

SUMMA MAX!



Celebrating our
10th festival



midsummafestival98

melbourne's gay and lesbian festival 16 jan-15 feb

- fur ball gala** forum theatre, city friday 16 january
- street party** commercial road, prahran saturday 17 january
- red raw** shed 14, victoria dock saturday 24 january
- pride/ride** st kilda sunday 1 february
- carnival** alexandra gardens sunday 15 february

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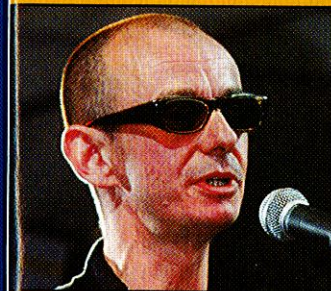


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in touch.



Principal supporter of the midsumma festival.

From the President



As Australia rushes headlong into the '1950s' and the nuclear family becomes the only acceptable type of family, the gay and lesbian community will face many challenges to the social changes wrought by activist members of our community over the preceding decades.

Midsumma provides an umbrella for members of our gay and lesbian community to express their dreams and fears. It is a time for artistic endeavour. A time to display sporting prowess. A time for thought and discussion. A time to give voice to our community.

I encourage you all to savour the very best that Melbourne's gay and lesbian community has to offer as we celebrate Midsumma's 10th anniversary in 1998.

Peter Edmonds, President Midsumma Festival.

Optus Message

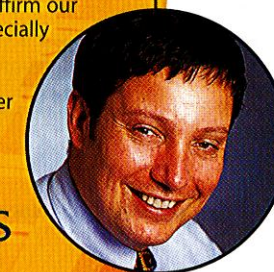
Here we are once again, in our third year as the principal supporter of the Midsumma Festival. Optus was delighted to reaffirm our commitment to the gay and lesbian community by continuing our support of the Festival for a further two years. We are especially pleased to be able to share in the 10 year anniversary celebrations.

These days there are many options for choice in communications. Having the support of the gay and lesbian community over the last 5 years has enabled us to contribute to Midsumma, a major event on the Australian arts calendar.

Optus is proud of our relationship with Midsumma and thanks the community for their continued support.

Let the party begin!

Peter Burr, Group Market Manager, Residential



The Midsumma Story 89-98

Ninety-eight marks the first decade of the Midsumma Festival.

Ten years ago, community groups and individuals gathered to lay the foundations of a new festival that would embody the unique character of Melbourne's gay culture.

1989

The inaugural event, named MID SUMMA and run by volunteers, opens with literary, artistic, sporting and cultural events and closes with Red Raw, a party in West Melbourne.

1990

The second festival broadens to meet the diverse interests of political, religious and business groups and receives sponsorship from the Victorian Ministry for the Arts. A lesbian festival runs concurrently.

1991

Extended from ten to fourteen days of festivities, Midsumma consolidates its commitment to film, the performing and visual arts and literature. It receives Australia Council funding.

1992

Two far-reaching innovations are made in the fourth festival: the lesbian community joins, and Picnic in the Park evolves into the Carnival, and becomes the festival's premier event.

1993

In the year of Queer, the festival grows considerably and finds its own St Kilda address. Melbourne Queer Film & Video Festival matures into a self-contained event.

1994

Midsumma runs for three weeks. Sponsors are: VAC/GMHC, ALSO, BrotherSister, MSO, JOYFM, 3CR, Bent TV, Hares & Hyenas, Tooheys, etc. The program presents Software VI, Gladboat, a travel forum and Leather Pride.

1995

The opening party in Brunswick Street instantly turns into one of the festival's main attractions. The enormously popular Carnival descends on the Alexandra Gardens.

1996

After four talented gay male presidents, the eighth festival is headed by a lesbian. Melbourne stages its first Pride march in Fitzroy Street, which spills into Ride at Luna Park.

1997

The gala fundraiser, Fur Ball, is held at the Forum Theatre. 60,000 shindig at the Street Party; 7,000 rejoice at Red Raw; 22,000 parade at Pride; full house at Ride; and 100,000 carouse at the Carnival.

1998

Midsumma 10 extends over one month! Queer artists exhibit at NGV and queer performers take over the Universal Theatre. The Australian Gaymes are staged and the Street Party is held in Commercial Road.



Celebrate

Some people think a bit differently, feel a bit differently and live a bit differently. Our pets live the way we choose for them to live, their care and well being is directly in our hands, their appreciation is evident everyday in our lives and they enrich the quality and outlook of the human species. PAL® and WHISKAS® celebrate 30 years of caring, in partnership with you, for Australia's pet dogs and cats. Making the correct nutritional decisions enabling them to live healthy active lives is not a lot to ask, for everything they give in return. We are also proud of our association and support for P.A.W.S (Pets Are Wonderful Support) and encourage you to assist them however possible. So on this momentous occasion, celebrate your pet, all they'll ever need is you, love and the trusted expertise of PAL and WHISKAS, see you at Midsummer.

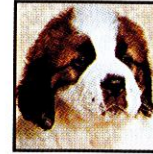
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Happy 10th Birthday.
Thank you for the invitation to join this special celebration. PAL and WHISKAS are looking forward to meeting the many pets and friends we made last year, so join us and strut your stuff at Café Doggywood.
Uncle Ben's



Our venues are proud to continue to be sponsoring the 10th Anniversary Midsumma Festival. On behalf of the management team and staff of: The Duke Hotel, 3Faces Night Club, Subway Dance Bar, Laneway Sauna and Laneway Cruise Club.



We wish all our patrons, our visitors from interstate and overseas a happy and safe Midsumma 98.
Ken Payne, Managing Director, ConKen.



Melbourne Star Observer is extremely pleased to be a sponsor of Midsumma's tenth Festival. MSO has supported the Midsumma Festival in many and varied ways from its inception in 1988, and has watched with pride as it has grown into the four week event into which you are about to dive.



Our notion of who we are as a community is best expressed in the things we do together. The feelings of joy and support we get by participating in an event that is uniquely gay and lesbian – and uniquely Melbourne – is hard to equal.

So happy birthday Midsumma, and have a great festival.

Mathew Jones, Editor, Melbourne Star Observer

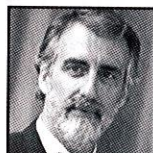
Supporting Local Government



City of Stonnington
Stonnington Council is proud to be part of Midsumma's 10th birthday celebrations, and what better way to celebrate than with a Street Party. Have a great festival!
Cr Adam Held
City of Stonnington, Mayor



City of Yarra
Get in the pink, Bask in the limelight, Get into Midsumma, In the heart of Yarra. Mingle in the mayhem of four weeks of celebration of gay and lesbian life. Happy tenth birthday Midsumma! From your proud sponsor, the City of Yarra.
Cr Linda Hoskins
City of Yarra, Mayor



City of Melbourne
The City of Melbourne is proud to host the 1998 Midsumma Festival. This is a great City for the Arts, a city of cultural diversity and creativity. The City of Melbourne is delighted to come out in support of this significant event. We encourage all members of the community to celebrate and enjoy the variety of artistic and community programs in this year's festival.
Councillor Carrillo Gantner



City of Port Phillip
Artists, performers and events are images which make up the City of Port Phillip. We wish Midsumma every success for its 10th Anniversary Festival.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

A Quiet Afternoon with Midsumma

A selection of performance and musical highlights from the Midsumma Festival. Presentations of the inaugural GLOBE Art Award will also be made.

WHERE: Great Hall, National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd Melbourne
WHEN: Sun 8 Feb, 2pm - 4pm
COST: Free

Fur Ball Gala

Prepare to be mesmerised by the sheer talent and opulence at Midsumma's stimulating and sublime event. Following last year's creative success, Fur Ball Gala promises to deliver a diverse yet dynamic feast for the senses. So join us to launch the festival in style at Melbourne's most decadent theatre.

WHERE: The Forum Theatre, Flinders St Melbourne
WHEN: Fri 16 Jan, 8pm
COST: A Res \$50, B Res \$40, C Res \$30
INFO: Bookings Ticketek 132 849 Enquiries 9865 6700



Fur Ball Gala

Beatnic '98

Join us for the event of the decade! The annual bicycle tour around Melbourne's most famous and picturesque sites of nocturnal picnicing, concluding with a community BBQ at a special location (details supplied upon registration). Assemble at the 'Dorchester', Jefferies Parade. Early registration and further information through the Beats Education Project at VAC/GMHC or Beatsline.

WHERE: The 'Dorchester', Jeffries Pde (Melways ref 2F J7)
WHEN: Sat 14 Feb, 7pm
COST: Free
INFO: Booking 9865 6700 Enquiries 9865 6762

Fruits in Suits - GLOBE's Monthly Cocktail Party

'Fruits in Suits' is open to all professionals and all gays and lesbians in business. It provides a relaxed, informal environment for gays and lesbians to interact socially and network their business contacts.

WHERE: Locarno, 177 Greville St Prahran
WHEN: Thu 15 Jan & Thu 19 Feb, 6pm-8pm
COST: \$5
INFO: Enquiries 9686 2499

Gay Skate

This is the Midsumma event you've been waiting for. Poofs, dykes and queers take over the Fun Roller Rink. With extra camp-kitsch music selection by Tony 2000 and special performance by the one and only Ms Quicksand on skates. Not to be missed. See Midsumma Booking Form for presale details.

WHERE: Fun Roller Rink, Cnr Chapel St & Toorak Rd
WHEN: Wed 28 Jan, 8:30pm - 11:30pm
COST: Full \$10, conc/members/vols \$7
INFO: Enquiries Midsumma Office 9525 4746, Fun Roller Rink 9826 8274

GLADE Alliance

GLADE's forum for gay and lesbian business entrepreneurs to discuss ideas and plans for our enterprises, gain thoughtful feedback, network with others about services, organise information sessions, form your own informal advisory board, and work with the Gay and Lesbian Association for Developing Enterprise (GLADE) in assisting new leaders find their feet.

