his homosexuality. The show traces the mother's transformation from shell-shocked parent to marching at the front of a Pride parade.

Time Out London picked the show as its critic's choice and raved, "Profound, witty ... Disarmingly funny and deeply moving...a tour de force!"

Winner of Best Performer Leading Role in the 2010 Absolut Gay Theatre Festival, Dublin winner of Best Solo Playwright and Best Male Solo Performance at the National Gay Theatre Festival (US).

DATE: Jan 11-21 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 11-14 7pm; 16-21 8.30pm **VENUE:** Theatretworks **ADDRESS:** 14 Acland St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.theatretworks.org.au **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc **SEASON PASS:** With Negative Energy Inc and The Year of Magical Wanking \$50/\$45 conc

Girls Do Gertrude!

"You look ridiculous if you dance You look ridiculous if you don't dance So you might as well dance." — Gertrude Stein, poet, playwright and renegade.

Set against the Victorian splendour of Northcote Town Hall, Girls Do Gertrude! unites more than 40 of Australia's most talented performers, musicians and designers who, over seven days and nights, will race against the clock to bring you this all-female, all-fabulous spectacular.



DATE: January 24-29 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat 8pm, Sat 2pm; Sun 6.30pm **VENUE:** Northcote Town Hall **ADDRESS:** 89 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9481 9500 **WEB:** www.northcotetownhall.com.au **COST:** \$22/\$23 conc

The decision is yours

Celebrating women, Rynelle Walker uses colour and intricate dot patterns to reveal the feminine power.

Art critics the world over acknowledged that 'modern' Aboriginal art is the last great art movement which came into being at the end of the 20th century. Walker is an artist who is continuing the practice of the most ancient cultural tradition, but she is imbuing her work with a contemporary vibrancy.



DATES: Jan 17-Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Daily, 9am-5pm **VENUE:** ARB Gallery, Gasworks Art Park **ADDRESS:** 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200 **WEB:** www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** Free

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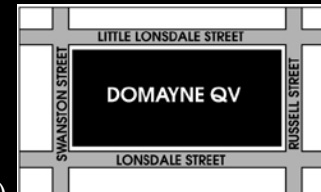
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Felix has a date. A real one! But this time it's different — it wasn't set up over the internet, nor did he have to spend hours grinding him first.

So why is he freaking out? It's been over a year since Felix has been on a proper date and he can't help but wonder: What does a guy actually do on a date that doesn't involve sex?



DATE: Jan 17-28 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat 9.30pm **VENUE:** Revolt Melbourne
ADDRESS: 12 Elizabeth St, Melbourne
PHONE: 03 9376 2115 **WEB:** www.revoltproductions.com **COST:** \$22

JOY's Midsumma WoW Party & Transylvanian Gypsy Kings

JOY94.9 Women on Waves presents Back to the '60s and '70s. This one-off fundraiser will feature Bluehouse and superstar guests, all singing tracks from the '60s and '70s, go-go dancers, roller skates, flower power!

Then, the horas of Bucharest! The Transylvanian Gypsy Kings' style is very sexy, with black leather, mesh shirts and macho jewellery from downtown Cluj Napoca/ Kolozsvár.



DATE: January 27 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm (WoW) & 10pm (Gypsy Kings) **VENUE:** Red Bennies **ADDRESS:** 373 Chapel St, South Yarra **PHONE:** 03 9826 2689 **WEB:** www.redbennies.com **COST:** \$20

Moments of Perfect

A multimedia performance of a young mans journey through love and self-discovery. Adam thinks his life can't be perfect without another person in it. Watch as he struggles to come to terms with his loneliness and tries to create his own moments of perfect. Using a combination of live performance and multimedia, this is a truly visually arresting work.



DATE: Feb 2-4 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:** Thousand Pound Bend Gallery **ADDRESS:** 361 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 0450 258 730 **WEB:** www.thousandpoundbend.com.au **COST:** \$22/\$17 conc

Linda Beatty: The UnEnchanted Princess

Linda Beatty is The UnEnchanted Princess. With a magical Celtic harp, heavenly singing, and twisted fairytales, she explores the lies adults tell themselves. As a failed princess she asks, What exactly is happily ever after? Do our dreams differ from real life? Maybe the dwarves up the street are a better catch!



A classically trained singer and harpist, Linda offers an original twist to the cabaret and stand-up genres.

DATE: Jan 25-26; Feb1-2 2012 **OPEN:** Wed-Thur 7pm **VENUE:** Downstairs at Alma's **ADDRESS:** 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North **PHONE:** 0467 903 345 **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc

Ms Gay & Ms TS Australia 2012

Behold the outrageous beauties and hidden talents competing for the title of the year.



DATE: February 3 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:** Shoppingtown Hotel, Doncaster **ADDRESS:** 19 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster **PHONE:** 03 9848 6811 **WEB:** www.shoppingtownhotel.com.au **COST:** Gold Res \$35, Silver Res \$30, General \$25

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A Gentleman's Guide to Eating Out in Melbourne

Writers, creatives and gents about town Dale Campisi and Michael Brady like to eat out — a lot! What happened when they were invited to eat out every night for three months? The end result is Eating and Drinking Melbourne 2012, a new guide to the city's dining and drinking scene.

Drinks and nibbles on the lawn of historic Williamstown Mechanics Insitute from 6.30pm.

This event is part of GOWEST, a Hobsons Bay City Council initiative.

DATE: January 17 2012 **OPEN:** 6.30pm **VENUE:** Williamstown Mechanics Institute **ADDRESS:** 5 Electra St, Williamstown **PHONE:** 1300 462 542 **WEB:** www.eatingoutmelbourne.eventbrite.com **COST:** Free



Pink Narcissist

Fad Gallery proudly presents Pink Narcissist, an exhibition celebrating 20 years of gay artist Richard Morrison.

Collaboration is always at the heart of Midsumma Festival. The art of visual storytelling takes centre stage this year, as we combine the talents of two acclaimed artists.

Pink Narcissist celebrates 20 years of Richard Morrison's highly imaginative and colourful paintings, curated by Kevin McGreal. Morrison's work gives us a tantalising, provocative and sexy insight into our fantasies as a gay man.



DATE: Jan 12 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Wed 2pm-midnight, Thur-Fri 2pm-1am, Sat 4pm-1am **VENUE:** Fad Gallery **ADDRESS:** 14 Corrs Ln, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9639 2700 **WEB:** www.fadgallery.com.au **COST:** Free



My BIG GAY Family

My BIG GAY Family is a free, visually striking projection project at Melbourne's iconic Northcote Town Hall.

What does family mean to the gay and lesbian community? Stunning artwork will light up the Civic Square, further enhancing Northcote Town Hall as a cultural landmark and central point for arts activities in the northern suburbs. It is proudly presented by the City of Darebin.



DATE: Jan 15 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Mon-Sun, sunset-11pm **VENUE:** Northcote Town Hall Civic Square **ADDRESS:** 189 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9481 9500 **WEB:** www.northcotetownhall.com.au **COST:** Free



ConfigURATION

For a long time Rat Simpson has had a thing. No, wait, you'd have to call it an obsession with circles and the things they represent.

Things like the colour wheel, earth, unity, perfection, wholeness and inclusion.

ConfigURATION delves into elements of this obsession and explores the relationship between variant fields of colour and abstracted circular imagery.

Rat's urban beginnings are not forgotten in this series; however, these paintings do possess a more organic structure and are self-contained units of raw human expression. ConfigURATION is an unknown adventure in an unknown space.

DATE: Jan 17 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 17 6pm; Thu-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat-Sun 11am-5pm **VENUE:** Tacit Contemporary Art **ADDRESS:** 323 Johnston St, Abbotsford **PHONE:** 03 9416 8399 **WEB:** www.tacitart.com.au **COST:** Free



Midsumma's Men on Men Competition Winner Steve Edwards Untold

Open the door and spill some light: Untold explores midnights stolen moments, rough landscapes of male bodies and silent secrets on busy streets.

After winning the Men On Men Art Competition 2011 for his evocative portrait "The Groom", Steve Edwards presents an enticing exhibition of his latest works in photography and film.

Satisfy your cravings. On display January 16 - February 12 2012. Artworks for sale unless otherwise noted.

General viewing Mon-Sat 5pm-late, Sun 4pm-late.

Men only VCAT A201/2010. Open day Saturday, January 21 2pm-6pm. Women welcome.



DATE: From January 16 2012 **OPEN:** Mon-Sat 5pm-late, Sun 4pm-late **MEN ONLY:** Jan 21, 2pm-6pm (VCAT A201/2010) **VENUE:** The Laird Hotel **ADDRESS:** 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford **PHONE:** 03 9417 2832 **WEB:** www.lairdhotel.com **COST:** Free



If Mother Killed Her Wife Will She Hang?

Sydney artists Mills & Morte continue their Falleni Series in If Mother Killed Her Wife Will She Hang?

Drawing from the incredible life of Italian immigrant Eugenia Falleni (1875-1938), the artists recreate the public fascination with her transgender identity through luscious paintings and intriguing mixed media work.

The exhibition draws from circus and freak show imagery to tell the story of her 1920s court case.

Falleni was a mother. Living in male persona since her arrival in Australia in 1898, her transgender identity became front-page news, causing a scandal.

DATE: Jan 15 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat noon-6pm **VENUE:** Blindside Gallery **ADDRESS:** Level 7, Room 14, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.blindside.org.au **COST:** Free



Art, Stories, Celebrations

An exhibition of 12 extraordinary artists and a wall of amazing stories.

The work includes painting, photography, sculpture, embroidery, music, body art, jewellery and some original art as fashion pieces.

My Life on a Page is a short story relating to family, friend, neighbour, self, experience or fantasy.

Joan Nestle, well known lesbian activist, writer and original creator of The Herstory Archives will launch the exhibition on Friday, January 27.

This event is part of GOWEST, a Hobsons Bay City Council initiative.



DATE: Jan 27 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 27 6.30pm; 10am-4pm daily **VENUE:** Joel Gallery **ADDRESS:** 5 Sargood St, Altona **PHONE:** 03 9398 2511 **WEB:** www.louisjcc.com.au **COST:** Free

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The Advocates

This is a sculptural exhibition of works made using chairs reclaimed from hard rubbish, twine and twigs.

Cecile Knight is an artist based in regional Victoria who is presenting an encore exhibition of her unforgettable wooden sculptures.

