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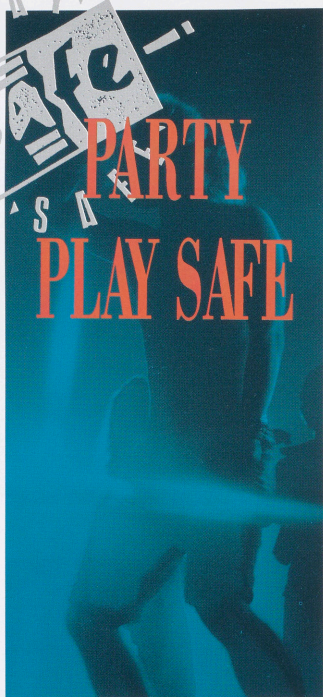


MIDSUMMA
MELBOURNE'S GAY FESTIVAL

PRIDE

10 YEARS OF GREAT DANCE MUSIC

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A PROJECT OF THE VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL/GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE

MIDSUMMA - MELBOURNE'S GAY FESTIVAL

22 JANUARY - 3 FEBRUARY 1991

MELBOURNE'S COMING OUT TO CELEBRATE THIS SUMMER - IT'S THE 3RD ANNUAL MIDSUMMA GAY FESTIVAL

Just three years from our inception, the Midsumma Festival Association is delighted to announce to you the program for our 1991 Festival. ¶ Our community is creative and clever, and reaches out through this program of events to our friends in this city, interstate and from around the world. This program belongs to our community, who have responded magnificently to the Association's call to contribute events that are diverse and celebrate the cultural contribution that gay men and lesbian women have always made to our society. ¶ We particularly thank our many sponsors without whose financial support the Festival would not be possible; all those who have attended our fundraising parties; and the many volunteers whose efforts will ensure the success of the program. ¶ While our community has been deeply affected by AIDS, the self reflection and self affirmation that comes from cultural expression will bring with it a new hope that those who are most bearing the burden will not have done so in vain. Our culture must capture and portray the compassion, the respect for others and love that is at the heart of any gay identity, because ours is an essentially civilising influence on a world desperately in need of it. ¶ So join with us for two weeks of theatre, film, art, community events and parties, presented by one of Australia's most vibrant, cultural and creative communities.

Ron Thiele Chair, Midsumma Festival Association Incorporated

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THE BIG SPLASH

Jump off the deep end at our spectacular opening event

The Collingwood Leisure Centre will never be the same as Midsumma transforms it into an evening of fantasy both inside and out for the outrageous Official Opening of the 1991 Midsumma Festival.

Theatre designer Michael Anderson will engineer the backdrop to a spectacular evening of live entertainment showcasing upcoming festival events and tapping the talent of Melbourne's many gay performers.

- Don't miss Miss Candy's water ballet spectacle
- Love that lycra as the boys show off their swimwear of the season

- Be on the lookout for Mermen in Ermine — and pearls!
- Plus Bob Downe and special guests.

Bring your camera. Bring your binoculars. Bring your friends.

Limited tickets, so book early.

You'd be mad to miss this evening of insanity.

Midsumma thanks the Xchange Hotel for financial assistance toward this event.

THE BIG SPLASH

When: Saturday 26 January at 8pm

Where: Collingwood Leisure Centre, Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill

Tickets: \$17

Available: BASS and Midsumma office. Phone 650 5968 for details.

Note: 500 tickets only available!



LE GORE'S SUBURBAN SAFARI

Discover the twilight world of the heterosexual

Midsumma hits the highways and byways of Melbourne on Saturday afternoon 26 January as Kerrie Le Gore takes you on a double-decker megatour beyond the red maps, camping it up in the suburbs!

- The sensationally famous smorgasbord at the Swagman is just waiting for your palate to drool in its direction
- Meet heterosexuals in their native habitat — risk a conversation with one.
- Be treated like a guest at Guests.
- Marvel at the mod cons lavishly exhibited at a display home miles from you!
- Shop up a complex!

Don't wait till the last minute to buy a ticket. The buses are bound to be booked out!

LE GORE'S SUBURBAN SAFARI

When: Saturday 26 January commencing 1.30pm

Where: Meet at Xchange Hotel 1pm

Tickets: \$12

Available: Xchange, Midsumma office. Phone 650 5968 for details

Note: Numbers are strictly limited by bus capacity



RED RAW

When the sun goes down, the heat goes up

Red Raw needs no introduction. We've lost count of how many there've been. RR is traditionally Melbourne's biggest warehouse party and '91 will be no exception!

Spectacular lights, the latest music presented by the best DJs and a chance to join the thousands who'll make it a night to remember.

Work up a lather, pump up the volume and party!

Red Raw is the major annual fundraising event for the ALSO Foundation.

Pre-purchase tickets at discount rates available from most gay venues.

