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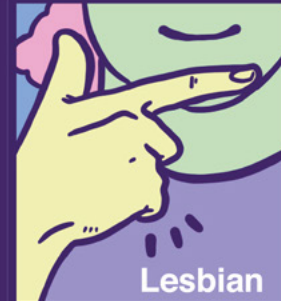
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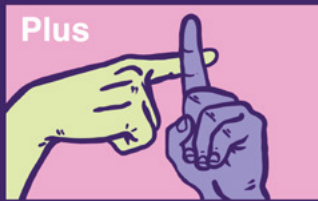
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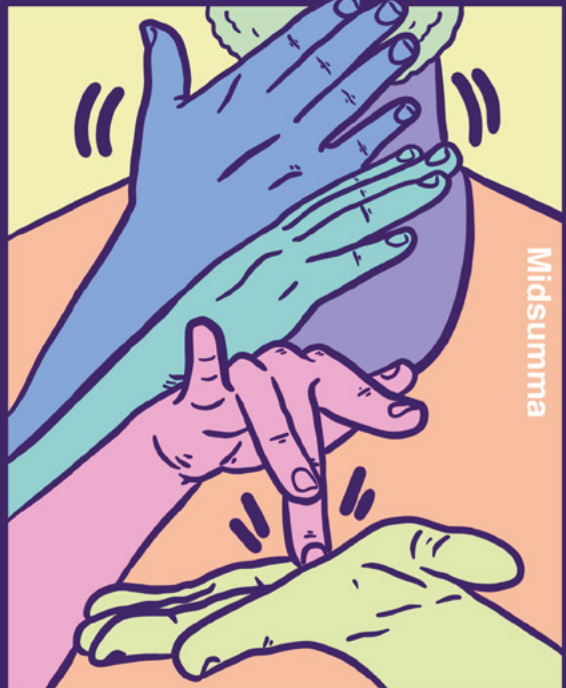
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Chair of Management Board
Midsumma Festival

On behalf of the Board of Midsumma Festival Inc – welcome back to Midsumma in mid-summer!

We were very lucky with our 2020 festival, which was completed just before COVID-19 exploded around the world, and in 2021, our amazing CEO and her indefatigable team were able to produce a festival later in the year than usual, but no less fabulously creative and celebratory of our Queer Arts communities.

And so to 2022. At the time of writing, preparations are in full swing for a Midsumma Festival which will again include Midsumma Carnival, so sorely missed in 2021, and which promises to be the best and biggest Festival yet.

“And/Or”, 2022’s wonderful signature project produced and curated by Midsumma, will celebrate artists with disability in all their rainbow glory, and there will be the usual amazing curated and open access program of visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events, and public forums that send us rushing to our calendars to juggle dates in order to fit in the maximum number of events possible.

So, get those calendars out and fill them in, because Midsumma Festival is back in town! I’ll see you there - learning, laughing, crying and excitedly celebrating our unique LGBTQIA+ culture through the creative and performing arts.

About Midsumma

Midsumma Festival is Australia’s premier queer arts and cultural festival, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences.

Midsumma Festival expands over 22-days of summer, with an explosion of queer events that highlight hidden and mainstream LGBTQIA+ culture. The Midsumma Festival program shares with you the lived experiences of those voices on the margins, the importance of queer history, and the celebration of new ideas that come to life through world-class art and performance.

Our festival program is made up of diverse art forms and genres, including visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events and public forums. Featuring over 95 events in 2022, with involvement by over 500 culture-makers in over 119 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria.

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

For over 34 years we have evolved with our communities and repositioned ourselves as a relevant cultural influencer and thought leader, while keeping learning and diversity at our heart. We have experienced rapid growth in audiences, breadth and scope of artist and community engagement, and depth of artistic partnerships.

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

Welcome to Midsumma Festival 2022.



The Hon Danny Pearson MP

Minister for Creative Industries

Summer in Melbourne wouldn’t be the same without the Midsumma Festival bringing the city to life with pride, creativity and cheer.

Midsumma is about celebrating LGBTQIA+ communities, embracing diversity and difference, and connecting us through artistic expression and culture.

The Victorian Government is proud once again to partner with Midsumma in 2022 as it celebrates its 34th birthday.

In this milestone year, the festival will also play an important part in reactivating our vibrant city, bringing us back together and reconnecting us with the creative experiences we love.

As is tradition, the festival will kick off with the famous Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens followed by three weeks of queer arts and vivid cultural festivities.

Keep an eye out for must see events including readings from shortlisted plays as part of the national LGBTQIA+ playwright competition and the finalist exhibition for the Midsumma and Australia Post Award.

Congratulations to the Midsumma team, and all the artists and volunteers involved, on another fabulous and inclusive program.

Here’s to a happy Midsumma ahead.



Sally Capp

Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Every year the City of Melbourne is proud to support the Midsumma Festival, a joyful celebration of our city’s talent and diversity. Events such as this are crucial to Melbourne’s social, cultural and economic recovery from the pandemic.

Melburnians take great pride in our creative community and Midsumma showcases dazzling performances, together with a full program of film, talks and sports designed to captivate, inform and engage. Artists’ audacious and exuberant work is what makes Melbourne so distinctive and Midsumma so successful.

Midsumma Festival attracts record crowds of up to 280,000, making it one of Victoria’s largest festivals. Importantly, Midsumma’s spirit of inclusion encourages respect for all, and echoes the City of Melbourne’s commitment to be a welcoming and accessible city.

I congratulate the organisers and wish all involved a successful Midsumma in 2022.



Rachel Slade

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

Drew Bradford

Executive, Markets & Executive
Co-Sponsor NAB Pride

Welcome back to Midsumma 2022!

There’s no better time to be more out and proud. After a challenging 2021, we’re looking forward to experiencing everything that Midsumma festival has to offer in 2022. This is the tenth year that NAB have sponsored the festival, and each year we’re excited to participate and attend the many events on offer. Midsumma festival is always a great time of year to connect and celebrate with our LGBTQIA+ community.

Whilst it was disappointing not to be able to physically connect in the usual Midsumma way in 2021, it was wonderful to be able to welcome an even wider audience from across the country and overseas in a digital format. Midsumma presented the best of Melbourne’s community to a much wider audience, connecting individuals and communities with the rich stories and experiences being shared.

We’re proud festival sponsors and we passionately believe that everyone, no matter how they identify, has the right to be their true selves. The NAB Pride team and our wider community look forward to joining the festivities and celebrating being out and proud.

Congratulations to the Midsumma team for putting together such a diverse and exciting program of events for the 2022 festival. Each year the team brings new and exciting activities and events, enabling our wonderfully diverse community the opportunity to share their true selves.

To all the volunteers and artists, thank you for injecting the festival with energy and passion. Midsumma simply would not happen without your support and commitment to the community. Finally, to everyone attending, whether it’s your first time or if you’ve lost count, we hope that you join us in being more out and proud at Midsumma 2022. Happy Midsumma!

CEO Welcome



Karen Bryant

CEO Midsumma Festival

Welcome to Midsumma 2022!

The journey to get here, much like last year, has taken us far away from the well-worn paths of previous years. It has been a rocky, mountainous climb at times, inching along narrow winding paths and many abyss.

So why is it that we do festivals?

Because they bring people together, tell important stories and share vital perspectives. They open us up to new realities and previously unknown possibilities. Often at the very times we need it the most.

Midsumma has always been about diverse communities celebrating inclusion in the most meaningful of ways. The last few years have been isolated, and drawn focus to the many differences between us, but also highlighted the importance of connectedness and understanding. This time has reminded us to not dwell in anger and pain but to look for light beyond shadows. It has encouraged us to have courage to reach out and bridge misunderstandings; to embrace challenges; to offer a hand in generosity; to sidestep mistrust, and to champion others' experiences especially when they differ from our own. The journey has so much to offer us.

2022 brings a welcome return to our summer dates. Once again, our artists and venues have sat empty and alone for so long in the depths of winter. They have been waiting for us.

So, dive in and let new stories move you, challenge and entertain you.

Thanks to everyone who has helped bring this program to you, especially of course to all the artists and event producers who share with you their creativity, talent and passion despite the immense barriers they continue to face to do so.

If this is your first Midsumma, welcome and Happy Midsumma! For those of you who have long been members of our family we hope you will deepen your journey with us. Together let's see just how far it can take us.

About

Acknowledgement of Country

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

Cover Image



Gonketa (Jaycob Campbell), is a visual artist based in Melbourne who was born Deaf. There is a consistent theme of hands and gestures that runs throughout his work, paying homage to his first language - Auslan (Australian Sign Language). His artwork aims to raise awareness of Auslan and the Deaf community. Midsumma commissioned Gonketa to design the imagery for Midsumma Festival 2022.

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This Guide

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Music

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Description

Bowie Ball

Title

A One-Night-Only Celebration of David Bowie

Bowie Ball is back! Glam it up and get ready for an anything-goes extravaganza bringing together the best in music, art, fashion, and entertainment. Douse yourself in glitter at our makeover stand, take in the creation of Bowie-inspired art pieces, stop by the other-worldly photo booth, win a prize for best dressed, and dance along to the full Bowie catalogue performed live. Let your inner lightning bolt fly!

Location

The Night Cat, Melbourne

Date

28 Jan

Duration

6hrs

Time

Fri 8pm

Tickets

\$40 full | \$30 conc

Warnings

⚠ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing | Limited seating available

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Midsumma commissioned Gonketa to design the imagery for Midsumma Festival 2022.

Gonketa (Jaycob Campbell), is a visual artist based in Melbourne who was born Deaf. There is a consistent theme of hands and gestures combined with bold colour palettes that runs throughout his work, paying homage to his first language, Auslan (Australian Sign Language). His artwork aims to raise awareness of Auslan and the Deaf community.

“As society continues to evolve and become more accepting, there continues to be a lack of disabled representation in the arts, media and broader community.

The Deaf community has historically been rejected, suppressed and ignored. This continues today in 2021, however with the hard work and determination of the community working to advocate for Deaf rights, society is becoming increasingly aware of Deaf identity, and the importance of Auslan as a language which for many, is a primary form of communication.

This artwork visually communicates signs that depict various elements of Melbourne’s diverse community.

I liaised with various members of the Deaf community including persons who identify as LGBTQIA+ to provide insight into the formation of these signs and the evolution of their use. The use of bold, neon colours was a deliberate means of amplifying the positivity that Midsumma Festival embodies each and every year.”

Gonketa

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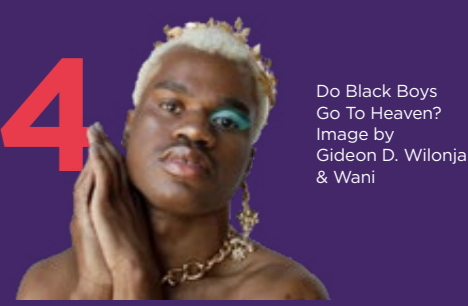
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Bowie Ball.
Image by
Junior Deluise

Midsumma Carnival

Kick-start the celebrations for Midsumma Festival 2022

A whole (fabulous) day celebrating the start of our 22-day festival! Midsumma Carnival showcases an array of artists, performers, things to do, eat, see, and immerse yourself into.

As you wander around the 55,250 square metres of Midsumma Carnival, you will experience three performance stages highlighting Midsumma artists, two food zones with a variety of choices, pop-up bars, and multiple stalls made up of queer friendly businesses, core community organisations and services for you to browse and even grab a free giveaway!

With pavilions equipped to entertain everyone (Yes, including a parade for your pooch!), you will find something fab to keep you entertained all day. We have safe and fun spaces for families, friendlies, queer kinds and groupies to lead us into the evening of T Dance, featuring a fantastic line-up of sassy sounds and DJs.

Midsumma Carnival is a glass-free event and we're conscious of our footprint on the environment (and the grass). So, bring your sustainable vessels and reusable straws. Slap on the sunscreen, sashay into your Sunday best and get ready for a full day of festivities. No BYO alcohol.



Image: Midsumma Carnival by Suzanne balding

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd
Melbourne

Sun 23 Jan

Midsumma Carnival
11am - 6pm

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6 - 10pm

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Midsumma Pride March

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Fluff up those feather boas and put out your rainbow flags as we march with pride and solidarity through the streets of St Kilda! Midsumma Pride March brings us together to stand tall, be proud, and revel in the celebrations with family, friends, and allies.

This year, Midsumma Pride March will highlight the diverse humans, personalities, groups, sexualities, and experiences that make our queer communities so beautifully colourful. Everyone deserves to march, and everyone deserves to be heard, to feel safe, and to belong. We will remember that we are stronger as one and greater together!

Dykes on Bikes precede the marching contingent as per tradition, with the march itself led by Boon Wurrung Elders and a Rainbow Aboriginal Float, LGBTQIA+ youth and followed by the Premier of Victoria, Minister for Equality and the Creative Industries and Commissioner for Gender and Sexuality.

Rock up, frock up and fly your flags from 11am, as we embark on the kilometre-long fanfare along Fitzroy St, waving to the new Victorian Pride Centre, and into Catani Gardens for an afternoon of post-Pride festivities.



Image: Midsumma Pride March by J Forsyth

**Midsumma
Pride March**
Fitzroy St
St Kilda

March starts 11am

**Post-Pride
Celebrations**
Catani Gardens
St Kilda

11am - 4pm

Sun 6 Feb

FREE

No BYO alcohol



It feels good to tag your friends in videos lip-syncing to drag anthems while having a picnic with a parade of fancy pooches.

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Melbourne Pride A Road to Pride

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria

Melbourne Pride is a State Government initiative, delivered by festival partner Midsumma (of course!), to commemorate 40 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria. Melbourne Pride will be a full day of celebrations, with the streets of Fitzroy flickering in rainbow as we acknowledge the courage and resilience of our LGBTQIA+ community, celebrate the history, and build on the momentum for equality.

Melbourne Pride will showcase live performances, music, circus, speakers, activities, community stalls and interactive demonstrations. Street traders and local businesses will welcome us all with open arms and showcase all the fabulous things Yarra has to offer!

This commemorative event is intended to have a significant statewide impact with a livestream of the event celebrations. Celebrated far and wide, the statewide event will include activations and events across regional areas and every corner of Victoria leading up to the Melbourne Pride city-based street party event with contributions also captured and shared across the digital platform (see website for regional event details).

Melbourne Pride

Smith St and Gertrude St precinct
Melbourne Inner North

Livestream and Regional event info
midsumma.org.au/melbpride

11am - 9pm

Sun 13 Feb

FREE

No BYO alcohol



Image by Tanya McCulloch



Melbourne Pride is a State Government initiative, delivered by festival partner Midsumma



MELBOURNE PRIDE

COMMEMORATING 40 YEARS - A ROAD TO PRIDE



SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY
SMITH St + GERTRUDE ST PRECINCT

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AND/OR

Produced and presented by Midsumma

AND/OR Program Intersections, overlaps and pluralities; contradiction, syncretism and complexity. There is so much variety within the broad umbrellas of "queer" and "disabled". AND/OR is a platform for artists who are queer (and/or LGBTQIA+) and disabled (and/or Deaf/hard-of-hearing, and/or Blind/low vision, and/or neurodiverse, and/or autistic, and/or living with chronic illness, and/or...). The program of works are disability-led and from multiple perspectives, ranging from unapologetic to vulnerable, celebratory to questioning, reflective to riotous.

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Consent Festival 2019. Image by Alexis D.Lea Photography

AND/OR Panel Discussion

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Immigration Museum

29 Jan | Immigration Museum

And/or; these are words we are often offered in forms, surveys, legal documents. It's amazing how two words are meant to summarise the complexities of intersectional identities. Join artists from the AND/OR Program to expand on those complexities, discussing some of the strengths and challenges of 'and/or'.

Tickets include entry to the museum and exhibition 'Becoming You: An Incomplete Guide'.



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A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds. Image by Sarah Walker

Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds

by Rawcus Theatre

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Rawcus in partnership with St Martins

5 - 6, 12 - 13 Feb

Malthouse Outdoor Stage

Rawcus unites with a group of queer and allied young people to explode the word 'hero' into a thousand pieces and save you from it. Using verbatim text from 90s action films, 'A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds' is a simultaneous homage to and lambasting of Hollywood blockbusters.



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Benched by Jamila Main. Image by Ren Williams

Benched by Jamila Main

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Pillow Fight in association with Footscray Community Arts

10 - 12 Feb

Footscray Community Arts

A one-on-one performance that ruminates on athleticism within a disabled body. Even the players on the bench get an orange slice. Pick the ball, shoe, or frisbee and take a seat. Jamila Main invites you to join them on the bench for an intimate moment of one-on-one storytelling, ruminating on athleticism, childhood, and disability.



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ELEPHANT

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Back to Back Theatre

6 Feb

ACMI Gandel Digital future Lab 1

An experiment in liveness and embodiment, playing with projection, reflection, multiplicity and disappearance. Devised and performed by Sarah Mainwaring, created in collaboration with Ingrid Voorendt and Alana Hoggart, ELEPHANT explores the space between life and death. Part installation, part dance performance, part film experiment, ELEPHANT fuses and confuses live and screen presences - shrinking and expanding, emerging and dissolving.

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IRL Screening & Discussion

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Queertech.io

5 Feb | ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1 (and online)

Curated by the Queertech.io artist collective, works by artists identifying as both queer and disabled will be premiered online via the queertech.io website and offline at a special screening at ACMI. Join the Queertech.io artist collective following the screening, as they speak to some of the artists from the exhibition about their practice, current and future.

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Youth Workshop

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Queertech.io

24 Jan | ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1

Make some AI art in this workshop with Melbourne AI artist J. Rosenbaum. Learn about Style Transfer, GANs and Generating image from text by working with Artificial Intelligence art generation tools directly from your browser. No experience required.



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Image by Jaye Hayes

Queer My Head

Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Dax Centre

27 Jan - 11 Mar

The Dax Centre

Celebrating the power of queer art-making to clear our heads of the pervasive cis-hetero-normative expectations and biases that contribute to mental health issues for LGBTQIA+ folk. This exhibition features LGBTQIA+ artists who have utilised their creativity to resist, repair, critique, subvert, survive and queerly thrive in non-normative ways.



Image by Jaye Hayes

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Queer My Head Workshops

Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Dax Centre

4,11 Feb

The Dax Centre

These workshops offer LGBTQIA+ people an opportunity to participate in their own creative head queering. No art experience necessary! The art-making processes offered will be fun, accessible and empowering. Enjoy an afternoon of art-making in a safe and accessible space for queer and gender diverse humans.



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Queers in Science - on Neurodiversity

Presented by Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science, Royal Society of Victoria & The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

27 Jan | The Florey Institute of Neuroscience

The brain of every individual is unique, meaning not everyone learns or thinks the same way. This exciting lecture about neurodiversity will be presented by a queer scientist with expertise in neuroscience. A panel discussion spotlighting the day-to-day experience of neurodivergent individuals will follow.



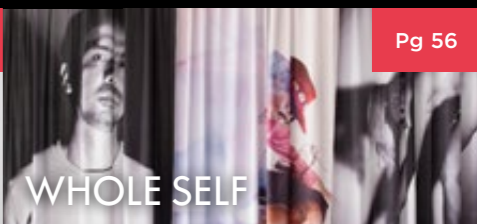
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The Demographic Dance Off: Face-to-Face

Presented by Midsumma Festival in association with Footscray Community Arts

12 Feb | Footscray Community Arts - Basement Theatre

Led by a collective of Deaf and Disabled artists. Face to Face invites you into an immersive dance experience exploring identity, stigma and isolation. Touch, Auslan, film and silhouettes weave together reflecting experiences of isolation prior to Covid 19 and the common threads now experienced by most during the pandemic.



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WHOLE SELF

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

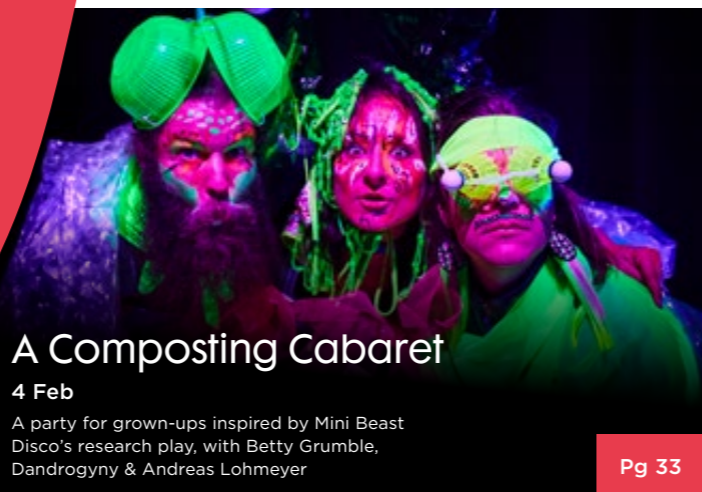
28 Jan - 6 Mar | Incinerator Gallery

WHOLE SELF is an exhibition that illuminates the over-lapping spheres of queerness and disability as an intersection of infinite possibilities. WHOLE SELF articulates a multi-verse of senses enriched through the exploration of mythology, lore, sex, magic, ceremony and dreaming.

Midsumma Presents

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

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A Composting Cabaret
4 Feb
A party for grown-ups inspired by Mini Beast Disco's research play, with Betty Grumble, Dandrogyny & Andreas Lohmeyer

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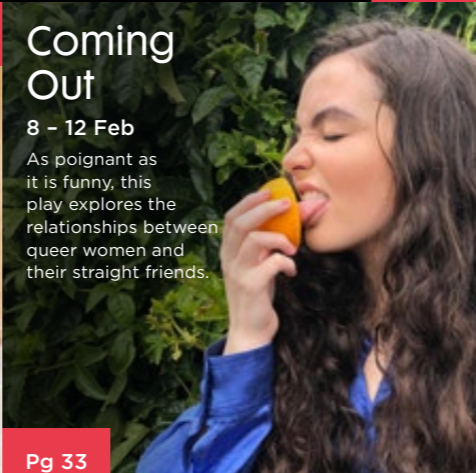
Becoming You
23 - 29 Jan, 5 - 13 Feb
Relive the highs and lows of growing up at Becoming You: An incomplete guide, an immersive new exhibition at the Immigration Museum.

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Clothes Revival Workshop
5 Feb
Get ready for Pride and learn sustainable ways to re-vitalise your wardrobe with artist Abbey Rich.

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Coming Out
8 - 12 Feb
As poignant as it is funny, this play explores the relationships between queer women and their straight friends.

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Flying the Flag
23 Jan - 27 Feb
Contemporary British artist Annabel McCourt is 'Flying the Flag' for queer history.

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From the Club to the Theatre: Panel Talk
27 Jan
Theatre artist Travis Alabanza is joined by an award winning panel of guests who all made their names on the queer club scene.