"These are my advocates, they represent my fight for a simpler life. All things deserve a second chance, as an artist it is my duty to reclaim, reanimate and reform," she said.

The Advocates is Cecile's first solo exhibition and the work embodies her commitment to sustainability.



DATE: Jan 16 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** 9am-5pm
VENUE: Foyer Gallery, Gasworks Arts Park
ADDRESS: 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200 **WEB:** www.gasworks.org.au
COST: Free



The Dinner Party

Saints or sinners? Do you see what I see?

John Knap presents a gorgeous array of icons to celebrate the saint and sinner in all of us. John's current body of work uses multiple colour prints to create small iconic images. The work is hand-woven and shellacked, and the visual narrative is about perceptions. Was it the Last Supper or the first Dinner Party ... you decide!



DATE: Jan 16 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Daily, 9am-5pm **VENUE:** Gasworks Arts Park **ADDRESS:** 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200 **WEB:** www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** Free



The Interior Orchestra Analog and Digital Work by Sol

Join the artist for drinks at 6pm, Friday, January 20. Sol is the artistic alter ego of Sydney-based new media artist Phil Soliman.

Unlike Soliman's other work, the Sol series is deeply personal and casually controversial, embracing the subconscious, and the tangled forest of desires, insecurities and dreams that dwell within it.

Working across drawing, painting, collage and printmaking, using both analog and digital technologies, the Dadaist riot of visual styles and techniques reflects how Soliman sees his own inner universe — a chaotic kaleidoscope of sensory and cognitive impressions, unconstrained by regular forms of definition and categorisation.



DATE: Jan 20 - Feb 2 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 20, 6pm; Tue-Sun 10am-10pm **VENUE:** Brunswick Street Gallery
ADDRESS: 322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 0419 390 478 **WEB:** www.brunswickstreetgallery.com.au
COST: Free

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Take Care {out} There '12 LGBTIQ Short Film Contest



The ALSO Foundation has created the first professional LGBTIQ accolade for short filmmakers, offering a unique and fresh communications platform for emerging talent to show their creativity around the subjects of sexual health and relationship issues, as well as the chance to debut works before award-winning judges Tony Ayres and Ana Kokkinos. Join us for the finalists' screening and winner announced!

The Take Care {out} There Short Film Competition is modelled on 'Make A Film, Make A Difference', the TAC's short film competition based around road safety.

The contest is open to anyone with a film or experimental cinema piece that addresses sexual health or relationship issues around sexual health. Entrants are in the running for the winning prize of \$2500 and \$1000 of film equipment hire from Open Channel.

The gala screening as part of Midsumma Festival is at Red Bennies on Tuesday, January 17. Further glory abounds with screenings across leading industry events via our affiliated festival partners.



DATE: January 17 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm
VENUE: Red Bennies
ADDRESS: 373 Chapel St, South Yarra
PHONE: 03 9826 2689

They're a Queer Mob



An exhibition of artists from a diverse range of cultures that make up a part of Melbourne's LGBTIQ community.

Sexy, funny, dangerous, black and loud are just a few adjectives to describe some of the work on show.

Opening night will be a party with performers scheduled to entertain all evening. The exhibition features an informal discussion on LGBTIQ diversity in Indigenous cultures. Speakers will cover such topics as the third gender in Indigenous cultures such as faafafine (Samoa), fakaleiti (Tonga), rae rae (Tahiti Nui) and sistagirls (Indigenous Australia). Also to be covered is the continuum of specific Indigenous sexualities which have become distinct parts of Western LGBTIQ minority culture.

DATE: Jan 19 - Feb 5 2012
OPEN: Thur-Sun noon-5pm
VENUE: Black Dot Gallery
ADDRESS: 413 Lygon St, East Brunswick
WEB: www.blakdot.com.au **COST:** Free



31@21

Thirty-one lesbian artists will showcase their exciting new work for your viewing pleasure.

Back by popular demand, the huge lesbian art exhibition 31@21 returns to Midsumma in 2012 with emerging and established lesbian artists. Don't miss the opening night party where the cream of Melbourne's lesbian art community come out to play.

Opening night is on Friday, January 20, Easey Street Artist Studios and Gallery.



DATE: Jan 20-29 2012 **OPEN:** Jan 20 7pm-late;
Sat-Sun 11am-4pm
VENUE: Easey Street Artist Studios and Gallery
ADDRESS: 21 Easey St, Collingwood
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Karen and Angela have been running their popular workshops on walking the Camino for over five years. Angela also runs cooking classes on Spanish, Greek and Cypriot cooking at venues across Melbourne.

Karen's book 'A Slow Walk Across Spain' will be available for purchase on the night.

DATE: February 1 2012 **OPEN:** 6.30pm **VENUE:** Books For Cooks **ADDRESS:** 233-235 Gertrude St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 8415 1415 **WEB:** www.booksforcooks.com.au **COST:** \$15



Facade

Facade: a front, barrier or mask. Can we ever really trust those we care about?

Facade follows the story of six individuals whose lives are caught up in a web of deception. Fran and Sylvia own a developing events business in Melbourne and to the public they are happily married. Donna and Nathan have been close friends for years, some may say too close.

Guy and Steve seem your average Joes, but even blokes have secrets. Dealing with themes of fear, betrayal and loss, Facade will have you asking yourself, what am I hiding?



DATE: Jan 19 - 28 2012 **OPEN:** Thurs-Sat 8pm
VENUE: Kew Court House **ADDRESS:** 188 High St, Kew **PHONE:** 03 9853 3551 **COST:** \$25/\$18 conc



A Midsummer Night's Dean

Shall I compare thee to a summer's gay? The queen of the fairies falls in love with an ass, thanks to a short (but satisfying) puck!

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To Dean or not to Dean, that is the question. And the answer is YES!



DATE: Jan 17-21 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Thur 8pm, Sat 6pm **VENUE:** Loop **ADDRESS:** 23 Meyers Place, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9654 0500
WEB: www.looponline.com.au
COST: \$25/\$22 conc



Painted and Pushed Male Art

Painted and Pushed is an exhibition of oil paintings of the male image by life partners Gregg Wilson and Kwong Yap. The exhibition, at Kingston Art Centre, Moorabbin, runs between January 19 and February 9. All works of art are for sale at very reasonable prices and are a joyous and colourful celebration of male energy and intimacy.

Enquiries through Kingston Arts Centre or email kingart@kingston.vic.gov.au or paintedandpushed@yahoo.com.au



DATE: Jan 19 - Feb 9 2012 **VENUE:** Kingston Art Centre **ADDRESS:** 979 Napean Hwy, Moorabbin **PHONE:** 03 9556 4440 **WEB:** www.kingstonarts.com.au **COST:** Free

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Written, acted, directed and produced by qualified primary and high school teachers, the play aims to break through the stereotypes and present a more balanced perspective of what constitutes a family.

The audience is treated to a lighthearted and inspiring experience.



DATE: Jan 25-29 2012 **OPEN:** Wed-Sun 2.30pm
VENUE: CERES Community Environment Park
ADDRESS: Cnr Roberts and Stewart Sts,
Brunswick East **PHONE:** 03 9389 0100
WEB: www.ceres.org.au **COST:** \$15/\$8 conc



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DATE: Jan 18-22, 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:**
Red Bennies **ADDRESS:** 373 Chapel St, South
Yarra **PHONE:** 03 9826 2689 **WEB:** www.
redbennies.com **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc



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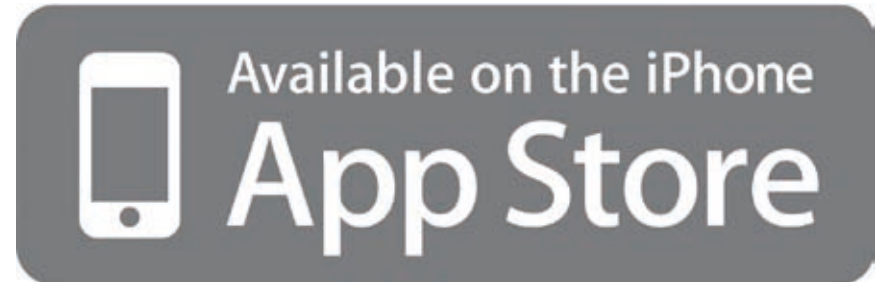


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DATE: Feb 2-4 2012 **OPEN:** Thu-Sat 8pm
VENUE: Gasworks Arts Park **ADDRESS:** 21
Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200
WEB: www.gasworks.org.au
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Melbourne Queer Film Festival, in partnership with the City of Yarra, presents four warm and romantic nights of queer film favourites on the banks of the Yarra.

BYO picnic hamper and cushions. Prizes for best hamper. Don't miss these queer film highlights, including romantic comedy *Is It Just Me?*, MQFF festival favourite *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister*, spy-spoof-meets-teen flick *D.E.B.S.* and camp drama *Eating Out 4: Drama Camp!*

Celebrate Midsumma with us in Melbourne's most relaxed outdoor cinema environment. Where else can you bring well behaved dogs, recline in your own bean bag and dip into your own hamper or esky full of delicious goodies while watching quality queer flicks?

Movie listings:

Friday Jan 20

Is it Just Me?

(JC Calciano, USA 2010)



Fresh from its 2011 MQFF sold-out sessions. Perennially single writer Blaine is on a quest to find a guy who isn't entirely concerned with appearances — no easy task in an image-obsessed city like Los Angeles. One night on a chat site he meets naive and hunky cowboy Xander who is new to LA, and who sounds exactly like someone Blaine could connect with on a more personal level, maybe even have a relationship with. After many romantic web chats, they decide to take the plunge and meet in person. But unbeknownst to Blaine has been

logged on to the web chat using his incredibly hot, but slightly vacuous flatmate Cameron's profile. Not wanting to lose contact with Xander, and knowing he's expecting a hottie, Blaine enlists Cameron's help to pretend to be him in person — a charade that sets in motion a convoluted comedy of errors that may or may not result in Blaine getting his Mr Right. One of the funniest and sweetest gay romantic comedies in years.

Saturday Jan 21

The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister

(James Kent, UK, 2010)

Don't miss this MQFF 2011 festival favourite. Opening and closing queer film festivals the world over, *The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister* tells the incredible, based-on-a-true-story tale of an early 19th century English gentlewoman who preferred the fairer sex and recorded her conquests in a coded diary, later discovered by a local historian. But you can expect more than a restrained, straitlaced Jane Austen costume drama, as saucy Anne (magnificently played by Maxine Peake) and her maiden Mariana are sneaking off into the woods for furtive dalliances at the first opportunity, and Anne cruises girls openly in church on Sunday. This outstanding BBC-produced period romance moves at a cracking pace as Anne juggles erratic lovers, jealous best friends, evil businessmen, major estate renovations, all while practising her shooting. And so the big question becomes, which lady does Anne have in her sights? Love of her life Mariana? Faithful friend Tib? Or will it be pretty Miss Walker, the wealthiest heiress in the county?