RED RAW

When: Sunday 27 January from 11pm till dawn

Where: 10 Victoria Dock, Port Melbourne

Tickets: \$30 in advance (\$25 ALSO & Midsumma members). \$35 at door.

Available: All good gay venues, ALSO and Midsumma office. Phone 650 6157 for details.

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY

RED RAW

Mix your cocktails cautiously - don't melt down in the middle of the dance floor



WOW II

Women — it's all yours

The first WOW party in January '90 surpassed all expectations. The second on 26 January '91 is sure to go even further. It's the women turn to get down and boogie in Melbourne's biggest rage for women only. Top DJs, wild lighting and the chance to get together and dance off that Midsumma madness

Brought to you by the ALSO foundation.

WOW II

When: Saturday 26 January from 8pm till late

Where: 10 Victoria Dock, Port Melbourne

Tickets: \$20 presale, \$25 at door and \$15 ALSO & Midsumma members

Available: Gertrudes, Shrew, Visage Salon, Central Stations, ALSO and Midsumma office. Phone 650 1463 for details. An ALSO event.



LE GORE'S SUBURBAN SAFARI

SOFTWARE 3

Bringing the gay experience
centre stage

Software enters its third year as the theatrical centrepiece of the Midsumma Festival and with a national reputation as a key gay cultural event. *Software* is diverse, surprising, erotic and frequently funny - and all new, devised exclusively for Midsumma 1991. It is a singular opportunity for you to enjoy theatre that is devoted to the exploration of gay life and identity.

Highlights include

- Trevor Patrick continues his series of surreal and playful dance pieces with a work about living alone.
- Mathew Bergin and partner Chad Courtney perform a vivacious and striking "Homodance" plus other new dance works with Melbourne dancers Michael Collins, David McMicken, Brian Parker and David Helms.

- John Arthurs performs a sardonic monologue about life on the edge of the gay fast lane by Peter Anthony Ryan. Plus well-known Melbourne director Peter King presents a typically bold new piece for five actors which examines the relationship between diagnosis and gay porn.
- Stellar Constellation meets Madam Butterfly in a baroque fantasy of passion and profanity.

This year, *Software* moves to the Malthouse, probably Melbourne's best theatre, with its magnificent foyer and fully-licensed bar.



Limited season only, book early

A performance of *homosex for the whole family*

A delicious symposium for a world in conflict with same sex love. *Boys, Toys and Freud* creates an atmosphere where gesture, image and movement jostle and crowd each other. Featuring as a let-show following *Software 3* and performed by Sydney's innovative State Body Co. as part of the 1990 Mardi Gras Festival, the performance comprises six actors and two dancers. Sold out in Sydney and sure to do even better in Melbourne.

BOYS, TOYS AND
FREUD

When: Opening Thursday, 31 January ... continues 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, February at 7.30 pm. Saturday matinee 5pm

Where: Beckett Theatre, CUB Malthouse, 113 Sturt Street, South Melbourne.

Tickets: \$15.00 (\$12.00 concession). Special Tuesday performance, \$10.00 all seats (Sorry, no concessions Saturday).

BOYS, TOYS
AND FREUD

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MON-WED 9AM/7PM THURS-FRI 9AM/6PM
SAT 9AM/3PM

FRAMEWORK

Exploring lesbian love

The cult classic of lesbian love played out under the stern eye of Gertrude Stein. A must for all those who have experienced the highs and lows of gay love.

Melbourne-based Sandra Shotlander is Australia's leading feminist playwright. *Framework* is simultaneously being produced in the USA by The Womens Theatre of Portland, Oregon.

FRAMEWORK

When: Thursday 31 January, continues 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 & 9 February at 8.00pm

Gala Night Saturday 2 February
Where: Jewel Box, St Ambrose's Hall, Dawson Street, Brunswick (Opposite the Baths)

Tickets: Gala Night \$15 Others \$10 (concessions \$8)

Available: Shrew Bookshop or at door. Phone bookings 384 0278.



DELORES ST.

In the tradition of musical soiree

Midsumma is proud to present the works of Bernstein, Britten, Coward, Saint-Saens, Tchaikovsky and Novello - with a twist. Quality performances by four singers, two pianists, a flautist, harp and pianoforte are counterpointed by your narrator's exploration of the lives and loves of these eminent composers.

How did their passions affect the material they wrote? Is there a gay sensibility? From the camp to the simply tragic, an evening of thoroughly engaging entertainment.

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EINE KLEINE
FAGFEST MUSIK

When: Wednesday 30 January at 8.00pm

Where: Melba Hall, Melbourne University, Parkville

Tickets: \$20.00 (concession \$15.00). Price includes supper.

Available: BASS, Midsumma office and at door.

Funnier than *The Golden Girls*

A smash hit in San Francisco, Melbourne's new theatre company Women in Comfortable Shoes presents this exciting new upbeat comedy, *Delores Street*, by Theresa Carilli.