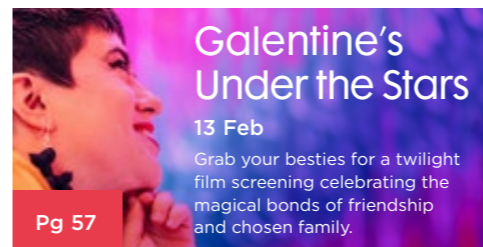
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Fun Home
7 Feb - 5 Mar
Music by Jeanine Tesori. Book and Lyrics by Lisa Kron. Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel.

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Galentine's Under the Stars
13 Feb
Grab your besties for a twilight film screening celebrating the magical bonds of friendship and chosen family.

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Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award
1 - 5 Feb
Australia's leading queer visual arts award.

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Miss First Nation Exhibition
23 Jan - 28 Feb
Joseph Mayers exhibition at Metro Tunnel hoardings of the 2020 Miss First Nation contestants.

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Get Bent Fest!
12 Feb
Return of the smash-hit festivalette hosted by award winning comedian Lou Wall!

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Mini Beast Disco
4 - 5 Feb
Mini Beast Disco is a big-hearted, community-minded intergenerational eco-disco extravaganza.

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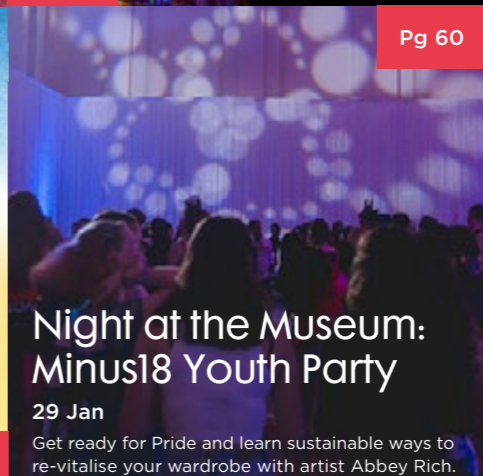
Pride and Joy
29 Jan
A celebration of queer composers across time and place.

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Musical Stories: Introducing Teddy
10 - 12 Feb
Introduce your children to the magic of live music with Orchestra Victoria!

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Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party
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Get ready for Pride and learn sustainable ways to re-vitalise your wardrobe with artist Abbey Rich.

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Pride and Joy
29 Jan
A celebration of queer composers across time and place.

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Queer Playwriting Award Showcase
24 - 25 Jan
Witness the first staged readings of brand new queer focused theatre works.

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Queers in Science on First Nations' Knowledge
3 Feb
This lecture features two Indigenous queer scientists, who will present their exciting research from their unique standpoint.

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Tranz Talkz
25 Jan
A structured conversation held online about public harassment for trans and gender non-conforming people led by artist Travis Alabanza.

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Midsumma Hubs

We are proud to introduce to you our Midsumma Hubs for the 2022 Festival.

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



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Cocoa Butter Club, by Alexis D.Lea

Theatre Works Hub

In 2022, Theatre Works' Midsumma Hub will be bigger than ever with 9 shows across 3 performance spaces. A truly queer program that embraces and celebrates the whole rainbow. A year of risk taking, tenacity and rebellion. A non-binary pantomime escape room, lesbians in space, drag kings, asexual variety shows, the trans masculine experience and so much more!

Theatre Works
14 Acland St,
St Kilda



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ACetravaganza
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Long Live the King
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promiscuous/cities
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SLUTNIK
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SOLID
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**The (Sour Glitch)
Two Step Refusal**
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10 - 13 Feb

W O E
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Gasworks Arts Park Hub

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

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St,
Albert Park



Image: The Defiant

Immigration Museum Hub

Immigration Museum, in the historic Old Customs House, is a vibrant living multicultural centre for the exploration of identity, history and multicultural life in Melbourne and Victoria. Through rich collections, exhibitions, events, education programs and digital content, Immigration Museum explores the histories, stories, and contemporary issues of Victoria's diverse communities, and what connects us all as humans.

Immigration Museum's current major exhibition *Becoming You: An incomplete guide* and new series of large-scale photographic works, *Atong Atem: To be real, continue to explore themes of identity, community and belonging.*

Immigration Museum
400 Flinders St,
Melbourne



Image: Immigration Museum

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Cab Suave
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Coming Out
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Maybe Later
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**Queer Playwriting
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**AND/OR Panel
Discussion**
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**Clothes Revival
Workshop**
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**Galentine's Under
the Stars**
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**Night at the Museum:
Minus 18 Youth Party**
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29 Jan

IMMIGRATION
MUSEUM

Abbotsford Convent Hub

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

In 2022, we're very much looking forward to offering up a spectrum of creative output for Midsumma audiences, ranging from dance parties to creative rope workshops to sculptures to lip-syncing wrestlers. Children and families can get involved with the microscopic playground that is Mini Beast Disco, or anyone 18+ can hang around until a little later before diving into the world of the Composting Cabaret, presented by Dandrogyny, Betty Grumble and Andreas Lohmeyer. We can't wait to see you!

Abbotsford Convent
1 St Heliers St,
Abbotsford



Image: Supplied by Abbotsford Convent

- A Composting Cabaret**
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- CLOSET Convent Party**
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- Flying the Flag**
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- Into the Wild**
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- Mini Beast Disco**
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- Ropetimes**
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30 Jan

- SMASH: the Drag Show**
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Abbotsford Convent.

The Hare Hole Hub

The Hare Hole is Melbourne's home of emerging artists, hybrid art forms and queer ideas. For 30 years Hares & Hyenas has embodied queer community engagement, giving a platform to intersectional communities and artists to provoke, question and be heard. Its open content policy combined with its values of providing a welcoming space encourages work that is fresh, relevant and vitally important. Our 2022 Midsumma program brings together speakers, artists and performers from multiple disciplines and numerous identities—from the emerging to the familiar and established, from those embedded in the queer community to those who defy classification.

Supported by the Victorian state government's Revitalising the LGBTIQ+ Sector fund; City of Yarra annual grants program; Hares & Hyenas; and Koorie Pride Victoria.

Hares & Hyenas
63 Johnston St,
Fitzroy



Image: Maude Davey by Suzanne Phoenix

- Fabulous Fiction**
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- Honcho Disko: The Documentary: The Lecture: The Musical**
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- Line Up, Sign Up, Muck Up**
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- Performing the Monster**
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- Sing-a-long Dragtime with Miss Jay and Frock Hudson**
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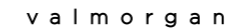
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Comedy Republic

After a hugely successful inaugural program, Comedy Republic returns to Midsumma as a festival hub, presenting eight fabulously queer shows. For standup fans, there's stellar shows from Charlie Lewin, John Robles and Granny Bingo as well as jam-packed lineups presented by Two Queers Walk Into A Bar and Lemon Comedy. If scintillating sketch is your thing, there's Sydney's Snake Pit improv duo, double act Woah, Alyssa!, and cracking character comedy courtesy of The Pageant.

Comedy Republic
231 Bourke St,
Melbourne

COMEDY
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Image: Charlie Lewin

An Intimate Evening With Granny Bingo

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Cockatiel

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Cold-Blooded

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Gay as in Happy (and Homosexual)

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Lemon Comedy - Pride Edition

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The Pageant

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Two Queers Walk Into A Bar

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Woah, Alyssa! and Besties A Bar

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Get Bent Fest!

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Let Me Get Something Off My Chest

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MARY! It's time.

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Queer-aoke

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MELBOURNE
FRINGE COMMON ROOMS

Fringe Common Rooms Hub

Late night arty parties where you leave covered in glitter. Delectably queer, totally inclusive nights to let go and be nothing but yourself. A safe, creative space to share ideas, explore and play. Where is this wonderland? It's Fringe Common Rooms at Trades Hall, your brand new home(o)!

Located in Melbourne's iconic Trades Hall in Carlton, the fully accessible Fringe Common Rooms is Melbourne Fringe's year-round home for independent artists and people who like to party (that's everyone, right?!). This Midsumma, the venue is packed with diva disco dance parties from the crew at MARY!, karaoke celebrating our queer icons (Queer-aoke) and one night gala extravaganzas like Get Bent Fest. We invite you to come and enjoy this Midsumma and beyond - Festival vibes all year round, darling!

Fringe Common Rooms
Corner Lygon and Victoria St,
Carlton



Image: BLUNDERLAND - Will Hamilton-Coates



MIDSUMMA WESTSIDE

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

Image: Park Lounge - Artificial Studios featuring Bec Reid and Tristan Meecham of All the Queens Men

Growing Up Queer
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Park Lounge
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Rainbow Family Picnic
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Stepping Out With Pride
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Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine
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Rapid Eye Movement
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Impress or Revolt
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Run by Stephen Laughton
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Benched by Jamila Main
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Do Black Boys Go To Heaven?
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Bottom by Willy Hudson
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The Demographic Dance Off: Face-to-Face
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Impossible Dance (iii)
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Every Word We Write Is Panacea
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Impossible Dance (iv) - Matto Lucas
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Making Art, Words and Stories
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The Shy Manifesto by Michael Ross
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Colours of the Rainbow in a Diverse Community
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Why Did She Have to Tell the World: Continuity and Change in LGBTQIA+ Activism
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Thrive: Queer voices, out loud
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A Space is Held
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Out Proud & Country
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Footscray Laughs ft. Beastie Girls & Friends
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Big Business Time Band
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Fabulous & Impossible: The Cult of Leigh Bowery
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Mon-Fri, 28 Jan - 19 Mar

Supported by: drummond street services, queerspace



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar

Pride of our Footscray is the most colourful and diverse venue in Melbourne, famous for its mixed crowd, friendly crew and fabulous live entertainment.

Pride's Midsumma Festival 2022 program is similarly exciting, something for absolutely everybody, there's camp drag, modern drag, cabaret, burlesque, queer comedy, a steamy male dance revue and even astrology!

All up, it's ten original shows that Pride's presenting across the Midsumma Festival 2022, a fabulous line-up for an iconic festival, see you there!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar
1/86-88 Hopkins St,
Footscray



Image: Pride Of Our Footscray

4Play & First Nations Drag
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4Play Royale - Kings, Queens & Drag Between!
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A Night of Comedy with Tom Ballard
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All-Star Drag Bingo Party!
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Dragstrolery and the Crystal Ball
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Magic Men of Summer Risqué Review
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Queer Comedy Gala
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The Burlesque of Bathsheba
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Trans Showgirls Summer Spectacular
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Womyn of Comedy
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Performance

Image: A Composting Cabaret.
Photo by Liz Ham



Cabaret



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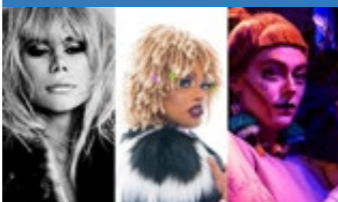
The stage is holy and this is how we pray

Queerly beloved! We've prepared a service that will have you feeling born again, and leave you gagging for more. A service that will leave you dripping with sin, because let's face it, sin is in. As always our show is backed by our live choir, with offerings from Australia's queerest & dearest cabaret, circus & burlesque treats! .CHURCH. is nothing short of a spiritual experience.

"World class ★★★★★" - What did she think

The Toff in Town, Melbourne CBD
3-6 Feb 1hr 30m
Thu-Sun 7:30pm | Auslan: 3 Feb 7:30pm
\$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 standing room
△ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by Highway Robbery Productions
Image: by Bodie Strain

Cabaret



4Play & First Nations Drag

Fierce Friday fun

Joining the sistas of Pride's sexy 4PLAY, are three of Naarm's finest First Nations drag artists for a night of camp chaos, fierce fantasy & sparkly sass. Miss First Nation 2021 Cerulean will rain excitement, Mora Money gives us their best sugar baby fantasy and Ms Carmel Latte is simply not your regular caffeinated beverage.

(On Cerulean) 'It was fierce, it was bold, it was everything you ever wanted... we want more!' - Blak Critics

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
28 Jan 2hrs
Fri 8pm
\$29 full | \$20 conc
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and 4PLAY
Image: featuring Cerulean, Mora Money and Ms Carmel Latte

Cabaret



4Play Royale - Kings, Queens & Drag Between!

Blurring the binary

Joining a couple of the cast of slaying sistas 4PLAY, are three of Melbourne's kings, queens & drag between stars. Alexander McQueen is your technicolour dreamboat in peach fuzz, Jet Stir has a passion to burn and the hardest working eyebrows in drag and Belial B'Zarr is the psychedelic lizard wizard of the absurd and surreal that you didn't know you needed.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
4 Feb 2hrs
Fri 8pm | Your ticket will also give you access to the late night Pride event
\$29 full | \$23 conc
△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Pride of our Footscray & 4Play

Theatre



5 STARS by Kissing Booth

A lovesick playwright and the beautiful actor who rejected him attempt to make art from the dismay. An officially fascinating trans artist makes his theatrical debut. The most handsome guy in your year twelve drama class just got cast in something absurd. Applause attempts to prove its value. Theatre might be the worst thing you've ever done to yourself.

"Hilarious and thoughtful, brutal and sensitive." - Theatre Travels

Theatre Works, St Kilda
25-29 Jan 1hr 30m
Tue-Sat 7pm
\$30 full | \$25 conc
△ Nudity | Violence | Coarse language
Presented by Theatre Works and Kissing Booth
Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park present...

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase 2022

Join us for two unique nights of queer-focused theatre featuring fresh 15 minute excerpts from our finalists. See page 40 of this guide for the full event details.

Mon 24 Jan:

- **The Reasonable Grounds**
by Emmanuelle Mattana

- **No Asians**
by Andrew Undi Lee

- **Coming Home To You**
by Reuben James

- **Woolf**
by Bravo Arts

Tue 25 Jan:

- **CROSS**
by Rory Godbold

- **Besties**
by Alice Tovey

- **Driftwood**
by Guy Stephen Webster

- **That's Not Big Mac Sauce, That's Ectoplasm**
by Emily White

Your feedback guides the industry panel to select a top 4 to present extended excerpts at the Showcase on Tue 22 March.



Image: Queer Playwriting Award Showcase 2019.
Photo by Suzanne Balding

Theatre



50 Years: Queers & Pioneers

Cracked Actors Theatre (CAT) presents

2023 will mark fifty years since PM John Gorton put forward a motion in Canberra that "in the opinion of this House, homosexual acts... should not be subject to the criminal law". '50 Years: Queers & Pioneers' will showcase artists who will present their work for the chance to be selected for a fully produced season at CAT for Midsumma Festival 2023 to celebrate this milestone!

Cracked Actors Theatre, Albert Park
5-6 Feb 1hr 30m
Sat, Sun Midday, 2:30pm & 5pm
\$15 full
△ Violence | Coarse language | References to drug use
Presented by Cracked Actors Theatre
Image: by Sarah Yeung

Cabaret



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Abbotsford Convent - Industrial School, Sacred Heart Building, Abbotsford
4 Feb 3hrs
Fri 7pm
\$25 full
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Unfunded Empathy
Image: by Liz Ham

A Composting Cabaret

with Betty Grumble, Dandrogyny & Andreas Lohmeyer

A party for grown-ups inspired by Mini Beast Disco's research play. This Composting Cabaret is a joyful landscape of performance offerings sprung from the collaborative critterdom of children's vision and wisdom. A reflection, rekindling and re-wilding for our grown-up and maybe worn-out hearts. Dance floor, deep dive, disco destiny!

Comedy



A Night of Comedy with Tom Ballard

"Unrelenting and uproarious.★★★★½" - Chortle [UK]

One of Australia's sizzling hot, politically outraged comic talents & new westside resident, Tom Ballard takes to the Pride stage for one night only. Mic drop right?! The revolution comes to Footscray. Too hot for TV means he is just right for Midsumma Festival.

"Ballard delivers an absolute comedy masterclass.★★★★" - Beat

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
12 Feb 1hr 30m
Sat 8pm
\$30 full | \$24 conc
△ Coarse language | References to drug use
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Footscray Comedy

Theatre



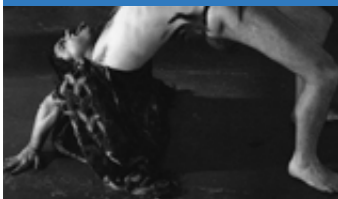
MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Malthouse Outdoor Stage, Southbank
5-6 Feb, 12-13 Feb 45m
Sat 4pm | Sat, Sun 6pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Rawcus in partnership with St Martins
Image: by Sarah Walker

A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds

Rawcus unites with a group of queer and allied young people to explode the word 'hero' into a thousand pieces and save you from it. [epic music] Using verbatim text from 90s action films, 'A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds' is a simultaneous homage to and lambasting of Hollywood blockbusters.

Interactive Performance



A Space is Held

'A Space is Held' is a series of performance artworks presented live by multidisciplinary artists. The direct nature of performance will elevate ideas of queer bodies, displacement and anticolonialism to a common knowledge better understood by many. This afternoon of performance from artists living in Naarm aims to highlight the complexity of the queer narrative as well as the broad scope of a performative practice.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
29 Jan
Sat 2-6pm
FREE
△ Nudity | Coarse language
Presented by Trocadero Art Space
Image: by Sean Miles and Damien Laing

Theatre



Theatre Works, St Kilda
5-6 Feb 2hrs
Sat 7:30pm | Sun 5pm
\$35 full | \$27 conc | \$20 group (min 6)
△ Nudity | Coarse language | Adult Themes
Presented by Nikki Viveca and Artemis Muñoz
Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

ACEtravaganza

A variety show featuring asexual and aspec artists.

'ACEtravaganza' is variety show featuring Melbourne's best asexual and aspec artists curated by comedienne and poet Nikki Viveca (Asexual Healing) and theatre and cabaret artist Artemis Muñoz (Asexy: Proud To Be Me). This show puts the "invisible orientation" centre stage in a joyful celebration full of story, song and more!

"Earnest, engaging and informative - as well as absolutely hilarious." *The Music*

Interactive Performance



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
29 Jan 2hrs
Sat 8pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc
△ Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar

All-Star Drag Bingo Party!

Balls will drop as four stars unite for one big bingo night!

Footscray's Famous Adult Bingo is a phenomenon of the west. For one night only it's an all-star bingo stellar line up. All stops will be pulled. It's the campest, draggiest and most ridiculous drag bingo night you'll have. Hostess Aurora Arsenic will be joined by Abril La Trene, Tequila Mockingbird and Freddie Merkin. Win prizes. Get pulled up on stage. Eyes up and have a party with us!

Theatre



Meat Market - Stables, North Melbourne
3-5 Feb, 7-12 Feb 1hr 30m
Mon-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 3pm | Auslan: 11 Feb 7:30pm | Audio Described: 12 Feb 3pm | Tactile Tour: 12 Feb 3pm
\$30 preview | \$40 full | \$30 conc
△ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | Suicide references
Presented by Antipodes Theatre

And She Would Stand Like This

Queer Ball Culture meets Greek Tragedy

A fierce and fabulous play that mixes 'The Trojan Women' with house/ballroom culture. Set in a hospital waiting room during a mysterious plague, this modern adaptation reimagines the Greek characters as queer bodies of colour fighting for survival.

"Greek tragedy meets Harlem ball scene. Fantastic!" - RuPaul

Comedy



Comedy Republic, Melbourne
27 Jan, 30 Jan 1hr
Thu 7pm | Sun 5:30pm
\$29 full | \$27 conc
△ Coarse language | References to drug use
Presented by Thomas Jaspers & Kyle Minall

An Intimate Evening With Granny Bingo

Melbourne's nastiest nans are back, and they're not happy.

Edith Vale and Maureen McGillicuddy are bringing their hilarious Comedy Festival show back for two nights only.

2021 was a difficult year for these darling old dames, and it gave them time to think about everything they hate about the world. Join them as they vent their feelings about politics, millennials, the Country Women's Association and lint.

Cabaret



La Mama HQ, Carlton
8-13 Feb 1hr
Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun 6:30pm | Wed, Fri 8:30pm | Auslan: 10 Feb 6:30pm, 11 Feb 8:30pm | Audio Described: 9 Feb 8:30pm | Tactile Tour: Upon request | Relaxed: 9 Feb 8:30pm, 10 Feb & 13 Feb 6:30pm
\$30 full | \$20 conc
Presented by La Mama Theatre

Artemis: Utter Mess

Non-binary, Asexual, Biracial AND Neurodivergent? Utter Mess!

What happens when every document, bathroom and community seems to want you to decide, and nothing seems to fit? A show about labels and the difference between the words that confine us and the words that set us free. A one-hour, one-enby show featuring nine original songs. Artemis looks over their journey to self discovery through song story and several excellent puns.

Comedy



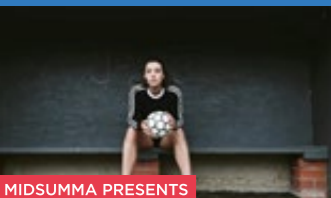
The Butterfly Club - Downstairs, Melbourne CBD
9-10 Feb, 12 Feb 55m
Wed, Thu, Sat 10pm
\$35 full | \$31 conc
△ References to drug use | Suicide references
Presented by Jaxson Garni & Carmelo Costa

Belligerent

Jaxson & Carmelo have been described as Belligerent by past lovers, come find out why. In their debut show, this brand-new stand-up duo will explore sex (the gay kind), mental health (mostly gay) and relationships (super gay).

Belligerent will lure out the absolute worst version of yourself or, at the very least, help you embrace it.

Interactive Performance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Footscray Community Arts, Footscray
10-12 Feb 15m

Thu-Sat 1:30-4:15pm, every 15 mins
Access services: advance request required
\$15 full

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Pillow Fight in association with Footscray Community Arts

Image: by Ren Williams

Benched by Jamila Main

A one-on-one performance that ruminates on athleticism within a disabled body.

Even the players on the bench get an orange slice. Pick the ball, shoe, or frisbee and take a seat. Jamila Main invites you to join them on the bench for an intimate moment of one-on-one storytelling, ruminating on athleticism, childhood, and disability.

"Jamila Main is a delightfully fresh powerhouse of talent" - The Advertiser

Variety



Coburg RSL, Coburg -
24, 25, 27, 29, 30 Jan 4hrs

Tue-Sun 6:30pm | Fri-Sun 2pm
\$64.50 full | \$59.50 conc

△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Presented by Andrew Wheeler & Damian Syred

Beyond Rainbows

★★★ New show in town ★★★

A spectacular that has never before been seen under a Bigtop Marquee, by combining cirque, cabaret, stage, performers and dance into one almighty and fierce world class entertainment show.

Performers from all walks of life, locally and internationally. Such a diversified line up: drag queens, comedians, dancers, cirque artists, DJs (accompanied bar and snacks).

Limited shows, seats & door sales.

Theatre



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray | The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD

Bluestone Church: 1-5 Feb 9:30pm 1hr
\$25 full | \$20 conc | \$20 group (min 6)

The Butterfly Club: 7-12 Feb 8:30pm 1hr
\$35 full | \$31 conc | \$28 group (min 6)

Image: by Ali Choudry

Presented by Gavin Roach

Bottom by Willy Hudson

Bums, Beyoncé and burnt fish fingers.