Friday Jan 27

D.E.B.S.

(Angela Robinson, USA, 2004)

Opening night MQFF 2005. Back by popular demand. Audiences all over the world loved this spy-spoof-meets-teen-flick *D.E.B.S.* in 2004. While comparisons with *Charlie's Angels* and *Austin Powers* are inevitable, a more precise reference would be the smart 1980s teen comedies from John Hughes, which seemed to define a generation. Embedded in the Standard Aptitude Test for American high school students is a hidden test which cherry-picks pupils who can lie, fight, and steal for an elite secret defence program called the D.E.B.S. Amy is the 'perfect score' and the Academy's great hope for finally defeating gorgeous and sexy archvillain Lucy Diamond ('so evil no agent has survived a meeting with her' and a dead ringer for Demi Moore!). Right off the bat it's clear that Lucy intrigues Amy more than she cares to admit, and when they finally meet, the chemistry is more than they can handle. Will Amy give up her alpha, beta, gamma existence, and trade it all in for romance with the alluring Diamond? In *D.E.B.S.*, Robinson has created a genuinely funny all-girl-action romp, with an easy-on-the-eye cast and a cracking retro soundtrack. For all the girls who longed for *Charlie's Angels* with a bit of girl-on-girl action your dreams have been answered!

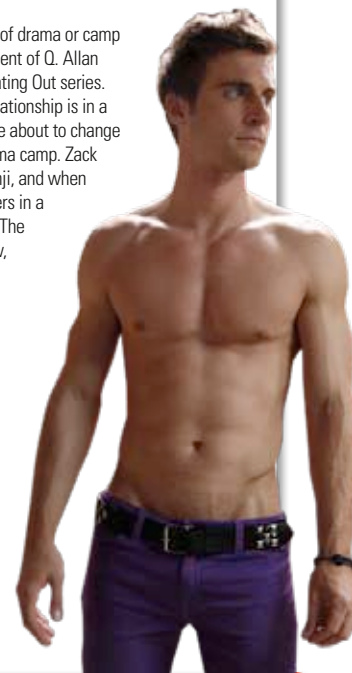


Saturday Jan 28

Eating Out 4: Drama Camp

(Q. Allan Brocka, USA, 2011)

There's no shortage of drama camp in the fourth instalment of Q. Allan Brocka's hilarious *Eating Out* series. Zack and Casey's relationship is in a slump, but things are about to change at Dick Dickey's drama camp. Zack meets gorgeous Benji, and when they are cast as lovers in a sexed-up version of *The Taming of the Shrew*, their self-restraint is put to the test. Will Zack and Casey's relationship last with Benji in the picture? Please note: There is limited wheelchair access available at the venue, please contact MQFF on 9662 4147 for more information.



OPEN: Gates open 7pm **VENUE:** Fairfield Amphitheatre **ADDRESS:** Fairfield Park Dr, Fairfield **WEB:** www.mqff.com.au
COST: \$13/\$11 conc/mem

Beginners

What does one do if the man one has known as a loving father and a devoted husband for 44 years comes out of the closet and decides to live a full, energised, and wonderfully tumultuous gay life from now till the end?

Sit back on the grass of Gasworks Arts Park on a summer evening with your best friends and your favourite picnic food and join us in a special Midsumma screening of the hugely popular Mike Mills film, *Beginners*.

DATE: January 27 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Gasworks Arts Park **ADDRESS:** 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200
WEB: www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** \$18



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37 Ways To Say Im Gay is the new play by award-winning prominent gay writer and director Wayne Tunks.

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His successful plays include The Subtle Art of Flirting, We'll Always Have Wagga, The Bridesmaid Must Die!, and this year's massive hit, The Burlesque Effect, as well as the gay-themed hits Silvertop Ash and Go West.



DATE: Jan 15, 19 - Feb 5 2012 **OPEN:** Thur-Sat 8.30pm; Sun 5pm **VENUE:** Downstairs at Alma's **ADDRESS:** 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North **PHONE:** 0467 903 345 **COST:** \$30/\$26 conc **PREVIEW:** Jan 15, \$15



Andy & Jonny present: Cocktails & Cocktales

"Bright copper kettles and crisp apple strudels, boys in loose trackies with big floppy doodles ..." Join Andy and Jonny as they add a gay twist to some old classics.

Take a magic carpet ride with the boys on their super-studley-narcissistic-expertly-atrocious journey through the wonderful world of the gay scene, all set to your favourite childhood tunes — well sort of.



DATE: Jan 17-27 2012 **OPEN:** Tue-Fri 7pm **VENUE:** Paloma Bar **ADDRESS:** 480 Collins St, Melbourne **WEB:** www.palomabar.com **COST:** \$19/\$15 conc



Another Walk on the Wes Side ...

Melbourne's very own king of cabaret returns with his variety night which proved a hit of the 2011 Festival. Wes leads a host of Melbourne's (and indeed, the World's!) cabaret and comedy talent. Shimmy? You think you can shimmy? You ain't seen anything yet! For this year's special guests visit www.thesubstation.org.au



DATE: Feb 3 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** The Substation **ADDRESS:** 1 Market St, Newport **PHONE:** 03 9391 2736 **WEB:** www.thesubstation.org.au **COST:** \$27/\$25 conc

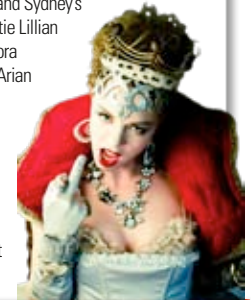


Bent Burlesque

The best of burlesque from Australia's queer fringe.

Staring Australia's Queen of Burlesque Imogen Kelly, ex- Gurlisque saucy superstar Glitta Supernova and Sydney's favourite bent hottie Lillian Starr with a plethora of special guests Arian Levanael, Dallas Dellaforce and more.

Come razzle your vajazzle in the burlesque Hall of Fame with Bent Burlesque 2012.



DATE: Jan 18-21 2012 **OPEN:** 9pm **VENUE:** Red Bennies **ADDRESS:** 373 Chapel St, South Yarra **PHONE:** 03 9826 2689 **WEB:** www.redbennies.com **COST:** \$20/\$15 conc



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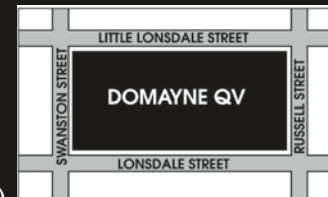
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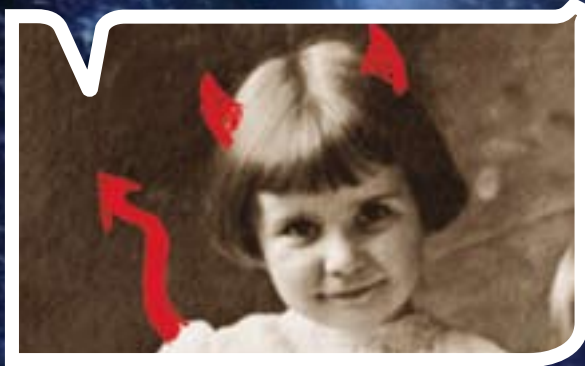
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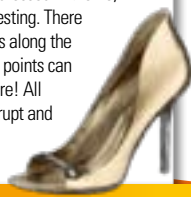


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DT's Golden Stiletto Rally

Now in its 14th year, DT's Golden Stiletto Rally is an excursion on foot around Richmond answering a questionnaire, the clues to which can be found on the route.

Bonus points are awarded to people or teams dressed in theme, or anything interesting. There are marshal stops along the way where more points can be earned. Beware! All marshals are corrupt and can be bribed.



DATE: January 28 2012 **OPEN:** 2pm
Registration for 4pm start **VENUE:**
DT's Hotel **ADDRESS:** 164 Church
St, Richmond **PHONE:** 03 9428 5724
WEB: www.dtshotel.com.au

Fair go, sport! forum

We're here, we're queer and we wanna play! Sport remains a significant site for homophobic harassment and exclusion.

Failure to ensure safe and welcoming cultures creates unique challenges, not only for LGBTIQ communities, but also for sports. The Fair go, sport! project aims to respond to these challenges by increasing awareness of sexual and gender diversity in sport and promoting action. This forum will bring together the key partners to explain and explore the project.

DATE: January 24 2012 **OPEN:** 6.30pm
VENUE: Hockey Olympians Room,
State Hockey Centre **ADDRESS:** Brens
Rd, Parkville **PHONE:** 03 9032 3415
REGISTER: airgosport@veohrc.vic.gov.au **COST:** Free

GLOBE's 20th Anniversary Dinner

2012 marks GLOBE's 20th anniversary. Beginning during Midsumma 1992, GLOBE is a not-for-profit organisation known for its networking events such as Fruits and Blend, and the financial support it provides to the Melbourne LGBTI community via the GLOBE Community Grants. Guest speakers include Professor Kerryn Phelps AM, the ex-federal president of the Australian Medical Association. Catering will be provided by Epicure.

DATE: February 4 2012 **OPEN:** 6.30pm
VENUE: ANZ Pavilion - Melbourne
Arts Centre **ADDRESS:** 100 St
Kilda Rd, Melbourne **WEB:** www.globemelbourne.com.au **COST:**
\$127/\$112 Globe members

JOY 94.9 Picnic

This open day is an annual fixture in the Midsumma calendar and is a wonderful fundraising event for JOY 94.9. The Melbourne Rainbow Band and the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus will be on hand and Motafrenz will have classic cars on display.

DATE: January 26 2012
TIME: Gates open 10am-4pm
WHERE: Forest Glade, Mt Macedon Rd, Mt Macedon.

GETTING THERE: About 1km after the township you will see Forest Glade on the right, with JOY signage and balloons.

BRING: Picnic, hat, sunscreen, rug/chairs

NOTE: BBQs and pets not permitted. All rubbish must be removed.