Live-in and love-in with Lonnie, Danielle, Wendy and Fran as they entertain ideas, lovers and each other at their home in Delores Street.

DELORES STREET

When: Wednesday 13 February continues to 3 March. Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8.15 pm Sundays at 5.00 pm

Where: Theatreworks, 14 Acland Street, St Kilda

Tickets: \$15.00 (concession \$12.00) Tuesday \$10 special

Available: Hartwigs and Theatreworks Box Office. Assisted by the ALSO Foundation.

PER-VERSE

Better the textual you know

From Kylie to Derrida. Compelling readings by Javant Biaruja, David Herkt, Venetia Brissenden and Michael Farrell. Lesbian and gay writers read original work! One night only - don't miss it.

PER-VERSE

When: Thursday, 24 January. 8.00 pm

Where: Fringe Studio Space, 184 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Tickets: \$6.00 (concession \$3.00)

Available: At the door

EX-STATIC-TEXT

Five original pieces that take the written text from its static occupation of the page. The performances and readings will use exciting combinations of poetry, dance, lighting, music and imagery to bring alive both the feeling and meaning of the text. Sponsored by Mercurial Editions.

EX - STATIC - TEXT

When: Wednesday, 30 January and Thursday 31 January at 8.00 pm

Where: Fringe Studio Space, 184 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Tickets: \$6.00 (concession \$3.00)

Available: At the door

MELBOURNE'S LEADING SAUNA
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P R A C T I S E S A F E S E X

INTERNATIONAL

Delight in seeing yourself positively portrayed by the best gay and lesbian film-makers at the charming old picture palace, the National Theatre.

A whole world of gay & lesbian entertainment

What was it like in Hitler's Germany when the body beautiful was a cult? What was it doing to our beautiful predecessors? *Desire* will tell all.

Split your sides laughing at the hilarious Thai version of Mat Crowley's *Boys in the Band*. In Israel's first lesbian feature, *It's that Age*, the heroine starts on a search for the man of her dreams and instead meets Michal.



LUSCIOUS LUPPIES

Witty films depicting "Luppies" (lesbian yuppies), Greta Garbo's lesbian past and the domestic bliss of an English lesbian soapie sound so intriguing that the National is sure to be bursting at the seams.

LESBIAN AND GAY

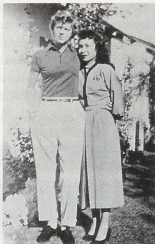
LOOKING FOR ME RIGHT?

From Canada comes *The Heart Exposed*, an intriguing story of a thirtyish man who meets a handsome younger guy. Complications set in when the younger lover has a son and the older one's lesbian friends query whether his new lover is "good enough".



PARIS IS BURNING!

It took five years to make but you'll love the depiction of New York's voguing trend. Travel with gay blacks and latinos as they leave their roles as messengers, welfare recipients and prostitutes to join the *House of Chanel*, the *House of St Laurent* or the *House of Ninja*.



LESBIAN LOVE ACT

Two hours of sexual politics and lesbian lust are culled from *Morocco*, *Silkwood*, *Cagney and Lacey*, and *Desert Heart*. Plus twenty other films and television programs.

THE

ISSUE OF OUR TIME

A powerful collection of AIDS films gathered from all over the world which present the gay community's response to AIDS. *The Pink Pimpernel* and *The World is Sick* are sure to turn heads and hearts, with their humour and compassion.

WE ALL

LOVE A UNIFORM

Gays and lesbians served their country and searched for adventure in the British Forces in World War II. Blackouts in London spawned opportunities and intimacies. Romantic assignments abound in this witty film *Comrades in Arms*.

FILM FESTIVAL

WARHOL / GENET RETROSPECTIVE

Our provocative and tantalising retrospective includes Genet's only film where he seeks to understand his sexuality and how to portray it. Warhol sets Devine and Dallesandro loose on a western rampage in the hilarious *Lonesome Cowboy*, and his *Blow Job* transfers you to the core of that experience.

DAZZLING SHORTS

"Who's up Doc?" Just as well the venue is large this year. All of Melbourne will turn out for *Was Bugs Bunny Gay?*

Dick Fontaine is so excited that Melbourne is showing his '40s cult film *Muscles from Outer Space* he offered his original print so that we could see it with authentic colour and sound.

Plus the original wit of Tom Rubnitz' video *Wigstock*, a crazy portrayal of New York's Mardi Gras.

Note: Program details were correct at time of going to press. A special detailed program will be released in early January.

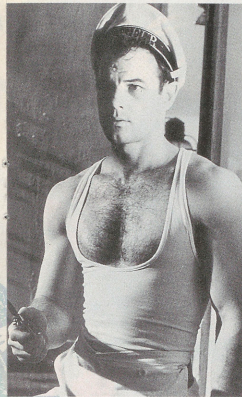
INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL

When: Opening Night - Friday 1 February, continues nightly to 14 February

Where: National Theatre, Barkly Street, St Kilda

Tickets: Seven session pass available for \$70.00 (concession \$56.00) A This Lavender (Gay) Pass or Purple (Lesbian) Pass includes entry to seven films of your choice. Call the Midsumma office on 650 5968 for other pass details.