Locked in his bathroom during a tragic third date, Willy asks if 'bottom' in the bedroom means 'bottom' in life.

This is for anyone who hates making the first move. Anyone who thinks they are unlovable. Anyone that's ever tried to be someone they're not.

Music



The Night Cat, Melbourne
28 Jan 6hrs

Fri 8pm
\$40 full | \$30 conc

△ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing | Limited seating available

Presented by Brooklyn Runaways

Image: by Junior Deluise

Bowie Ball

A one-night-only celebration of David Bowie.

Bowie Ball is back! Glam it up and get ready for an anything-goes extravaganza bringing together the best in music, art, fashion, and entertainment. Douse yourself in glitter at our makeover stand, take in the creation of Bowie-inspired art pieces, stop by the other-worldly photo booth, win a prize for best dressed, and dance along to the full Bowie catalogue performed live. Let your inner lightning bolt fly!

Theatre



Theatre Works - Blackbox Outdoor Stage, St Kilda

8-12 Feb 50m
Tue-Sat 7:30pm

\$35 full | \$27 conc

△ Coarse language

Presented by Theatre Works. Co-Created by Dan Graham and Oliver Ross

Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

Closet Drama

Exploring trans masculinity and sexuality through patchworked Shakespeare.

"Would you have me false to my nature? Rather say I play the man I am."

Drawing from Twelfth Night, Coriolanus and the broader Shakespeare canon, Closet Drama is part queer reading, part dating sim, inspired by the process of adaptation and the balancing act of visibility and privacy.

Theatre



The Toff in Town, Melbourne CBD
28-29 Jan, 9-10 Feb, 13 Feb 50m

Fri 9:30pm | Wed, Sat 7pm | Thu 8:30pm | Sun 6pm & 7:30pm | Club Nite, VIP After Party: 10 Feb

\$25 full | \$27 door sale

△ Strobe lights | References to drug use | Smoking on Stage | Sustained loud noises

Presented by Club Nite Company

CLUB NITE

This show is for the girls, the gays, the thems, and the theys. Bring your vape and meet us front left. SHABLAM.

After 112 days in lockdown, three old friends reunite for a TGIF night of hilarity and chaos. A piercing analysis of Melbourne's party scenes, CLUB NITE is a live-action meme. Think lip syncs at Yah Yah's, poorly rolled cigarettes at a house party, and frenetic dancing at an underground park rave. Full of self-exploration and social politics, CLUB NITE is where you wanna be.

Comedy



Comedy Republic, Melbourne
11-12 Feb 1hr

Fri, Sat 7pm
\$25 full

Image: by Emma Holland Photography

Cockatiel

The award-winning debut of Best Newcomer Charlie Lewin (MICF 2021).

Charlie never felt like a magpie. Which is probably a good thing, because they're all full of shit.

From Catholic boy's school all the way to Grindr, Cockatiel is a hilarious and heartfelt snapshot of the life of a queer kid trying to find his flock.

"He's here. He's queer. Snap up a ticket, quick!" - The Age

Comedy



Comedy Republic, Melbourne
9 Feb 1hr

Wed 7pm
\$22 full | \$18 conc

△ Coarse language

Presented by Snake Pit

Image: by Lyn Taylor

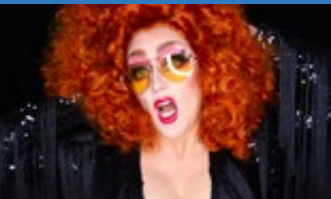
Cold-Blooded

Australia's favourite queer improv duo.

Cold Blooded is an hour of flawlessly improvised sketches, characters, and monologues completely made up on the spot and inspired by the audience and a special guest comedian. Come see Snake Pit deliver their signature brand of balls-to-the-wall comedy that will have you rolling in your grave.

"True improv comedy - hilarious and chaotic" - Theatre Travels

Cabaret



Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

27-29 Jan 1hr
Thu-Sat 9:30pm

\$35 full | \$30 conc | \$25 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language | Smoke/haze

Presented by Geraldine Quinn

Image: by Geraldine Quinn

BROAD

Aunty Gerry's back.

Agnes Moorehead. Rhonda Burchmore. Vivienne Westwood with a tit out. 5-star rock cabaret veteran Geraldine Quinn (Spicks & Specks) grew up idolising bold, brassy (mostly ginger) older women. Now she's becoming one. Accompanied by Cameron Thomas, Quinn's back to help us all find our DGAF Dame. ALL are welcome in The Broad Church.

"Hugely entertaining" - Daily Review
★★★★★

Circus



Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park

3-5 Feb, 10-12 Feb 1hr
Thu-Sat 9:30pm | Auslan: 10 Feb 9:30 pm

\$26 preview | \$32 full | \$28 conc | \$24 group (min 6)

Presented by Sparkle Society

Image: by EmmelineD Photography & KTB Media

Cab Suave

A little party never killed nobody...

Dick Johnson investigates Cabaret Suave, a questionable establishment run by four scandalous dames. Spectacular acts and live music will transport you back in time in this Film Noir circus show.

Bringing everything you love about vintage aesthetics, but with less misogyny and more polycules. A story told by strong queer women, and one token straight white man (but don't worry, he has bi-wife energy).

Theatre



Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park

8-12 Feb 1hr
Tue-Sat 6:30pm | Sat 2:30pm

\$25 preview | \$32 full | \$28 conc | \$24 group (min 6)

△ Coarse language

Image: Lucy Holz

Coming Out

Powerful award winning comedy.

As poignant as it is funny, this play explores the relationships between queer women and their straight friends.

Winner of the 2020 Queer Playwriting Award and the 2019 Mudfest Emerging Artist Award, 'Coming Out' delves into the complexity of being an ally and the formidable task of coming out.

"An entertaining and enriching audience experience" - Gasworks Arts Park

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD

24-29 Jan 1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm

\$35 full | \$31 conc

Presented by The Butterfly Club

Image: by Melinda Moulden

Diana: An Original Cabaret

In his latest cabaret work, through original songs and tributes to the likes of Elton John, Jack Lynch shines a new light on one of the most important figures of the 20th century: Diana, Princess of Wales. He hopes to capture through heart and humour, the remarkable legacy of the 'People's Princess': the glitz, the glamour, the heartbreak, the tragedy and most importantly, the love and profound impact she had and continues to have on the world.

Cabaret



Chasers, South Yarra
 11-13 Feb 3hrs
 Fri, Sun 7pm | Sat 4pm
 \$55 full
 △ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing
Presented by CM Entertainment
 Image: by Kenny Sampaio

Divas Live

By the creators of 'After Dark'

CM Entertainment is proud to present Divas Live, a Vegas-style production extravaganza inspired by some of the world's most famous pop stars! Join us for a fun filled night and be dazzled by high energy drag shows influenced by divas such as Britney Spears, Beyonce, Katy Perry, Adele, Kylie, Freddie Mercury and many more! Divas Live will be a Midsumma Festival event not to be missed!

Comedy



The 86 Cabaret Bar, Fitzroy
 13 Feb
 Sun 2pm-12am
 FREE
 △ Strobe lights | Smoke/haze | Long periods of standing
Presented by The 86 Cabaret Bar
 Image: by Suzanne Balding

DRAG A THON

The day of non-stop drag.

The event that set a Guinness World Record in 2017 is back for 2022. The 86's annual 'day of drag' returns with 9 hours of drag commencing from 2pm with an 'open stage' session where anyone can perform. Performers may choose to also compete for a spot in the evening show and battle it for the bonus cash prize. Open to all drag styles and people - just be 'bright, bold & big'. Limited performance spots - Register now!

Interactive Performance



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 10 Feb 2hrs
 Thu 8pm
 \$27 full | \$21 conc
Presented by Dragstrology & Pride of our Footscray
 Image: by Azcadelia

Dragstrology and the Crystal Ball

The draggiest 2022 predictions. Things can only get better! Right?

The astrological camp night out you have been predicting. Melbourne's Queens of the Cosmos, Dragstrology's Freida Commitment and Matilda Mercury, dive deep into their crystal ball and give us the T for 2022! There will be shade, comedy, shows, guests and prizes. You'll laugh, you'll cry, sometimes at the same time.

Theatre



Wyndham Cultural Centre, Werribee
 3-5 Feb 1hr 35m
 Thu-Sat 7:30pm | Sat 2pm | Artist in Conversation: Fri 4 Feb 3-4pm
 \$30 full | \$20 conc
 △ References to suicide & sexual violence
Presented by Mwangaza Theatre Company
 Image: By Gideon D. Wilonja & Wani

Do Black Boys Go To Heaven?

A play by Gideon D. Wilonja

Do Black Boys Go To Heaven? is a story about a queer Black boys journey to fighting the power, set in a small town where nothing magnificent happens, a town where gentrification is taking form in "betterment of society", where hatred hides it's ugly face behind God's name and legal authority crosses boundaries with extreme policing of basic human rights.

Interactive Performance



Melton Library and Learning Hub, Melton
 28 Jan 1hr
 Fri 7pm
 FREE booking required
Presented by Melton City Libraries

Drag Trivia Bonanza with Abril La Trene

Drag trivia evening, with Pride of our Footscray's Abril La Trene

Buckle yourselves in for a night of fun, gags and glam with Queen of Drag, Abril La Trene! Tiz yourself up and put your thinking caps on for a special trivia night hosted by Abril as part of the Midsumma Festival. Join us at the library for an event that will be sure to leave you smiling! Presented in partnership with Pride of our Footscray.

Theatre



ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1, Melbourne
 6 Feb 50m
 Sun 1pm | Sun 3pm
 FREE

ELEPHANT

An experiment in liveness and embodiment, playing with projection, reflection, multiplicity and disappearance. Devised and performed by Sarah Mainwaring, created in collaboration with Ingrid Voorendt and Alana Hoggart, ELEPHANT explores the space between life and death. Part installation, part dance performance, part film experiment, ELEPHANT fuses and confuses live and screen presences - shrinking and expanding, emerging and dissolving.

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Comedy



Evie's One Night Stand-Up

You'll wanna call them back!

A selection of local and queer artists bringing all the laughs we're looking for after one hell of a dry spell.

Evie's will host a group of gag-worthy comedian/ennes ready to give you an afternoon delight you'll never forget, performing in an iconic 80's inspired Americana venue on Gertrude st, Fitzroy.

Evies Bar and Diner, Fitzroy	
30 Jan	3hrs
Sun 6pm	
\$20 full \$15 conc	
⚠ Coarse language Strobe lights References to drug use	
Presented by Evie's Bar & Diner	

Cabaret



Finucane & Smith's Travelling Dance Hall

The Midsumma Festival mix!

Finucane & Smith's smash-hit Travelling Dance Hall barnstorms Midsumma Festival packed with queer icons, performance art glamazons, sequins, songbirds, disco, go-go & scintillating strangeness! Moira Finucane, Maude Davey, Mama Alto, Jazida, Govind Pillai, Piera Dennerstein & Willow Sizer! Dress up & get down! We're back, and we've got a killer playlist!

Chapel Off Chapel - Chapel Theatre, Prahran	
27-30 Jan	1hr 30m
Thu-Sat 8pm Sun 6pm	
\$40 full \$35 conc	
⚠ Smoke/haze Adult themes	
Presented by Chapel Off Chapel	

Variety



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Get Bent Fest!

Return of the smash-hit festivalette hosted by award winning comedian Lou Wall!

Jump back in the tub for the return of the 2021 Midsumma Festival favourite with an all new line-up! A 7-hour gala extravaganza serving you a taste of the Midsumma Festival program plus our dearest and queerest performers from beyond. After selling out last year to rave reviews, Get Bent saunters back into the ballroom promising you a raucous night of comedy, drama, drag, DJs and more!

Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton	
12 Feb	
Sat 7pm-2am	
\$25 silent but deadly \$35 little bit loud \$50 over the top	
⚠ Nudity Coarse language Strobe lights	
Presented by Hams & Mandro	
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea	

Music



Goddess Grooves @ The Wesley Anne

An unforgettable night of song by female artists.

Midsumma Festival's premiere women's music event. Join us for another unique and scintillating line-up - all on stage together - as Jo Jo Smith, Michelle Chandler, FJ Steele, Monique Kenny and Ruth Katerelos entertain you with their original tunes. Expect spontaneous harmonies, storytelling and much laughter. Book a table, have a meal and enjoy a great night's entertainment. Don't miss this!

Wesley Anne, Northcote	
4 Feb	3hrs
Fri 7:30pm	
\$30 full \$25 conc	
Image: by Vicki Jones featuring Jo Jo Smith	

Comedy



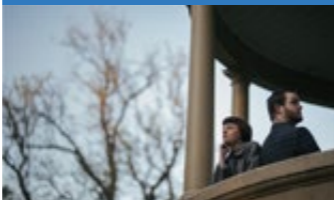
Footscray Laughs ft. Beastie Girls & Friends

A queer comedy night!

The fabulous Beastie Girls headline a night of queer comedy and sketch! Supported by the incredible Aysha Buffet and salacious Hot Department with the one and only Scout Boxall hosting, you don't want to miss this night of wicked fun and laughs.

Footscray Community Arts Centre - Performance Space, Footscray	
28 Jan	2hrs
Fri 8pm	
\$29 full \$19 conc	
⚠ Coarse language	
Presented by Footscray Community Arts	
Image: featuring the Beastie Girls	

Theatre



From All Who Came Before

A story of loss, love and redemption.

Three friends connect through their shared queer lens as they explore life and its inevitable highs and lows. This two-hander is filled with a rich musical score, and within the heartbeat of its sound lies a world of Audio Description.

"The finest direction of a solo work seen in some time" ★★★★★ - *The Barefoot Review*

La Mama HQ, Carlton	
8-13 Feb	1hr
Tue, Thu, Sat 8:30pm Wed, Fri 6:30pm Sun 4pm Auslan: Thu 8:30pm, Fri 6:30pm Tactile Tour: Upon request Relaxed: Wed 6:30pm, Thu 8:30pm, Sun 4pm	
\$30 full \$20 conc	
⚠ Latecomer lockout	

Theatre



Honcho Disko: The Documentary: The Lecture: The Musical

What happens when you leave a filmmaker-academic alone with 28 hours of queer performance footage for an entire pandemic? In his COVID-brain musical lecture, Dr Patrick Kelly shares a summer's worth of Honcho Disko ("Sydney's best queer party" 2018) footage, exploring what it was like to gaze through the lens that captured it all.

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy	
1 Feb, 3-4 Feb	3hrs
Tue, Thu, Fri 6:30pm	
\$30 make-a-difference \$20 waged \$12 low income \$5 unwaged	
Stream: \$10 waged \$5 unwaged	
Presented by Patrick Kelly	
Image: by Aubergenie in a Bottle	

Theatre



Kassandra

A stand up tragedy in broken English.

The heroine of Troy became an immigrant of our time.

Starting from the myth of Casandra, who had the gift of guessing the future and at the same time is condemned not to be heard, Sergio Blanco builds up a fascinating layers to enter the painful field of the silent violence.

Club Voltaire, North Melbourne	
5-6 Feb, 10-12 Feb	1hr
Thu-Sun 6:30pm	
\$22 full \$18 conc	
⚠ Sex scenes Coarse language References to drug use	
Image: by Michu Leta	

Theatre



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Fun Home

Music by Jeanine Tesori. Book and Lyrics by Lisa Kron. Based on the graphic novel by Alison Bechdel.

Based on Alison Bechdel's bestselling graphic novel about growing up and coming out, this groundbreaking multi-Tony Award-winning musical arrives in Melbourne following its acclaimed Sydney season.

See midsumma.org.au for pre-sale access to select performances.

Arts Centre Melbourne - Playhouse, Melbourne	
7 Feb-5 Mar	1hr 40m
Previews 7:30pm Mon, Tue 6:30pm Wed-Sat 7:30pm Wed 1pm Sat 2pm	
Pricing available at mtc.com.au/funhome	
Presented by Melbourne Theatre Company & Sydney Theatre Company, in association with Midsumma Festival	

Comedy



Gay as in Happy (and Homosexual)

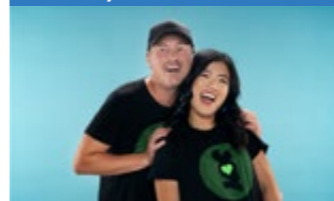
He's both.

Hi, I'm John Robles and I'm doing a one hour stand up comedy show where I'm going to be gay the whole time. In addition, I'll be sharing insightful critical analysis on subjects such as blowjobs, having ADHD, and funny british accents. Xoxo see you there :)

"Quick, queer comedy" ★★★★★ - *Fringe on 44*

Comedy Republic, Melbourne	
10 Feb	1hr
Thu 7pm	
\$22 full \$18 conc	
⚠ Coarse language	
Image: by James Tarbotton	

Comedy



Lemon Comedy - Pride Edition

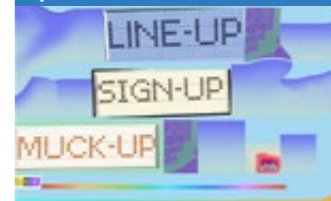
Back by popular demand

After putting on a deliciously raucous show last year, Lemon Comedy is back for more at Midsumma Festival. The Pride Edition is hosted by radio personalities 'Annie and Ando' from JOY94.9 (Australia's only LGBTQ+ radio station). They'll be joined by an exciting line-up of comedians plus local cabaret and drag artists.

"A welcome addition to Melbourne's booming stand-up scene." - *Herald Sun*.

Comedy Republic, Melbourne	
30 Jan	2hrs
Sun 7pm	
\$25 full \$20 conc	
⚠ Coarse language	
Presented by Annie and Ando	
Image: by Oscar Axel Thorborg	

Spoken Word



Line Up, Sign Up, Muck Up

A triple serving of DJ sets and spoken word.

First, a curated line-up duo of spoken work extraordinaires warm up the intimate open mic. Later is an unpredictable spectacle of improvised sonic-phonics wonder featuring collaboration in words and beats - the three sets carried through by the magic of Harehole Melbourne's director of Music&Parties, DJ Hip Hop Hoe. Live streaming and chill-out space.

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy	
5 Feb	
Sat 7:30-10:30pm	
\$30 make-a-difference \$20 waged \$12 low income \$5 unwaged	
Stream: \$10 waged \$5 unwaged	
⚠ Smoke/Haze Open content venue	
Presented by Hares & Hyenas with Harehole Melbourne	

Cabaret



Long Live the King

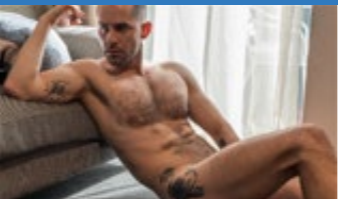
Drag King Shakespearean cabaret

Jealous Richard of Gloucester wants to be King of England and manipulates, lies and murders to become King Richard III.

Long Live the King takes and flips the traditional Shakespearean narrative of Richard III and features an ensemble of drag king artists - glitter beards and all - to exposed the pitfalls of powerful men brought to their knees, hegemonic decline, deceit, betrayal and manipulation on the path to glory.

Theatre Works - Blackbox Outdoor Stage, St Kilda
 25-29 Jan 45m
 Tue-Sat 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$20 conc
 △ Reference to sexual violence
Presented by Theatre Works and A Little Life Theatre
 Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

Dance



Magic Men of Summer Risqué Review

The scent of man is near!

An intoxicating cocktail of Magic Mike, Tom of Finland and red hot energy will fire up the Pride stage for one night only. Your mistress of ceremonies, Bathsheba, will be your guide through this delicious & delectable evening. A celebration of butch and muscle mania, featuring Melbourne's talented dancers and alluring performers. An unashamed celebration of fine masculine form!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 11 Feb 2hrs
 Fri 8pm
 \$34 full | \$29 conc
 △ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar
 Image: by Josh Wellington

Theatre



Maybe Later

Inside the walls of an ordinary apartment, a run-of-the-mill, everyday relationship is taking place. Two bodies share the space; walking the line between comfortable symbiosis and crippling codependency. They have a to-do list and plenty of time to-do the list... so why is nothing getting done? Maybe Later appeals to the innate struggle to find meaning in a world overrun by conflicting opinions, how we interact and who or what we lean on for comfort.

Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park
 1-5 Feb 50m
 Tue-Sat 6:30pm | Sat 12:15pm
 \$35 full | \$28 conc | Matinee: \$30 full | \$25 conc
 △ Sex scenes | Coarse language
Presented by Commedia dell'ongblack
 Image: by Sophie Jackson

Theatre



Menace Ridge

Relax. Breathe the fresh air. Get in touch with nature. Run for your life.

Twenty-something couple Tess and Maud are off on a camping weekend for some much-needed respite from their busy lives. But with a rogue animal on the loose, ominous weather warnings and a strange man hanging around their campsite, what begins as an idyllic couple getaway quickly descends into the trip from hell. Menace Ridge will take audiences on a heightened, irreverent and guttural adventure.

Queen Victoria Women's Centre - Victoria Room, Melbourne
 1-5 Feb 50m
 Tue-Sat 7:30pm | Auslan: 3 Feb 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 △ References to sexual violence & drug use
Presented by Dirty Pennies Theatre Project

Theatre



MKA: The Monster's Kind

by Ty Liebelt (whalespiel)

I'm waiting for the abyss to gaze back. Yell back. I have questions.

Namely: If monsters are so scary, why do they still hide under my bed?

Your narrator feels sick. Thinks you might be too. Twisting style and form, Ty Liebelt's The Monster's Kind is a desperate, voidpunk tribute to nightmares of old and a last-chance intervention for the fears that still linger.

MKA | Pavilion, East Melbourne
 8-12 Feb 1hr 15m
 Tue-Sat 8pm | Fri 10pm
 \$20 preview | \$26 full | \$22 conc
 △ Violence | Coarse language | Suicide references | Death
Presented by MKA

Theatre



MKA: Trash Pop Butterflies, Dance Dance Paradise

by Maki Morita

A clock turns backwards. A baby has lasers for eyes. A talking butterfly materialises in midair. A kaleidoscopic dive into climate crises, cultural rebellion, and utopian dreams. Part theatre, contemporary dance, and Riot Grrrl fanzine come to life; Morita's anarchic and experimental 'Trash Pop...' creates something beautiful and new out of ecological collapse.

MKA | Pavilion, East Melbourne
 25-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb 1hr 20m
 Tue-Sat 8pm
 \$20 preview | \$27.50 full | \$20 conc
 △ Coarse language | Smoke/haze | Reference to sexual violence
Presented by MKA

Spoken Word



'Off The Page' Lesbian Literary Afternoon

Compered by comedian and MC extraordinaire, Monica Dullard

Get in between the pages and meet lesbian authors face-to-face. A fabulous afternoon of book readings and a panel discussion compered by much-loved comedian Monica Dullard. Brought to you by the Matrix Guild of Victoria and kindly supported by the City of Darebin.

Preston City Hall, Melbourne
 30 Jan 2hrs
 Sun 3:30pm
 \$20 full | \$15 conc
Presented by Matrix Guild of Victoria
 Image: by Loretta Smith

Theatre



On a Bridge North From Here

This new theatre piece is a unique collaboration between a visual artist, a classical musician, and theatre makers.