WHERE: Northcote Town Hall Meeting Room, 189 High St Northcote
WHEN: Wed 11 Feb, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
COST: \$25 snack provided
INFO: Enquiries 9681 9400

GLOBE Midsumma Dinner

GLOBE's Midsumma Dinner celebrating the inaugural sponsorship of the GLOBE Art Award. An organiser and artist from the New Q exhibition will be guest speakers.

WHERE: Marketa (formally Mickey Finns), 617 - 623 Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn
WHEN: Mon 2 Feb, 7pm
COST: \$35
INFO: Enquiries 9820 9000, bookings 9686 2499

High Summer Tea Dance

Fundraiser for Dance Cats, Amsterdam: Lesbian Ballroom Dancing Team going to '98 Gay Gaymes. Tango, ChaCha, Waltz, Samba, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Rumba, Jive and progressives. Dance Cats performance and demos. Dance etiquette and some instruction will be given. Come alone or with a partner. Bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee available. This is a 'mixed' event and has access for disabled.

WHERE: YWCA Function Hall, 489 Elizabeth St Melbourne
WHEN: Sun 18 Jan, 4pm-8pm
COST: Full \$10, part wage \$8, conc \$5
INFO: Enquiries 9489 6930

Labor listens to Victoria's Gay & Lesbian Community

Victoria's Labor Leader John Brumby will join with other members of the Shadow Cabinet including John Thwaites, Rob Hulls and Lyn Kosky in an evening of discussion and consultation with Victoria's gay and lesbian community. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for you to have a say about Labor's policy on issues which affect you and your community.

WHERE: The Continental, 134 Greville St Prahran
WHEN: Thu 29 Jan, 7pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9651 8874

Lesbiana Midsumma Car & Bike Rally

Cryptic clues, devious routes and a suitably laid-back picnic destination await those grrrls and boyz taking up the ultimate car rally challenge. Dress up yourselves and your wheels, invent the team name to out-psych all others. Prizes and giveaways include picnic award, team spirit, creative answers and more. Drive 1 to 2 hours. No time limit. All responsibility rests with participants regarding roadworthy vehicles, safety and obedience of road rules.

WHERE: Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre Carpark, Victoria St Northcote (Melways ref 30 J8)
WHEN: Sun 8 Feb, 10am - 11am start
COST: \$10 per vehicle
INFO: Enquiries 9489 9474 or 019 356 489

LUSTY Pride

LUST every Sunday - lesbians and gay male guests. Subway Dance Bar is a ConKen Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: Subway Dance Bar, 5 Martin St St Kilda
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 6pm doors open
COST: \$5 (Ride & Pride March volunteers free entry with ID before 10pm)

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Enjoy!

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Carnival, 15th Feb.

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Midsumma Jack-Off

The Melbourne Wankers 8th Annual Jack-Off Party offers an environment which is safe, friendly and discreet. All ages (over 18) and sizes, singles and couples welcome. Full nudity. No lips below the hips. Standard club rules apply.

WHERE: Bay City Sauna 482d Glenhenty Rd Elsternwick
WHEN: Mon 26 Jan (Junior wankers) & Mon 9 Feb, 7pm - 8pm arrival
COST: \$12
INFO: Enquiries 9525 4040, <http://www.rabbit.com.au/~wankers/>

Midsumma Mooning

The Laird Hotel joins forces once again with NAG (No Attitude Guys) to present *Midsumma Mooning* - a heated and frantic search for Melbourne's 'hottest arse'. Entry forms at the Laird Hotel. This event is a charity fund raiser.

WHERE: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St Abbotsford
WHEN: Fri 6 Feb, 11 pm
INFO: Enquiries 9417 2832

Midsumma Peek-a-Boo

Women only at 3 Faces. 3rd Wednesday of every month. Wear your Midsumma Volunteers T-shirt for free entry before 10pm. 3 Faces is a ConKen Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: 3 Faces, 143 Commercial Rd Sth Yarra
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan & Wed 18 Feb
COST: \$5
INFO: Enquiries 9826 0933

Midsumma Throb

Melbourne's hottest men's night needs little introduction. From the moment that you walk through the door, it's one hot, sweaty, slippery surprise after another. Famed for its lavish and outrageous decor, the Midsumma Throb promises to keep you buzzing.

WHERE: The Peel Dance Bar Cnr Wellington & Peel Sts Collingwood
WHEN: Fri 13 Feb, 10pm
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4762

Mosaic of Memories 1998

Five buildings in historic View Street Bendigo will host the display of 110 blocks of the Quilt. They include the Art Gallery, Regional Arts Centre, Trades and Temperance Halls and Old Fire Station. The event will also host a range of associated activities including theatre, concerts, teas, dances, ribbon workshops, raffles, and ecumenical service. A major rural social, cultural and historical event.

WHERE: View St Bendigo
WHEN: Fri 16 Jan to Mon 26 Jan, 11am - 9pm
COST: \$5 donation for entry to all venues (Other activities charged separately)
INFO: Enquiries 035 472 5079, 035 470 5745

Mr Victoria Leather

Competitors from all over the state, gather for the leather fraternity's premiere event. From jock-straps and harnesses to caps and chaps, contestants display their goods in a variety of eye-bulging categories.

WHERE: The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St Abbotsford
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 10pm
INFO: Enquiries 9417 2832

Mt Macedon Picnic

Get away from it all - bring your Bollie and picnic hamper. Enjoy lush garden surrounds at Mt. Macedon on Australia Day. Please no barbecues.

WHERE: Forest Glade, Main Rd Mt. Macedon
WHEN: Mon 26 Jan, 10am to dusk
COST: \$5
INFO: Enquiries 9690 0907

Pre-Pride Bus Ride

Fun filled night of entertainment the night before *Pride*. Trip the light fantastic across Melbourne's most fabulous gay/lesbian/queer night spots. Venue hop the night away, spot shows and giveaways. All proceeds to *Pride March*.

WHEN: Sat 31 Jan
INFO: Enquiries Fran 0411 535 385. See queer press for info/booking details.

Pride March

Pride March '98, Sunday February 1st, assembles at corner of Lakeside Drive and Fitzroy Street from 4.30pm. 11,000 participated in 1996; 23,000 in 1997. We expect it to double again in 1998. *Pride March* urgently needs more marshalls. For marshalls and group registration, phone Penny on 9531 2587. *Pride March* gratefully acknowledges the support of the City of Port Phillip.

WHERE: From Cnr Lakeside Drive & Fitzroy St to St. Kilda Beach
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 4:30pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9531 2587 or 0411 535 385



Pride March

PHOTO: SHARON JONES

Red Raw

Melbourne's hottest & wildest summer warehouse party. Last one at the Docks!

WHERE: Shed 14, Cowper St Victoria Docks
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 10pm - 8am
COST: \$50 ALSO members & conc +bf, \$60 pre sale + bf, \$75 door sale
INFO: Tickets from usual outlets
Enquiries 9510 5569

Ride '98

Thrills and spills once more! Come and party after the *Pride March* at *Midsumma* and *ALSO's* fun-packed, smash hit *Ride* spectacular. Proudly sponsored by Club X.

WHERE: Luna Park, Acland St St Kilda
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 7pm - 12am
COST: Full \$18, Conc \$14, family \$40, door \$22
INFO: Tickets and booking info ALSO 9510 5569

Same Sex Partners Rights Forum

What rights do you have to inherit from your partner's estate if they die without a will, or to challenge a will if you do not receive enough? Do you need a cohabitation or co-ownership agreement if you live together? All you need to know about Medical and Enduring Powers of Attorney. David Owen and Paul Natoli, solicitors and Law Institute Accredited Specialists in Wills and Estates, will lead you through the maze and answer your questions. Sponsored by the Law Institute of Victoria.

WHERE: Law Institute of Victoria, 470 Bourke St Melbourne
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan, 7pm - 9pm
INFO: Enquiries 0412 209 225

Why should we count on you?

Whether or not you are a member of the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre, we will continue to provide support services for people with HIV/AIDS, education programs to reduce the risk of further infection, advocacy for the rights of people with HIV, and information and advice on the treatment and management of HIV-related illness.

But every member we recruit strengthens our case to governments and health authorities that we carry the support of people who care about HIV and its effects.

And the stronger our case, the stronger our position in negotiating a better deal for people living with and affected by HIV.

So even if you can't be a volunteer, even if you can't support our fund-raising initiatives, you can make an invaluable contribution in the fight against AIDS.

You can make a difference if we can count on you.

The fight against AIDS is not yet over.

Fill out and return the membership application form below, today.

Membership Application Form

- Enrol me as a member of the VAC (\$30 annual fee enclosed, \$15 for volunteers, free for PLWHAs) \$ _____
- Please tick this box if you do not want to be a member of the Gay Men's Health Centre
- I am willing to participate in research projects as approved by the VAC/GMHC's Research & Ethics Committee
- Send me information on helping the AIDS Council with my Will
- Please Accept this tax-deductible donation of \$ _____
- Please send me information on opportunities for volunteers with the Victorian AIDS Council

Name _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Make cheques payable to the Victorian AIDS Council

Charge my Bankcard Visa Mastercard Diners Amex (ID# _____)

Card number _____ Expiry _____ / _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to the Victorian AIDS Council 6 Claremont Street South Yarra 3141 Phone (03) 9865 6700 or 1800 134 840

Satin and Silk Ball

Proceeds to Matrix Guild Inc. Vic., which looks at appropriate support and care for older lesbians. Bookings essential - please write to PO Box 99, Fairfield 3078, enclosing a self addressed envelope with your payment.