Send your cheque or money order to Midsumma International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, P.O. Box 1093, St Kilda South Vic. 3182



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in conjunction with
The 1991 Lesbian Festival and
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WOW WOMEN'S OWN WAREHOUSE PARTY

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warehouse 10 victoria dock
port melbourne 8pm - 3am
fully licensed

Tickets available from ALSO Office 650 8157,
Central Station Records City and Prahran,
Shrew, Gertrude's, Visage Hairdressing

tickets \$25 at the door, \$20 pre-sale, \$15 concession

RED RAW

27 JANUARY 1990

TICKETS \$30 PRE-SALE FROM
USUAL VENUES \$35 AT THE DOOR

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MIDSUMMA CONFERENCE

Speak up,
speak out,
listen together

A day of discussion, debate,

lesbians and gay men work together?

• **Special Overseas Guest**
Midsumma welcomes special guest
Simon Watney, well-known British

**MIDSUMMA
CONFERENCE**

When: Saturday 2 February all day
from 10.00 am

Where: Melbourne University

MIDSUMMA

discourse, diatribe and deliverance. A series of presentations in seminar and workshop format on questions that concern us all as lesbians and gays.

• **Anti-discrimination and equal opportunity** How can we get what is rightfully ours - equality in the eyes of the law?

• **The Media and AIDS** What you didn't read in the newspapers - how

AIDS commentator and author of *Policing desire - The media, pornography and AIDS* and *Taking Liberties - AIDS and cultural activism*. Simon comes to us courtesy of STA Travel.

This will really be a day to get you thinking and talking, a day for **everyone** to have their say about the shape of tomorrow's gay community.

Union, Tin Alley, Parkville

How: For details on opportunities for you or your organisation to participate and for registration details contact Terry at the Midsumma Office on 650 5968

**CONFERENCE**

are they using AIDS to control us all? Are the media and AIDS unsafe bedfellows?

• **Cultural activism in the nineties** Do we all benefit when

GAZE BEYOND THE

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REAP THE RICH

REWARDS OF

PARTICIPATION IN

SETTING THE GAY AGENDA

FOR THE '90S.

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**Best wishes for a happy
and SAFE Midsumma**

CONDOMAN

SAYS:



DON'T BE
SHAME
BE GAMED

MIDSUMMA PLANNER

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR FESTIVAL - TICK THE BOXES FOR THE EVENTS THAT INTEREST YOU - AND PLAN AHEAD

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY

- 6pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (p16 & 17)

WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY

- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** opens (see p16 & 17)

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 7.30pm - South Yarra
- Lipstix Roast** (see p15)
- 8pm - Fitzroy
- Per-Verse** (see p6 & 7)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 6pm - North Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** opens (see p16 & 17)
- 8.30pm - Sth Yarra
- Wet X Men** (see p15)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 1.30pm - Sth Yarra
- Le Gore's Suburban Safari** (p4 & 5)
- 8pm - Collingwood
- The Big Splash - Opening Event** (see p4&5)
- 8pm - Port Melbourne
- WOW II** (see p4 & 5)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 11am - St Kilda
- Triathlon** (see p19)
- 11am - Albert Park
- Boatnic Tours** (see p20 & 21)
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 1pm - Albert Park
- Boatnic Picnic** (see p20 & 21)
- Late afternoon - Mystery location
- Wankarama** (see p20 & 21)

- 2pm - Fairfield
- Archives Open Day** (see p19)
- 7pm - South Melbourne
- Blessing of Midsomma** (p20 & 21)
- 8pm - Sth Yarra
- Le Gore's Backyard** (see p15)
- 11pm - Port Melbourne
- Red Raw** (see p4 & 5)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

MONDAY 28 JANUARY

- 7am - Sth Yarra
- Xchange Recovery Party** (see p15)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 5pm - Melbourne
- Cruise on the Yarra Queen** (see p19)
- 8pm - Collingwood
- GAMMA Gathering** (see p20 & 21)

- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 2 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 7.30pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Canasta** (see p20 & 21)
- 8pm - Parkville
- Eine Kleine Fagfest Musik** (p6 & 7)
- 8pm - Fitzroy
- Poetry in Motion** (see p6 & 7)
- 9pm - City
- Ride Goes to Muscle Beach** (p15)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show**

- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 7.30pm - St Kilda
- Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** opens (see p8 & 9)
- 7.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Software 3** (see p6 & 7)
- 8pm - Brunswick
- Framework** (see p6 & 7)