In February 2022 we will present 'On a Bridge North From Here', a new theatre piece devised by the 2021/22-ensemble, Darcy Gilkerson, Indiana Jennings, Alyssa Kale, Joachim Matschoss, Shannon Stevens, Capri Walsh and Verity Wood.

Missing Persons, Melbourne
 3-7 Feb 1hr
 Mon, Thu, Fri 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 6pm | Sat, Sun 8pm
 \$28 full | \$25 conc
 △ References to drug use
Presented by BackYardTheatreEnsemble
 Image: by Carla Scotto

Variety



Park Lounge

An LGBTQIA+ Celebration

Join us in the park for a luminous evening of performances including music, theatre, comedy and dance that will delight and entertain you! Hosted by Tristan Meecham & Bec Reid of All the Queens Men, the audience will be taken through an eclectic mix of captivating performances. Don't miss this opportunity to see an incredible line-up of LGBTQIA+ artists and allies in Werribee. Expect nothing less than everything!

Kelly Park, Werribee
 12 Feb
 Sat 6-10pm
 FREE
Presented by Wyndham City
 Image: by Artificial Studios featuring Bec Reid and Tristan Meecham of All the Queens Men

Theatre



People Who Throw Themselves In Front Of Trains

Over 24 hours, three strangers' lives will hit top speed, all hurtling towards the same intersection. June's on a train and she wants to bolt. Blue's on a bus for \$500 an hour. Zac's in a car he can't stop driving in circles. Over the course of 24 hours, three strangers' lives will hit top speed, all hurtling towards the same intersection: a dark country road on a Friday night.

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton
 8-13 Feb 1hr
 Tue-Sun 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
 △ Sex scenes | Coarse language | Suicide references
Presented by Harum Scarum Theatre Company
 Image: by Artemis Ioannides

Interactive Performance



Performing the Monster

An assortment pack of luminous queer monstrosities

A playful and insightful themed variety show about queerly courting monsters. Director and performer Maude Davey asks four special guests to perform work in relation to the theme of the monster and discuss its relationship to queer identities and queer culture. This variety box of hand-crafted monstrosities celebrates the way queers embrace and reconfigure the darkest places of the imagination.

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
 10-11 Feb 1hr 50m
 Thu, Fri 7:30pm
 \$30 make-a-difference | \$20 waged | \$12 low income | \$5 unwaged
 Stream: \$10 waged | \$5 unwaged
 △ Nudity | Coarse language
Presented by Harehole Melbourne & Maude Davey

Theatre



promiscuous/cities

By Lachlan Philpott

An energetic symphony of a night in a big city where each of us frantically tries to maintain the myth of ourselves we've created with rhythmic drive and poetic force.

promiscuous/cities provides multiple lenses on the experience of living in a major city: migration to it, displacement from it, homelessness, gentrification, loneliness, community and the loss of place, in particular how social media has rewired our ways of connecting.

Theatre Works, St Kilda
 9-13 Feb 1hr 20m
 Wed-Sat 7pm | Sun 5pm
 \$35 full | \$27 conc | \$20 group (min 6)
 △ Adult themes, 15+
Presented by Partnership between VCA, wreckedAllprods and Theatre Works
 Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

Comedy



Queer Comedy Gala

Several of Australia's funniest queer comedians unite to help us get over a rather unfunny 2021!

The biggest, loudest and proudest comedy show of the Midsumma Festival! Enjoy some of Melbourne's queer comedy superstars all in one place for one night only, including Whoa Alyssa, Frankie McNair, Patrick Collins & Hot Department. It'll be a great night of laughs in the most inclusive space of the West!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
 27 Jan | 1hr 55m
 Thu 8pm
 \$29 full | \$21 conc
 △ Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray and Footscary Comedy Club
 Image: by Azcadelia

Interactive Performance



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Queer Playwriting Award Showcase

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

Join us over 2 nights to hear fresh excerpts from our top 8 finalists. Night 1: Emmanuelle Mattana, Andrew Undi Lee, Reuben James, Bravo Arts. Night 2: Rory Godbold, Alice Tovey, Guy Stephen Webster, Emily White. Experience new work, hear queer issues and voices on stage, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2022 Award selection.

Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park
 24-25 Jan | 1hr 30m
 Mon, Tue 7pm
 \$15 full
 △ Coarse language | References to drug use | Suicide references
Presented by Gasworks and Midsumma Festival

Variety



QueersofJoy

A celebration of trans and gender diverse identities.

QueersofJoy is a regular sold out show from Sydney made by and for the trans and gender diverse community and allies. Committed to welcoming all identities it's a place to be seen, safe and affirmed. For two nights only come on a journey of celebration and appreciation for our community and trans magic.

Vau d'vile - Showroom, Fitzroy
 2-3 Feb | 3hrs
 Wed, Thu 7:30pm | Auslan: 3 Feb 7:30pm | Audio Described: 3 Feb 7:30pm
 \$35 full | \$25 conc
 △ Nudity | References to drug use
 Image: by Sarah Malone

Theatre



Run by Stephen Laughton

"It's artful, honest and deeply romantic, whilst still being devastating" - Exeunt Magazine

Yonni's devoutly religious family is preparing for the weekly Sabbath, but he can think only about his schoolmate, Adam. As the evening's events unfold - some of them real, some of them imagined - an endearingly cocky 17 year-old Yonni learns what it means to love, to lose, to rebel & to grieve.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray | Gasworks Arts Park - Studio Theatre, Albert Park
 Bluestone Church: 1-5 Feb 8pm | 1hr10m
 Gasworks Art Park: 8-12 Feb 8:45pm
 \$25 full | \$20 conc | \$20 group (min 6)
 △ Coarse language | Smoke/haze
Presented by Gavin Roach
 Image: by Ali Choudhry

Dance



SICK

Reframe the debate

A collaborative, cross-generational dance performance by Ryan New and Phillip Adams, revealing the beauty and awkwardness of two disparate bodies moving and failing together. Join this immersive visceral experience, designed to shift perceptions around the capabilities of artists with disability. With glam-shock meets rhinestone-biker-trash design by Jake Preval.

Temperance Hall, South Melbourne
 9-12 Feb | 1hr
 Wed-Sat 7:30pm | Post-show Q+A: 11 Feb 8:30pm | Auslan: 11 Feb 7:30pm | Audio Described: 12 Feb 7:30pm | Tactile Tour: 12 Feb 6:45pm | Relaxed: 10 Feb 7:30pm
 \$30 full | \$25 conc
Presented by Temperance Hall
 Image: by Jeff Busby

Comedy



Sit on My Face: An Intimate Night with The Harry Morrissey Official

There has arguably never been a better time to sit on someone's face.

60 minutes of intimate, up-close and personal time with The Harry Morrissey Official. A fuse of dance, comedy and drag for short attention spans. It's extra, OTT, poignant, pointless, and sure to have thirsty for round two.

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
 31 Jan-5 Feb | 1hr
 Mon-Sat 8:30pm
 \$35 full | \$31 conc
 △ Nudity | Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by Bossy Bussy Productions
 Image: by Harry Morrissey

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GABRIELLE CHANEL
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An exhibition organised by the Palais Galliera, Fashion Museum of the City of Paris, Paris Musées

Gabrielle Chanel (designer) Evening dress autumn-winter 1927-28 (detail), silk crêpe embroidered with glass beads. Patrimoine de CHANEL, Paris. Photo © Julien T. Hamon

Theatre



SLUTNIK™
Lesbian Space Cannibals

Part lip-sync, part fighting montage, part open mic night... a queer glitterbomb! There's fourteen days 'til liftoff, and motherboard has initiated very gay training before their intergalactic travels. The International Fleet of Lesbian Space Cannibals haven't given away their location... but rumour has it that wherever they are, they're living on the flesh of selected political officials.

"Laugh out loud funny, daring and wild... simply phenomenal." - *The Plus Ones*

Theatre Works, St Kilda	
1-4 Feb	1hr 20m
Tue-Fri 7:30pm	
\$35 full	
△ Smoke/haze Suicide references Sexual Content Loud Music Violence	
Presented by Mira Ball Productions Written by Flick Directed by Tansy Gorman	

Variety



SMASH: the Drag Show

Full of fine First Nations talent, POC power and queer icons, SMASH has the dancing divas and dapper dudes to jolt the space. We are taking our classic Royal Rumble throwing it into a theatrical direction, with a floating WWE storyline. Exploring gay villainy, homoeroticism and drag in sports, this flock of drag characters get chucked into the ring to battle it out. They must now perform and compete for the crown.

Abbotsford Convent - Sacred Heart Courtyard, Abbotsford	
29 Jan, 5 Feb	
Sat 7-8:30pm Auslan: 29 Jan 7pm	
\$25 full \$15 conc	
△ Nudity Coarse language	
Presented by The Smash Crew Image: by Misery	

Cabaret



Sweet SixDEAN
Never been...?

Celebrating 16 years of Midsumma Festival entertainment; cabaret comedian and community darling Dean Arcuri is coming of age with a two act entertainment extravaganza not to be missed. Belting out ballads & performing cheeky yet heartfelt tunes; join him along with his band, special musical guests, backup dancers and more for a singing, wisecracking cabaret phenomenon like no other!

"Kitch and camp characters are silly, fun and just a lot cringeworthy..." *Arts Hub*

The Toff in Town, Melbourne CBD	
27-28 Jan	1hr 20m
Thu 8pm Fri 7pm	
\$35 full \$30 conc	
Presented by Dean Arcuri Image: by Evan Fowler	

Theatre



The (Sour Glitch) Two Step Refusal

A vicarious non-binary escape room experience.

Players and protagonists, They and Them are locked in a 80's office banal corporate workroom. Beige, banal and bereft. The printer is broken, plants are wilting, the watercooler drips slowly. No colleagues are in sight. There's been a murder on the workflowloor.

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

Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda	
10-13 Feb	1hr 10m
Thu-Sat 7:30pm Sun 5pm	
\$30 full \$25 conc \$20 group (min 6)	
△ Nudity Strobe lights Smoke/haze	
Presented by Audley Anderson & Haz Lugsdin Image: by Cynthia Sobraty	

Theatre



SOLID
Let their bodies speak for themselves.

SOLID is an ensemble work on how we view masculinity, how masculinity feels physically and mentally through different gendered perspectives.

A visually staggering, contemporary image-based performance SOLID investigates masculinity through the bodies of trans, nonbinary and cis people and the objects that reflect the binary we are expected to live in.

Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda	
25-29 Jan	1hr
Tue-Sat 7:30pm	
\$15 full \$10 conc	
△ Nudity Coarse language Smoke/haze	
Presented by Theatre Works and Casper Plum Image: by Cynthia Sobraty	

Cabaret



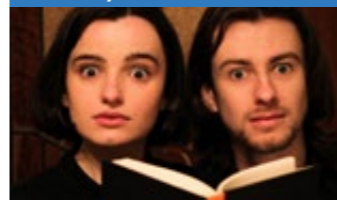
South East Soiree
We shouldn't have to leave the suburbs to be who we are.

Look no further than the South East suburbs to find the queer cabaret entertainment that can only be found in the city - we're bringing the party down here!

After the "sellout success," Rainbow Community Picnic in April 2021, local community organisers at Selendra Community Hub bring you a glamorous cabaret that caters to the needs and wants of local queer people in the City of Casey: the South East Soirée!

Selendra Community Hub, Clyde North	
12 Feb	2hrs
Sat 8pm	
\$15 full	
△ Nudity	
Presented by Selendra Community Hub & Moxie Delite Image: by Dean Adams	

Comedy



The Book Club
Dust off your reading glasses, The Book Club is in session!

Join us for a profound literary experience as Alice and Sam guide you through an evening unlike any other.

The Book Club delivers a night full of twisted humour, sketch comedy, original songs and explosive dance numbers. If you're looking for the answers to life's many mysteries, we have them. All of them.

All shall be revealed at The Book Club.

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD	
24-29 Jan	1hr
Mon-Sat 8:30pm	
\$35 full \$31 conc	
△ Coarse language References to drug use	
Presented by The Butterfly Club Image: by Ellie Barkla	

Cabaret



The Burlesque of Bathsheba
Sickly sexy & supremely stupid

"I like concepts that have a dash of poison in them" says Bathsheba, Melbourne's bad-ass of drag, who's been entertaining punters at Pride since 2018. Bathsheba will portray femme fatales and bountiful bimbos for your viewing pleasure. Expect a plethora of pop culture references and uniquely twisted surprises. With guests, cabaret star Josh Sanders and everyone's favourite drag starlet Sam Thompson.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray	
3 Feb	2hrs
Thu 8pm	
\$25 full \$19 conc	
△ Strobe lights Smoke/haze	
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Bathsheba Image: by Daniel Spellman	

Dance

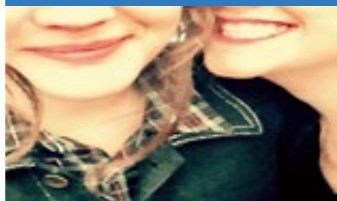


SPICE BABES
Queer tribute to the Spice Girls

'SPICE BABES' will utilise the 25th anniversary of the SPICE & SPICEWORLD as a vehicle to feature a range of underground queer artists from Naarm/Melbourne. The albums by these five spicy British girls hold a special place within the collective queer psyche of this generation. This new event is ready to spice up your (post-lockdown) life and provide a perfect springboard to re-imagine this seminal work with a distinctive Melbourne flavour - celebrating the diversity of our community.

Howler, Brunswick	
3-4 Feb	2hrs
Thu, Fri 8pm	
\$44 full \$34 conc	
△ Strobe lights Smoke/haze Long periods of standing	
Presented by BARBA Presents Image: "SPICE MAIDS" by @jockmooney	

Theatre



Sweet Hindsight
A comedic casualty

Sweet Hindsight is a story about two women exploring the connection and feelings we have of seeing one another sexually, but unsure of dating each other. Through discovering their quirks and humour they tell a story of trouble to commit. However, the story of the two is told backwards. The journey in this story unravels slowly as we see elements that challenge the fragile relationship but connect strongly to the moments of intimacy and joy they find in one another.

The Motley Bauhaus - Black Box, Carlton	
25-26 Jan, 28-29 Jan	1hr
Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat 6pm	
\$25 full \$18.50 conc	
△ Coarse language	
Presented by Letitia Kellion	

Circus



The Defiant
Powerful fierce circus

Joyful and emotive, The Defiant is a celebration of rebellion and fierceness told through an explosion of acrobatic feats and phenomenal live music. Bringing together world class athletes and acrobats, The Defiant presents a dystopian circus that is electrifying, exciting and full of care. The Defiant explores force, energy and power through bold contemporary circus and a live rock soundtrack.

Gasworks Arts Park - Gasworks Theatre, Albert Park	
27-29 Jan, 1-5 Feb	1hr
Tue-Sat 7pm Sat 3pm	
\$25 preview \$35 full \$30 conc \$25 group (min 6)	
△ Smoke/haze	
Presented by Highwire Entertainment	

Interactive Performance



The Demographic Dance OFF: Face-to-Face
Led by a collective of Deaf and Disabled artists

Face to Face invites you into an immersive dance experience exploring identity, stigma and isolation. Touch, Auslan, film and silhouettes weave together in an evocative new work reflecting experiences of isolation prior to Covid 19 and the common threads now experienced by most during the pandemic.

Footscray Community Arts - Basement Theatre, Footscray	
12 Feb	30m
Sat 12:15pm Sat 1:15pm Sat 2:15pm	
Creative Access: \$25 full \$15 conc \$10 BIPOC	
Standard: \$15 full \$10 conc FREE BIPOC	
Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Demographic Dance OFF in association with Footscray Community Arts	

Comedy



The Pageant

A children's beauty pageant most definitely not for children.

Backcomb that big hair, glue on the giant lashes and prepare to snatch that crown!

Your hosts Victoria Beauvoir and Roger Seahorse are on a mission to bring children's beauty pageants to every Australian town and Melbourne- it's your turn.

"It's the beauty pageant to end all beauty pageants... a hugely entertaining evening of hilarity" My Melbourne Arts

Comedy Republic, Melbourne
4-5 Feb 1hr
Fri, Sat 7pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc
Presented by The Beryls
Image: by Lucy Fox

Theatre



The Story Keepers

Magical, fun, queer fairy tales!

The Story Keepers is a brand new play where fairy tales are for everyone, and all you need to tell a good story is some imagination.

Join Galen, Magnus, Topher, Arly, and Calico as they use their magical book, everyday objects, songs - and your imagination - to tell three queer fairy tales! From "Once upon a time" to "happily ever after!", The Story Keepers is a silly, enchanting, and unapologetically queer show for kids and their adults!

La Mama HQ, Carlton
12-13 Feb 1hr
Sat, Sun 10am & 1pm
\$10 full
Brief references to fairy tale violence
Presented by La Mama Theatre
Image: by Aiden McHarg

Theatre



Thrive: Queer voices, out loud

An original work of verbatim theatre.

Thrive is the story of the trailblazers and future-makers; of LGBTQIA+ Victorians, young and old.

Real life, larger than life and in their own words.

This is the story of planting the seed. This is the story of watching it grow. This is the story of how to thrive.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
10-13 Feb 1hr 30m
Thu-Sat 8pm | Sat 2pm | Sun 6:30pm | Q&A sessions post-performance.
\$30 full | \$20 conc
Coarse language | Suicide references | References to lived experiences of homophobia and transphobia
Presented by Black Apple Theatre

Cabaret



Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray

5 Feb 2hrs 30m
Sat 7:30pm
\$30 full | \$24 conc
Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Trans Showgirls

The Trans Showgirls are a unique performance group in Australia. They celebrate talent, glamour, fun and diversity as they perform wonderful routines to all our favourite songs. From Adele, to Madonna, to Abba, the Showgirls will take you on an epic tour of music, dance and costume.

Theatre



The Shy Manifesto by Michael Ross

"In its strongest moments, the play does well to articulate the real pain of being a teenager." - Exeunt Magazine

Seventeen year old Callum is proud to be shy & he thinks you should be too, because what this crazy world needs right now is a bit more self-restraint. Jake Matricardi stars in this bittersweet coming-of-age comedy/drama about a shy boy who is fed up of constantly being told to come out of his shell.

Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
1-5 Feb 1hr 10m
Tue-Sat 6:30pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc | \$20 group (min 6)
Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence
Presented by Gavin Roach
Image: by Ali Choudhry

Cabaret



The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD

31 Jan-5 Feb 1hr
Mon-Sat 7pm
\$35 full | \$27 conc
Coarse language

Image: by Stephen Amos

Charlotte is a chaotic quarter-century opening a can of disasters to mine for lessons of hindsight. This is a punchy autobiographical cabaret, with punk ukulele, piano-bashing and pop songs.

A quarter life crisis was never so entertaining!

Cabaret



Trans Showgirls Summer Spectacular

The glamour and fun of Las Vegas and Asia is alive in Melbourne!

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
5 Feb 2hrs 30m
Sat 7:30pm
\$30 full | \$24 conc
Strobe lights | Smoke/haze

Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Trans Showgirls

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Comedy



Two Queers Walk Into A Bar

Join the Two Queers and their very funny friends as they return to Midsumma for 2022!

Since starting TQWIAB (catchy, we know) in August 2019 in Sydney, these queers have created a safe and inclusive environment for the queer community, as well as featuring some of the best acts in the LGBTQIA+ comedy scene. Previous acts have included Gen Fricker, Zoë Coombs Marr, Jordan Raskopoulos and Nina Oyama.

Comedy Republic, Melbourne
4-5 Feb 1hr 30m
Fri, Sat 8:30pm
\$25 full | \$20 conc | \$20 group (min 6)
Coarse language
Presented by Two Queers Productions
Image: by Clare Hawley

Comedy



Woah, Alyssa! 3

Directed by Mark Bonanno (Aunty Donna)

Hey skanks, we're Col and Fil, two boyfriends who make queer comedy for normies. Our show is a sketch comedy extravaganza so good you'll wanna take it as a suppository!

★★★★ "Makes big laughs look easy" - Beat Magazine

The Butterfly Club - Upstairs, Melbourne CBD
27-29 Jan 1hr
Thu-Sat 10pm
\$35 full | \$31 conc
Nudity | Coarse language
Presented by The Butterfly Club
Image: by Jesse Vogelaar

Comedy



Womyn of Comedy

No mansplaining required! A queer night of life-affirming comedy featuring some of the best female and non-binary identifying acts in Melbourne today. Hosted by comedian, actor, writer & greenie Jordan Barr, this show will keep you laughing through your second wave sunburn. Included in the line up is Annie Louey, Maddy Weeks, Sunanda with more TBA. Expect quirky & queer jaw dropping surprises on stage in the most inclusive venue in Melbourne's west.

Pride of our Footscray Community Bar, Footscray
1 Feb 1hr 45m
Tue 7:30pm
\$25 full | \$19 conc
Coarse language
Presented by Pride of our Footscray Community Bar and Footscray Comedy Club

Theatre



W O E

by Night Garden Theatre

Alex, a queer woman struggling under the weight of modern patriarchy, suddenly finds herself drowning in the psyche of Shakespeares' (in)famous character Ophelia as the latter is making the decision to end her life. Both women must face down the demons they've been running from all their lives and find the strength to turn the tide before they plunge over the edge into oblivion.

Theatre Works: Explosives Factory, St Kilda
2-5 Feb 45m
Wed-Sat 7:30pm
\$37.50 full | \$29.50 conc
Nudity | Violence | Suicide references
Presented by Theatre Works and Night Garden Theatre
Image: by Cynthia Sobraty

Comedy



Woah, Alyssa! and Besties

Golden Gibbo Award Nominees

Hilarious gay boyfriends Col and Fil team up with their comedy besties to bring you a silly, sexy hour of sketch comedy, stand-up and songs that just won't quit. With a brand-new super secret lineup each night of Melb's most gorge comedians, you'll have to come both nights if you wanna find out who our Top 8 is. Topics include "gay", sex & the internet.

Comedy Republic, Melbourne
11-12 Feb 1hr
Fri, Sat 8:30pm
\$25 full | \$22 conc
Coarse language
Image: by Emma Holland

Spoken Word



Zoom-Zoom Professional Intercourse Online

A hypothetical presented by Thorne Harbour Health

COVID has changed the way that we live and work, perhaps forever. But the Zoom world can hold hidden traps! Is my lighting okay? Do I only need to dress from the waist up? Join a panel of LGBTQIA+ media personalities and community leaders as they're thrown into a fictional narrative with Janice from HR and new employee Davyd.

Venue To Be Announced, Melbourne
1 Feb 1hr 30m
Tue 7pm
FREE booking required
Coarse language
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Music

#midsumma



Image: Kira Puru at Heide by Tanya McCulloch

Classical



La Mama Courthouse, Carlton
11-13 Feb 2hrs
Fri, Sat 7:30pm | Sat, Sun 2pm | Audio Described: Sun 2pm | Tactile Tour: Sun 2pm | Relaxed: Sat 2pm
\$30 full | \$20 conc
△ Latecomer lockout
Presented by La Mama Theatre
Image: By Miranda Hill

Homophonic!