Red Ribbon Cabaret

Join Kaye Sera and friends for a spectacular night of cabaret under the majestic dome of the Positive Living Centre. This magical cabaret evening celebrates the strength of our community in the face of HIV/AIDS. Hosted by Kaye Sera. Starring Dolly Diamond, Luke Gallagher, Jon Jackson and special guests. Featuring Maxi Shields' inaugural Red Ribbon raffle. Staged in honour of family, friends and lovers affected by HIV/AIDS, all proceeds from this event are donated to the Positive Living Centre.



DATE: January 28 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm
VENUE: VAC Positive Living Centre
ADDRESS: 51 Commercial Rd, South
Yarra **PHONE:** 03 9863 0444 **WEB:**
www.kayesera.com **COST:** \$25

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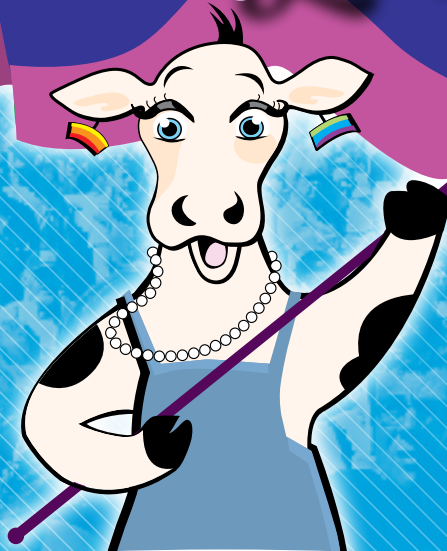


Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu and Clem Newton-Brown MP, Member for Prahran, pictured centre with (from left) Minister for Mental Health Mary Wooldrige, Minister for Education Martin Dixon, Parliamentary Secretary for Families & Community Services Andrea Coote, Georgie Crozier, Member for Southern Metropolitan Region, Minister for Tourism & Major Events Louise Asher and Minister for Health David Davis.

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Ace Girls Tennis

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All standards are welcome from beginners to advanced. The session will focus on stroke production, point play and social hitting. All you need to do is bring a racquet and we'll do the rest.

Dinner at the Pumhouse Hotel will follow the tennis session (dinner at own cost).

The Ace Girls have provided an opportunity for lesbian tennis players to meet socially and improve their tennis since 2002. The group has monthly dinners and regularly travels to play in tournaments throughout Victoria and Australia.

DATE: January 23 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:** Carlton Gardens Tennis Club **ADDRESS:** 11 Nicholson St, Carlton **WEB:** www.acegirls.org **COST:** \$10



Cliffhanger Indoor Rock Climbing

Make this your day of adventure! The Cliffhanger Centre is Australia's tallest indoor climbing facility and this two-hour 'come n try' experience includes a half-hour instruction by a qualified staff member, climbing harness and shoe hire, for a heavily discounted price exclusive to the GOWEST Midsumma Festival.

After a day out of Midsumma fun and festivities - perhaps you've played a spot of croquet or been sailing for the first time - up the adrenaline rush and come rock climbing, you won't be disappointed.

Grab a couple of friends and enjoy the thrill.

Bookings are essential. For enquiries, phone 9369 6400 or visit www.cliffhanger.com.au

DATE: From January 22 2012 **OPEN:** 6pm **VENUE:** Westgate Entertainment Complex **ADDRESS:** Cnr Grieve Pde & Dohertys Rd, Altona North **PHONE:** 03 9369 6400 **WEB:** www.cliffhanger.com.au **COST:** \$12



Come OUT and Bowl

Midsumma's only gay bowling event at the home of Downstairs at Alma's. Bring your partner. Cost of play is \$30 for one day, \$50 for two days (includes complimentary beer or wine and a BBQ lunch on each day).



DATE: January 22 & 29 2012 **OPEN:** 10:30am - 4pm **VENUE:** Alma Sports Club **ADDRESS:** 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North **PHONE:** 03 9527 2625 **WEB:** www.almasportsclub.com.au **COST:** Free



Croquet and Afternoon Tea

How does a warm summer afternoon with a Pimms or a G&T on the verandah overlooking our lawns, followed by homemade cream cakes with China or Darjeeling teas sound?

Interested? Williamstown Croquet Club is especially proud to welcome members of the LGBTIQ community. The club looks forward to introducing you to playing croquet and ensuring that you and your friends have a great afternoon with us.

Not only will you enjoy learning a new sport but our offer will be a delicious traditional afternoon tea.

This has been a very popular event in the past, so please book quickly.

DATE: January 22 2012 **OPEN:** Noon-5pm **VENUE:** Williamstown Croquet Club **ADDRESS:** 104 Victoria St, Williamstown **PHONE:** 0433 111 068 **WEB:** williamstowncroquet.org.au **COST:** \$10



The Crowd

Written for the 2012 Midsumma Festival, E D Downs' *The Crowd* is a heartwarming story of resilience and reconciliation.

When Ray attempts to reconnect with his son Tom, he sparks a chain of events that even he couldn't fathom. From connecting with Tom's partner Peter to being immersed in the world of his seemingly lost son, it becomes apparent that everyone has been affected by the trauma of Tom's past. The only question now is how can Tom be healed?

DATE: Jan 17 - Feb 4 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm
Tues-Sat, Sun matinee 5pm **VENUE:**
Northcote Town Hall **ADDRESS:** 189 High
St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9481 9500 **WEB:**
northcotetownhall.com.au **COST:** \$20/\$15 conc,
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A Bumpy Night

After 15 years of bringing us wild and creatively maverick programming in venues across the city, we present a Bumpy tribute to her fave live and local queer stars, rebel poets, and fierce and studly showbiz sensations. Bumpy Favell brought us the King Victoria drag kings and the periodic spoken-word Tranzlezbian Gendermash nights.

DATE: Jan 28 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Hares
& Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
PHONE: 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.
com.au **COST:** \$17/\$12 conc; season pass \$150



BanQuet 2012 Book Launches Queer Writing and Art

BanQuetpress is thrilled to launch two new collections of stories, poetry and art which showcase sensual, edgy and sweat-inducing tales of LGBTIQ desire, romance and erotica. Bookings essential — limited capacity.

DATE: February 3 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:** Hares
& Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
PHONE: 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.banquetpress.
com **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150



Benn Bennett Live at the Harehole

Alice took us down the rabbit hole, now let Benn Bennett take you on his twisted hallucinatory ride through the Harehole. In a night where stories, song and stand-up combine effortlessly with piano and projection, Benn Bennett tells us what he really thinks about his friends, his aspirations and his life to date.

DATE: Jan 22 & 29 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:**
Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St,
Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589
WEB: www.hares-hyenas.com.au
COST: \$20/\$16 conc; season pass \$150

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Noel Tovey's performance work Little Black Bastard was developed into a bestselling memoir recounting his life story, from Melbourne's slums to the UK as an acclaimed choreographer, curator, director and artist. Others speakers include Inez Baranay, Benjamin Law and founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York, author Joan Nestle.



DATE: Jan 21 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Novel Conversations
A Word is Out favourite makes a welcome return, as we present five Australian writers reading a section of their choice, followed by a Q&A.

Authors include Andrea Goldsmith, award-winning writer of Reunion, among others; Geoffrey Knight, author of erotic adventure novels including The Curse of the Dragon King; Matthew Lang, author of modern gay gothic novel The Secret of Talmor Manor; Steve Dow, who will read from his satirical e-novel paeen to Sydney; and genre-defying writer Kim Westwood, author of The Courier's New Bicycle.



DATE: January 25 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Love Me, Love Me Not
A night to talk love. Silly, sexy, happy, sad, dark, uplifting and everything in between! Performers from all colours of the queer spectrum present stories, comedy, songs and reflections on love. From half of the creative team behind sell-out events like Dangerous Curves Ahead, Come As You Are, Femme Fever, Mummy Dearest and Papa Don't Preach, this will be an unforgettable night of lovey-dovey bliss and spiteful revenge.



Performers include Linda Beatty, Kitty Bang, Lia Incognita, John Stevens, Margaret Mayhew, Tim Baxter and Lisa-Skye.

DATE: January 19 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Bar Nancy **ADDRESS:** 61 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9486 4632 **COST:** \$15/\$12 conc

Queer 3000
An evening with acclaimed Melbourne writers and writers writing about Melbourne including novelist Kim Westwood, novelist Christos Tsiolkas (The Slap), La Trobe University professor Dennis Altman, novelist and editor Sophie Cunningham and novelist Neal Drinnan.

Melbourne can be an inspiration or an irritant, but there's no denying that our fair city has been the source and subject of much Australian contemporary writing.



DATE: February 1 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150


John Henry presents: Crack A Fat Circus
How does a lass from the mountains of Canada end up cycling to Wagga Wagga with a Brunswick mum?

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DATE: Jan 20-28 2012 **OPEN:** Wed-Sat 8.30pm; Sat Jan 28 6.30pm & 8.30pm **VENUE:** Melba Speigeltent Docklands **COST:** \$33/\$30 conc

Word is Out Poetry Slam v03
Poets and spoken word artists are invited to share their words before judges and audience.

With a maximum of two minutes in round one, four minutes in round two, and six minutes in the final round, do you have what it takes to be the 2012 Midsumma Slam Poet?

Register by emailing contactus@hares-hyenas.com.au or calling 03 9495 6589. A limit of 12 writers, with three in the final round.

DATE: January 23 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$12/\$8 conc; season pass \$150

Dirty Deeds 4: Sex Writing
Our Dirty Deeds contributors write to titillate, push boundaries and transgress the rules of polite society.

Our sex writers include queer-lit outlaw Aimee Rhodes, winner of the 2011 Sex Write-Off Competition Andy Murdoch, the prodigiously filthy Jules Wilkinson, and the dirty-minded author of the erotic Fathoms Five adventure series, Geoff Knight.

Hosted by Cyndi Darnell, founder of Pleasure Salon Melbourne. Like all good sex, you'll be screaming out for more, more, more.

DATE: January 24 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Is that a dildo in your pocket, Harry Potter?
Did Snape tutor Harry in the dark arts of kink? What if Iron Man and Batman met at a beat? Or Eric and Alcide from True Blood were hot for each other? Slash takes your favourite characters and reimagines them as queer and having hot sex.



Authors include the Ash Flanders (pictured) and his Golden Girls femslash Jules Wilkinson who'll explore why superheroes are obsessed with latex and Emily Turner who reinvents the cast of Merlin as horny uni students.

Featuring fanvids that show the hidden gay in films and TV from the 1940s till now.