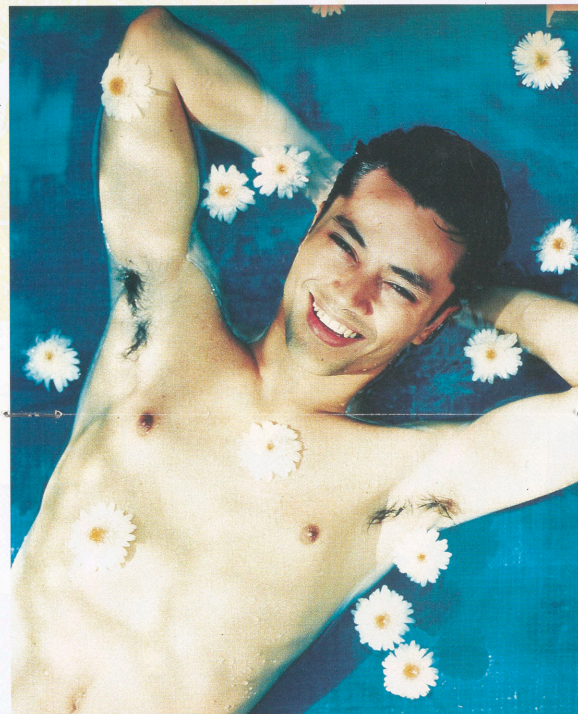
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 2pm - Yarra Bank, City
- The Big Ride** (see p20 & 21)
- 2pm - Collingwood
- The Quilt Project** (see p20 & 21)
- 5.00 pm - Sth Melbourne
- Software matinee** (see p6 & 7)
- 7pm-10pm - Fitzroy
- Airsports Summer Splash / Swim** (see p19)
- 7.30pm - St Kilda
- Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** (p8 & 9)
- 7.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Software 3** (see p6 & 7)
- 8pm - Brunswick
- Framework** (see p6 & 7)
- 10.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Boys, Toys and Freud** (see p6 & 7)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** closes (see p16 & 17)
- 10am - Prahran
- Midsomma Sex Event** (see p20 & 21)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 12 noon - Prahran
- Midsomma in the Park** (see p19)
- 6.00pm - Sth Melbourne
- Boys, Toys and Freud matinee** (see p6 & 7)
- 7.30pm - St Kilda
- Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** (p8 , 9)
- 7.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Software 3** (see p6 & 7)
- 8pm - Brunswick
- Framework** (see p6 & 7)
- 10 pm - Carlton
- 7th Heaven Dance Explosion** (see p15)
- 10.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Boys, Toys & Freud** (p6 & 7)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

OTHER EVENTS

- Daily throughout January - City
- Risk Factors** (see p16 & 17)
- Man-U-Script** (see p16 & 17)
- 13 February - 6 March, 7.30pm - St Kilda
- Doloros Street** (see p6 & 7)
- 4-14 February, 7.30pm - St Kilda
- Lesbian and Gay Film Festival** continues (see p8 & 9)
- 4-7 February, 8pm - Brunswick
- Framework** continues (see p6 & 7)
- 5, 6 February 10.30pm
- Boys, Toys & Freud** continues (p6 & 7)
- 5, 6, February 7.30pm
- Software 3** continues (see p6 & 7)



- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

TUESDAY 29 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY

- 10am-6pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show**

- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 12 noon-5pm - Nth Carlton
- Self documentation, self imaging - People Living With AIDS Exhibition** (see p16 & 17)
- 7.30pm - Fitzroy
- Know Your R's** (see p20 & 21)
- 7.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Software 3** opens (see p6 & 7)
- 7.30pm - Fitzroy
- Drag Bingo** (see p20 & 21)
- 8pm - Brunswick
- Framework** opens (see p6 & 7)
- 8pm - Fitzroy
- Poetry in Motion** (see p6 & 7)
- 10.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Boys, Toys and Freud** opens (p6 & 7)

- 10.30pm - Sth Melbourne
- Boys, Toys and Freud** (see p6 & 7)
- All day - South Melbourne
- Exposures** (pgs 6 & 7)

SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY

- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Midsomma Visual Arts Show** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am-5pm - Fitzroy
- Art is Not Enough** (see p16 & 17)
- 10am - Parkville
- Midsomma Conference** (see p10)
- 12.30pm - Prahran
- Car Rally** (see p19)

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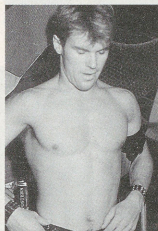
Midsumma Festival and the fabulous Kerri LeGore roast the celebrities! As much as you'd just love some names, the victims can't be identified till negotiations break down with their lawyers. Enjoy dinner in the Balcony Restaurant and Showroom from 7.30 pm. Witness the squirming embarrassment of our participants.

LIPSTIX ROAST

When: Thursday 24 January
Dinner 7.30 pm. Showtimes 9.30 pm & 10.30 pm

Where: Three Faces, 143 Commercial Road, South Yarra

RESERVATIONS Three Faces phone 826 0933



RECOVERY PARTY

Rest your weary bones and come down softly after the exhilaration of all night excess at Red Raw. From 132 beats per minute to somewhere closer to a heartbeat, relax and enjoy the company of fellow-travellers at the Xchange Hotel.