Curated & MC'd by Miranda Hill

Homophonic! is bringing the disco ball to the concert hall! Celebrating 11 years of mind-bending queer classical music. Experience Melbourne's only cult classical chamber music concert, filled with homosexual harmonies, sapphic symphonists, and musical double-ententres. Come and experience the outlandish sound worlds of today's LGBTQIA+ composers!

"Homophonic! is a magically unique experience which produces nothing less than musical utopia" - Stage Whispers

Popular Music



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton
4 Feb
Fri 9pm-3am
\$40 full | \$30 conc
Presented by MARY! (A Gay-ass Disco for Every Body)
Image: by Steven Weir

MARY! It's time.

This one is for the true queer disco believers

MARY! is just a wee bit excited to present their first Midsumma Festival party in the hallowed halls of Melbourne's iconic Trades Hall. DJ's the Sugar Plump Fairy, Mr Weir and your naughty hostess Firefox (plus guests) can't wait to bring some disco magic to queer folks of all shapes and sizes and their lovely chums. Join the movement! Well may we say god save the queens because nothing will save MARY! now..!

Popular Music



Bluestone Church Arts Space, Footscray
6 Feb, 9 Feb 1hr
Sun 4pm | Wed 8pm
\$27.50 full | \$22 conc
Presented by Willow
Image: by Jody Haines Photography

Out Proud & Country

Contemporary Country album launch with a kick-arts band

A country boy with a bohemian heart and city smarts, Willow is a contemporary country singer-songwriter whose body of work reflects the diversity and colour of a life well-lived. Breathing fresh air into the genre, Willow and his band perform a high energy, uplifting set of songs that will linger in your memory and have you humming the tunes long after you have left the building.

"Can't wait for the album"- ABC Country

Popular Music



Forest Glade Gardens, Mount Macedon
26 Jan
Wed 10am-4pm
\$10 full
△ Door sales only
BBQs and pets are not permitted
Presented by The Melbourne Rainbow Band & Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus

Picnic at Forest Glade

Enjoy a picnic in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mount Macedon with other members of Melbourne's gender and sexually diverse community.

On the 26th Jan public holiday, pack a picnic rug and gourmet picnic hamper and enjoy the music of the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus and the Melbourne Rainbow Band in one of Australia's finest private gardens, only an hour from Melbourne.

Music

midsumma.org.au

Classical



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Joan Hammond Hall, Southbank
29 Jan 1hr
Sat 5pm
\$40 full | \$35 conc
Presented by Orchestra Victoria and Midsumma Festival
Image: by James Geer

Pride and Joy

A celebration of queer composers across time and place.

The voices of LGBTQIA+ composers can be heard in music throughout history, yet this is often omitted from historical retellings, and so from our collective memories. Join the musicians of Orchestra Victoria as they celebrate queer luminaries of the past, and contemporary voices lighting the way into the future.

Popular Music



303, Northcote
10 Feb 1hr 30m
Thu 8pm
\$20 full | \$15 conc
△ References to drug use
Image: by Queen Beaver

Queen Beaver presents Beavers Behaving Badly

Entertaining queers for 25 years!

The Beavers are back for one night only, with new tunes celebrating bad behaviour. Known for bent covers, twisted originals and comic banter since 1996, Queen Beaver has entertained our communities from Northcote to Nevada - come join the party.

"Trio has wow factor" - Northcote Leader



Kaleide Theatre, Melbourne
27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb, 17 Feb 2hrs
Thu 6:30pm
FREE booking required
Presented by RMIT Occasional Choral Society
Image: RMIT Creative

Queer, Trans, and Gender Diverse Inclusive Choir @ RMIT

Voices don't have a Gender!

Join the RMIT Occasional Choral Society for four weeks of Queer, Trans, and Gender Diverse Inclusive Choir sessions as we come together to sing.

We welcome singers of all genders in all vocal part sections and encourage everyone to be themselves.

Folk



The Curtin, Carlton
9-11 Feb 1hr
Wed-Fri 8pm |
Wet & Wild Afterparty: Fri 11 Feb 9pm-late
\$25 full | \$20 conc
Afterparty: \$10 full | \$5 with show ticket
△ Coarse language | Strobe lights
Presented by The Shanties Choir
Image: by Jodie Hutchinson

Seamen! The Sea Shanty Spectacular

Melbourne's newest cult choir take on TikTok's #1 viral trend

Winner of two Melbourne Fringe Awards! Join the newest cult choir sensation for a bounty of seafaring songs and nautical naughtiness.

Inspired by TikTok's #1 viral trend which saw sea shanties catapulted back into popular culture, ten of Melbourne's finest indie choir performers are putting a modern pop spin on these folk classics.

Popular Music



Federation Square, Melbourne
12 Feb 3hrs
Sat Midday
FREE
△ Coarse language
Presented by Fed Square, Trans Pride March Melbourne and Transgender Victoria

Trans Pride Concert

Featuring artists and performers from Melbourne's trans community.

Trans Pride Concert will be celebrating the trans community of Victoria like never before!

Through a showcase of local performers at Federation Square, there will be a celebratory concert of trans excellence.

Pass the Mic.

Electronic



Midsumma Digital Event | Club Voltaire, North Melbourne
Stream on demand: 23 Jan-9 Feb
\$15.50 full | \$10.50 conc 35m
Club Voltaire: 10-12 Feb 8pm 50m
\$27.50 full | \$20.50 conc
△ Coarse language | Strobe lights |
References to drug use
Presented by Petrichor Productions

WCB: Sigil

Dark & unnervingly sexy

Described internationally as neo-soul, R&B, electronica and trip-hop, "emotional and soulful", "with a distinct moodiness", "WCB: Sigil" combines WCB's love for music, visual storytelling and movement, providing an authentic representation into the the struggles of being queer and an artist.

Artistic Merit Nominee - 2021 Newcastle Fringe Awards

Visual Arts

Image: 'Fabulous and Impossible'
A Portrait of Leigh Bowery
Based on photography by
Fergus Greer 2020



Image: Samuel Beatty presenting Top Surgery
Recovery Series, Midsumma and Australia Post Art
Award 2021. Photo by Suzanne Balding

Vote for your favourite Art in Australia's leading queer arts award, Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award 2022. In its 7th year, the exhibition will be made available to the public for voting during Midsumma Festival at No Vacancy Gallery.

Find the Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award event on pg 51 of this guide for full exhibition details.



Exhibition



Signal, Melbourne

4-6 Feb

Fri-Sun 12-4pm | Launch: Fri 4 Feb 7-9pm

FREE

Presented by Story is Connection, Supported by HEY Grant from YACVIC, the City of Melbourne through SIGNAL, AGMC and Share Some Journey.

Image: by Thi Phuong Anh Ngo

Across the Bridge

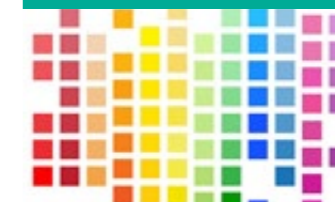
An art exhibition exploring authentic stories beyond labels.

Cinderella and the game of hard choices. The poetic destruction of an ideal self. Traditional flowers growing in new soils. Clay figures musing the dilemmas of the self. Performance that parodies the rules of 'nature.' Photography that distills the essence of it all!

Coming from diverse cultural backgrounds, you might experience similar identity, gender, or social dilemmas. Come to visit and reflect!



Exhibition



Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre - Joel Gallery, Altona

29 Jan-10 Feb

Mon-Sun 11am-3pm

FREE

Presented by Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre

Image: Carlos Almenar

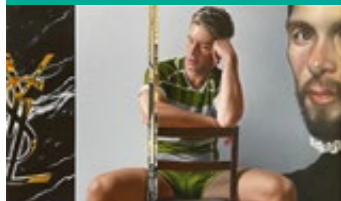
Colours of the Rainbow in a Diverse Community

A unique rainbow installation!

Register for a creative challenge to be part of a rainbow installation in the Joel Gallery at the Louis Joel Centre. Open to all artists, emerging artists and creatives who have a connection to Hobsons Bay, Wyndham, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, or Moonee Valley. Proudly supported by Hobsons Bay Council.



Exhibition



Dioramas - Ross Watson Exhibition

World first launch of new painting series.

Watson's new series 'Dioramas', demonstrates an exciting development in the artist's work, and explores personal themes relevant to his experience of the global pandemic. Artworks from Watson's 1992 'Self Series' also feature to coincide with his artwork included in the NGV Queer Exhibit.

"He's a leader in contemporary realism." Sir Elton John

Ross Watson Gallery, Carlton North
22-23 Jan, 29-30 Jan, 5-6 Feb
Sat, Sun 11am-5pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Presented by Ross Watson Gallery
Image: Footballer / YSL by Ross Watson

Exhibition



Every Word We Write Is Panacea

Part of Midsumma Westside

During Midsumma Festival, come participate in the latest iteration of 'Every Word We Write Is Panacea', the third installation of the collaborative writing work by artist Matto Lucas at Altona Civic Centre in Altona.

Altona Civic Centre, Altona
24-28 Jan, 31 Jan-4 Feb, 7-11 Feb
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
FREE
Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council
Image: by Matto Lucas

Exhibition



Impossible Dance (iii)

Part of Midsumma Festival Westside

"Impossible Dance (iii)" (titled after Fiona Buckland's 2002 queer world-building and dance-floor analysis PhD), is a collection of photographic images taken from over the last decade by artist Matto Lucas's photographic practice, on display at Laneway Gallery, an outdoor exhibition space in Laverton during Midsumma Festival.

Laneway Gallery, Laverton
19 Jan-15 Feb
Mon-Sun 9-9am
FREE
Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council
Image: by Matto Lucas

Public Art



Impossible Dance (iv) - Matto Lucas

A new outdoor exhibition at The Substation Billboard Gallery

Impossible Dance (iv) by Matto Lucas is a collection of black and white photographs which celebrate, canonise and represent queer communities in a pre-COVID world of nightlife, art and entertainment.

Impossible Dance (iv) is the fourth iteration in a broader series of performance-based photography.

The Substation, Newport
24 Jan-14 Feb
Mon-Sun
FREE
Presented by The Substation
Image: by Matto Lucas. Benjamin Hancock performs at Barba Party, 2016.

Exhibition



Fabulous & Impossible: The Cult of Leigh Bowery

Featuring a collection of new and pre-existing works, Christopherson's beautifully camp and subtly strange portraiture and video work celebrates the impact of queer visionaries, especially Leigh Bowery, on his contemporary arts practice. For lovers of meticulously made things which glory in the uncomfortable and underground and the shock of the spectacle.

The Bowery Gallery, St Albans, Melbourne
28 Jan-19 Mar (closed Sundays)
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Sat 9am-12pm
FREE
Presented by Tom Christopherson and Creative Brimbank
Image: 'Fabulous and Impossible' - A Portrait of Leigh Bowery Based on photography by Fergus Greer 2020

Exhibition



Flying the Flag

Contemporary British artist Annabel McCourt is 'Flying the Flag' for queer history.

Annabel McCourt creates flags to represent queer histories. Starting with a downward-pointing triangle, this flag series brings to attention relevant elements from Lincolnshire's history (the artist's home county), as well as major moments within LGBTQIA+ communities. Accompanying the flags will be films highlighting McCourt's celebrated queer work, Electric Fence.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Abbotsford Convent - St Heliers Street Gallery, Abbotsford
24 Jan-26 Feb, Tue-Sat 9am-5pm
Tue-Sun 9am-5pm
FREE
△ Not suitable for young audiences
Presented by Midsumma Festival and the British Council - UK/Australia Season 2021-22

Exhibition



Into the Wild

Into the Wild is an exhibition by David Helmers and Eureka O'Hanlon that responds to our recent lived experience of shared vulnerabilities in the unknown. Eureka's studies of the male nude and Helmers' translucent porcelain sculpture come together in queer expression for the first time. Opening Tues 1st Feb 5.30pm followed by a free life drawing session at 7:30pm with featured live models hosted by Jean-Luc Syndikas of Gay Life Drawing & Top-Secret Life Drawing.

Abbotsford Convent - The Store, Abbotsford
1-6 Feb, 8-13 Feb, 15-20 Feb
Tue-Sun 11am-5pm | Opening: Tue 1 Feb 5:30pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Image: by David Helmers and Eureka O'Hanlon

Exhibition



Looking for Adam

A next generation investigation.

This exhibition brings together work by Ayman Kaake, David Charles Collins, David Lindesay and Ali Choudhry which they explore facets of masculinity through photography. Curated by garrie maguire and is the inaugural exhibition at this new gallery space

XYZ Photo Gallery, Docklands
26-28 Jan, 30 Jan, 2-4 Feb, 9-11 Feb
Wed-Fri, Sun 2-6:30pm
FREE
△ Nudity
Presented by XYZ Photo Gallery
Image: by Ayman Kaake, the weight II

Exhibition



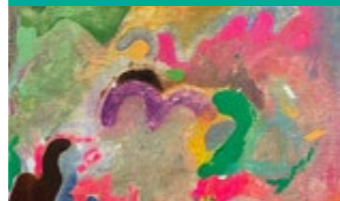
Freedom Is Mine

Photography Exhibition of LGBTQIA+ Asylum Seekers

Freedom is Mine is an extraordinary photographic portrait exhibition of LGBTQIA+ people seeking asylum by Peter Casamento. Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Peers is a growing and dynamic community group supported by Many Coloured Sky, the Queer Development Agency. Participants share elements of their stories and highlight the challenges they face in their journey to freedom and the chance to be themselves.

Victorian Pride Centre - Pride Gallery, St Kilda
19 Jan-15 Feb
Mon-Sat 9am-6pm | Sun 10am-6pm | Opening: Fri 21 Jan 6-8pm
FREE
△ Some imagery of traumatic experiences
Presented by Many Coloured Sky
Image: by Peter Casamento

Exhibition



Hey, I have something to say

A group exhibition curated by Tegan Iversen featuring the work of emerging artists Batoul Ahmad, Savi Ross, and Chelsea Arnott. Informed by the artists' unique perspectives on self, culture and identity; gender and queerness; and the power of connection in community, the exhibition includes works in painting, illustration, photography, and design.

Incinerator Gallery, Aberfeldie
28-30 Jan, 1-6 Feb, 8-13 Feb, 15-20 Feb, 22-27 Feb, 1-6 Mar
Tue-Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Fri 28 Jan 6-8pm
FREE
Presented by Incinerator Gallery
Image: 2014, Chelsea Arnott, 'Untitled'.

Exhibition



Midsumma and Australia Post Art Award

Australia's leading queer visual arts award

In its seventh year, this selection of queer artists from across the country showcase their personal and political perspectives. Open to early career and established artists working in any medium, the finalists' artwork are available to the public for viewing and voting during Midsumma Festival for the People's Choice award.

No Vacancy Gallery, Melbourne CBD
1-5 Feb
Tue, Wed 10am-4pm | Thu, Fri 10am-6pm | Sat 1-4pm
FREE
△ Adult themes
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post
Image: by Eugene Howard

Public Art



Miss First Nation Exhibition

Miss First Nation meets Midsumma Festival

As part of YIRRAMBOI in 2021, the Metro Tunnel Creative Program enabled photographer Joseph Mayers to shoot the 2020 Miss First Nation contestants at Holmesglen TAFE's Victorian Tunnelling Centre. The stunning results are now on display on Metro Tunnel hoardings in the city as part of 2022 Midsumma Festival.

Metro Tunnel Hoardings, Melbourne CBD | **Scott Alley**, Melbourne
23 Jan-28 Feb
Mon-Sun
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Metro Tunnel Creative Program, YIRRAMBOI Festival and Party Passport
Image: by Joseph Mayers

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Visual Arts

midsumma.org.au

Exhibition



O UT

O UT
A queer takeover at Brunswick Street Gallery.

Celebrate the launch of our Midsumma Festival exhibitions, featuring some of Australia's most exciting emerging and mid-career LGBTQIA+ artists. Showcasing work from multiple artists - each with a unique curatorial voice - O UT represents the diverse experiences of our community for an all-welcoming affair.

Brunswick Street Gallery, Fitzroy
28-30 Jan, 1-6 Feb, 8-13 Feb
Tue-Sun 10am-6pm | Opening Event: Fri 28 Jan 6-9pm
FREE
Presented by Brunswick Street Gallery

Exhibition



Pleasure Project
Curated by Tor Evans & Madeline Ferme

Queer women and gender diverse artists explore sex, sexuality, intimacy and pleasure in Pleasure Project. Celebrating the sexual experiences of queer women and their lovers, this exhibition highlights the nuances of queer intimacies and identities. In honouring all body types, all genders, all expressions and all experiences, Pleasure Project demystifies the sexual experiences of women loving women.

Queen Victoria Women's Centre - Exhibition Space, Melbourne
31 Jan-13 Feb
Mon-Sun 9am-5pm | Opening: Fri 4 Feb 6-8pm
FREE
△ Nudity | Sexually explicit content
Image: by Kitty Chrystal

Public Art



Pride on the Pavement

The iconic St Kilda vista will be centre point for this graphic modernist street pavement public art installation. Featuring artists with an edge to put their pride into artistic expression with boldness, intoxicating allure within contemporary graphic design context. Thus creating a new wave of expressionism in contemporary art.

St Kilda Esplanade, St Kilda | Jacka Boulevard Pedestrian Overpass, St Kilda
23 Jan-13 Feb
Mon - Sun
FREE
Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis proudly supported by City of Port Phillip
Image: by Ackroyd Curtis and GWA

"Ackroyd Curtis' art is worth witnessing if you haven't already." - Forté

Exhibition



Progression
A collaborative exhibition between artist Andrew J Pearson and curator Tracey McIrvine

We invite you to hear and see the answers to three questions we asked the community about their lives during the pandemic. Then we invite you into a gentle hypnotic immersive space filled with moving light projections, colors, reflections and ambient lullabies where you are embraced and welcomed to sit and be and breathe.

Gasworks Arts Park - ARB Gallery, Albert Park
24 Jan-13 Feb
Mon-Sun 9:30am-4pm
FREE
Presented by Andrew J Pearson and Tracey McIrvine
Image: by Andrew J Pearson

Exhibition



Proud Home
Take a step inside the homes of our queer community.

They say home is where the heart is and for many queer people our homes and spaces tell the story of who we are. As an interior stylist, Joshua has explored the stories of the spaces of queer individuals and how their own homes become a representation of their journey.

Brightspace Gallery, Melbourne
29-30 Jan
Sat, Sun 11am-5pm | Opening: Fri 28 Jan 6-9pm
FREE
Presented by Joshua Marcus Stapleton
Image: featuring Joshua Marcus Stapleton

Proud Home is a photographic exhibition shot and curated by Joshua Marcus Stapleton of J;Marcus Design Studio.

Exhibition



Queer My Head

Celebrating the power of queer art-making to clear our heads of the pervasive cis-hetero-normative expectations and biases that contribute to mental health issues for LGBTQIA+ folk. This exhibition features LGBTQIA+ artists who have utilised their creativity to resist, repair, critique, subvert, survive and queerly thrive in non-normative ways. Immerse in a space designed to rejuvenate queerly embodied minds, and be inspired by a diverse collection of empowering contemporary queer art.

The Dax Centre
27 Jan-11 Mar
Wed-Fri 11am-3:30pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and The Dax Centre
Image: by Jaye Hayes

Access Midsumma

At Midsumma, we recognise our responsibility to provide genuine access to our events and services wherever possible. For this reason, we have several ways for everyone to access information about our events, to view these sources visit midsumma.org.au/access. If you have any questions, feedback or would like any information in another format, please don't hesitate to contact us. Midsumma is National Relay Service Ready.

Access

Wheelchair Access

Wheelchair access varies from venue to venue. To check a venue's wheelchair accessibility, look for the wheelchair access symbol alongside an event listing. Midsumma relies on accurate information provided by the venues; we recommend contacting the venue to confirm their accessibility.

National Relay Service

If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or have difficulty speaking, contact the National Relay Service on **133 677** or via relayservice.com.au, then ask for **03 9296 6600** during business hours. There is no additional charge for this service.

Companion Card Holders

Companion Card holders qualify for a complimentary ticket for their companion. Please contact Midsumma Ticketing on **03 9296 6600** to book.

Accessible Events

Please see individual event listings for Midsumma Festival 2022 across this page or visit midsumma.org.au/access for further information about services such as Auslan interpretation, audio description and tactile tours.

Alternative Format Guides

Large print, plain text and screen reader versions of the Midsumma Festival 2022 program can be downloaded on the Midsumma website midsumma.org.au/access. Alternatively, call Midsumma on 03 9296 6600 and we can email or post them to you.

Accessible Events

Relaxed Performances

Relaxed performances, or Sensory Friendly performances, are designed to create a safe and welcoming environment for people with learning difficulties and/or sensory and communication challenges.

Midsumma Festival Relaxed Performances

A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds
Pg 30
5 - 6 Feb & 12 - 13 Feb,
Sat 4pm & 6pm, Sun 6pm

AND/OR Panel Discussion
Pg 67
29 Jan, 1:30pm

Artemis: Utter Mess
Pg 31
9 - 10 Feb & 13 Feb, Wed 8:30pm,
Thu & Sun 6:30pm

Benched by Jamila Main
Pg 31
10 - 12 Feb, 1:30-4:15pm,
every 15 mins. Access services:
advance request required

Big Business Time Band
Pg 59
13 Feb, 11:30am

Expressions of Interest: Queer Gestures where is the queer body in dance, now?
Pg 67
3 Feb, 7pm

From All Who Came Before
Pg 36
9 Feb, 6:30pm; 10 Feb, 8:30pm;
13 Feb 4pm

Homophonic!
Pg 46
12 Feb, 2pm

Making Art, Words and Stories
Pg 68
29 Jan, 10am

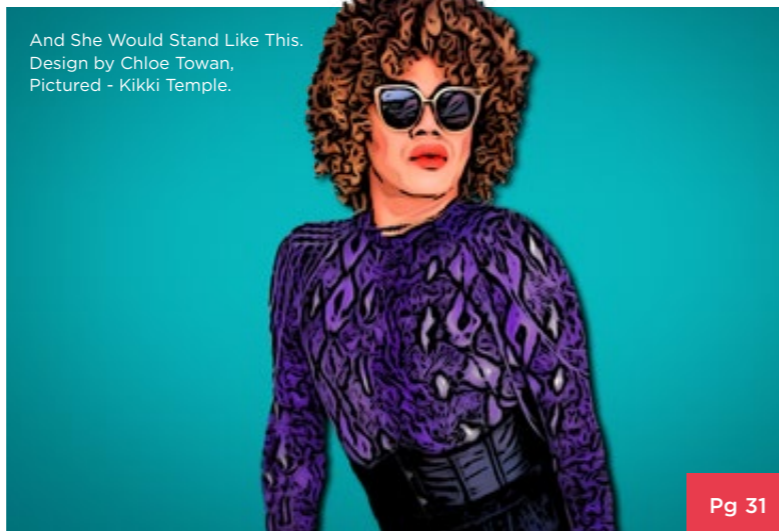
Rainbow Community Picnic
Pg 59
30 Jan, 12pm

SICK
Pg 40
10 Feb, 7:30pm

Stepping Out With Pride
Pg 60
25 Jan, 2pm

The Story Keepers
Pg 44
12 - 13 Feb, 10am & 1pm

What we found when we went looking for Victoria's queer heritage...
Pg 69
9 Feb, 7pm



And She Would Stand Like This.
Design by Chloe Towan,
Pictured - Kikki Temple.