WHERE: San Remo Ballroom, 365 Nicholson St North Carlton
WHEN: Sat 7 Feb, 7:30pm
COST: Full \$30, part waged \$25, conc \$20
INFO: Enquiries 9458 3367, No phone bookings.

Sounds of Pride

Drag in the Park Association presents a spectacular array of the most fabulous drag acts that Melbourne has to offer, blended with live performances, music and a touch of frivolity. Add a mystery celebrity host and you're assured of a fun-filled evening. Show your pride, support your community. All proceeds go to the HIV Association.

WHERE: National Theatre, Cnr Barkly St & Carlisle St St Kilda
WHEN: Fri 30 Jan, 8pm - 11pm
COST: \$25
INFO: Enquiries 9534 2725

Splish Splash Summa Recovery

Laneway Sauna, voted Australia's Sexiest Sauna, is a ConKen Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: Laneway Sauna, 5 Martin St Laneway St Kilda
WHEN: Fri 23 Jan, 5pm to Mon 26 Jan, 6am - 49 hours NON-STOP
COST: \$10 for RED RAW ticket holders on weekend
INFO: Enquiries 9537 2177

St Dorothy's Day

St Agnes' Parish celebrates St Dorothy's Day with Solemn Eucharist, Britten's *Missa Brevis*, an affirming sermon, creative worship and all the friends are invited!

WHERE: St Agnes' Church, 114 Booran Rd Glenhuntly
WHEN: Fri 6 Feb, 6:30pm
COST: \$5 for al fresco supper - bookings essential
INFO: Enquiries 9571 3932

Summa Sizzle

Relax and unwind in The Duke Hotel beer garden. Located just 80 metres from the Midsumma office. The Duke Hotel is a ConKen Group Venue - proud Gold Sponsor of Midsumma '98.

WHERE: The Duke Hotel Beer Garden, 374 St Kilda Rd St Kilda
WHEN: Every Saturday & Sunday
INFO: 1pm BBQ starts

The 1998 Victorian Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby Mass Debate

Victoria's new Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby will present an evening of serious intellect with their inaugural *Mass Debate*. The topic - 'We're Happy & Gay' will be hotly debated by a bevy of glamorous stars and community leaders.

WHERE: Swanston Hall (Lower Melbourne Town Hall),
Swanston St Melbourne
WHEN: Tue 20 Jan, 7pm - 9:30pm
COST: full \$18 conc \$10

The Great DT's Golden Stiletto Rally

Entrants leave from DT's Hotel, follow a chartered course around Richmond, receiving points for different acts performed at check-points. Group entries, themes, bribery and wheelchairs all gather bonus points to win The Great Golden Stiletto.

WHERE: DT's Hotel, (Social Club), 164 Church St Richmond
WHEN: Sat 31 Jan, 3pm
COST: \$5 (covers BBQ on return to DT's)
INFO: Enquiries 9428 5724

FORUMS FORUMS

Health in Difference 2

The 2nd National Lesbian, Gay, Transgender & Bisexual Health Conference. The Midsumma Festival welcomes *Health In Difference 2*, a community event that will build on the success of *HID1* held in Sydney in 1996. The theme is 'Queering Health Agendas'. The Conference aims to build the capacity of LGBT communities to respond to health issues. Only 400 places available. To register call 9826 2071. More details at www.vicnet.net.au/~hidz.

WHERE: University High, Royal Pde Parkville (entry on Story St)
WHEN: Thu 22 Jan, 9am - 5:30pm; Fri 23 Jan, 9:30am - 5:30pm;
Sat 24 Jan 9:30am - 1pm
COST: Full Registration \$250, low income \$120, unwaged \$70,
One Day Registration full \$95, unwaged \$30
INFO: Enquiries 9826 2071

Question the Queer Aesthetic

- In Association with New Q at the VicHealth Access Gallery

A panel of prominent arts professionals, academics, performers and arts practitioners will present their ideas in an open forum that will be of relevance and interest across visual, literary and performing arts practice. A must for those interested in queer theory and arts practices.

WHERE: Gallery Society Members Room, National Gallery of Victoria
St Kilda Rd Melbourne
WHEN: Wed 4 Feb, 6pm - 7:30pm
COST: full \$6, conc \$4
INFO: Enquiries 9388 1352

MUSIC MUSIC

Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus & Friends

It isn't over until the Chorus sings! For the first time, various voices from MGLC will join with *La Voce della Luna*, *Melbourne Master Singers*, *Victoria Chorale* and *Sweet Adelines* in a colourful, exciting program of musical entertainment. Celebrate diversity and unity in song with the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus.

WHERE: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston St Melbourne
WHEN: Sat 21 Feb 8pm
INFO: Prices call enquiries 9499 7062

Swish

SWISH are proud to present one special Midsumma show featuring their unique musical smorgasbord of gourmet riffs and jams. Be there to see this 18-piece all-girl band strut their stuff! SWISH - So Wild It Simply Hums - a visual and aural feast.

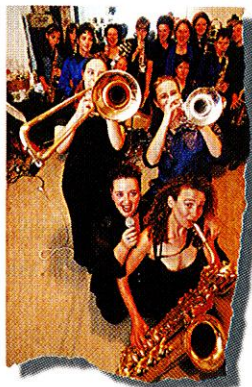
WHERE: Continental Café, 132 Greville St Prahan
INFO: One show only, call enquiry number 9510 2788

The Dirty Dozen - A Musical Extravaganza

The Dirty Dozen: a musical extravaganza showcasing some of the finest talent in the amateur and professional theatre circuit in Melbourne. A one-night-only performance featuring songs from musicals such as *Rent*, *The Rink*, *Sweet Charity*, *Miss Saigon*, etc.

WHERE: National Theatre, Cnr Barkly & Carlisle Sts St Kilda
WHEN: Sat 7 Feb 8pm
COST: \$20
INFO: Enquiries 9525 4611

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Fur Ball Gala

Spanning cabaret, song, burlesque and comedy. Brilliant, indulgent, supreme and sublime performances. A delight heralding the way for the 10th Festival. To be held at Melbourne's opulent Forum Theatre, this will be a must attend night. Brought to you by Midsumma and the Victorian AIDS Council.

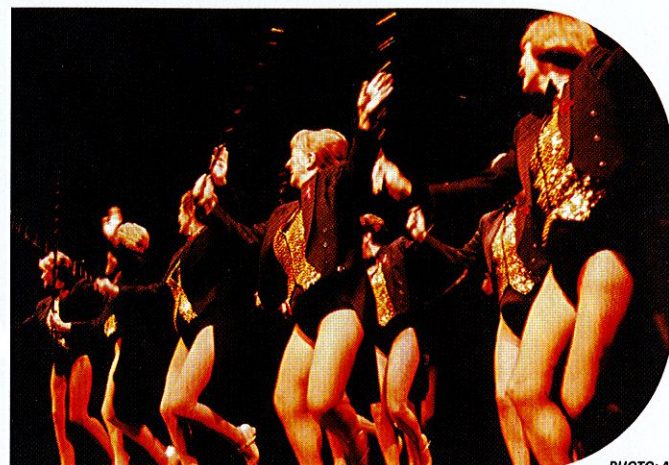


PHOTO: ANGELA BAILEY

Friday, 16 January
Forum Theatre



Bookings Ticketek 132 849

Prices

A Reserve \$50

B Reserve \$40

C Reserve \$30

Street Party

Strut your stuff with over 50,000 revellers at the queerest street party in Melbourne.

Midsumma Street Party has moved south to Melbourne's queerest mile. But we'll still retain the old favourites: tattoo competition, dancing, cabaret, disco and DJs. We'll pay homage to the north on the Northcote stage which will be the heart of the Street Party. Packed with live music and local talent, you'll see everything from grunge to rock 'n' roll to cover bands.

Watch out for radiant surprises from the rooftops. Don't miss Jon Jackson and the Great Big Opera Company.



STONNINGTON City Council



Street Party
Commercial Road, Prahran
Saturday, 17 January, 6pm - 1am

Carnival

Join thousands of dykes, poofs and their friends for the biggest queer carnival Melbourne has ever seen. You'll be entertained with local talent, dancing boys and girls, sideshows, attractions and scary rides. Satisfy your shopping urges - peruse and cruise over 100 stalls.

Dulcie Du Jour's Dog Show

Roar with the crowd as canines and owners do it doggy style.

Start getting your pooch into condition for this hotly contested competition. Start grooming, entries are limited. Contact Midsumma now. Dulcie's Dog Show is proudly sponsored by Uncle Ben's - distributors of PAL and Whiskas.

Wigstock

Featuring entertaining and outrageous Drag Kings and Queens who will venture out of their homes and regular venues onto a daytime stage. More frocks, face packs, wigs, silks, hairspray, heels and hats than Oaks Day.

Start sewing, entries are limited. Contact Midsumma now.

Stalls

For a stall to promote your business, community group or service to more than 100,000 gay men, lesbians and their friends contact Midsumma immediately for a registration pack.