XCHANGE

When: Monday 28 January from 7.00 am

Where: Xchange Hotel, 119 Commercial Road, South Yarra

XCHANGE RECOVERY PARTY



LE GORE'S BACKYARD

Come along and relive those magic moments of the Suburban Safari Bus Tour on the big video screen at the Xchange. Cringe with embarrassment and chuckle with delight as Kerrie takes you into places that the Melbourne for the Olympics Committee could only bear to mention in whispers behind closed doors. Drop in before heading off to the big party.

LE GORE'S BACKYARD

When: Sunday 27 January at 8.00 pm

Where: The Xchange - of course, 119 Commercial Road, South Yarra

LEGORE'S BACKYARD

WET X-MEN

WET SPEEDO COMPETITION

A hilarious evening of entertainment backed up with a line-up of hot guys giving their all to be the Xchange's 1991 Wet X Man. Get there early, join in the fun and cheer on your favorite. One of the more successful community events of the 1990 Festival and guaranteed to serve it up big again this year.

WET X MEN

When: Friday 25 January from 8.30 pm

Where: Xchange Hotel, 119 Commercial Road, South Yarra

RIDE GOES TO MUSCLE BEACH

A sultry night of surf, sweat and sex at Inflation. Revel in the rooftop luau party, frug with Barbra "Funicello" Quicksand and her Hawaiian leis. Do the swim with DJs Mark James and Steve Robbins and VJ Scott Carne. Ogle the go-go boys and check out the pecks on the muscle marys.

RIDE

When: Wednesday 30 January from 9.00 pm

Where: Inflation, 60 King Street, Melbourne

Tickets: At the door



RIDE



7th HEAVEN

MISS CANDY'S

MIDSUMMA NIGHT'S DREAM

An operatic extravaganza of MASSIVE proportions featuring Dame Candy, the exotic Hot Coco, and a host of heavenly angel dancers. This feast of fantasies, with more pucks than you can poke a stick at, will be a midsumma night's dream you'll never forget.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

When: Sunday 3 February, from 10.00 pm

Where: Cadillac Bar, Swanston Street, Carlton



VISUAL ARTS SHOW

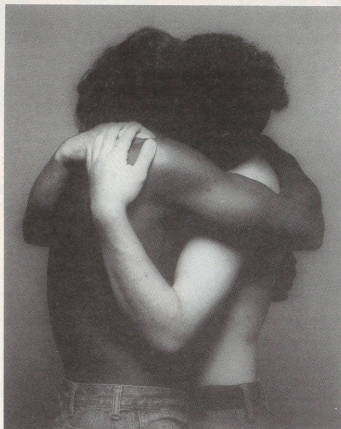
An exhibition showcasing work by young, innovative visual artists including the designer of the 1990 Festival poster, Gavin Brown. Brown's work features large-scale collage and through disposable imagery he builds striking pictures, with references to surrealism, cubism, and byzantine mosaic. Douglas McManus paintings depict the tensions between subconscious life and sexuality. Brought to you through the financial assistance of The Zipper Club.

MIDSUMMA

VISUAL ARTS SHOW

When: Opens Wednesday 23 January at 6.00 pm. Continues daily from 24 January to 3 February (except Monday 28 January) from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

Where: Fringe Studio Space, 1st floor 184 Brunswick St, Fitzroy.



MAN-U-SCRIPT

THE PUBLICATION

A publication which comprises a series of essays and reproductions of works by leading Australian contemporary artists on the subject 'Can the male body be conceived of critically?' The 1992 festival will see the culmination of this ambitious project in the form of a full-scale exhibition.

MAN-U-SCRIPT

Details: Call Terry at the Midsumma office, phone 650 5968.

MAN-U-SCRIPT



ART IS NOT ENOUGH

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ACT-UP NYC and America's leading contemporary artists, including the late Keith Haring and Robert Mapplethorpe, translate the anger and urgency of big-city USA into compelling propaganda to awake America from its' lethargy toward people living with HIV. This is unforgettable public art, engaging and engaged. And it's coming to Melbourne for Midsumma. Don't miss it. The exhibition includes work by Gran Fury, a visual arts collective which, with ACT-UP, is fuelling the 1990's AIDS activist culture. Also included, work produced by ACT-UP Melbourne and the video *Tasting the limits - Part One* (NYC).

ART IS NOT ENOUGH

When: Opens Tuesday 22 January at 6.00 pm. Continues daily 23 January to 4 February from 10 am to 5.00 pm

Where: 200 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

THERE'S ONE IN EVERY CROWD

The risk of HIV infection increases when people are denied information. The risk factors - homophobia, sexism, religious dogma and hypocrisy.