Auslan Interpreted

Auslan interpreter services provide equal access to arts and entertainment for people who are Deaf, their friends and families.

Midsumma Festival Auslan Interpreted Events

.CHURCH.
Pg 28
3 Feb, 7:30pm

A Resourceful Hero Struggling Against Incredible Odds
Pg 30
see website for Auslan sessions

And She Would Stand Like This
Pg 31
11 Feb, 7:30pm

AND/OR Panel Discussion
Pg 67
29 Jan, 1:30pm

Artemis: Utter Mess
Pg 31
10 Feb, 6:30pm & 11 Feb, 8:30pm

Ballads & Ballgowns
Pg 31
7 Feb, 8:30pm

Benched by Jamila Main
Pg 32
10-12 Feb, 1:30-4:15pm, every 15 mins.
Access services: advance request
required

Cab Suave
Pg 32
10 Feb, 9:30pm

Expressions of Interest: Queer Gestures - where is the queer body in dance, now?
Pg 67
3 Feb, 7pm

Footscray Laughs ft. Beastie Girls & Friends
Pg 36
28 Jan, 8pm

From All Who Came Before
Pg 36
10 Feb 8:30pm, 11 Feb 6:30pm

Fun Home
Pg 36
22 Feb, 6:30pm

Get Bent Fest!
Pg 37
12 Feb, 7pm - 2am

GLOBE Community Awards
Pg 63
11 Feb, 6:30pm

Line Up, Sign Up, Muck Up
Pg 37
5 Feb, 7:30pm

Menace Ridge
Pg 38
3 Feb, 7:30pm

Midsumma Carnival
Pg 64
23 Jan, 11am - 10pm, Auslan: Main Stage

Midsumma Pride March
Pg 64
6 Feb, 11am - 4pm

Musical Stories: Introducing Teddy
Pg 59
10 Feb, 10:30am, Midday, 1:30pm & 3pm

Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party
Pg 60
29 Jan, 6:30pm

Park Lounge
Pg 39
12 Feb, 6pm

Queer Pasifika: The Rebirth Of The Cool
Pg 64
10 Feb, 6pm

Queer Sporting Alliance Basketball Jam & Roller Disco
Pg 65
29 Jan, 2pm

QueersofJoy
Pg 40
3 Feb, 7:30pm

SICK
Pg 40
11 Feb, 7:30pm

SMASH: the Drag Show
Pg 42
29 Jan, 7pm

The Demographic Dance Off: Face-to-Face
Pg 43
12 Feb, 12:15pm, 1:15pm and 2:15pm



Cab Suave. Image by EmmelineD
Photography & KTB Media

Audio Described

Through the use of a headset, audience members can listen to a description of the visual aspects of the event during appropriate breaks in the dialogue.

Midsumma Festival Audio Described Events

And She Would Stand Like This
Pg 31
12 Feb, 3pm

Artemis: Utter Mess
Pg 31
9 Feb 8:30pm

From All Who Came Before
Pg 36
8-13 Feb, Tue, Thu & Sat 8:30pm,
Wed & Fri 6:30pm, Sun 4pm

Fun Home
Pg 36
26 February, 2pm & 1 March, 6:30pm

Homophonic!
Pg 46
13 Feb, 2pm

QueersofJoy
Pg 40
3, Feb 7:30pm

SICK
Pg 40
12 Feb, 7:30pm

WHOLE SELF
Pg 56. Audio Described via
advanced request

Captioned

Captions are displayed on a screen, enabling the audience/viewer to read what is being said.

Midsumma Festival Closed Captioned Events

Becoming You
Pg 63
23 - 29 Jan & 5 - 13 Feb, 10am - 5pm

ELEPHANT
Pg 34
29 Jan, 6pm

From the Club to the Theatre: Panel Talk
Pg 68
27 Jan

Fun Home
Pg 36
5 Mar 2pm

Galentine's Under the Stars Film
Pg 57
13 Feb, 6pm

Pride Cup Trivia Live
Pg 64
10 Feb, 7:30pm

Tranz Talkz
Pg 65
25 Jan, 8pm

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 1, Melbourne

5 Feb
Sat 10am-3pm

FREE

Presented by ACMI, Midsumma Festival and Queertech.io

Queertech.io IRL Screening & Discussion

An online/offline exhibition

Curated by the Queertech.io artist collective, works by artists identifying as both queer and disabled will be premiered online via the queertech.io website and offline at a special screening at ACMI. Join the Queertech.io artist collective following the screening, as they speak to some of the artists from the exhibition about their practice, current and future.

Exhibition



Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee

20 Jan-13 Mar
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm | Sat, Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Thu 20 Jan 6:30-8:30pm

FREE

Presented by Wyndham City
Image: by Timmah Ball

Rapid Eye Movement

Curated by Timmah Ball and Raina Peterson

In an unexpected time of closure, separated from bodies, place and community, sleep has new meaning and materiality. Catch these ideas in your waking hours at Wyndham Art Gallery. In an exhibition guest curated by Timmah Ball and Raina Peterson, Rapid Eye Movement presents the work of a range of artists exploring these possibilities.

Exhibition



ACU Melbourne Gallery, Fitzroy

21 Jan-21 Feb
Mon-Sun

FREE

Presented by Jane Trengove and Susan Long

Image: State Library Victoria, Green Brothers Photography, c.1913-1926.

S/He

"Ferocity, lasciviousness, monstrous egotism ... there are plenty of inconsistent circumstances and details; it could be toned down ... but what for?" - Claude Cahun 'Aveux non Avenus' 1930.

A drive-by, walk or wheel-up 24/7 exhibition. COVID safe viewing at all times.

Exhibition



Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, Bundoora

11 Dec-12 Mar
Wed-Sat 11am - 4pm

FREE

Presented by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

Image: by Selwyn Hoffmann

Solace

Winner of the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Award at Midsumma Festival 2020

"The ocean of lockdown, dark, deep and unknown... I seek the flight of stairs, out of the mist, the peak, to embrace my solace."

Through mixed media sculpture, Selwyn Hoffmann explores safe havens amidst a pandemic. Selwyn is a member of the Australian Deaf community and his lived experience, as well as ideas around Australian Deaf history, are central to his art.

Art Online



Tea and Bikkies

"Get ready to do what you want to" - Forté

Take a sip of tea, a bite of a bikkie and follow creative discourse with writer and visual artist Martha as she interviews the freshest talent of creatives, and leaders available throughout the 2022 Midsumma Festival season on the 'Tea and Bikkies' podcast.

'Ackroyd Curtis' art is worth witnessing if you haven't already.' - Beat Magazine

Midsumma Digital Event

19 Jan, 23 Jan 24hrs
Wed, Sun 12am

FREE

Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Image: by Martha Ackroyd Curtis

Exhibition



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Incinerator Gallery, Aberfeldie

28 Jan-6 Mar (closed Mondays)
Tue-Sun 11am-4pm | Opening: Fri 28 Jan 6-8pm | Auslan: via advance request | Audio Described: via advance request

FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery

Image: Bon Mott and Sean Miles, 2020

WHOLE SELF

WHOLE SELF is an exhibition that illuminates the over-lapping spheres of queerness and disability as an intersection of infinite possibilities. WHOLE SELF articulates a multi-verse of senses enriched through the exploration of mythology, lore, sex, magic, ceremony and dreaming. The exhibition navigates transcendent abilities to move between spaces, melding together inner and outer narratives, celebrating the over-lapping of spheres, whilst weaving a journey beyond barriers.

Film



Photo by Nathan Engel

film



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

13 Feb 4hrs
Sun 6pm

\$27 full | \$22 conc | \$40 VIP full | \$35 VIP conc

Presented by Immigration Museum, Melbourne Queer Film Festival and Midsumma Festival

Image: By Tony Empire Collective

Galentine's Under the Stars

Grab your besties for a twilight film screening celebrating the magical bonds of friendship and chosen family.

Galentine's Day - or Palentine's Day is all about surrounding yourself with your BFFs and revelling in the unbreakable bonds of friendship.

Pack a picnic and join us on the closing eve of Midsumma Festival for a night of films, fun and frivolity.

VIP ticket includes a beanbag.

film



Village Cinemas Coburg Drive-In, Coburg North

4 Feb
Fri 6:30-9:30pm | Food trucks, live entertainment and music will be available before the film.

\$35 full

Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival

MQFF @ The Drive-In

Join us for a night you'll never forget as we bring MQFF to the Drive-In.

There's no better way to enjoy Midsumma Festival than with a night of film, fun and flair!

This special presentation will support the Melbourne Queer Film Festival's 32nd year of LGBTQIA+ cinema excellence.

film



Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda

30 Jan 3hrs
Sun 2pm

\$15 full | \$10 conc

Presented by Australian Queer Archives and Melbourne Queer Film Festival

Image: courtesy of Bobby Nugent Estate and Kathy Sport

Preserving Queer Histories on Film: About Vivien and A Big Life

Two short Australian docs and a panel discussion explore gender diverse histories.

The Australian Queer Archives (AQuA) and Melbourne Queer Film Festival (MQFF) present two short documentary films and a discussion with filmmakers Anna Brownfield and Kathy Sport and historian Dr Yves Rees.

film



Altona Theatre, Altona

30 Jan 1hr
Sun 11am

FREE booking required

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: by Vicki Jones

Why Did She Have to Tell the World: Continuity and Change in LGBTQIA+ Activism

Film screening and panel

Join us for a screening of this short film, a lesbian coming-out story spanning fifty years. The film will be followed by a panel featuring the writer-director AP Pobjoy, and young LGBTQIA+ activists exploring continuity and change in LGBTQIA+ activism from the 1970s to today.

Kids & Families



Rainbow Families Cabaret by PO PO MO CO.
Image by Mark Gambino

Kids and Families

Kids and Families



Big Business Time Band

Tighten your tie, buckle your briefcase and puff up your shoulder pads!

Queer artists from the West, Tanjo Eve and Caito Zacharias are taking you on a musical journey of the Big Business Company's past. Featuring songs 'I,I,I Want To Be Employee Of The Month' and 'Don't Leave Me In The Refrigerator' from the original show Business Time. This gig is strictly for everybody! Dress Code: Best business attire. Don't be late... there is work to be done!

Snuff Puppets, Footscray
13 Feb 1hr
Sun 11:30am
\$15 full | \$10 conc
Presented by Zigzag Collective

Kids and Families



Musical Stories: Introducing Teddy

Introduce your children to the magic of live music with Orchestra Victoria!

Introducing Teddy is a gentle story about gender, being true to yourself and being a good friend by Jessica Walton. This new, interactive concert by Australian composer Christine Pan is a perfect first musical experience for young people, they'll be singing and dancing all the way home!

State Library Victoria - Pauline Gandel Children's Quarter, Melbourne
10-12 Feb 20m
Thu-Sat 10:30am, Midday, 1:30pm & 3pm | Auslan: 10 Feb
FREE booking required
Presented by Orchestra Victoria with Midsumma Festival and State Library Victoria

Kids and Families



Rainbow Family Picnic

Let's celebrate families in all the colours of the rainbow!

Join entertainer and storyteller Jacqui Hoy, along with special musical guests for a picnic party bursting with song, stories, and pride.

Bring along your picnic rug and a snack and don't forget your hat and sunscreen. Family friendly - all families are welcome here!

Newport Community Hub, Newport
5 Feb
Sat 10:30am-1pm
FREE
Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council
Image: by @melbournemiyor

Kids and Families



Mini Beast Disco

Mini Beast Disco is a big-hearted, community-minded intergenerational eco-disco extravaganza; a wild, playful, youthful and green luminescent burst for critters aged 5 to 9, hosted by proud and queer underground artists Betty Grumble, Dandrogyny and Andreas Lohmeyer. Part performance, part workshop, Mini Beast Disco undulates, squirms and worms into orbit; creating an expansive view of the natural world to foster deep empathy, understanding and a sense of awe.

MIDSUMMA PRESENTS
Abbotsford Convent - Industrial School, Sacred Heart Building, Abbotsford
4-5 Feb 1hr 30m
Fri, Sat 11am
\$5 full | \$17 family (2 adults, 2 children)
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Abbotsford Convent and Unfunded Empathy
Image: by Liz Ham

Kids and Families



Rainbow Community Picnic

Midsumma Festival in the Southeast

Join us for a fun-filled relaxing family day out celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community and allies in Melbourne's Southeast. The Rainbow Community Picnic has something for everyone with food trucks, live performances, art and craft activities, and more.

Old Cheese Factory, Berwick
30 Jan
Sun 12-4pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Old Cheese Factory
Image: by Old Cheese Factory

Kids and Families



Sing-a-long Dragtime with Miss Jay and Frock Hudson

Dragtastic Family Fun

Who doesn't love to sing along to your favourite songs from cartoons, movies and musicals? Join the fabulous Frock Hudson & Miss Jay, as they show you a whole new world of family fun, in a colourful dragtastic sing-a-long for all ages to enjoy. There's no need to wish upon a star, just come along and be who you are!

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
2 Feb, 5 Feb 50m
Wed 11am | Sat 1pm
\$12 full | \$8 conc | \$30 family of 6
Presented by DEANation

Youth

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Midsumma Pride March participants 2019. Image by Dean Arcuri

Youth



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

29 Jan 3hrs

Sat 6:30pm

FREE booking required

△ LGBTQIA+ young people aged 12-19

Presented by Minus18, Immigration Museum and Midsumma Festival

Image: by Theresa Harrison Photography

Night at the Museum: Minus18 Youth Party

At long last, it's finally time for us to dance the night away in person! Prepare for Minus18's glorious return to IRL pride events, celebrating our LGBTQIA+ youth community.

There'll be LGBTQIA+ performers, competitions, snacks, glitter, pride vibes - and exclusive access to view the Immigration Museum's Becoming You exhibition after dark.

Youth



Brunswick Town Hall, Brunswick

5 Feb

Sat 12-3pm

FREE booking required

△ LGBTQIA+ identifying; aged 12-25 years old.

Presented by Moreland City Libraries and Moreland Youth

Image: by Em C

Queer Youth Clothes Swap and Artists' Market

Bring along any pre-loved clothes, shoes, and accessories and sustainably find new outfits to express yourself. Support local queer artists and hang out with local queer organisations, or chill out with some art activities and library books!

In association with Queerspace and Pink Ember Studio.

Youth



Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton

25 Jan 3hrs

Tue 2pm

FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay Libraries

Image: by Sausinbis

Stepping Out With Pride

Step out, stand out, make your mark!

Connect with your community at this workshop, experiment with airbrush techniques, stencils, glitter, paint pens and 3D paint while you transform your shoes from drab to fab! Whether you're marching, partying at Carnival, showing your pride at work, or being a supportive ally, these shoes will be with you every step of your journey. BYO shoes. All other materials provided. Strictly for young people 12-25.

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

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Community & Culture

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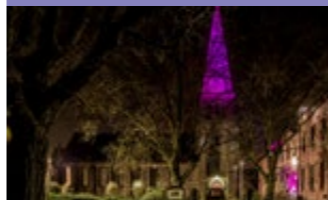


Image: Nocturnal x Midsumma Lunar
New Year Disco by Tanya McCulloch

Community and Culture

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Faith



St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy, Fitzroy

4 Feb 2hrs

Fri 7pm

FREE

Presented by St Marks Anglican Church Fitzroy

A Summer Mass

A church that turns no one away.

Come join us as we celebrate God's gift of our LGBTIQA+ identity with beautiful liturgy, vibrant music, thoughtful prayer, and stimulating words. St Mark's - a safe place to be for nearly 50 years. Refreshments in the garden afterwards.

Fashion



MKA | Pavilion, East Melbourne

29-30 Jan

Sat, Sun 11am-4pm

FREE

Presented by Tenfingerz and Famous Artist Sebastian Berto

Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea featuring Iconic Jan

Fast Fashun

An interactive, educational - DIY or DIE - fashion show!

A tonne of clothing and textile waste, otherwise destined for landfill, has been salvaged and a Fast Fashun wonderland in a pavilion in the Fitzroy Gardens is waiting for you to explore.

Fashion together an ensemble from the waste and then showcase it in a runway show happening every hour on the hour.

Open to all ages and all skill levels. Participate or sit back and watch.

Social



Plaza Ballroom, Melbourne

11 Feb 5hrs

Fri 6:30pm

\$150 full

Presented by GLOBE Victoria

GLOBE Community Awards

Highlighting the achievements of all Victoria's LGBTIQA+ community

A glamorous gala event to recognise and celebrate the inspiring people and organisations that work to benefit LGBTIQA+ people. Held annually, the GLOBE Awards highlight the work of a diverse range of organisations and individuals that benefit and unite our communities.

Day Out



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD

23-29 Jan, 5-13 Feb

Mon-Sun 10am-5pm

\$15 full | \$10 senior | FREE conc | Use promo code MIDSUMMA for 20% off entry throughout Midsumma Festival

Presented by Immigration Museum

Image: by Tony Empire Collective

Becoming You

Relive the highs and lows of growing up at **Becoming You: An incomplete guide, an immersive new exhibition at the Immigration Museum**

Explore hilarious and heart-wrenching coming-of-age stories from more than 70 storytellers including performance artist and writer Adolfo Aranjuez, model Andreja Pejic, disability activist Jax Jacki Brown, drag queen Karen from Finance and actor Noel Tovey among many more.

Market



Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy

30 Jan

Sun 12-5pm

FREE

Presented by Gay Stuff Markets

Image: by Jacinta Keefe

Gay Stuff Markets

Rainbow Pride

Gay Stuff Markets are back at Midsumma Festival for a 5th year!

Gay Stuff will be super prideful and celebrating everything queer with fabulous line up of over 20 amazing vendors and more!

Come get some Gay Stuff!

@gaystuffmarkets

Social



Newport Community Hub, Newport

9 Feb 1hr

Wed 6:30pm

FREE booking required

Growing Up Queer

Writers Alison Evans, Holden Sheppard and Gary Lonesborough share their experiences of growing up queer. They tell us of the support and advocacy they received and what support they wished had been there for them. This is an event to acknowledge, inspire as well as inform and empower.

Day Out



Magical Mystery Tour with the Motafrenz Car Club

A drag* race at a steady pace. *may or may not contain traces of drag.

Como Park North, South Yarra
30 Jan 4hrs
Sun 10am
\$20 full (door sales only)

Presented by Motafrenz Car Club, Inc.

Show off your best navigation, observation and problem-solving skills. You're sure to have a most enjoyable time. Pack a picnic lunch or pick up something along the way to our 'secret' meeting point. Prizes for highest scores, wooden spooners, best bribes, best dressed and fabbest auto!

Day Out



Gertrude Street and Smith Street, Fitzroy
13 Feb
Sun 11am-9pm
FREE

Presented by Victoria State Government. Produced by Midsumma

Image: by Elwyn Murray

Melbourne Pride

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria

To commemorate the anniversary, Melbourne Pride will celebrate with live performances, music, circus, interactive activities, community stalls, and demonstrations. In a contemporary display of festivities, we will embark on a journey through inspirational arts, community involvement, local venues, food and culture.

* Visit website for regional activities

Day Out



Midsumma Carnival

Biggest event of Melbourne's annual queer calendar

Fun in the sun all day and late into the evening to celebrate the beginning of another fabulous Midsumma Festival. Enjoy performances, picnic with friends, and see the iconic Dog Show. With stalls, food, and live entertainment galore leading us into a warm summer evening of T Dance. We expect we will need to restrict our audience numbers, so check out the webpage to secure your attendance at midsumma.org.au/carnival

Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne
23 Jan
Sun 11am-10pm | Auslan: Main Stage
FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Suzanne Balding

Day Out



Midsumma Pride March

Parade, pride and party come together once a year in Melbourne's iconic march celebrating solidarity in gender and sexuality diversity. A chance to tie up your bootlaces or throw on your heels, and join the spectacular act of unity that is Midsumma Pride March. Whether you join the fanfare by foot or by wheel, with friends or with lovers, as ally or as queer, Midsumma Pride March is for you.

Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens, St Kilda
6 Feb
Sun 11am-4pm
FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival

Image: by Suzanne Balding

Social



Pride Cup Trivia Live

The Australian Coping Edition

The Pride Cup Trivia Championships kept our inclusive sporting clubs connected and entertained online for the past two years and now they need our help getting back up & kicking again. This Midsumma Festival they're back online with a twist, in a gameshow extravaganza where you play along from home to earn points and prize money for your favourite LGBTQIA+ sporting club.

Join us for a Pride Cup Trivia like never before - and win!

Midsumma Digital Event
10 Feb 1hr
Thu 7:30pm
FREE booking required

Presented by Pride Cup, DEANation & Kade Matthews

Social



Queer Pasifika: The Rebirth Of The Cool

Returning back revamped, restyled and reloaded from its humble beginnings as the hit event Pacific Essence: Tales From A Migrant Plantation. Join fa'afafine host Amao Leota Lu and a panel of queer Pasifika artists as they take up space, share experiences and talanoa through storytelling and performance and what it means to be woven into the rainbow tapestry of intersectionality.

Victorian Pride Centre - Theatrette, St Kilda
10 Feb 1hr 30m
Thu 6pm
\$15 full | \$10 conc

Presented by Amao Leota Lu

Image: Bo Inukihaangana

Social



Queer Sporting Alliance Basketball Jam & Roller Disco

GSA does sport a little differently. Get on down to our big ol' queer basketball game followed by a roller disco aimed at beginners!

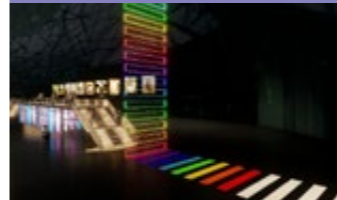
Featuring international DJ Andrew McClelland from Mr McClelland's Finishing School. Half time entertainment by dance troupe Real Hot Cheer Bitches. MC'd by Frock Hudson. Stick around for our roller disco magic!

Carlton Baths Community Centre, Carlton
29 Jan
Sat 2-7pm
FREE booking required

△ Free insurance forms will be provided by Skate Victoria onsite and must be completed prior to skating.

Presented by Queer Sporting Alliance

Arts



Reconstruct (the) Normative

Australian born photographer, Soraya Zaman spent three years travelling across the USA meeting and capturing the trans-masculine community from big cities to small towns. Zaman's sincere and tender portraits intuitively capture each person, providing viewers with a snapshot into their lives, personality, honesty and journeys across the trans-masculine spectrum.