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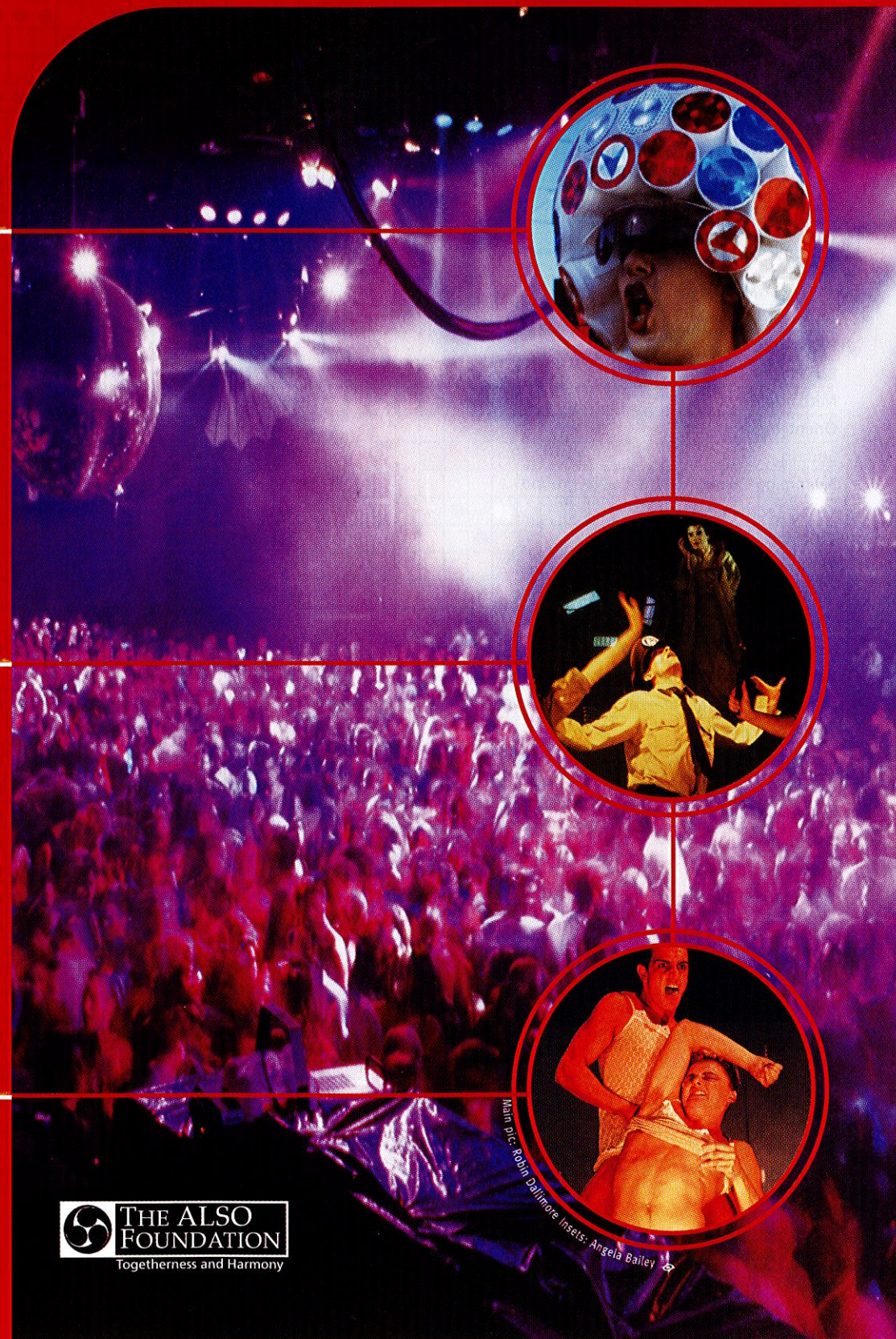
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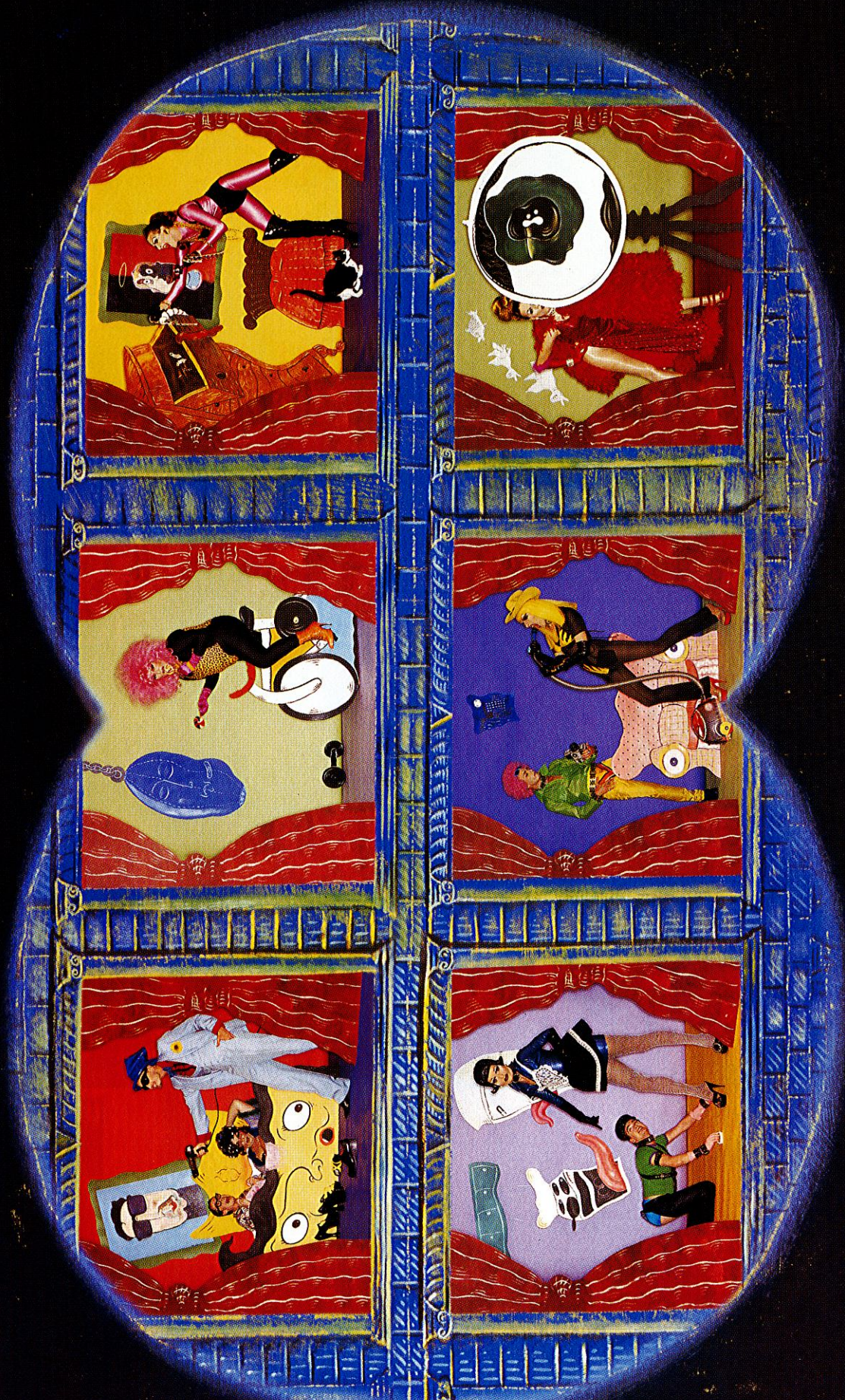
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WHERE: The National Theatre, Cnr Barkly & Carlisle Sts St Kilda
WHEN: Sat 31 Jan 7:30pm
COST: full \$20, conc \$16
INFO: Enquiries 9534 0221

PERFORMING ARTS

The Universal Experience

The Universal 2 is a dedicated Midsumma venue for the entire Festival, featuring the following shows: *aGendered Cabaret*, *Software*, *The Sun Also Sizzles* and *In Gay Company*. Proudly supported by the City of Yarra.

**aGendered Cabaret – A Word is Out Event
A Universal Experience**

Sway to the hot jazz notes of The Satin Dolls; swoon to the gender-bending Moira Finucane; surrender to the songs of Julie Peters and Dr Ron McCoy; savour poems from author Jennifer Spry. Swing into total gender confusion as performers realign your performative and intellectual spaces, making you think again about "what is gender?"

WHERE: Universal Theatre 2, Victoria St Fitzroy
WHEN: Mon 26 Jan, 8pm
COST: \$12, conc \$10, +bf
INFO: Booking & enquiries 9419 3777/9419 4445

**Software - Queer performance with bite
A Universal Experience**

From drama queens to dancing queens, from flights of aerial fancy and subterranean subversion to savage satire, biting comedy and laconic tales of living and loving queer. Midsumma presents *Software*, short works from some of Melbourne's best gay and lesbian performers. Back for its 10th anniversary season!

WHERE: Universal Theatre 2, Victoria St Fitzroy
WHEN: Cut Price Preview Wed 4 Feb
Thu 5 - Sun 8 Feb; Tue 10 - Sat 14 Feb
Tues - Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm
COST: full \$16, conc +bf (NB credit card fees apply) \$12,
cut price preview \$10 +bf
INFO: Bookings & enquiries 9419 3777

**The Sun Also Sizzles
A Universal Experience**

More sequins! More style! More stilettos than ever before! The hot, sexy, gay soap opera that took Melbourne by storm in Midsumma '96 returns! Move over Melrose Place - Sun Valley is now the hottest place in town, where everyone's cool and everyone has a secret! Sexy men! Leather chicks! Five episodes over five weeks! Are you ready to SIZZLE!?