Through the advertising display cases at Spencer Street Station, thousands of Melburnians will be confronted with images that challenge their assumptions about HIV. Running throughout January as part of the public art project *Imaging Aids part 5*. In collaboration with ACT-UP Melbourne.

RISK FACTORS

When: 1 January to 31 January

Where: Spencer Street Railway Station pedestrian tunnel.



RISK FACTORS



PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

SELF DOCUMENTATION, SELF IMAGING

A self-documentary through photographs and autobiographical panels by people who live with AIDS. This informative and confrontational exhibition shows how individuals have actively addressed issues of isolation and discrimination in Australian society. The exhibition is co-ordinated by Kathy Triffitt, and comes to Melbourne following a successful

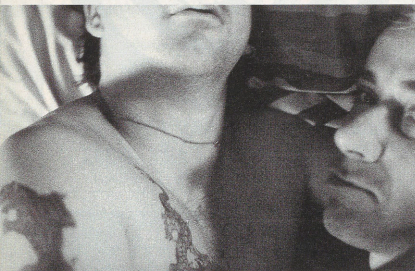
exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

Financially assisted by the Victorian AIDS Council.

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS

When: Opens Friday 25 January at 6.00 pm. Continues Wednesday to Sunday from 26 January to 17 February, from 12 noon to 5.00 pm

Where: Victorian Centre for Photography, 671 Rathdowne Street, North Carlton

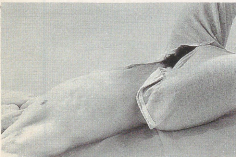


EXPOSURES

An exhibition in the Malthouse foyer gallery of works by two innovative photographers. Keith Giles, of Adelaide, produces works of the male nude that synthesis a passion for sensuality and gentle physical strength.

Andrew Lehmann's portraits present strikingly colourful and playful images that pop with shock

Brought to you by the financial assistance of Three Faces - the total venue.



EXPOSURES

When: Opens Thursday 24th January. Runs for two weeks until Thursday 7th February.

Where: The Malthouse, 113 Sturt Street South Melbourne.

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Not just any picnic in the park! You won't find the three bears here but watch out for "Alice in Wonderland". Our fabulous finale, and what a finish! Help us go out with a bang this year as Fawkner Park is transformed for a day of entertainment, sports, indulgence and fun.

Special guest stars, crazy races, string quartets, an outdoor art show, live entertainment and team sport challenges all add up to a day you won't want to miss. Bring a hamper, drag out your best lace table cloth, meet with your friends and enjoy!

When: Sunday 3 February from 12.00 noon till dusk

Where: Fawkner Park, Toorak Road, South Yarra
Financially assisted by the Xchange Hotel



ARCHIVES OPEN DAY

Gay men and lesbians are welcome to come and browse around the Gay Archive. It's full of material from the '60's, '70's and '80's. The material includes magazines, posters, letters, photographs, tapes, films, videos, badges, newsletters and much more.

When: Sunday 27 January 2 pm - 5 pm

Details: Phone 499 6334 or 481 5304



CRUISE

ON THE YARRA QUEEN

Afternoon twilight cruise

Carry on up the Yarra, as we take a three-hour twilight cruise along Melbourne's much-maligned waterway. As the sun sets slowly over the railings, relax with violinists as we explore the islands, parklands and magnificent river banks on the Yarra Queen. Bar facilities available.

When: Monday January 28, 5 pm

Where: Departs Princes Bridge landing (Batman Avenue)

Tickets: \$15.00

Details: Midsumma office, phone 650 6080 or 650 5988



CAR RALLY

Travel all over the country side in the mad, mad, mad, mad world of the Midsumma car rally. Get a team together and prepare to end up somewhere over the rainbow. But there's some serious navigation between stops to calculate, so bring a packed lunch, a folding table or two, some chairs, a cheeky chardonnay and someone to share it with.

When: Saturday February 2, 12.30pm

Where: Departs from outside 55 Porter St, Prahran. Ends at Fitzroy Swimming Pool in time for a barbecue before the Swimming Carnival (details below). A small entrance fee will be charged.

Details: Midsumma office, phone 650 5988 or 650 6080

CAR RALLY

ALSPORT'S SUMMA SPLASH / SWIM SPECTACULAR

Wet, Wet Wet. Midsumma takes you outdoors to cool your heels as the annual swim meet takes off for another year. Fun races, serious challenges, venue teams and swimming queens, pom-pom cheer squads, tunnel of love race, rubber relay and much, much more. Check out all that colour... all that cheek!

Registration for events only on the night. An ALSO event.

When: Saturday 2 February 7.00 to 10.00 pm

Where: Fitzroy Pool, Corner Alexander Parade and Napier Street, Fitzroy

Tickets: \$4.00 at the pool.