Federation Square, Melbourne
28 Jan-10 Feb
Mon-Sun 10am-10pm | Live talk with artist Soraya Zaman - 3 Feb 6pm
FREE

Presented by Fed Square / Batik

Image: by Batik

Social



The Seven Gins of Pride

Will you spit or swallow?

Explore exotic tastes & community spirits (literally) distilled into seven bottles as the Divine Frock Hudson takes you on a pride filled journey though the history of Gin (it's all thanks to the gays).

With Spirit Expert & Rubberman James as our guide, get your gear on & enjoy this unique masterclass with coloured gins, mixers, garnishes & more.

The Laird, Abbotsford
12 Feb 2hrs
Sat 1pm
\$85 gin tasting only | \$115 gin tasting with food

Presented by DEANation, Box Bar Digital & Points of Difference Travel & Events

Image: by Christopher Thompson

Arts



Queer x Midsumma

Across two weekends explore queer histories, experiences and ideas within and beyond the museum walls with local, national, and international queer artists, writers and leaders. Presented alongside NGV's landmark exhibition Queer. Conversations, exhibition tours, performances and community-led presentations explore the complexity and diversity of queerness as an expression of sexuality and gender, a political movement, a way of understanding the now and what comes next.

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
19-20 Mar, 26-27 Mar
Sat, Sun
Check ngv.vic.gov.au for full schedule
FREE

Presented by NGV and Midsumma Festival

Image: by Ponch Hawkes

Arts



The Art Hunter presents, Twilight Salon

Hosted by David Hunt in front of a live studio audience.

Enjoy interviews, performances, and cocktails this is a must-see show!

"David through The Art Hunter gives a platform to hear the stories behind the artwork, and there is nothing more important than these stories within the artwork as they inspire our journey bringing the world alive with depth and meaning..." - Aleksandar Vass OAM, The Alex Press

Alex Theatre St Kilda - Theatre 2, St Kilda | Midsumma Digital Event
29 Jan, 5 Feb 1hr 30m
Sat 6pm
\$35 full | \$20 stream

Presented by Alex Read Theatre Performances Inc

Image: by Simon Barnett - The Art Hunter

BEYOND RAINBOWS EVENT

as part of midsumma festival

Join our Drag Queens, Comedians, Cirque Artists, and Dancers from the Ministry of Entertainment in a never before seen spectacular under the Big Top

you'll laugh, you'll cry,
you'll dance the day away



www.beyondrainbows.events

18+ event, mature audience, adult themes. Valid ID Required

Talks, Tours & Workshops



Image: Queers In Science - on First Nations' Knowledge

Workshops



Artmaking for Zines

QVWC x Gems Zine Workshops

Queen Victoria Women's Centre and Gems Zine will be hosting three creative workshops! Come as you are for zine making, painting and collage sessions aimed at developing skills for platforming your ideas and opinions. It's about collaboration too so bring friends, grab a beverage and join us as we get hands on with creative communication. We welcome beginners through to the experienced!

Queen Victoria Women's Centre - Exhibition Space, Melbourne
27 Jan, 3 Feb, 10 Feb 1hr 30m
Thu 6pm
\$30 full
Presented by Queen Victoria Women's Centre

Talks



Expressions of Interest: Queer Gestures - where is the queer body in dance, now?

Join legendary artists Carly Sheppard, Joel Bray, Kiki Dèveine Oricci, Raina Peterson, Govind Pillai, Alexander Powers and Luke George (curator) in a discussion of queer embodiments, kinship and lineages between bodies and the queer spaces in which we dance.

Temperance Hall, South Melbourne
3 Feb 2hrs
Thu 7pm
\$20 full | \$15 conc
Presented by Temperance Hall

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
29 Jan 1hr + Q&A
Sat 1:30pm
\$23 full | \$10 conc
Presented by Midsumma Festival
Image: by Alexis Desaulniers-Lea

AND/OR Panel Discussion

And/or; these are words we are often offered in forms, surveys, legal documents. It's amazing how two words are meant to summarise the complexities of intersectional identities. Join artists from the AND/OR program to expand on those complexities, discussing some of the strengths and challenges of 'and/or'. Tickets include entry to the museum and exhibition 'Becoming You: An Incomplete Guide'.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Immigration Museum, Melbourne CBD
5 Feb 1hr
Sat 10:30am | Sat Midday | Sat 2pm
\$27 full | \$23 conc
Presented by Immigration Museum
Image: featuring Abbey Rich

Clothes Revival Workshop

Get ready for Pride and learn sustainable ways to re-vitalise your wardrobe with artist Abbey Rich.

In this workshop you'll use colour, pattern and imagination to create your own designs and print and paint onto pre-loved clothes, totes, banners - you name it! Suitable for all ages.

Workshops



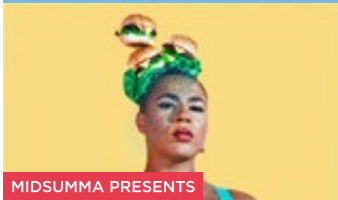
Fabulous Fiction

A writing workshop by well-known award winning Australian novelist Andrea Goldsmith.

The imagination has always flouted convention, and the best of fiction is proof of this. But a good idea is only a start; shaping it into a compelling and original story that people want to read requires technique. This workshop will focus on some of the tools that transform an idea into fabulous fiction. Be quick, spaces are limited.

Harehole Melbourne, Fitzroy
12 Feb 3hrs
Sat 2pm
\$17.50 full | \$15 conc
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Talks



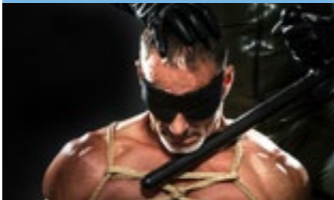
MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

Midsumma Digital Event
27 Jan 1hr
Thu 8pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Arts House, Arts Projects Australia & Hackney Showroom.
Image: by Elise Rose

From the Club to the Theatre: Panel Talk

Theatre artist Travis Alabanza is joined by an award winning panel of guests who all made their names on the queer club scene. In this revealing discussion they share stories of the journey from cabaret bars to some of the world's most prestigious stages. Supported by the UK/Australia Season Patrons Board, The British Council and the Australian Government as part of the UK/Australia Season

Workshops



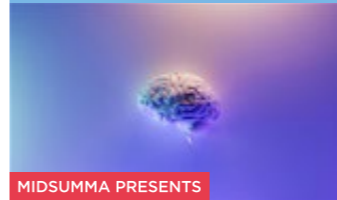
The Laird, Abbotsford
27 Jan 2hrs
Thu 6:30pm
FREE booking required
△ Nudity | Coarse language | Adults only | Male identifying only
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health

Impact Play

Down an' Dirty presents a special Midsumma Festival edition of their kink workshops

Join BJ from Eagle Leather as we explore the world of Impact Play. BJ is an accomplished BDSM top with a passion for everything BDSM and fetish. Down An' Dirty will be on hand to answer any questions relating to safer kink and BDSM play including bondage, fisting, electro-play and more. GP George Forgan-Smith joins us to tackle any medical and safety concerns. Hosted by The Laird Hotel. Spaces limited.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience, Parkville
27 Jan 2hrs 30m
Thu 6:30pm
\$15 full | \$10 conc | \$5 stream
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science, Royal Society of Victoria & The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

Queers in Science - on Neurodiversity

The brain of every individual is unique, meaning not everyone learns or thinks the same way. This exciting lecture about neurodiversity will be presented by a queer scientist with expertise in neuroscience. A panel discussion spotlighting the day-to-day experience of neurodivergent individuals will follow. Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

ACMI Gandel Digital Future Lab 2
24 Jan 4hrs
Mon 11am
FREE by expression of interest, see ACMI website for details
Presented by ACMI, Midsumma Festival and Queertech.io

Queertech.io Youth Workshop

Make some AI art in this workshop with Melbourne AI artist J. Rosenbaum. Learn about Style Transfer, GANs and Generating image from text by working with Artificial Intelligence art generation tools directly from your browser. No experience required.

Talks



Bowery Theatre, St Albans
4 Feb 2hrs
Fri 6:30pm
\$18 full | \$14 conc
△ Coarse language | Smoke/haze
Presented by Creative Brimbank
Image: by Carla Gottgens

Impress or Revolt

The fabulous and impossible legacy of Leigh Bowery.

Celebrating five years of the Bowery Theatre and Gallery in St Albans. Join us as we celebrate the legacy of the inimitable Leigh Bowery with special guests Tom Bowery (father of Leigh) in conversation with Michael Winkler. Featuring a curated performance program by James Welsby, an art exhibition by Tom Christophersen and costumes by Adele Varcoe, Jane Morley and the local community.

Workshops



Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton
29 Jan 5hrs
Sat 10am
FREE booking required
Presented by Dramawerkz Theatre Inc.
Image: by Emilia McSherry

Making Art, Words and Stories

Emerging young artists take the lead.

Four queer and diverse young artists each facilitate a workshop on their individual practice, intersecting at the ways in which their art expresses their identities. Featuring ceramicists, visual artists, theatre makers and poets, this youth-led and youth-centred event is ideal for anyone aged 13-25 with an eagerness to get creative and connect with community.

Workshops



Abbotsford Convent - Rosina Auditorium, Abbotsford
30 Jan 3hrs
Sun 11am | Prior to and in conjunction with Closet's Convent Party
\$40 full | \$30 conc
△ Latecomer lockout | Exploring themes of intimacy, consent, touch and bondage.
Presented by Abbotsford Convent

Ropetimes

Touching and Tying - A workshop in rope bondage and navigating intimacy, pleasure and consent.

Direct from Gaytimes Festival and facilitated by artist and ropeworker Luke George - an introductory rope bondage class for beginners and anyone who wants to learn, practice and play. A cheeky warm-up before heading over to Closet's Convent Party. Come with a partner to rope with or meet someone at the workshop. No previous experience required. Rope provided.

Talks



Victorian Pride Centre - The Forum, St Kilda
29-30 Jan 1hr 30m
Sat 3pm | Sun 11am
\$28 full | \$15 conc
△ Walking fitness required
Presented by Australian Queer Archives

St Kilda Queer History Walk

Much loved queer history walks by the Australian Queer Archives.

The seaside town is layered with queer histories from the iconic Luna Park and Prince Hotel which hosted numerous clubs and events including Pokey's, Pennies, Girl Bar, OutBlack to cafes such as Val Eastwoods Café 31 and at a venue in Acland St, the meeting place of the Daughters of Bilitis can lay claim to being Australia's first openly gay organisation.

Workshops



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Dax Centre
4 Feb, 11 Feb 2hrs 30m
Fri 4pm
\$55 full | \$35 conc
Image: by Jaye Hayes

Queer My Head Workshops

These workshops offer LGBTIQ+ people an opportunity to participate in their own creative head queering. No art experience necessary! The art-making processes offered will be fun, accessible and empowering. Enjoy an afternoon of art-making in a safe and accessible space for queer and gender diverse humans. Together we will explore, express, share and celebrate the diversity of our queerly embodied minds.

Talks



MIDSUMMA PRESENTS

The Royal Society of Victoria
3 Feb 2hrs
Thu 6:30pm
\$15 full | \$10 conc | \$5 stream
Presented by Midsumma Festival, Queers in Science & Royal Society of Victoria

Queers in Science - on First Nations' Knowledge

It is important that we reflect on and celebrate the contributions of the Traditional Custodians of the land we live on, and acknowledge First Nations people as the first scientists. This lecture features two Indigenous queer scientists, who will present their exciting research from their unique standpoint. Light refreshments will be served following the lecture.

Workshops



Yarra Youth Centre, Melbourne | Artful Dodgers Studios, Melbourne
21 Jan, 1 Feb 2hrs
Fri 1pm | Tue 6pm
Yarra Youth Centre (ages 16-25): FREE
Artful Dodgers Studios (ages 18+): \$20 full | \$10 conc
Presented by Tsekouras Arts @tsekourasarts

Tsekouras Arts - 'Identity' Collage Workshops

Come learn from the fabulous queer artist Nick Tsekouras.

This workshop will teach participants how to effectively make a collage. We will explore the various techniques of collage as well as layering, typography/calligraphy, drawing and painting as additional techniques. The workshops will be focusing on the theme of 'Identity'.

Talks



Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library, Prahran
9 Feb 1hr 30m
Wed 7pm
FREE booking required
△ Coarse language | Reference to sexual violence | References to drug use
Presented by PMI Victorian History Library

What we found when we went looking for Victoria's queer heritage... Surprised even us!

In 2021, the Australian Queer Archives published a report, for Heritage Victoria, into the history of LGBTIQ+ Victoria in 100 places and objects across the state and as far back as the 1830s. The PMI Victorian History Library welcomes lead author and researcher, Graham Willett, to take us through his fascinating process and findings.

DYKES ON BIKES MELBOURNE

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CLUB PARTY

TICKETS
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NOW
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Parties and Social Events

Image: CLOSET Convent Party.
Photo by Matto Lucas



After Party

18+ ♿



St Kilda Sports Club, St Kilda

6 Feb

Sun 1-9:30pm

FREE

Presented by Poof Doof

Image: by Niklas Baauer

A Gay On The Lawn 2022

Snags, drags, DJs and lawn
bowls - the place to be after
Pride March 2022!

POOF DOOF's annual Pride March
After Party is back in 2022 serving
up a free afternoon of lawn bowls,
gourmet BBQ and tunes to wrap
up Midsumma! Whether you're
bowling, dancing or hitting the
gourmet snags the soundtrack of
summer will come from our POOF
DOOF resident DJs and high energy
drag. This is an 18+ inclusive event
for the entire queer community.

Social

18+ ♿



Sircuit, Fitzroy | Inflation, Melbourne CBD

24 Jan, 27 Jan, 31 Jan, 3 Feb, 7 Feb, 10
Feb

Mon, Thu 7:30pm-12am

\$20 door sales only

△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze |
Strobe lights | This is a men-only event

Presented by ADAM

ADAM

Melbourne's world famous
nude bar for guys!

Recognised as one of the friendliest
bars on the planet, ADAM returns
to Sircuit on Monday nights
especially for Midsumma Festival!
Join a remarkable bunch of guys
socialising, enjoying a game of pool,
and digging on tunes - all in the
buff.

On Thursdays try ADAM + LUST
with a separate floor for socialising
plus the entire basement for
dancing and fooling around!

Social



Carlton Baths Pride Party

Join us for live music by the pool and a range of social activities for everyone!

From 1-4pm, a host of family-friendly activities will be on offer including indoor roller skating, inflatable pool obstacle course, live performances and more. The Pride Party Evening session will continue from 5-8pm, featuring live music by the pool and the inaugural addition of Carlton Baths Drag Bingo!

Carlton Baths Community Centre, Carlton
30 Jan
Sun 1-4pm | Sun 5-8pm
\$9.20 full | \$8.10 conc | \$6.80 child | \$15.30 family of 4
Presented by YMCA Victoria and City of Melbourne

After Party



CLOSET Midsumma Carnival After Party

After Midsumma Carnival, CLOSET is brings you at epic after party across the whole venue of Brown Alley.

Celebrating 13 years of queer parties for homosexuals and those who love them, CLOSET brings you an epic Carnival rooftop after party at Brown Alley. Over 8 hours across the whole venue, CLOSET will bring you a huge array of Melbourne's best DJs and performers.

Brown Alley, Melbourne
23 Jan
Sun 8pm-3am
\$45 full | \$30 conc
Presented by CLOSET Party
Image: by Matto Lucas

Party



Dykes on Bikes 10 Year Club Party

Ride Hard or Stay Home

Dykes on Bikes Melbourne is having a big club party to celebrate 10 years of our proud club supporting WLW moto riders. Share in the experience of live performances, DJs, moto gear, and music - inside Melbourne's most prestigious gay club, The Laird. Everyone is invited to help us party. Our event is open to all identities, sexualities and personalities who like a rock'n party.

The Laird, Abbotsford
12 Feb
Sat 7pm-2am
\$45 full
Presented by Dykes on Bikes Melbourne
Image: by ELEVATE and Dykes on Bikes Melbourne

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Koorie Pride Victoria

After Party



Deviants

A recovery party for kinksters

The definitive Perversion recovery party presented by Folsom Down Under - official Australian partner of Folsom Street San Francisco and a feature event of the inaugural Folsom Down Under Festival 2022

Deviants is a social afternoon for adults of all identities across the spectrum of queer subculture. Come enjoy a sausage and beer in gear, or in your own particular flavour of kink!

Venue To Be Announced, Melbourne
12 Feb
Sat 2-7pm
\$30 full | \$20 conc
△ Nudity | Smoke/haze
Presented by Folsom Down Under
Image: by Dean Arcuri - DEANation

Party



Girls at Sea

presents Day Boat Party

This year is our 8th year running the Girls at Sea, so we thought we needed to change things up a little.

Introducing the ultimate Day Boat Party!

There will be DJ's, entertainment, burlesque shows, day drinks and more.

Inclusive to all!

"This party was on my bucket list and it definitely lives up to its reputation. I will be going every year now."

Party Boat Cruises, Docklands
29 Jan
Sat 1pm
\$47 full
Presented by AH Entertainment

Party



Homo Erotica

Melbourne's most audacious queer dance party!

Midsumma's favourite techno party returns for 2022 launching on Carnival eve, plus a very special kink edition on Sunday 13 Feb to farewell the festival and usher in Folsom Down Under! Featuring stellar techno DJs and saucy performances. Bring your most provocative look or even nude; whatever it is, unleash it!

"Pushing boundaries and challenging you to release your inner self through all your senses" - Beat Magazine

Inflation, Melbourne CBD
22 Jan, 13 Feb
Sat, Sun 9pm-4am
1st release: \$25 full | \$20 conc
2nd release: \$35 full | \$30 conc
Final release: \$45 full | \$40 conc
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Strobe lights
Presented by BUFF Events
Image: by Telepathic Creative

Party



LadyLike Summer Pool Party

Sometimes all you need is a feminine touch... Our last party was such a phenomenal success that Ladylike is taking over again! Play and explore your sexual desires in a safe and non-judgmental environment full of feminine energy. Watch others play, join in the fun, have a spa or enjoy a cocktail at the bar... the night is yours! Sorry gentlemen, no boys allowed. We welcome women and theybies of all sizes, ages and experiences.

Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
10 Feb
Thu 7pm-1am
\$40 full | \$50 door sale
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze | This is an 18+ SOPV event | Female Identifying only
Presented by LadyLike

Party



Perversion

The flagship dance party of Folsom Down Under

The ultimate sub-culture dance event launches the inaugural Folsom Down Under Festival 2022, the official Australian partner of Folsom Street San Francisco.

Provocative; inclusive; visible; proud. An event that celebrates sexually adventurous queer subculture through connection, dress code, exhibitionism, fetish, and dirty, filthy dance music.

Inflation, Melbourne CBD
11 Feb
Fri 10pm-4am
\$75 full | \$65 conc
△ Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze | Strobe lights
Presented by Folsom Down Under
Image: by Dean Arcuri - DEANation

After Party



JIZZ [Midsumma Carnival] After Party

"Everyone is going to JIZZ"

JIZZ is an all-inclusive event powered by BARBA presents featuring the best local queer DJs and performers. The perfect place to kick on and get sticky. If you missed previous years, expect to hear quality techno beats surrounded by open-air and two vibrant dfloors filled with the most colorful of our queer babes... and only a stone's throw away from Midsumma Carnival. Also, better call in sick on Monday, cos welll, duh!!!

Top Yard, Melbourne
23 Jan
Sun 8pm
\$64 full | \$44 conc
△ Nudity | Strobe lights | Smoke/haze
Presented by BARBA Presents
Image: Prozac by Matto Lucas

Social



Let Me Get Something Off My Chest

An evening of queer rage

Come on down to Fringe Common Rooms at Trades Hall to hear what's been making some LGBTQIA+ artists, writers and activists laugh, cry or sigh this year. Hosted by Gemma Cafarella and featuring speeches from Maddox Gifford, Manu Kailom, Paul Kidd, Chloe Lewis, Yves Rees & Ricki Spencer.

Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton
9 Feb
Wed 6:30pm
\$22 full | \$16 conc
Presented by Sam Elkin
Image: Dmitry Ulitin on Unsplash

Party



Pride Pool Party in the Sunshine

Let's celebrate summer in the west!

Brimbank City Council in collaboration with Bulldog Pride are hosting an LGBTQIA+ inclusive pride pool party to celebrate the Midsumma Festival. Featuring world renowned Melbourne DJ MzRizk, join us for an unforgettable day of good vibes and fun in the sunshine. An inclusive event for all people and all kinds of bodies.

Sunshine Leisure Centre, Sunshine
30 Jan
Sun 11am-3pm
FREE booking required
Presented by Brimbank City Council and Bulldog Pride

Party



Prahran Aquatic Centre, Prahran
 30 Jan
 Sun 1-5pm
 \$12.50 full | \$10 conc
 △ This is an alcohol free event
Presented by Thorne Harbour Health
 Image: by Andy Miller - Imaginarium Design, featuring Frock Hudson

Queer Pool Party

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

A day party like no other, hosted by community darling Frock Hudson! Melbourne Surge LGBTQIA+ water polo club will take care of the water activities and fun for everyone in the pool, while DJ Dinosaur will be spinning the decks for all our poolside posers! This event always sells out, so get in quick! All genders, ages and sexualities are welcome.

Party



Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
 29 Jan
 Sat 12-10pm
 \$40 full | \$50 door sale
 △ Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze
Presented by Wet on Wellington

Queer Summer Pool Party

Wet on Wellington's first all inclusive event. Everyone welcome!

For the first time ever, Wet on Wellington is throwing open its doors and launching its newest all inclusive queer event!

Bask in the sun our exclusive sundeck. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJ's. This is an 18+ event.

Party



Fringe Common Rooms, Carlton
 3 Feb, 10 Feb 4hrs
 Thu 10pm
 \$15 full
 △ Coarse language
Presented by Bae Marie
 Image: by Simone Ruggiero

Queer-aoke

Karaoke at it's queerest

Queer-aoke is a rambunctious late night karaoke party celebrating music's biggest queer names and most beloved queer anthems. Led by the incomparable Bae Marie (Alex Morris) and featuring extra special guest performers and DJs get ready to raise the roof and dance the night away!

Sequins are essential.

Party



The Provincial Hotel, Fitzroy
 30 Jan
 Sun 3pm-late
 \$25 full
Presented by Sundaylicious

Sundaylicious

Established in 2009, Sundaylicious is an iconic gay event originating in Melbourne. Sundaylicious is known for popular acoustics and DJ's and provides a safe and fun atmosphere.

For the first time in a long time we are part of Midsumma Festival and bringing Sundaylicious to the iconic Provincial Hotel.

Starting at 3pm, relax with friends, meet new ones and dance til late evening. DJs, rooftop bar, vibes.