DATE: Feb 4 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

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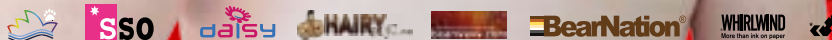
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Under the Sheets: Lesbian subtext in a Gay World

Lindy Cameron is the author of the fictional Kit O'Malley lesbian private investigator

trilogy.

Her latest book is the adventure thriller Redback. She is also co-author of the true crime collections Killer in the Family and Women Who Kill. Speaking at Go West Midsumma, Lindy will enthrall us with stories of her life and work.

DATE: January 18 2012 **OPEN:** 7pm **VENUE:** Altona Library **ADDRESS:** 123 Queen St, Altona **PHONE:** 1300 462 542 **WEB:** lindycameron.eventbrite.com **COST:** Free



What A Piece of Work: Queer Verse

An evening of contemporary Australian poets.

Our poets include Peter Rose; Australian Book Review editor Margaret Vandeleur; emerging writer Lia Incognita; Maria Zajkowski; and Rhys Rodgers.

DATE: January 30 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150



I Dream Therefore I Am ... Plus TIQ* scripts

The past 15 years have seen an explosion of trans cultural output. At the forefront of this cultural incursion was Julie Peters, Australia's first transgender parliamentary candidate,

theoretician and activist for gender and individual equality.

Her multimedia work I Dream Therefore I Am was a 1997 Melbourne Fringe Festival Writers Award winner, and 15 years later

to a life lived large.

Joining Julie will be sex-diverse, genderqueer and trans writers and performers, including Jez Wiggins and Sally Goldner.

is presented in an abridged version that adds new flavour



DATE: January 17 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150



Works in Progress 1: Other Places

The first of two nights featuring new work by Word Is Out alumni and newcomers. Writers include Merilee Moss with new work from her drama Tango Femme; poet and novelist Marg Vandeleur; performance artist Maude Davey; and Finucane Smith performance artist Moira Finucane and writer/director Jackie Smith.

DATE: January 18 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150



Works in Progress 2: Other Times

The second of two nights featuring new work by Word Is Out alumni and newcomers. Novelist Kelly Gardiner reads from Trag_die. Allister Hardiman reads from The Painters Companion. Disparate times and places are brought together by Ursula Dawkins. Jesse Blackadder reads from her work-in-progress about the Antarctic.

DATE: January 19 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

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Queerpreneurs and Changemakers



This event is for queer changemakers, social entrepreneurs and philanthropists. Come along and meet other changemakers from Melbourne's LGBTIQ community who are pursuing innovative and dynamic projects that make an impact both within the LGBTIQ community and beyond.

The evening will feature guests such as Ehon Chan, creator of Soften the Fuck Up!; Rebecca Scott, founder and CEO of STREAT; Benny Callaghan, CEO, School for Social Entrepreneurs; Stef Tipping, founder/editor of My Agender.

DATE: February 2 2012 **OPEN:** 6pm **VENUE:** HUB Melbourne **ADDRESS:** 673 Bourke St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 1300 482 611 **WEB:** www.hubmelbourne.com **COST:** \$20/\$17 conc



Spoil Yourself Wellbeing Workshop

A day of pampering, primping and preening. Hobsons Bay Youth Services is hosting a day of pampering fun. Beauty and skincare, meditation and massage, yoga and pilates — there is something for everyone. Age strictly 12+. Free for ages 12-17, \$5 per workshop for 18+. Bookings recommended as places are limited. Part of GOWEST, a Hobsons Bay City Council initiative.



DATE: Jan 18 2012 **OPEN:** 1pm-8pm **VENUE:** Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre **ADDRESS:** 2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows **PHONE:** 03 9932 4001 (Jade) **WEB:** www.libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au **COST:** Ages 12-17 free; 18-plus \$5



VicTennis Midsumma Tournament

VicTennis Midsumma Tournament is on Sunday, January 22 2012. Register your interest now - limited numbers.

Contact: victennis1@gmail.com



DATE: January 22 2012 **STARTS:** 9am **VENUE:** Elsternwick Park Tennis Centre **ADDRESS:** Cnr St Kilda St & Glenhuntly Rd, Brighton **REGISTER:** victennis1@gmail.com



Northside Exposure Photowalk

Calling all budding photographers and flashbulb enthusiasts. Grab your cameras and come to the northside Mecca of Melbourne's gay and lesbian strip for some walking and talking, socialising with snapshots and general playing around.

Northside Exposure Photowalk is for beginners to experts. From buildings to breweries and dance bars to dungeons, explore gay and lesbian businesses and bars with a camera in your hand.

The photowalk will be led by Steve Edwards, winner of the Laird Hotel's Men on Men art competition 2011, who has an exhibition during Midsumma at the hotel.

DATE: January 28 2012 **OPEN:** 2pm **STARTS:** Cnr of Peel and Smith Streets, Collingwood **BRING:** Camera (film, digital, DSLR, Polaroid, etc) **COST:** \$30



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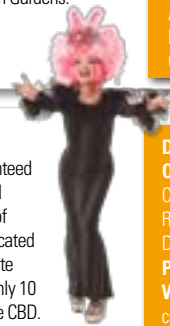
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Rainbow Families Welcome!

Who is in your family? Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer parents and their kids, donors, surrogates, family, friends and supporters - all are welcome at the annual Rainbow Families Picnic.

Bring your own picnic rug and basket, and maybe a ball or a game to share. You'll find us in the shade near the playground in Edinburgh Gardens.



DATE: January 21 2012
OPEN: 11am-3pm
VENUE: Edinburgh Gardens
ADDRESS: Alfred Crescent, Fitzroy North
COST: Free



Trivia Night

Cruise on down to the Cruiser Bar and Cafe Function Room for an unforgettable, fun-filled Trivia Night featuring the incomparable queen of drag Kaye Sera (pictured) as Quiz Mistress with the

Mostess. You will be guaranteed not only great questions and categories, but a whole lot of laughs. The Cruiser Bar is located inside the landmark Westgate Entertainment Centre and only 10 minutes from the Melbourne CBD.

DATE: January 29 2012
OPEN: 6.30pm
VENUE: Cruiser Bar & Cafe Function Room
ADDRESS: 61 Dohertys Rd, Altona North
PHONE: 03 9369 6900
WEB: www.cruiserbarcafe.com.au
COST: \$15



Walk with the Nomads

Join the Nomads on a scenic walk through beautiful bush settings close to the CBD. We will be walking along the Yarra River on both bush paths and pavements from Victoria Gardens (Richmond) to Fairfield. Key spots will include Kew Vineyard, Studley Park Boathouse, Kew

to Fairfield (over the Yarra). This walk will be easy for anyone who is reasonably fit. Bring water, comfortable shoes, sunscreen and hat. Buy lunch or bring your own. Register before January 19 at www.thenomadsinc.org.au or email thenomads@thenomadsinc.org.au

DATE: January 22 2012
REGISTER: Before Jan 19
OPEN: 11am
VENUE: Various
PHONE: 0428 447 539
EMAIL: thenomads@thenomadsinc.org.au
COST: Free



Wyndham Family Fun Day

Join our Family Fun Day at Point Cook Coastal Park. Bring a picnic or use the BBQ facilities and your walking shoes. Amazing playground, face painters, entertainment. Relax with family and friends alongside

a migratory bird habitat, a marine sanctuary and a park setting on Port Phillip Bay.

Presented by Wyndham City Council and is part of GOWEST, a Hobsons Bay City Council initiative.



DATE: December 29 2012
OPEN: 11am-3pm
VENUE: Kelly Park, Werribee
ADDRESS: cnr Synnot & Cherry Sts, Werribee
COST: Free



Truth, Dare & Promise: Issues in Youth Literature

Featuring academics, editors and young adult fiction authors, this panel discussion aims to unpack what's fit to print for young adults.

Could young adult fiction be better described as trauma fiction? Has it

become too dark? If pressure on some writers to de-gay their characters is about increasing sales potential, is this homophobic? Panellists include Kelly Gardiner, author of novels for young people, and author and academic Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli.

DATE: January 22 2012
OPEN: 5.30pm
VENUE: Hares & Hyenas
ADDRESS: 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
PHONE: 03 9495 6589
WEB: www.hares-hyenas.com.au
COST: \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150



Tom Sharah in Que Sera, Sharah

Can a cabaret show have too much attitude? Too much pizzazz? Or a young star have too much showbiz in his veins? Not when the star is Tom Sharah, winner of the 2009 Sydney Cabaret Showcase. Too much is just enough.

After wowing audiences at the Adelaide Cabaret Festival and the Noosa Long Weekend Festival, Tom comes to Melbourne for the first time, direct from three sell-out Sydney seasons.

Tom is as talented a stand-up comedian as he is a singer. Whether confessing to a pre-pubescent Spice Girls obsession or setting the scene for the ups and downs of today's young romantic-with-attitude, Tom weaves his own stories and Gen Y observations in and out of a smart program of pop tunes, old and new, all tinged with the hilarious, in-your-face, high maintenance attitude of the man himself!

DATE: Jan 25-28 2012
OPEN: Wed & Fri 7.30pm; Thurs & Sat 9.30pm
VENUE: fortyfivedownstairs
ADDRESS: 45 Flinders Ln, Melbourne
PHONE: 03 9662 9966
WEB: www.fortyfivedownstairs.com
COST: \$20



Free Sailing Day

Come and try sailing on the seductive azure waters of Altona Bay. Our club has many yachts of all sizes and speeds to give you a great sailing experience. Part of GOWEST, a Hobsons Bay City Council initiative.



DATE: January 22 2012
OPEN: 10am
VENUE: Altona Yacht Club
ADDRESS: 10 Beach St, Seaholme
COST: Free



FUORI! Dance under Midsumma stars

FUORI! was Italy's first major gay and lesbian rights group, founded in 1972. FUORI, in Italian, means 'to come out'.

ArciLesbica Australia invites everybody to FUORI!, an evening of dancing under the stars al fresco.

DATE: February 4, 2012
OPEN: 7pm
VENUE: Piazza Italia
ADDRESS: Lygon St, Carlton
PHONE: 0408 137 037
WEB: www.arci lesbica australia.org
COST: Free



GLOBE's Midsumma Networking Event

GLOBE's Midsumma combined networking event for guys and girls is being held between 6-8.30pm at Crown Metropol 28.

This exclusive lounge and sky bar offers panoramic views of Melbourne's skyline.