Details: ALSO office, phone 650 1463

SPLASH / SWIM SPECTACULAR



TRIATHLON

SEA, SAND AND BIKEPATHS

Melbourne's third gay triathlon - and this year, it's part of the Midsumma Festival. If you can swim, bicycle and run, then come and be in it or form a team and do a section each. Or just watch our butch boys and girls stretch, strain and sizzle. Distance: Swim 400m, cycle 6km, run 4km. (Don't forget those bike helmets).

When: Sunday 27 January 11 am

Where: St Kilda Beach. Meet at car park, St Kilda Pier.



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BEATNIC

Don't beat around the bush - join the AIDS Council Beats Worker on a historical (hysterical?) cycling or walking tour of Melbourne's legendary public outdoor recreation facilities. Cycle 10 km to some of Melbourne's suburban beats, or join the leisurely stroll through beats along the bayside, Yarra River and Albert Park. Both tours converge at Albert Park for a huge Beatnic picnic. Bring a hamper - barbecue facilities provided.

Brought to you by the Victorian AIDS Council. Play safe y'all hear.

BEATNIC

When: Sunday, 27 January. Both tours commence 11.00 am. Beatnic commences 1.00 pm

Where: Meet at the hockey pavilion off Aughtie Drive at the St Kilda end of Albert Park (Melway Map 58, A7). Follow the Beatnic signs.

Details: VAC/GMHC office, phone Gary Ferguson on 417 1759



MIDSUMMA CANASTA

These Aces are Loaded! From beginners to card sharps from way-back, they're watching every move you make, every step you take and tallying up those points to see who wins the crate of Sparkling Spumante! Don't turn your back on them. Black three, you bitch! This is also an intro to the Annual Canasta Carnival held each winter. Refreshments provided.

An ALSO event

CANASTA

When: Wednesday 30 January from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm

Where: Carlton Club Hotel, 22 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

TICKETS \$15.00 at the door

IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

BLESSING OF THE MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

The Reverend Cliff Connors, Dean of Australian Samaritan Education, will preach on the positive attributes of being gay and Christian in the 1990s. Join in the special blessing of our community festival.

BLESSING

When: Sunday, 27 January at 7.00 pm

Where: Metropolitan Community Church of Melbourne, 325 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne

BLESSING

GAMMA GATHERING

The Gay and Married Men's Association welcome members of the gay community to their January gathering. Meet members of the group, find out more about GAMMA and browse through our extensive reference library. Guest speaker and supper.

GAMMA

GATHERING

When: Monday, 28 January from 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm

Where: Collingwood Community Health Centre, the Factory Building, rear 154 Sackville Street, Collingwood (enter Easy Street carpark)

GAMMA GATHERING

WANKARAMA

You've read about them, you've heard about them, you've fantasized about them. Now join in! A private party in a large mystery venue. Tickets and details only available through RSVP.

WANKARAMA

When: Sunday 27 January. Late afternoon till early evening.

Where: Call the RSVP "Hotline" for all details on 481 8948.

WANKARAMA

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THE QUILT

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PROJECT-VICTORIAN WORKSHOP

A chance for those who have lost someone to AIDS to get together, design and create a memorial panel for the quilt. Materials, sewing machines and books are provided in a supportive atmosphere. Panels produced in all states will be on display.

THE QUILT

When: Saturday 2 February from 2.00 pm

Where: CAPE Centre, corner Wellington and Otter Streets, Collingwood

Details: Phil Carswell on 616 7721



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MIDSUMMA SEX EVENT

When: Sunday, 3 February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Where: Ormond Hall, Moubra Street, Prahran

Details: VAC / GMHC office, phone 417 1759



DRAG BINGO

THE BIG RIDE

At ten times the speed of light or leisurely peddling along some of Melbourne's beautiful cycle ways, if you've got a bike join Melbourne's gay cyclists for the big ride. Each year it gets bigger and bigger! Peg some cardboard on your forks and drive the pedestrians crazy.

THE BIG RIDE

When: Saturday 2 February from 2.00 pm

Where: Departs Melbourne University Rowing Sheds, Yarra Bank

Details: Midsumma office, phone

THE BIG RIDE

RECOGNITION, RESPECT & RIGHTS

Join a workshop conducted by GLAD (Gay Men and Lesbians Against Discrimination) on community involvement in law reform.

KNOW YOUR 3 R'S

When: Thursday 31 January at 7.30 pm

Where: St Marks Church Hall, 250 George Street, Fitzroy

KNOW YOUR 3 R'S

DRAG BINGO

Check this one out! "Legs eleven" takes on a whole new meaning as bingo meets drag. Your chance to win some fun prizes if you can manage to keep your "eyes down" on your card. Drag very welcome - of course! Three bingo sessions of 15 games per session.

An ALSO Care Benevolent Society event

DRAG BINGO

When: Thursday 31 January from 7.30 pm to 11.00 pm

Where: Carlton Club Hotel, 22 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

Tickets: Minimum cost for the night - \$9.00



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