WHERE: Universal Theatre 2, Victoria St, Fitzroy
WHEN: Episode 1: Thu 15 - Sat 17 Jan, 11pm
Episode 2: Thu 22 - Sat 24 Jan, 11pm
Episode 3: Thu 29 - Sat 31 Jan, 11pm
Episode 4: Thu 5 - Sat 7 Feb, 11pm
Episode 5: Thu 12 - Sat 14 Feb, 11pm
COST: Theatre seating: full \$15, conc \$10
Cabaret seating: full \$23, conc \$18
Season tickets: Theatre seating: full \$60, conc \$40; Cabaret seating:
full \$90, conc \$70 +bf all tickets (NB credit card fees apply)
INFO: Booking & enquiries 9419 3777



The Sun Also Sizzles

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**In Gay Company – Fred Silver
A Universal Experience**

This witty, raunchy musical of manners takes you 'back to the time when S&M were merely sizes and watersports a swim at the YMCA'. Don't miss the Australian premiere of this Off-Broadway, award-winning show which has won rave reviews throughout America. Who could resist: 'I found out my brother is my sister and is seeing my husband on the side?'

WHERE: Universal Theatre 2, Victoria St Fitzroy
WHEN: Tue 20 Jan - Sat 31 Jan Tue - Fri 8:30pm; Sat - Sun 6pm & 9pm
COST: Cabaret Seating: full \$18, conc \$12 +bf
Theatre seating: full \$15, conc \$10 +bf (NB credit card fees apply)
INFO: Booking & enquiries 9419 3777

The Universal Experience also includes a foyer exhibition – *Archemedes Angel* (see visual arts)

**Betty and Alma's Last RoundUp
– Crusty Country Cabaret**

Suspect Country & Western crooners Betty-Jo Bullthwaite (Steven Dawson) and arch-rival Alma-May Furkenblad (Deborah Paull) finally return to Melbourne with their riotous bad taste country-cabaret. The sickest songstresses ever, in an all-singing, all-dancing, hormone hootenanny.

WHERE: Upstairs Ramjets Café, 147 Commercial Rd Prahran
WHEN: Wed 21, Thu 22, Fri 23 Jan, Dinner 7:30pm Show 8:30pm
COST: Dinner & Show \$30, Show only \$10
INFO: Dinner bookings essential 9827 6260

Big Dicks On Stage – Out Cast Theatre

If you show it they will come – Steven (*The Art of Being Still*) Dawson's wicked, sexy and wildly outrageous black comedy about actors, writers and the nasty things you have to do to get noticed these days. Warning: This play contains gratuitous nudity, suspect humour and some shocking costume choices.

WHERE: Venue TBA
WHEN: Fri 16 Jan - Sat 14 Feb
Tue - Sat 8pm, Sat Matinee 5pm
COST: full \$20, conc \$16
INFO: Enquiries 9305 5333 or Ticketek 132849

Come Back To The 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean

James Dean's disciples gather on the 20th anniversary of their idol's death. In a five and dime store in the heart of Texas, these friends discover the dangers of worshipping false gods and the even greater perils of believing in real ones. A nostalgic trip into yesteryear when boys were gods and gods wanted to be girls.

WHERE: The Organ Factory, 6 Page St Clifton Hill
WHEN: Wed 28 Jan - Sat 14 Feb
Tues, Wed, Thu 8pm; Fri, Sat 8pm & 11pm; Sun 6pm
COST: \$10
INFO: Bookings 9527 1916 Enquiries 9481 3936

Gaze

Gaze (Steve Brown and George Filev) creates and presents a range of high-quality physical theatre which explores the relationships and bonds that form between men. They create imagery which is exciting in performance and challenging in concept. *Gaze* will be appearing at a range of Midsumma events and venues – from the festival launch to the big events and various venue foyers.

WHERE: Any Midsumma venues and events
INFO: Enquiries 9419 6175



H2Q & The Homage which Vice pays to Virtue

Play Lunch Productions presents the return season of two hysterical one-act plays. *H2Q* by Nik Willmott is a comic and erotic exploration of the very wet and wild parallels between women and water. *The Homage which Vice pays to Virtue* by Rohan Haggart asks: when a church becomes a courtroom and a marriage is put on trial by a drunken judge with a truth hat, whose family will you be sitting with?

WHERE: Gasworks Theatre Rehearsal Room, 21 Graham St Albert Park
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan - Sat 31 Jan, Wed - Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm
COST: full \$10, conc \$8
INFO: Enquiries 9699 3253

Jack (written by David Greenspan) - Impulse Theatre Group

A story told with an unusual approach by three speakers about a man who, on learning he is developing AIDS, commits suicide. The character Jack presents himself by way of monologue during the story. This journey, conveyed by abstract words, leaps from past tense (after death) to the present (with Jack's appearance). All proceeds donated to the Victorian AIDS Council.

WHERE: Theatreworks, 14 Acland St St Kilda
WHEN: Thu 12 - Sun 15 Feb; Thu - Sat 8pm; Sun 6pm
COST: \$10
INFO: Enquiries 9690 2807

Marat/Sade - The Fluke Collective

By Peter Weiss, presented by the FLUKE collective

The Persecution and Assassination of Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade. The Fluke Collective has fused dance, opera and drama to create an exhilarating trip through the twisted world of the infamous Marquis de Sade.

WHERE: Athenaeum II, Upstairs 188 Collins St Melbourne
WHEN: Tue 27 Jan - Sat 7 Feb; Tues - Sat 8:30pm
COST: full \$18, conc \$12, Grps of 10 or more +bf \$12
INFO: Book at Bass or the Athenaeum 9650 1500

1 Size Fits All

A show about two women's personal stories on trying to reconcile their bodies with the madness and tyranny of fat oppression - from feelings of being always out of place, self hate, diets, lies and changing rooms, to looking defiantly in the mirror, walking with confidence and appreciating and loving fullness and voluptuousness.

WHERE: The Malthouse (Bagging Room), 113 Sturt St Southbank
WHEN: Tue 10 - Sat 14 Feb; 7:45 pm
COST: full \$16, conc \$12 Malthouse Box Office
INFO: Enquiries 9685 5111

Only Heaven Knows - Alex Harding

Alex Harding's music theatre piece is the story of one man's discovery of love and affection in the big city. The performance recreates the wide range of experiences gay men and women lived through in the 40s and 50s: from the extraordinary freedoms WWII afforded them, through to the crackdown on homosexuals in the Menzies' era.

WHERE: David Williamson Theatre, Swinburne Uni, St John St Prahran
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan - Sat 14 Feb; Tue - Sat 7:30pm; Sat Matinee 4pm
COST: full \$25+bf, conc \$20 +bf, Grp \$20 +bf
INFO: Enquiries 9521 4616 Bookings 9685 5111

Queer Cell, A Search For Identity

The Ant Watchers are a community-based, non-profit collective of Melbourne University students who wish to enhance self-esteem and strengthen recognition of queer identity through physical movement. As an adolescent, you learn to search for your own identity and sexuality through self-surveillance. In the light of fate, you learn to accept and identify yourself as 'Queer'.

WHERE: Dance House, 150 Princes St North Carlton
WHEN: Mon 19 - Sun 25 Jan Mon - Sat 8pm; Sun 5pm
COST: full \$12, \$10 conc, \$8 stud, grp of 10 \$60
INFO: Enquiries and bookings 9347 2860

Ruby Lounge - Summer Spectacular

The jewel in the cabaret crown once again dazzles with its glittering array of Melbourne's premier queer artistes. Part glamour, part camp and a twist of tease, this cocktail is guaranteed to delight the discerning clientele. So slip on your sequined sarong and recline in style. Designed for pleasure by Amanda Morris. Cocktail Service, cigarette girls and smooth DJ.

WHERE: Location yet to be revealed
WHEN: Sun 8 Feb; Door Opens 7:30 pm Showtime 8:30 pm
COST: full \$16, conc: \$13, +bf
Table bookings, presale only at Hares and Hyenas, Collingwood & Prahran. Standing room available at door.
INFO: Enquiries Ruby 9534 2968 BH



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Ruby Lounge

Tadzio

A play reading by Barry Lowe, directed by Robert Chuter

Author Thomas Mann is now recognised as a great erotic writer, a man whose language was saturated by his homosexuality. Nowhere is this more apparent than in *Death in Venice* in which he created one of the 20th century's great gay icons, Tadzio. Barry Lowe's new play revisits Mann's Venice where the worship of beauty is its own reward.

WHERE: Rippon Lea Gardens, 192 Hotham St Elsternwick
WHEN: Sun 8 Feb, 2pm
COST: full \$10, conc \$8
INFO: Enquiries 9596 3756

The Princess Line Variety Hour and a Half

With more dance moves than the Rockettes and more high notes than Shirley Bassey, *Princess Line*, the earth shattering song and dance duo, return to their natural home - the stage - and their faithful constituency - their Midsumma fans - in this new show. Breheny and Queenie tell all about their fave celebrities, the world of showbiz, fashion and cooking shows.

WHERE: Location to be announced
WHEN: Thu 29 Jan - Sat 7 Feb, Thu - Sat 8pm
COST: full \$16, conc \$13
INFO: Enquiries 9534 7786

Twelve Seas

Following the critically acclaimed *Elegie* in 1995, Dancehouse hosts the return of the Gary Rowe Company from Britain. His new work, *Twelve Seas* is a fusion of movement, text, design and music, exploring themes of 'the double': how its loss creates our sense of alienation; how the search for recognition and acceptance informs our lives.