DATE: January 19 2012
OPEN: 6pm
VENUE: 28, Level 28, Crown Metropol
ADDRESS: 8 Whiteman St, Southbank
WEB: www.globemelbourne.com.au
COST: \$10 at door/ Globe members free

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LGBTI 'Give It A Go' swimming session. You can then join us for a free BBQ at noon.



DATE: January 21 2012
OPEN: Women's Seminar 10am; Make A Splash 11am
VENUE: South Yarra Sports Centre
ADDRESS: Melbourne High School, 679 Chapel St, South Yarra
WEB: www.glamourheads.org/
COST: Free



Les Rock - Indoor Rockclimbing: CBD

After last year's success, Les Rock is delighted to organise three indoor rockclimbing events during the 2012 Midsumma. To mix it up a bit, two sessions will be held with The Nomads. Les Rock is a social indoor/outdoor rockclimbing network for lesbians,

open to all, in and around Melbourne. If you are already a climber, a keen beginner or just curious to give rockclimbing a go, please come and join us. Afterwards, we generally head to the pub for friendly drinks and dinner. Please register by Tuesday, January 11 2012.

DATE: January 16, 23, 30, 2012
OPEN: 5.45pm
VENUE: Jan 23 Hardrock Nunawading; Jan 16 & 30 Hardrock CBD
EMAIL: Les.rock@yahoo.com.au
COST: \$17+ bf/\$15 at door



Motafrenz Magical Mystery Tour

Come join your Motafrenz for this great annual event. Try your best navigation, observation and problem-solving skills in the most enjoyable way as you drive through small towns, country roads, highways and byways to our fabulous secret lunch spot.

Pack a picnic lunch or pick up a little something along the way. Relax, swap war stories and catch up with your frenz.

Prizes will be given for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and fabbest auto.

DATE: January 22 2012
OPEN: 9.45am
START AT: Como Park North, cnr Alexandra & Williams Rds, South Yarra
WEB: www.motafrenz.org.au
COST: \$22 per car/\$5 per passenger



NudeManFest

Midsumma's NudeManFest is a place where men can be themselves, glorify and revel in their naked-as-a-jaybird status. They can experience the ultimate feeling

of freedom, leaving clothes, inhibitions and other restraints of the outside world behind. Here is an opportunity to celebrate and explore others and themselves, extend boundaries, re-acquaint themselves with nature.

DATE: January 20-22 2012
OPEN: Fri 4pm - Sun 5pm
VENUE: Riverview
COST: \$82



QSAM Midsumma Sports Day

Queer Sports Alliance Melbourne (QSAM) will host a Sports Day at the South Yarra Sports Centre. Sports such as rugby, soccer, swimming, dancing, volleyball, running, tennis, etc may be available. Come try one or more of those sports.

Please refer to www.queersportsmelbourne.org for up to date scheduling information. There will be a BBQ for participants to socialise.



DATE: January 22 2012
OPEN: 10am-4pm
VENUE: South Yarra Sports Centre
ADDRESS: Melbourne High School 679 Chapel St, South Yarra
WEB: www.sysc.com.au
COST: Free

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DATE: January 20, 27 & Feb 3 2012
OPEN: 10pm & 11.30pm **VENUE:** GH Hotel **ADDRESS:** 1 Brighton Rd, St Kilda
PHONE: 03 9534 4189 **WEB:** www.greyhoundhotel.com.au **COST:** \$15

Blonde on the Bay
 Calling all pirates and wenches aboard for Blonde's Midsumma night cruise.
 So don't miss out this year as Blonde boards the glamorous Victoria Star boat once again on Saturday, February 4. Join 350 of Melbourne's finest on this high summer eve, as she sets sail at sunset for the calm waters of the bay.
 Toast to the cocktail hour as this double-level luxury boat (Melbourne's largest) heads for the scenic views of the city's foreshores and beyond.
 Blonde is again upgrading by featuring two dancefloors (with two different music styles), DJs in both rooms and a sound system to be reckoned with. Throw in a complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival with all cocktail finger-food supplied and shows to make your jaw drop.
 For lovers of a dress-up, 'Pirates and Wenches' is your theme this year, girls. Outfits are encouraged but not essential.

DATE: February 4 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm
VENUE: Victoria Star Cruises **COST:** \$55

Foam-A-Sexual
 Now in its sixth year, the Peel Hotel presents Foam-A-Sexual, the ultimate suds party with two of your favourite DJs playing all the latest and campest bubbly hits.
 With full cloakroom and shower facilities, Foam-A-Sexual is the dirtiest way to get boys clean this year!
 Don't miss the sexy Surge water polo lifesavers and moisturising booth. Foam-A-Sexual is proudly sponsored by Manhunt.



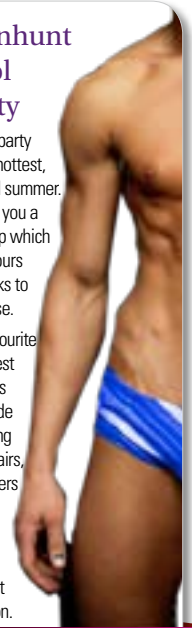
DATE: January 29 2012 **OPEN:** 2-10pm
VENUE: The Peel Hotel **ADDRESS:** Cnr Wellington & Peel Sts, Collingwood
PHONE: 03 9419 4762 **WEB:** www.thepeel.com.au **COST:** \$30 presales/\$40 door sales

The Kingpins
 The Kingpins play with the gaps in and between with an infinite series of transgressive drag acts.
 Coming out of Sydney's drag scene, the female foursome utilise an aesthetics of remixing, with elements taken from mainstream media, pop culture and art history, to comment on issues of gender, sex, public space, consumerism and corporate branding.
 Their performances play with music, video and costume, and are presented as public interventions, sometimes in the form of 'surprise' actions, as well as gallery installations with posters, projections and soundtracks. Humorous, spectacular, grotesque and colourful, their work engages the audience in a subversive politics of pleasure.



DATE: February 1 - March 3 **OPEN:** Wed-Sat 6pm **VENUE:** Neon Parc
ADDRESS: Level One, 53 Bourke St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 96630911 **WEB:** www.neonparc.com.au **COST:** Free

Manhunt Pool Party
 Come party poolside at the hottest, wettest party all summer. Manhunt brings you a stellar DJ line-up which will see eight hours of pumping tracks to groove and cruise.
 Get into your favourite boardies or sexiest trunks and join us under the poolside palms. It's clothing optional downstairs, towel or swimmers only upstairs.
 Don't miss the hot swimwear parades and wet jocks competition.



DATE: February 4 2012 **OPEN:** Noon-8pm **VENUE:** Wet On Wellington
ADDRESS: 162 Wellington St, Collingwood **PHONE:** 03 9419 2210
WEB: www.wetonwellington.com.au **COST:** \$20

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Candice McQueen: NASTY

Candice McQueen: NASTY is a solo cabaret show about an immortal demi-goddess who has sipped nectar with Allah and was once Helen Keller's primary caregiver.

Candice is much like Hercules but with a superior weave. Ms McQueen is taking over The Butterfly Club to finally make herstory. No secrets. No limits. No taboos.

Candice will reveal the untold love story of herself and a fallen '90s cinema idol.

Candice McQueen is the creation of London cabaret tranny artist Spanky who is widely known for his seven-year residency in East London's famous Bistrottheque.

DATE: Jan 31 - Feb 5 **OPEN:** Tues 8pm; Wed_Fri + Sun 9pm **VENUE:** The Butterfly Club
ADDRESS: 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
PHONE: 03 9690 2000 **WEB:** www.thebutterflyclub.com **COST:** \$27/\$24 conc

Cath Jamison: I Know What You're Thinking!

Award-winning magician Cath Jamison undoubtedly proves that conjuring, the paranormal and women's intuition do exist.

In her new and hilariously entertaining stage show, Cath explores and demonstrates bizarre dating rituals and the feminine mystique, with her trademark sass, style and mind manipulation.

Often noted as one of the most bizarre and unusual women in Australia, Cath will delve and play with your mind, the only way a woman can. She will leave you gasping from her infamous obsession with the blade and playful antics of the Voodoo Dolls.

DATE: January 27+ 28, Feb 03+04 2012
OPEN: Fri & Sat 7.30pm **VENUE:** Downstairs at Alma's **ADDRESS:** 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North
PHONE: 0467 903 345 **COST:** \$22/\$17 conc

Glenda Waverley Presents Four Dead Divas

Glenda Waverley puts four dead divas under the microscope.

Following last year's hilarious sold out season Glenda Waverley's Show Room, Dr Glenda Waverley, sociologist, day-show host and purveyor of fine wines, assembles four of the world's finest dead divas to dissect the meaning of camp.

With highlights from their stellar careers and beyond, Glenda explores what makes Dusty, Judy, Bette and Joan such gay icons.

Starring Kieran McGregor, Tim Hunter and Kevin McGreal. Directed by Kevin McGreal.

DATE: Jan 20 + 27 2012 **OPEN:** Fridays, 10.30pm
VENUE: The Butterfly Club **ADDRESS:** 204 Bank St, South Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9690 2000 **WEB:** www.thebutterflyclub.com **COST:** \$22/\$19 conc

Good Works

Good Works by Australian author Nick Enright is an intriguing look at the behaviour of human beings, and what we are capable of in the most extreme situations.

From the betrayal of best friends through to the intuitive love between two boys and the consequences of misguided parental love, Good Works shows us the darkest moments between two families over three generations.

The play takes us on a journey through the themes of male homosexuality, feminism, devotion, love and deceitfulness.

Good Works is a distinctive and remarkable Australian play that is absolutely unmissable.

DATE: Jan 16-28 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat 8pm
VENUE: Revolt Melbourne
ADDRESS: 12 Elizabeth St, Melbourne
PHONE: 03 9376 2115 **WEB:** www.revoltproductions.com **COST:** \$20/\$18 conc



FESTIVAL PARTIES

Saloon Speed Dating

Who said the farmer wants a wife when city slickers have Dating with Dean? Listen up all you queer cowboys and lady-loving cowgirls — you don't need to be a Lone Ranger any more as matchmaker extraordinaire Dean Arcuri brings you another night of themed speed dating.

This time, it's dating with a difference as you dress up in your finest flannel and dosey doe from match to match in an evening of summer fun filled with flirty frivolity. Come on down and lasso yourself some lovin'! Yee haw!

The Glasshouse opens its doors and rolls out the hay bales. Come and get a bite to eat before we begin or just rock up for registration and enjoy the night.