WHERE: DanceHouse: Centre For Moving Arts, 150 Princes St North Carlton
WHEN: Thur 5 - Sun 15 Feb Thu - Sat 8pm; Sun 5pm
COST: full \$15, conc & Dancehouse subscribers \$12
INFO: Enquiries 9347 2860

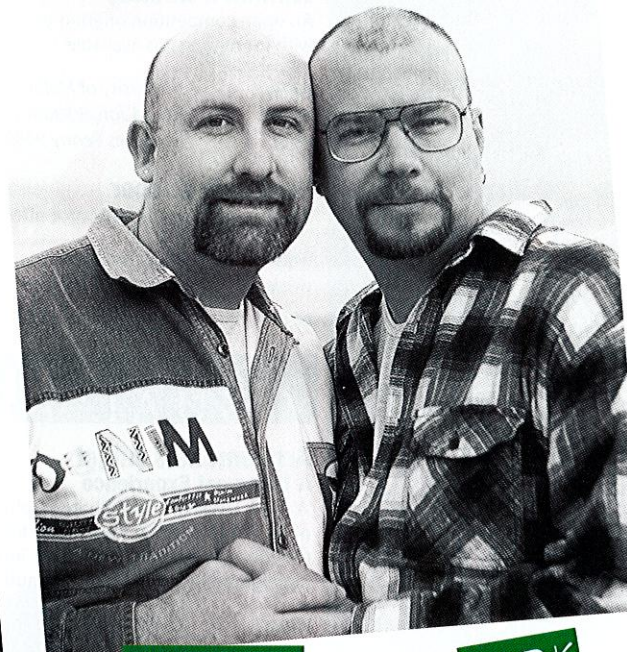
What do they call me?

This three-piece monologue written by Aboriginal playwright, Eva Johnson, and performed by Marie Andrews revolves around three Aboriginal women's lives. From the three perspectives, it re-tells that painful episode of Australia's history known as the Stolen Generation. *What Do They Call Me?* is a celebration of indigenous women's courage.

WHERE: Trades Hall, Cnr Victoria & Lygon Sts, Carlton
WHEN: Thu 22 - Sun 1 Feb, Thu - Sun 7:30pm
COST: full 20, conc \$10
INFO: Tickets available at Hares & Hyenas, Collingwood & South Yarra

Strength in Difference

“ There are times when sex gets really good between us, and my judgement goes out the window. I know I shouldn't do certain things but in the heat of moment, I think - WOW - I want to. I think about the fundamental changes which have been experienced by people I know who are positive. I'll never know those experiences. But I've never let these thoughts go to the extent that I actually want to be positive. I've never wanted to be like Mark.”
(Trevor, HIV -)



TREVOR

MARK

“ I think we're still together after 14 years because we've adjusted to each other, and learnt from each other. We've really designed our relationship so it's how we want it to be. I would never in a million years put Trevor at risk of becoming positive. I would never want to see anyone I love and care for HIV positive like me.”
(Mark, HIV +)

VAC: Celebrating and Supporting Gay Relationships

Groups and workshops for gay men about relationships

LoveSexPlus...

A group for HIV positive men about relationships, disclosure, sex, health and more

Support group for HIV negative partners of HIV positive men starting soon

momentum relationships

Groups for gay men, positive and negative, single or coupled, about communication, trust and love

Young and Gay

Groups for young gay men

For more information contact Gary Ferguson or Jim Sotiropoulos on 9865 6700

Celebrating gay relationships

Lovers and Others

Campaign launch 14 January.

Swap Happy

Photo competition. Instant fame and great prizes could be yours (truly). Enter now! Call Jim on 9865 6700.

Valentine's Eve Massacre

Tough talkers shoot from the lip in the great lesbian and gay relationships debate. Friday 13 February-watch the press for details.

Visit the *Love Shack* at Carnival-Snap Happy photo exhibition and judging, instant commitment ceremonies and more.



Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre
(03) 9865 6700 TTY (03) 9827 3733 Toll Free 1800 134 840

10th Australian Gaymes Melbourne 23-26 January Proudly presented by Team Melbourne

These are just some of the events on offer at the Australian Gaymes - other events include cycling, motorcycle touring, canasta, ballroom dancing and body-sculpting.

For more information on events, contact Team Melbourne on 0500 577 678.

Athletics

A variety of track and some field events. Spectators most welcome.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sun 25 Jan, 2pm-7pm
INFO: Enquiries Jorge 9329 7321

Badminton

Open event, with assistance in forming teams available.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sun 25 Jan, 1:30pm-6pm
INFO: Enquiries 0500 577 678

Bowling - 69'ers Bowling League

A fantastic full day of bowling open to everyone. Get in early to secure a spot. Spectators most welcome.

WHERE: Moorabbin Bowl, Nepean Hwy Moorabbin
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, All day event
INFO: Enquiries Rodney 9489 6880

Netball

Open Grade, guys and girls tournament. Lots of fun and plenty of action.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 9:30am-5pm
INFO: Enquiries Sean 0411 842 410

Orienteering

Come and figure your way around an interesting but not too challenging course. Lots of fun.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sun 25 Jan, 2pm-6pm
INFO: Enquiries Sue 9435 6992

Squash

Open grade competition, using up to six courts.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sat, 24 Jan, 10am-5pm
INFO: Enquiries 0500 577 678

Swimming Carnival and Aquatic Playground

Heaps of guys and girls looking fabulous and thrashing it out in the pool. Spectators welcome, with plenty of entertainment assured.

WHERE: Richmond Pool, Gleadell St Richmond
WHEN: Fri 23 Jan, 7:30pm-11pm
INFO: Enquiries Caroline 9687 8196

Tennis Tournament

Two days of exciting competition, this open event attracts players of all abilities including National players. Spectators most welcome.

WHERE: Tulip Street Tennis Centre, 107 Tulip St Sandringham
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan & Sun 25 Jan, All day
INFO: Enquiries Brent 9376 3113

Volleyball - Melbourne Spikers Tournament

Open and Social Grade events - refereed. Participate in the world's most popular gay and lesbian sport. Plenty to keep spectators entertained.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 9am - 4pm
INFO: Enquiries 9853 0460

Women's Hockey

An open competition offering plenty of opportunities to get involved. Help with forming teams available.

WHERE: University of Melbourne, Grattan St Parkville
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 9:30am-6pm
INFO: Enquiries Penny 9489 1065

Women's Soccer

An open event, with assistance offered in forming teams.

WHERE: Crawford Oval, Near University of Melbourne
WHEN: Sat 24 Jan, 1:30pm-7pm
INFO: Enquiries Diane 9882 4484

VISUAL ARTS

Archemede's Angel A Universal Experience

Writer L.S. Williams and photographer Angela Bailey collaborate to tell the story of an angel with an imperative for logic. The text and images will take you though a fantastical journey of intrigue and despair. The exhibition will be highlighted by a reading by the author.

WHERE: Universal Theatre Foyer, Victoria St Fitzroy
WHEN: Sun 25 Jan - Sat 14 Feb, Free
Opening and Reading Sat 31 Jan, 4pm
Gallery hours Tues - Sun 2pm-11pm
COST: Free

Caught Looking

Six artists, Kate Dulhunty, Hamilton, Ann Holt, Maria Lunney, K T Prescott and Jacqui Stockdale. This visual arts event will include painting, photography, film, video, and installation work. *Caught Looking* - a visual feast for the eyes and senses exploring identity, image and self representation. Coordinated by Ann Holt and Jacqui Stockdale with catalogue essay by Bronwyn Scanlon.

WHERE: Jackman Gallery, 33 Grey St St. Kilda
WHEN: Thu 15 Jan - Sun 1 Feb, Free
Opening night Thu 15 Jan 6pm
Gallery hours Thur - Sun 1pm-6pm
INFO: Enquiries 9534 2147

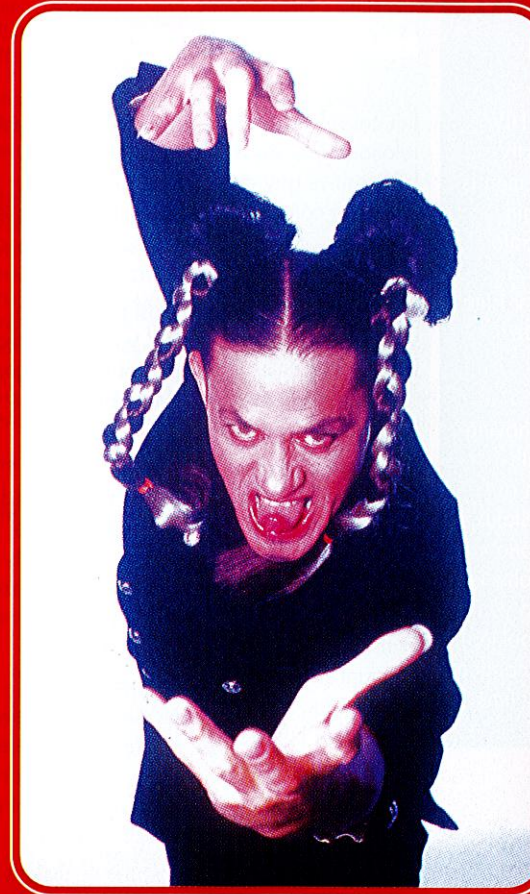


Caught Looking



Mika

"Haka in Heels"



with the **UhuRa's**
Tues **20th Jan** to Sun **1st Feb**
Universal Theatre, Fitzroy

Bookings and information 9419 3777

New Zealand's disco/drag master of cabaret performs for the first time in Melbourne. After a sell-out season at the Edinburgh Festival, Mika will perform with the support of the all-singing and dancing UhuRa's - the Maori equivalent of Bette Middler's Harlettes. **A Universal Experience!**

Errant, Glitzy
8pm, Fri 16 Jan 1998

Bold, Variety
The Forum Theatre

GAY MEN AND SAFE SEX IN A TIME OF NEW HIV TREATMENTS

THE ISSUES

Most gay men are still having safe sex most of the time. But, recent research suggests an increase in the number of gay men having anal sex without condoms. This is also increasing their risk of HIV infection. The way gay men view AIDS, and its importance in our lives, is also changing. Recent improvements in HIV treatments means there are more reasons to know your HIV status than ever before – and more reasons to practice Safe Sex.

CASUAL SEX BETWEEN HIV-NEGATIVE GAY MEN

In casual sex, there is no way you can know for sure your partner is HIV-negative. An HIV-negative test result is only accurate at the time the test was taken. Even then, unless there are two tests at least three months apart, there are no guarantees. So, in casual sex for HIV-negative gay men, it's still use a condom and lube every time.

VAC/GMHC is proud to be part of the 1988 midsumma festival – a time for celebrating the strength and diversity of our community. Look out for us at events during and after the festival.

SEX IN RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HIV-NEGATIVE GAY MEN

In relationships where both partners know for sure they are HIV-negative, and with an explicit agreement about the rules, some couples have chosen not to use condoms for anal sex. But many new HIV infections happen in relationships, especially early on, when people stop using condoms before getting tested and without talking all the issues through. Choosing to not use condoms in a relationship requires careful consideration and communication. Many gay men in relationships decide to stick to condoms.

CASUAL SEX BETWEEN HIV-POSITIVE AND HIV-NEGATIVE GAY MEN

Sex between HIV-positive and HIV-negative gay men is one of the main reasons that Safe Sex and 'Use a Condom Every Time' messages were adopted by gay men. When we're having casual sex with someone with a different HIV status, or with someone whose HIV status is unknown (and you can't tell by looking), it's still use a condom and lube every time.

SEX BETWEEN HIV-POSITIVE GAY MEN (CASUAL AND IN RELATIONSHIPS)

For casual sex and in relationships, some HIV-positive gay men don't use condoms with each other. (In casual sex there is no way to tell if your partner is HIV-positive unless he chooses to tell you.) However, there are health risks for HIV-positive people to consider in not using condoms, including the possible transmission of drug resistant strains. Other sexually transmitted infections may also speed up HIV illness and AIDS. So it's worth talking about all this with your medical practitioner first.

HOPE AND THE NEW HIV TREATMENTS

New HIV treatments have given many gay men, and our community, a sense of hope – but they are not a cure. Most people with HIV will tell you that it's not something you ever want to have. Although these treatments offer substantial benefits there can be side effects. Treatments can be hard to take and they don't always work. If unsafe sex increases, any new infections are more likely to be with drug resistant strains of the virus. So new treatments give us more reasons to stick to Safe Sex – not less.

SAFE SEX - STILL PART OF OUR LIVES AND OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Of course, we'll be at Red Raw with free safe packs and safe party supplies and look for us at the Carnival. Have a safe and happy midsumma!



Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre 03 - 9865 6700
 Freecall 1800 134 840
 TTY 03 - 9827 3733
Positive Living Centre 03 - 9525 4455
 Beatsline (24hrs) 03 - 9865 6762
 Freecall 1800 655 426
HIV Health Information Line 1800 803 806

Confessions of a Papparazzo

Three and a half years of hangovers, hangups, kodak and clubs. From trash to treasure Peter Michael, has photographed it all, while carrying his secret shame 'I kept photos of Candee, confessions of a papparazzo'.

WHERE: Creem Gallery, Level 1, 416 Brunswick St Fitzroy
WHEN: Sun 18 Jan - Sat 14 Feb
 Opening night Thu 15 Jan 7pm
 Gallery hours Mon - Fri 12-late, Sat - Sun 10am-late
INFO: Enquiries 9416 3942

Death to the Junkie

A modern day mausoleum of works by emerging artist Drew Tschudinov. Drew Tschudinov's experimental photographic exhibition exploring the life of Junkie, a mythical drug dealer who lived 2000 years ago.

WHERE: Chapel Gallery, 12 Little Chapel St Prahran
WHEN: Thu 22 Jan - Tue 3 Feb, Free
 Opening night Thu 22 Jan 6pm-8pm
 Gallery hours weekdays 10am-6pm, weekends 10am-5pm
INFO: Enquiries 9522 3382

Humanity and Divinity

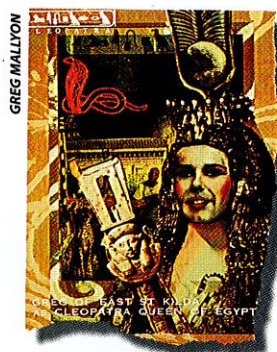
A selection of works taken from a soon to be published book titled *Humanity & Divinity*. Various pieces of writing will also be displayed. This body of work has been described as innovative and confronting with a focus on the 'spirit', itself in all it's truth, power, energy and feminine glory. Rare, fantastical visions sure to effect the viewer.

WHERE: Veronica's, 181 St Georges Rd North Fitzroy
WHEN: Thu 22 Jan - Sun 15 Feb, Free, During Business Hours
INFO: Enquiries 9482 37 64

New Q

Presented by Midsumma Festival, proudly supported by Globe. New Q is a visual arts exhibition showcasing the work of 15 of Melbourne's queer arts practitioners. These innovative and contemporary visual artists will delight, surprise and challenge audiences with a diverse and brilliant vision. This group show is a presentation of a cross-section of arts-practice within the queer community and aims to encourage an expanded reading of queer art expression within the broader community. Events associated with New Q at the NGV: Generation Q; Quake; Questioning the Queer Aesthetic Forum; A Quiet Afternoon with Midsumma.

WHERE: VicHealth Access Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria
 180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
WHEN: Sat Jan 17- Sun Feb 15, Free
 Opening Function Tue 20 Jan 6pm-8pm. All welcome.
 Gallery hours Mon - Sun 10am-5pm.
 Late opening times Wed Jan 21, 28, Feb 4 to 8pm
INFO: website <http://www.goecities.com/WestHollywood/heights/5523>



New Q



One Man's Meat...

A vision Quest

Since we shed our fur and stood up, humans have stopped sniffing bums and have become voyeurs. We're peering constantly. Some have turned looking into an art form. Cam Knuckey (*Exploitation of the Male Nude*) invites a select group of illustrators/artists to explore the nude through various media and viewpoints. Some will think it tame, others offensive, but quality is assured, subjects dubious?

WHERE: Art Affairs, 42 University St Carlton
 Opening night Wed 21 Jan 6pm
 Wed 21 Jan-Sun 8 Feb, Free
 Gallery hours 12-6 pm daily
INFO: Enquiries 9349 2955

Our Babies - A Word is Out Event

An exhibition of paintings, prints, drawings, photographs and sculptures by various artists that capture the essence of our beloved pets.

WHERE: Hares & Hyenas, 110 Smith St Collingwood
WHEN: Mon 19 Jan - Thu 19 Feb, Free
 Opening night Mon 19 Jan 7pm
 During shop hours
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4445

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A group show of mixed medias presenting our own images to do with sexuality. We are 'sexing' our own culture, defining queer sex and putting it out there. In conjunction with the exhibition a series of performances will be held at the Mechanics Hall.

WHERE: Mechanics Institute Gallery, Cnr Sydney and Glenlyon Rds Brunswick
WHEN: Fri 16 Jan - Sun 8 Feb
 Opening night Fri 16 Jan 6pm
 Exhibition hours Wed - Sun 1pm-6pm
 Performance 16, 17 & 18 Jan at 9pm
 Performance only full \$10, conc \$8, Exhibition is free
INFO: Enquiries 9387 1208

Post-Modern Queer

A book of short stories and images about sex and alienation in a post-modern world. Heavy-duty sex. Heavy-duty alienation. Not for the faint-hearted. No Joke. Only 12 copies will be published.

WHERE: Lucrezia and De Sade, 441 Brunswick St Fitzroy
WHEN: Sat 17 Jan - Sun 15 Feb, Free
 Opening night Fri 23 Jan 7pm
INFO: Enquiries 9376 1296

Prop

Out of a grey area and from the collaborative team that brought you *Emergence* and *Stockade Au-GoGo* comes *Prop*. Hung from the precipice of queer avant-garde, comes *Prop*. Is it theatre, is it art, is it a lifestyle or is it just 'superfantastique'?

WHERE: Grey Area, 16 Port Philip Arcade (off Flinders Lane)
WHEN: Wed 4 Feb - Sat 14 Feb
INFO: Gallery hours Wed - Fri 12-6pm, Sat 12-5pm

Truths of Masculinity

Direct from Mardi Gras '97. Fred White's epic sculpture series *Truths of Masculinity*, finally showing in Melbourne at Midsumma. Frederick traces a circle of male identity, smashing apart preconceived notions of male persona, spirit and sexuality.

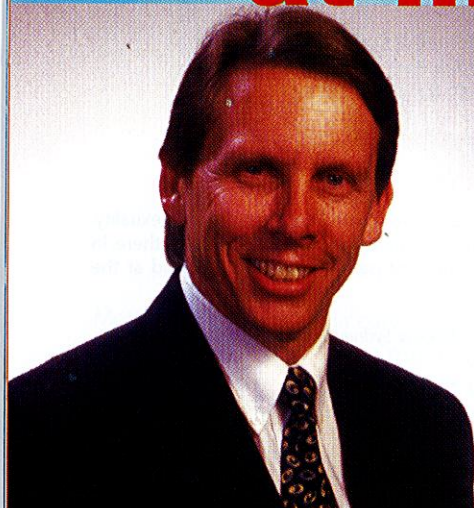
WHERE: Stop 22 Gallery, 60 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan - Sun 1 Feb
 Gallery hours Wed - Sun 11am-6pm
 Opening night Wed 21 Jan 6pm-8pm
INFO: Enquiries 9534 0722



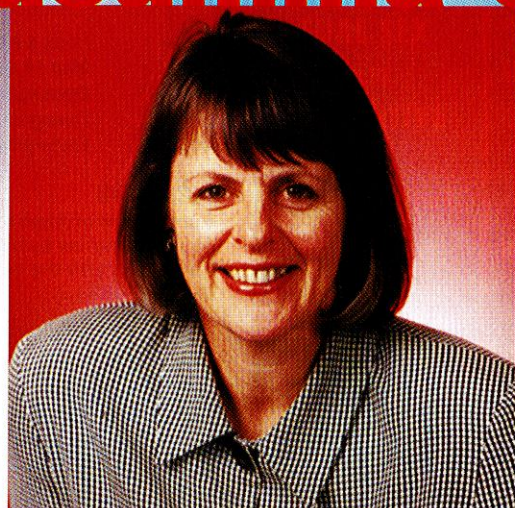
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John McLaren, National President



Lyn Allison, Senator for Victoria



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Setting the agenda

Social Justice The Environment Conflict Resolution

The Australian Democrats have been fighting for our rights in many ways for many years:

- Running openly gay, lesbian and transgendered candidates
- Moving amendments to Bills to include us
- The "Sexuality and Transgender Identity Bill, 1996"

Urge your Members of Parliament, no matter what party they belong to, to support rights for gays, lesbians and the transgendered.