Once you have purchased your ticket via Midsumma all you need to do is come along, take your registration pack and get ready to spin your partners round! Whether you're looking for love, laughs, mates or dates, remember, the magic is in the mingling. When you get thrown from a horse, you have to get up and get back on, unless you landed



on a cactus — then you have to roll around and scream in pain. And please, don't squat with your spurs on.

DATE: February 01 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm
VENUE: Libation (upstairs) **ADDRESS:** 302 Brunswick St Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9416 5302
WEB: www.libation.com.au **COST:** \$22

Love

Love (for women). Without love we are heartless. So many things in life can be a waste of time, but not love. The world has too much hate. The world holds not enough love. When we come together tonight, we come together to celebrate and show love. For one night, let us forget the hate and show nothing but love. Featuring everything pink and red, two rooms of music, retro, '80s, '90s, deep house and ambient music, pink champagne, sweets, finger food, canapés and all that other fluffy stuff. Drink. Dance. Conversation. Friends. Love for women. Dedicated to the independent, sexy and mature woman in all of us. (No dress code, come as you are.)



DATE: January 20 2012 **OPEN:** 9pm-4am
VENUE: Secret Location **COST:** \$15

Lick @ Pride March

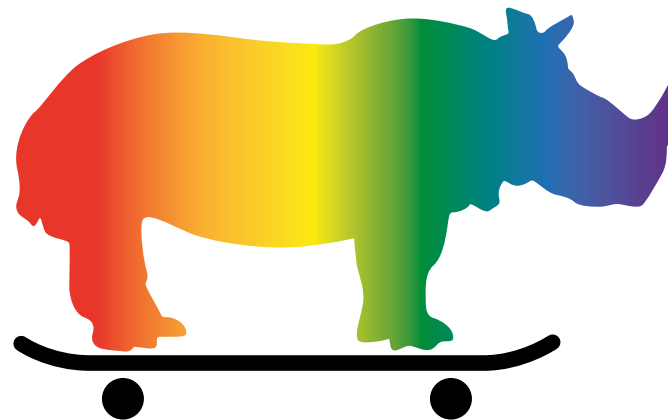
Sunday. Pride March. Cheering. Friends. Beach. All you need now are drinks, a great venue over-looking the breathtaking St Kilda bay views, some great DJs playing some great music and you're set for the rest of the afternoon and into the night.

Join us on this mini-Lick event as we shape up your afternoon with exactly all of the above. Two levels of music, electro/house on one and R&B/hip hop on another, the finest female DJs, beautiful women everywhere. Best of all, it's free until 8pm. It's pretty much like a popular Lick night - but at the beach.



DATE: February 5 2012 **OPEN:** 4pm-1am
VENUE: The Saint Hotel **ADDRESS:** 54 Fitzroy St, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9593 8333 **WEB:** www.thesainthotel.com **COST:** Free before 8pm

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Love and Other Psychological Disorders and Afflictions

The trials and tribulations of a young lovestruck man in pursuit of that elusive condition called love. Is it real, or should I not have followed you home?



DATE: Jan 19-21, 25-25 2012
OPEN: Jan 19-21 7pm; 24 7.30pm, 25 9pm
VENUE: Downstairs at Alma's **ADDRESS:** 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North **PHONE:** 0467 903 345 **COST:** \$20/\$18 conc

Goddess Grooves

Goddess Grooves showcases some of the finest lesbian singer-songwriters from our community in a night of divine original music and celebration.

The 2012 line-up includes Rosie Burgess, Kerry Fields, Sam Lohs and guests.

From contemporary folk-rock to blues and pop — come and join these great artists as they sing and play their way through original tunes and perhaps a cover or two.

Support live music and see these women strut their stuff. One night only — don't miss it.



VENUE: The East Brunswick Club **ADDRESS:** 280 Lygon St, Brunswick East **PHONE:** 03 9388 2777 **WEB:** www.eastbrunswickclub.com **COST:** \$20/\$16 conc

Pageant: The Musical

Award-winning theatre company SHooSH! Productions presents the highly anticipated return of Pageant: The Musical.

You've never seen a beauty pageant like this one! Pageant pits six beauty queens (all played by men) against each other in an extravaganza of evening gowns, bathing suits and not-to-be-missed talent.

While Les Girls swirl around the charming host in the funniest beauty contest ever seen, judges selected from the audience decide who will be crowned Miss Glamouresse.

A different winner each night ensures nonstop nail-biting fun!

DATE: Jan 27 - Feb 04 2012 **OPEN:** Tues-Sat 8pm; Sun 5pm **VENUE:** Northcote Town Hall **ADDRESS:** 89 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9534 4879 **WEB:** www.northcotetownhall.com.au **COST:** \$33/\$28 conc

Rigor Mortis

We should move somewhere new when the insurance payment for Mommy's death comes through: just you and me, Daddy. Somewhere far away from all this death and destruction. The tropics. Or Guam. Oh, that sounds super-nice, doesn't it?

Set in glamorous '60s Hollywood, Rigor Mortis tells the age-old tale of a nuclear family tragically torn apart by zombies. Cadence Baudelaire has it all: a loving husband, a beautiful daughter and a three-figure salary.

But then Cadence dies. For a while anyway, like Mommie Dearest by way of Night of the Living Dead and The Exorcist, Rigor Mortis promises to entertain, enthrall, and shock.

DATE: Jan 23-29 2012 **OPEN:** Mon-Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm **VENUE:** The Owl and Pussycat Gallery **ADDRESS:** 34 Swan St, Richmond **PHONE:** 0407 515 285 **WEB:** owlandcat.com.au **COST:** \$20/\$17 conc

Road Movie

Road Movie charts Joel's journey westward across

the United States to be reunited with the man of his dreams. Along the way, he stumbles across a series of people grieving for lost loved ones — before dealing with a tragedy of his own. This one man show is a compelling and moving tale of love, loss, and letting go, set in a mid-90's America at the height of the AIDS crisis. The piece stands beside other queer classics like Angels in America and The Laramie Project and combines Godfrey Hamilton's evocative writing with an astonishing central performance from Dirk Hoult.



DATE: Jan 24 (preview 7.30pm) Jan 25-28 7.30pm **OPEN:** 5pm **VENUE:** Gasworks Art Park **ADDRESS:** 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200 **WEB:** www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** \$30

Homophonic

3 Shades Black presents Homophonic, an evening of classical music by queer composers.

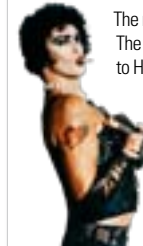
Spanning the centuries to bring you sapphic symphonists and homosexual harmonies. Performed by an ensemble of Melbourne's most in-demand musicians, and featuring Melbourne composers alongside more established names. We're bringing the disco ball to the concert hall. One night only.



DATE: February 2 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Old Council Chambers, Trades Hall **ADDRESS:** 54 Victoria St, Carlton **PHONE:** 03 9659 3511 **WEB:** www.vthc.org.au **COST:** \$20/\$15 conc

The Horror of the Inch: A Cult Rock Concert

The music of cult classics, from The Rocky Horror Picture Show to Hedwig and the Angry Inch in concert.



Covering Rocky to Hedwig, Queen to Prince, Bowie to Tina, this cult rock concert is worthy of your finest glam-rock gear!

SESSION 1

DATE: Jan 22 2012 **TIME:** 8pm **VENUE:** Order of Melbourne **ADDRESS:** 2/401 Swanston St **PHONE:** (03) 9663 6707 **COST:** \$27/\$22 conc

SESSION 2

DATE: Jan 26 - 29 2012 **TIME:** 8pm **VENUE:** DnM **ADDRESS:** 119 Commercial Rd South Yarra **COST:** \$27/\$22 conc

Spontaneous Broadway Troupe Du Jour

Enjoy a new queer Broadway musical each night!

Dates Thu 19 Jan to Sat 21 Jan
Venue Gasworks Theatre
Time 7:30pm
Cost \$35 Full / \$32 Conc / \$32 Group 10+



In One Day, prologue: Infinite Space Melbourne Ballet Company

Immerse yourself with beautiful and athletic vignettes coupled with a prologue choreographed to Mozart's 27th piano concerto.

Dates Thu 2 Feb to Sat 4 Feb
Venue Gasworks Theatre
Time 8pm
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**Red Light Songs of
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Red Light Songs of Lust, Love and Death is a brutally funny exploration of sex, love, death and family featuring original songs as well as old favourites from Tina Turner and Edith Piaf.

Written and performed by Eric Kuhlmann. Directed by Michelle Outram.



DATE: Jan 26-29 2012 **OPEN:** Thurs-Sat 7pm; Sun 6pm **VENUE:** The Butterfly Club
ADDRESS: 204 Bank St, South Melbourne
PHONE: 03 9690 2000 **WEB:** www.thebutterflyclub.com **COST:** \$22/\$19 conc

**Separating The Dust**

The darkness of this tale engulfs the audience as the curtain rises.

Chad and Michael are left to clean up after their mother's funeral wake. She had divided her final will and testament equally.

Chad's wife Raelene demands he contest the will for the lion's share, aggravating the undertow of smouldering years of unspoken hatred between the three of them. This will not end pretty.



DATE: Jan 17-21 2012 **OPEN:** Mon-Sat 8pm
VENUE: Revolt Melbourne
ADDRESS: 12 Elizabeth St, Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9376 2115 **WEB:** www.revoltproductions.com **COST:** \$25/\$20 conc

**Grindr: A Love Story?**

Nath Valvo is addicted to Grindr, he is not alone.

1.4 million males use Grindr every day.

Valvo has spoken to half of them. Join this award-winning comedian as he dives head-first into the most influential application to hit the gay scene since fake tan. This hilarious new show reveals that not every Grindr hook-up has a happy ending.

Valvo is quickly becoming one of Australia's most talked-about stand-up comedians. Midsumma is proud to present the premiere of Grindr: A Love Story? Six shows only. Book early to avoid disappointment.

DATE: Jan 19-21; Feb 2-4 2012 **OPEN:** Thu-Sat 9pm
VENUE: Gasworks Arts Park **ADDRESS:** 21 Graham St, Albert Park **PHONE:** 03 8606 4200
WEB: www.gasworks.org.au **COST:** \$22/\$18 conc

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FESTIVAL PARTIES

Whole Lotta Woman

Urzila Carlson took to the stage in April 2008 for the first time, fell in love and so did the audience.

She won the NZ Comedy Guild's Best Newcomer Award and since then she has had them splitting their sides and popping their stitches across New Zealand and across the ditch.

You wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to meet the lady labelled the adorable new blood in the stand-up world — smart and bent!



DATE: Feb 2-4, 7pm **DATE:** Feb 9-11 8pm
VENUE: Gasworks Arts Park
ADDRESS: 21 Graham St, Albert Park
PHONE: 03 8606 4200 **WEB:** gasworks.org.au
COST: \$25/\$20 conc

The Bitter End

In this technology-driven age, how can two people connect? Sean wants to fin out. His boyfriend gave him love, technology, Facebook and other drugs. Then decided to pull the plug. Only to keep him on-line to 'tag' and 'like' him whenever it suits. Now all Sean's got is a phone he doesn't know how to use and an old school friend who just wants to talk about dildos.

How can he make sense of the world when all the world wants to do is poke him?

The Bitter End is Kurt Phelan's debut play.



DATE: Jan 22-24; 29-31 2012 **OPEN:** Sun 7pm; Mon-Tues 7.30pm **VENUE:** Downstairs at Alma's
ADDRESS: 1 Wilks St, Caulfield North
PHONE: 0467 903 345 **COST:** \$23/\$15 conc

WishingWell Presents What's Love Got To Do With It?

Ruth Katerelos, singer-songwriter/ actor/ filmmaker and producer, presents her first one-woman show, weaving her way through the material on her latest CD, via personal stories and observations of life, love and the whole damn thing, with humour and pathos.

A memorable night of cabaret, beautifully supported by the dulcet tones of Monique Kenny on guitar.



DATE: Feb 2-4 2012 **OPEN:** Thur-Sat 7pm
VENUE: The Butterfly Club **ADDRESS:** 204 Bank St, South Melbourne **PHONE:** 03 9690 2000
WEB: www.thebutterflyclub.com
COST: \$22/\$19 conc

The LOL Big Gay Comedy Night

Back by popular demand. Midsumma's very own comedy club is back for four weeks only.

A night of brilliant comedy from Australia's best gays. See your favourite gay comedy stars from radio, TV, stage and screen. Five gays for the price of one! Come — it will be gay! Gay!



DATE: Jan 11-12, 17, 19, 25, 31 + Feb 2, 8-9 2012
OPEN: 8pm **VENUE:** Order of Melbourne
ADDRESS: 2/401 Swanston St
PHONE: 03 9663 6707 **COST:** \$20/\$15 conc
 Group (6-plus) \$10 + BF



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January 19 - 25

\$20/\$18 (Conc.)/\$17 (Groups of 10)

The Bitter End

January 22 - 31

\$23/\$15 (Conc.)/\$17 (Groups of 10)

'The UnEnchanted Princess'

January 25 - February 2

\$23/\$20 (Conc.)/\$20 (Groups of 10)

I Know What You're Thinking

January 27 - February 4

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Ladyboner

What gives you a ladyboner? Or man-ladyboner?

One night only! If you're old and Greek, like Lisa's grandmother, you might get a ladyboner through mindgames about doilies. And by breaking toasters.

If you're a middle-aged blonde, like Lisa's mother, it could be from forcing your daughter to wear a diamante belt buckle, as you cackle in your champagne haze.

And if you're a tubby goth manchild, it could be from things that are apparently "sick and wrong, oh God, Lisa, you've ruined another family dinner".

Come hear Lisa discuss pleasure in all its forms, from the creepy and grubby to the sublime. There will be stories. There will be music. There will be ladyboners across all genders.

For the discerning short attention span.



DATE: February 1 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Bar Nancy **ADDRESS:** 61 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9486 4632 **COST:** \$18/\$15 conc

Her Majesty's ROYAL RUMBLE

The greatest show on earth comes to Melbourne as the legends of drag slam it out.

In a full-scale WWF wrestling ring, our leading ladies, butchest man-meat and fairy flowers will fight it out in a full night extravaganza of the finest faggotry.

The stage is set to seethe as Dolly Diamond braves the sea of bloodthirsty onlookers to host the drag queen Battle Royale, Midsumma's ROYAL RUMBLE!

In association with Melbourne City Wrestling.



DATE: January 23 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Red Bennies **ADDRESS:** 373 Chapel St, South Yarra **PHONE:** 03 9826 2689 **WEB:** www.redbennies.com **COST:** \$25

Vicbears presents: Man Boobs

Man Boobs written by J. Julian Christopher, directed by Jack Chapman

A Vicbears ARTicle II Initiative

As part of our trial project to provide the Bear community opportunities for expression and representation through the visual and performing arts, Vicbears are very excited to include our first-ever theatrical production into our bumper Midsumma program.

Man Boobs is a one-act story of two men about to embark on a night of passion until issues of obesity and self-esteem overpower their sexual and emotional connection.

DATE: January 19-21 2012 **OPEN:** Thu-Fri 8pm; Sat 4pm & 8pm **VENUE:** Kerynia Cafe **ADDRESS:** 354 Smith St, Collingwood **PHONE:** 03 9416 4554 **WEB:** www.keryniacafe.com **COST:** \$23/\$19 conc, \$17 VicBears members

Play reading: Her Naked Skin

Her Naked Skin is set in 1913 during the struggle

for women to obtain the right to vote. The play centres around the lesbian love story between two women, who, under any other circumstance in 1913 Britain, would probably not have met. One is an upper-class middle-aged woman, who has nevertheless felt invisible. The other woman is a 24-year-old seamstress.



DATE: Jan 26 - Feb 05 2012 **OPEN:** Thur-Fri 6pm; Sat-Sun 2pm **VENUE:** The Theatre Husk **ADDRESS:** 161 Heidelberg Rd, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9489 2772 **WEB:** www.winterfalltheatre.com **COST:** \$20/\$16 conc

The Tricky Part

A true story of sexuality, spirituality and the mystery of human experience.

Between the ages of 12 and 15, the author had a sexual experience with an older man. Now in his 40s, he has transformed his story into a riveting, often funny and always surprising journey through Catholicism, his desires and human trespass.

A 2004 Obie Award play and two Drama Desk nominations for Outstanding Play.



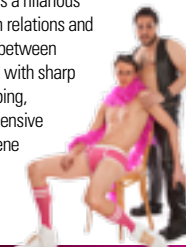
DATE: Jan 16-18 + 23-25 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Kew Court House **ADDRESS:** 188 High St, Kew **PHONE:** 03 9853 3551 **COST:** \$22

Twinky and the Bear

Very loosely, almost barely, hardly even based on the story of Beauty and the Beast.

When Sam and Jason are thrust together over a spilt drink on the dancefloor at The Peel, there is no telling what may ensue.

Twinky and the Bear is a hilarious cabaret of uncommon relations and opposing attractions between species and is loaded with sharp wit, phone sex, shopping, gratuitous nudity, expensive sunnies and a sex scene — all the things we hold near and dear to our hearts!



DATE: January 19-28 2012 **OPEN:** Thu-Sat 7.30pm **VENUE:** GH Hotel **ADDRESS:** 1 Brighton Rd, St Kilda **PHONE:** 03 9534 4189 **WEB:** www.greyhoundhotel.com.au **COST:** \$28/\$22 conc

Femme Fight Club

Gay Nuptials Cake Bash

Discriminatory marriage laws make you wanna chuck?


Femme Fight Club presents a women's-only wedding-cake fight followed by a reception to bash out our frustration with marriage laws discriminating against same-sex couples.

All who identify as female are welcome. Special provisions will be made to include those who have physical conditions such as being preggas or sporting broken limbs.

No kids allowed in the fight but some supportive fellas will mind kids in another area of the park. A change of clothes is advised.

No spectators! You show, you biff. Cake and reception provided.

DATE: January 22 2012 **OPEN:** 3pm **VENUE:** Edinburgh Gardens **ADDRESS:** 7A Alfred Cres, Fitzroy North **COST:** \$8/\$6 conc

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Australia Day Hangover

Perplexed by patriotism? Jaded by jingoism? Sounds as though you need a dose of Vitamin B-lak! Let us cure your Australia Day hangover with the clinically proven power mix of out, black and proud. Join some of Aboriginal Australia's best queer voices as they set up camp (and reinterpret it) with poetry, politics, prose and their very own home-grown patriotism.

DATE: January 27 2012 **OPEN:** 8pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Quippings

Comic, sexy and black rants from some of Melbourne's most bent cripples. On the agenda: the all-signing, all-limping, gimping, wheeling and sliding Quippings performers ride Midsomma hard again with poetic bluster, informed venting, twisted multimedia, stand up, dance and criptease.

DATE: From January 31 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Rapid Fire: Freshly Squeezed

Co-presented by Minus 18, Victoria's queer youth organisation.

Rapid Fire's recipe for success is simple: give 12 writers six minutes each to read.

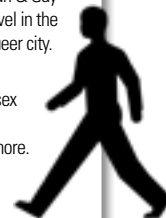
This very special version of Rapid Fire offers new writers under the age of 25 a chance to get their start.

DATE: January 29 2012 **OPEN:** 5pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

History Walk

Join the gang from the Lesbian & Gay Archives as we reveal and revel in the secret histories of our very queer city.

From the State Library to St Paul's we uncover 1950s beats and bars, same-sex marriage in the 19th century, passing women, camp men and much, much more. The history they don't teach at school.



DATE: From January 22 2012 **OPEN:** 11am **VENUE:** State Library of Victoria, Forecourt **ADDRESS:** 328 Swanston St, Melbourne **COST:** \$20/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Bi & Poly 2

This year our bi and poly artists and writers share the complexity, joy, energy and occasional frustrations of bisexual and polyamorous life. Writers and performers include Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli and Sally Goldner, with an open mic section.

DATE: February 2 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Hares & Hyenas **ADDRESS:** 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy **PHONE:** 03 9495 6589 **WEB:** www.hares-hyenas.com.au **COST:** \$15/\$10 conc; season pass \$150

Queer Nerd

Have 14 uni degrees? Love web comics? Put down the PS3 controller for one night, jump in your TARDIS and join us in a geektacular celebration of all things nerdy and queer!

Performers of all dweeb levels will present short pieces about all things NERD. There will be stories. There will be lols. There will be every sort of geek, swot and dork you can think of.

Come celebrate your braininess! NERDS UNITE!

DATE: February 2 2012 **OPEN:** 7.30pm **VENUE:** Bar Nancy **ADDRESS:** 61 High St, Northcote **PHONE:** 03 9486 4632 **COST:** \$15/\$12 conc

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