**For further information contact
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Call State Office (03) 9419 5808 to join or to help on polling day.

<http://www.democrats.org.au>

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SIGHT AND SOUND

Best of The Fests - Oz Shorts

Queer Film Australia offers you the chance to catch up with your favourite films from the last seven years of the Festival. Featuring the best short Australian queer films, the program will include *Night Out, My Cunt, Poof, Resonance This Marching Girl Thing*, and *Margaret Star: A Fall From Grace*. More titles to be confirmed. Same films shown each screening.

WHERE: State Film Theatre, 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne
WHEN: Fri 13 & Sat 14 Feb, 7:30pm
COST: full \$14, conc \$10
INFO: Enquiries 9510 5576



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Oz Shorts

Midsumma Festival Broadcast 90.7 FM

Joy Melbourne, Melbourne's First Gay and Lesbian Radio Station Tune in and turn on to Midsumma on Joy Melbourne 90.7 FM. Keeping you up to date with the Festival 24 hours a day. Joy Melbourne's first major outside broadcast was at Midsumma Carnival '95. In 1996 we covered all major events and 1997 saw our longest broadcast to date. For Midsumma '98, Joy Melbourne will be covering all major events and broadcasting live from the Carnival.

WHEN: Sat 17 Jan to Sun 15 Feb
INFO: Enquires 9690 0907

Movies Under the Stars

Once again Queer Film Australia offers you the opportunity to cuddle up with that special someone and enjoy two romantic films under the stars. *When Night is Falling* concerns a late blooming lesbian academic and the uninhibited circus performer she comes to love. *Beautiful Thing* chronicles the budding relationship between two working class teenage boys. BYO hankies, picnic and cushion.

WHERE: Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Dve, Fairfield
WHEN: Fri 30 Jan, Gates open 7:30pm, Showtime 8:30pm
COST: full \$10, group & conc \$8
INFO: Enquiries 9510 5576

LITERATURE

Alien Sex Fiends

Space: the final frontier...or is it? Sub Dee Industries presents an evening of transgressive love, free from the constraints of earth bound desire. With spoken word from Symon Brando, Sarala and special guests, plus live music from lovable space cadets, CYDONIA. There will also be an open microphone section, so that anyone may strut their stuff. Free entry for the best Barbarella costume!

WHERE: Sub Terrain Licensed Veg Cafe, 167 St. Georges Rd Nth Fitzroy
WHEN: Sat 7 Feb, 8:30pm
COST: full \$5, conc \$4
INFO: Enquiries 9593 9367

Generation Q 2

Following on from the highly successful *Generation Q* at last year's Midsumma Festival, we present six talented young queer writers who will display their virtuosity and diversity in the surrounds of the National Gallery. Includes Paul Vietch, Vek Lewis, and to be MC'd by queer stand up king, Adam Richard.

WHERE: Vic Health Access Gallery, National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd Melbourne
WHEN: Wed 21 Jan, 6pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4445

Girl Talk

An inspiring night of poetry and prose by queer women. Featuring Sue-Ann Post, Dorothy Porter, Sue Hawthorne, Jenny Pausacker, Andrea Goldsmith, Marg Vandeleur, Letizia Mondello, Merrilee Moss, Sharon Shelley, Trish Power, and Caroline Hamilton.

WHERE: Lounge, 1st Floor/ 243 Swanston St Melbourne
WHEN: Sun 1 Feb, 7:30pm
COST: full \$8, conc \$6

Glove Puppet Launch

In association with Penguin Books, Neal Drinnan's novel is a funny and telling foray into modern gay male manners.

WHERE: Hares & Hyenas, Collingwood
110 Smith Street, Collingwood
WHEN: Friday, 30 January, 1997 at 7pm
COST: Free
INFO: Details: 9419 4445

Quake

Four emerging queer writers will read from their recent and upcoming books. Graeme Aitken (*50 Ways of Saying Fabulous*), will read from *Vanity Fierce*; Neil Drinnan will read from *Glove Puppet*; Ann O'Leary will read from her two Naiad romance novels *Letting Go* and *Julia's Song*; and the king of comedy, Sue-Ann Post, will read from her hard-hitting autobiography, *A Bit of a Postscript*.

WHERE: Vic Health Access Gallery National Gallery of Victoria, St Kilda Rd Melbourne
WHEN: Wed 28 Jan, 6pm
COST: Free
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4445

Queerly Written

Presented in association with the *Victorian Writers' Centre, Fitzroy*. Two all-day writing workshops. If you are new to queer writing or getting established, this is for you. Week 1: Interactive fiction, short story
Week 2: Writing for performance (dialogue, monologue, the scene). Tutors are novelists and lecturer Dean Kiley and playwright, novelist, and lecturer Merrilee Moss. Limited to 15 places per workshop.

WHERE: Victorian Writers' Centre, 156 George St Fitzroy
WHEN: Sat 7 Feb & Sat 14 Feb, 10am-4pm
COST: \$40per workshop, \$30 VWC members
INFO: Enquiries 9415 1077

Sex in the Time of the Virus

Doing it, speaking it, writing it. Four very diverse and individual writers and thinkers read about having, doing, and negotiating sex in the time of HIV. Sue O'Sullivan, author of *Positively Women*, and fresh from the UK, OutRage editor and writer Marcus O'Donnell, writer Dmetri Kakmi and Gary Dowsett, author of *Practicing Desire*. As part of *Health in Difference 2 Conference*.

WHERE: Auditorium, University High School, Story St Parkville
WHEN: Fri 23 Jan, 7pm
COST: full \$7, conc \$5 (conference subscribers free)
INFO: Enquiries 9419 4445



MISSION STATEMENT

Midsumma is committed to presenting an annual gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival in Melbourne. Midsumma promotes a safe and healthy environment in which the lesbian and gay community can celebrate its pride and diversity. Midsumma supports and encourages all community activities it perceives as having cultural relevance within the lesbian and gay community.

WHO IS MIDSUMMA

Midsumma Festival is brought to you by a volunteer Board of Management, elected by the membership. The Board coordinates all aspects of Midsumma from day-to-day management, specific events, to its sound and look. The Board works with over 50 key volunteers, a small number of employees, members and the community to bring you the annual Festival.

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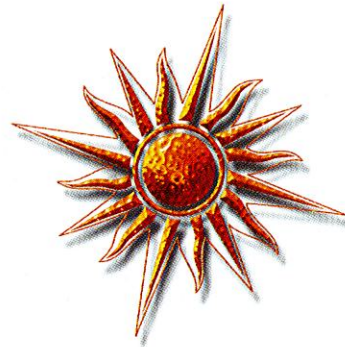
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Midsumma relies totally on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers.

When you give Midsumma your time and talent you'll be left with a sense of pride and achievement. Midsumma volunteers have fun, make new friends, and learn new skills. The work and the rewards are plentiful.

If you want to be part of this dynamic team call the Midsumma Office (03) 9525 4746 or the Human Resources Director 0412 020 461.

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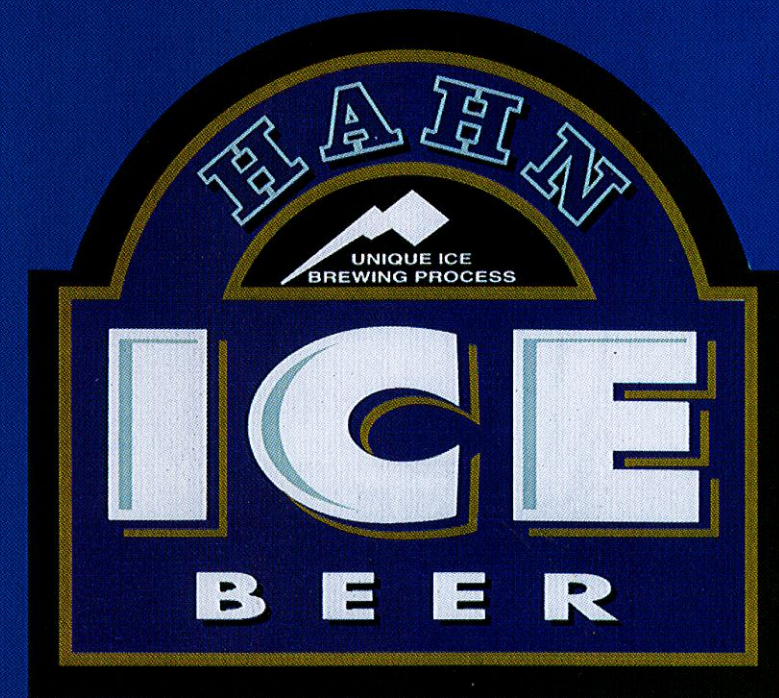
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