Social



Collingwood Town Hall, Collingwood
 6 Feb
 Sun 3-7pm
 \$35 full | \$25 conc
Presented by All The Queens Men
 Image: by Bryony Jackson

The Coming Back Out Tea Dance

A sumptuous, social afternoon event celebrating LGBTQIA+ communities of ALL ages.

Revel in sparkling music, trip the light fantastic on the dance-floor and enjoy cheeky chats as we come together and feel mighty real! For young and old, featuring a stunning constellation of rainbow and allied performers from Naarm. Created with love by All The Queens Men.

Party



Wet on Wellington, Collingwood
 12 Feb
 Sat 12-10pm
 \$40 full | \$50 door sale
 △ Nudity | Sex scenes | Smoke/haze | Male Identifying Only
Presented by Wet on Wellington

Wet Summer Pool Party

Drink | Swim | Dance | Play

This summer is going to be hot, hott, hottt! Join hundreds of sexy men for Melbourne's largest and most infamous pool parties of the season!

Bask in the sun our exclusive sundeck. Quench your thirst at our two bars. Cool off in our 25m pool. Play your way across two levels filled with men. Dance to the sweet sounds from our hot DJ's.



VOLUNTEER WITH US

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

The team has been growing for years and loves new members!

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



Image: Serve It, Smash It, Love It - 2022

Sport



AO Glam Slam

#unitedbypride #openforall

The AO Glam Slam is the only LGBTQIA+ Tennis event at a Grand Slam. LGBTQIA+ tennis players of all abilities can participate in the tournament. Off court, there are lots of events throughout the Australian Open for the whole LGBTQIA+ community. Join us for a great two weeks at the tennis.

Melbourne Park, Melbourne

28-30 Jan

Fri 12-10pm | Sat, Sun 9am-9pm | Pride Arena Glam Slam Finals: Sun 2-7pm

FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket

Presented by Tennis Australia with VicTennis and the GLTA

Image: by Australian Open

Sport



AO Pride Day

#unitedbypride #openforall

The Australian Open is proud to be an event that is welcoming, safe and inclusive for all #Openforall. We want to bring our values of inclusivity to life through our inaugural AO Pride Day on Monday 24 Jan. There will be fun and colourful activations, as well as entertainment all over the precinct. The AO will transform into a huge celebration of pride, inclusion and diversity both on court and around the precinct.

Melbourne Park, Melbourne

24 Jan

Mon 10am-9pm

FREE | Entry to Melbourne Park requires Australian Open ticket

Sport



Nomads Cycling by the Bay

Get fit while enjoying beautiful bayside scenery!

Starting from Federation Square, we'll cycle through Southbank and along the bike trail to Port Melbourne. From there we follow the Bay all the way to Brighton Beach Hotel to enjoy lunch overlooking the beach - total distance 16 km. After lunch, return by train from Brighton Beach Station or cycle a further 19 km, still on the Bay Trail, to Mordialloc Railway Station.

Birrarung Marr Bike Parking, Melbourne CBD

12 Feb

5hrs

Sat 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Basic cycling fitness required

Presented by Nomads Outdoors Group

Sport



Nomads Outdoors - Yarra Bend Explorer

Enjoy Melbourne's Big 260 hectare backyard

Experience natural bushland in an area important to Wurundjeri people. From Victoria Park, the walk will traverse both sides of the Yarra River and conclude at Kew. Many historical sites to explore e.g. Dights Falls (1841), Willsmere Institution (1872). Wear covered footwear and a hat. BYO sunscreen, water container plus lunch. Water and toilets are available en route. Public transport to start and from finish.

Victoria Park, Abbotsford

30 Jan

5hrs

Sun 10:30am

FREE booking required

△ Latecomer lockout | Long periods of standing | General Fitness level required.

Presented by The NOMADS Outdoors Group Inc.

Image: by Garry Oliver

Sport



RUBC Lawn Bowls Pride Cup

Third annual battle for the trophy

RUBC is partnering with Pride Cup and bowls clubs across Melbourne for a day of bowls, food, and fun! We're hosting a Pride Cup event to celebrate the contributions of our LGBTQIA+ members and athletes everywhere. We welcome bowlers and spectators of all ages to the club for this family-friendly event. There will be a sausage sizzle with all proceeds going to an LGBTQIA+ charity!

Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond

30 Jan

Sun 10am-6pm

FREE

Presented by Richmond Union Bowling Club (RUBC)

Image: by Steph Seeger

Sport



Serve It, Smash It, Love It - 2022

Free introduction session to social badminton for the LGBTQIA+ Community

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

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

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, Albert Park

5 Feb

Sat 11am-2pm

FREE booking required

Presented by Melbourne Smashers Badminton Club

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Richard Taki's Road to Pride

To celebrate Melbourne Pride coming to the City of Yarra, Midsumma spoke with local trader Richard Taki, AKA Bumpa Love, to discuss pride in business.

Unafraid of his identity, Richard wears his many hats with pride. In 2016, Richard Taki opened **Vau d'vile Drag Cabaret Restaurant** in the self-described "artists haven" suburb of Fitzroy, creating a colourful and safe space for LGBTQIA+ artists to showcase their talent.

"I love my profession of drag and that having my own venue means my amazing team can truly celebrate and enjoy who they are in a very supportive and public setting."

Richard takes pride in Vau d'vile being a venue that is solely owned and run by drag artists. More often than not, bookings at the popular venue are full, reflecting the community's support and acceptance for LGBTQIA+ Drag Artists. On why being accepted is important, Richard says,

"It enables me to live a true, authentic life, a right we all deserve."

Melbourne Pride - A Road to Pride celebrates the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria, something Richard describes as a "remarkable landmark". As a person of colour of New Zealand Maori descent, the Road to Pride hasn't always been smoothly paved out for Richard. On whether we can reach an ultimate Pride destination, Richard explains that it is possible, provided we all put in the work.

"It's so important to nourish and cherish our immediate GLBTQIA+ whanau (family) and friends and then to generate an expansion of that support so that it can grow the connections needed to help those in need."



For Melbourne Pride event details, see page 16 of this guide or visit midsumma.org.au/melbpride

Image: Richard Taki

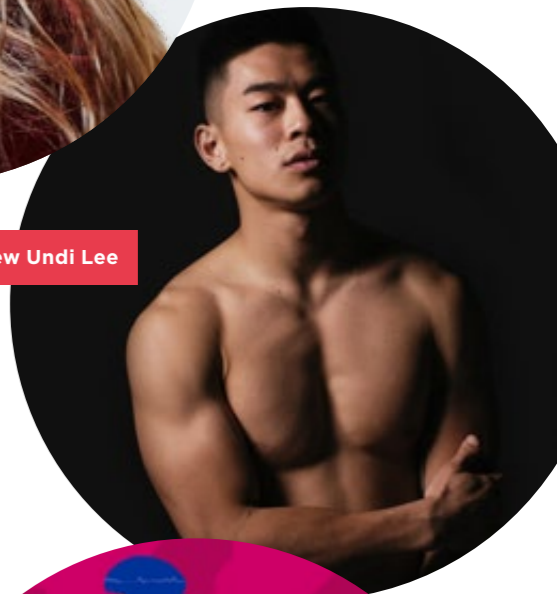
WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR RAINBOW COMMUNITY

Queer Playwrighting Award Showcase 2022

See page 54 of this guide for event details.



Emmanuelle Mattana



Andrew Undi Lee



Alice Tovey - Besties

In its eight year, the **Queer Playwriting Award Showcase** returns to Gasworks Arts Park as part of **Midsumma Festival 2022**. This year's showcase of eight applicants dances between heavy themed stories of discrimination, and heart-warming love stories that put LGBTQIA+ communities into the central focus.

CROSS by **Rory Godbold** and **Driftwood** by **Guy Webster** are two works that ask audiences to examine the challenging relationship between religion and sexuality.

"I like theatre to provoke thought, not lecture, not patronise, but to heighten reality and extend an invitation to the audience to consider the issues at play and thrash out where they stand on them." — Rory Godbold

Also using theatre as a tool for discussion, **Emmanuelle Mattana** in **The Reasonable Grounds** and **Emily White** in **That's Not Big Mac Sauce**, **That's Ectoplasm** both use dark comedy in their writing style to tackle issues from sexism to mental health.

A stark contrast to these dark comedies, **No Asians** by **Andrew Undi Lee** and **Woolf** by **Bravo Arts** are plays

that face injustices such as racism and domestic abuse in a raw, head-on manner.

Bringing some lightness to the showcase, **Alice Tovey's** play **Besties** is one to watch for rom-com fans who are hanging out to see some queer characters in the leading roles for once. With a similar motivation behind their work, **Reuben James' play Coming Home to You** is about sharing an authentic and genuine queer love story in a "Passionate. Intimate. Inherently-Human." way.

The Queer Playwriting Award identifies, supports and develops original Australian theatre with a queer focus. Join us for two unique nights of queer-focused theatre featuring fresh 15 minute excerpts from our finalists. Experience new work, engage with new playwriting talent and have your say in the 2022 Award selection.

Your feedback guides the industry panel to select a top four to present extended excerpts at the Showcase on Tue 22 March. The 2022 Award winner receives support to develop their work for presentation at Gasworks in Midsumma Festival 2023.



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

For 34 years we have evolved with our communities, and repositioned ourselves as a cultural influencer and thought leader, while keeping learning and diversity at our core.

We stay committed to our roots as we mature to become one of Australia's most significant queer arts organisations. We have proudly supported generations of LGBTQIA+ voices, discovered artists and started conversations that will shape queer art and culture forever.

Follow our story at midsumma.org.au/history



Image: Sheldon Riley performing at Midsumma Extravaganza 2019. Photo by Suzanne Balding

"Having my dad support me when I came out made me feel safe and loved."

RESPECT EACH OTHER

When a loved one is open about their gender identity and sexuality, choosing to celebrate and support them means a lot.

Visit respectvictoria.vic.gov.au to learn more.

If you or a loved one is experiencing family violence and need support call Rainbow Door on **1800 729 367**.



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Image: Krista, (Midsumma Pathways participant) performing in Cocoa Butter Club. Photo by Alexis D. Lea Photography

The Midsumma Pathways program provides a queer context for LGBTQIA+ emerging artists with disability to develop their artistic practices, led by professional artists and arts workers.

Participants gain access to mentors and group workshops over nine months. Find out more:

midsumma.org.au/pathways

How can I get my Tickets?

Online

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

Call Us

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

Pop-up Box Office at Midsumma Carnival

Another reason to love Midsumma Carnival at Alexandra Gardens, 23 Jan. Dance, celebrate and then grab your Midsumma tickets.

Credit and debit card transactions only.

At the Venue

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

Ticket Delivery

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

Checking into Venues

The venue may also require attendees to check-in via their QR code on arrival, and show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or valid exemption certificate. For information on how to stay COVIDSafe at Midsumma Festival visit midsumma.org.au/COVIDSafe.

Exchanges

Exchanges can be organised up to 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event by contacting Midsumma. Please note that exchanges can only be arranged from 11am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Exchanges can only be issued for the same event, for tickets of same value or lower and must be issued by Midsumma prior to the dates of the sessions. For more information visit midsumma.org.au/ticketing

For details about the exchange policy on events taking place at Arts Centre Melbourne please see artscentremelbourne.com.au

Discounts and Concessions

Concession Tickets

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

Previews

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

Groups

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

3 Show Package

Choose three eligible events to collect a 10% discount at the checkout. You can identify eligible events by the ticket icon with the number three inside (see page 7 for the symbol key).

Babes-in-Arms

Children under two years old may be admitted to some events without a ticket, provided they sit on the lap of their parent or guardian. Excludes 18+ events.

Free Events

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

Terms and Conditions

A booking fee of \$5.25 is applied per transaction (not per ticket) for all online and phone bookings through Midsumma. Latecomers admitted at the discretion of the venue. Refunds will only be given in accordance with the LPA guidelines and at the discretion of the Event Producer. Refunds will not be issued for change of mind or missed performances. Midsumma takes no responsibility for tickets issued through third party ticketing agencies.

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Health and Safety Terms and Conditions

Patrons are required to comply with State Government COVIDSafe directions when attending an event.

Tickets cannot be refunded, exchanged or cancelled once issued in the case of non-compliance with COVID-19 regulations. Patrons are required to comply with all Victorian mask regulations. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Help us maintain a safe environment by following venue signs and instructions from staff which includes providing your first name & contact number upon entry. Maintain a 1.5m distance from others, wash/ sanitise your hands regularly and cover your cough/ sneeze.

For more information please visit: vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-victoria

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Image: Midsumma Festival Program Launch 2019.
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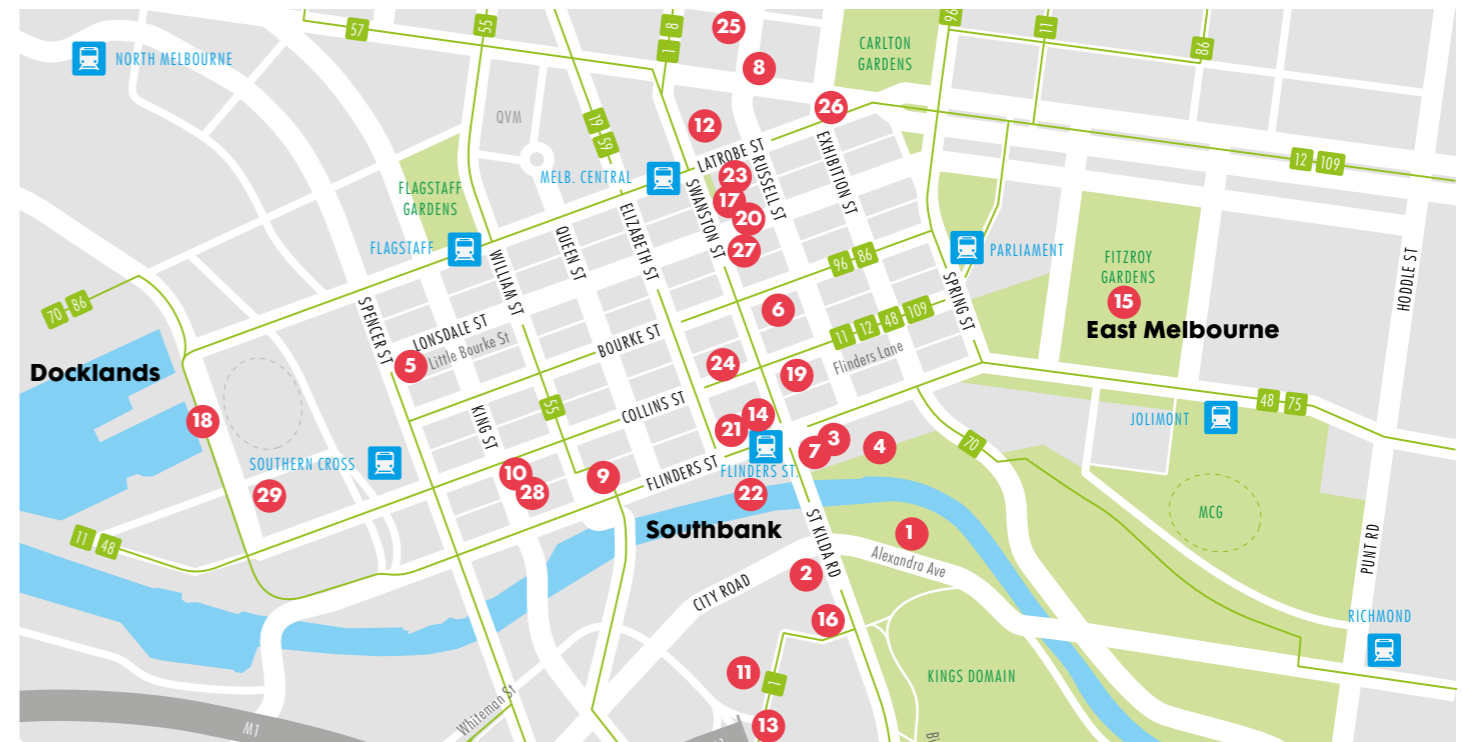


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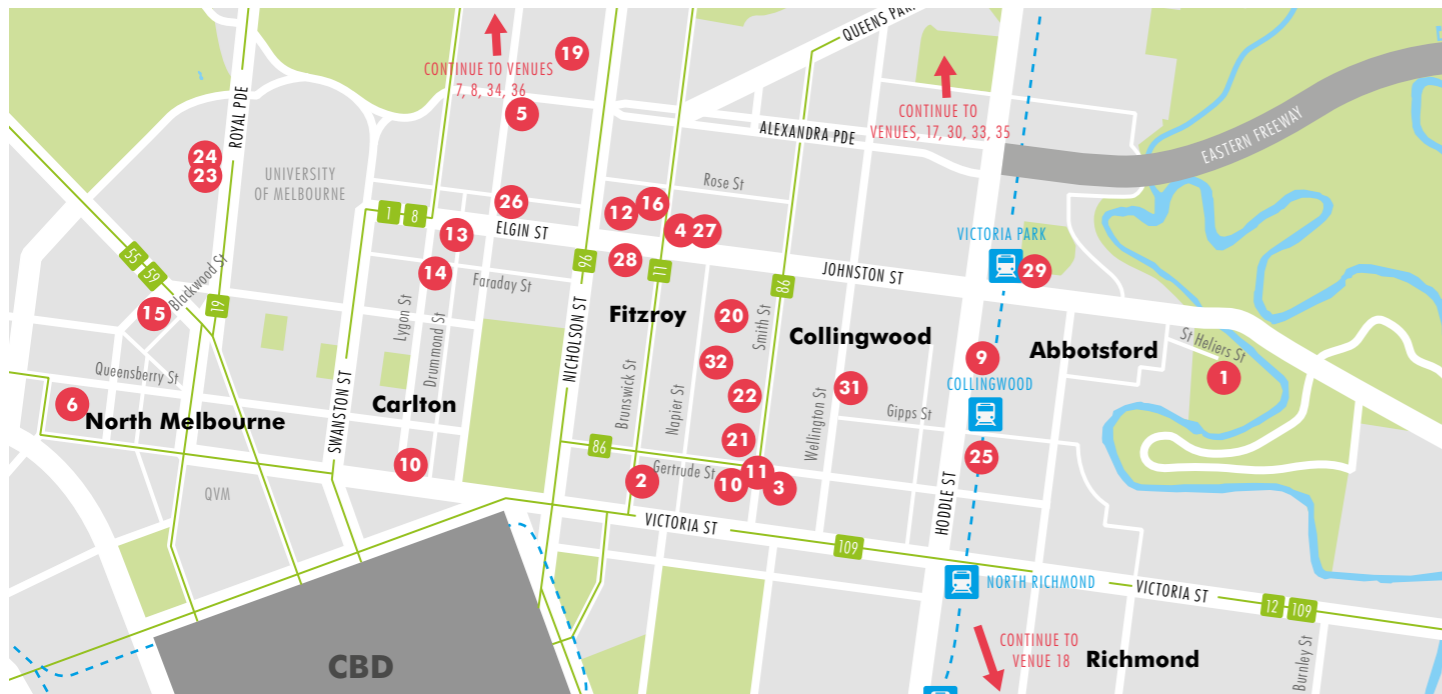
We're proud to partner with Midsumma Festival and excited to welcome you All Aboard on a journey to celebrate with your community.
Happy Midsumma, Melbourne!

- Queer Route Guide -

Venue	Tram route(s)	Nearest tram stop(s)
Sircuit Bar – Ground Floor, 103 Smith St, Fitzroy	86	Stop 15 Smith St/Gertrude St
Mollies Bar and Diner – Level 1, 103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy	86	Stop 15 Smith St/Gertrude St
Yah Yah's – 99 Smith St, Fitzroy	86	Stop 15 Smith St/Gertrude St
Rainbow International Club – 125 Smith St, Fitzroy	86	Stop 15 Smith St/Gertrude St, Stop 16 Peel St/Smith St
The Peel – 46 Peel St, Collingwood	86	Stop 15 Smith St/Gertrude St, Stop 16 Peel St/Smith St
The Laird – 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford	12 109	Stop 19 North Richmond Station
DT's – 164 Church St, Richmond	48 75 78	Stop 62 Highett St/Church St, Stop 18 Church St/Bridge Rd
The Railway Hotel – 29 Chapel St, Windsor	5 64 78	Stop 32 Chapel St/Dandenong Rd, Stop 43 Windsor Station/Chapel St
Victorian Pride Centre – 79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda	3a 12 16 96	Stop 133 Canterbury Rd/Fitzroy St, Stop 143 Fitzroy St/Park St
The Emerson – 141-145 Commercial Rd, South Yarra	72	Stop 30 Prahran Market/Commercial Rd
Pride of our Footscray – 1/86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray	82	Stop 63 Footscray Market
Poof Doof – Revolver Lane, 231 Chapel St, Prahran (Chasers)	72 78	Stop 31 Chapel St/Commercial Rd, Stop 47 Commercial Rd/Chapel St



- 1 Alexandra Gardens**
St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14
- 2 Arts Centre Melbourne**
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14
- 3 ACMI**
Federation Square, Flinders St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 13 | 35, 70, 75 to stop 6
- 4 Birrarung Marr Bike Parking**
Birrarung Marr, Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
- 5 Brown Alley**
585 Lonsdale St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flagstaff
Tram: 58 to stop 5 | tram 86, 96 to stop 3 | tram 30, 35 to stop 2
- 6 Comedy Republic**
231 Bourke St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10 | Any Bourke St tram to stop 7
- 7 Federation Square**
Flinders St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 5 or 6 | Any Swanston St tram to stop 13
- 8 Fringe Common Rooms**
Cnr Victoria and Lygon St, Carlton
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 7 | tram 30, 35 to stop 7
- 9 Immigration Museum**
400 Flinders St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70 or 75 to stop 3
- 10 Inflation**
Geddes Ln, Melbourne CBD
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 12, 35, 48, 58, 70, 75, 109 to stop 3
- 11 Joan Hammond Hall**
77 Southbank Blvd, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 1 to stop 17 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 14
- 12 Kaleide Theatre**
360 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8 | Tram 30, 35 to stop 6
- 13 Malthouse Theatre**
113 Sturt St, Southbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 1 to stop 18 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 17
- 14 Missing Persons**
Room 411-12, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 11
- 15 MKA Pavilion**
Fitzroy Gardens, East Melbourne
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda lines to Jolimont
Tram: 48, 75 to stop 10
Notes: MKA's pop-up at the Pavilion is in the Fitzroy Gardens, next to the Fairies' Tree and the Miniature Tudor Village.
- 16 National Gallery of Victoria**
180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 14
- 17 No Vacancy Gallery**
QV Complex, 34-40 Jane Bell Ln, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8 | tram 30, 35 to stop 7
- 18 Party Boat Cruises**
131 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 30, 35, 70, 75, 86 to stop D3
- 19 Plaza Ballroom**
191 Collins St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 11 | any Collins St tram to stop 7
- 20 Queen Victoria Women's Ctr**
210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10 | Any Bourke St tram to stop 6
- 21 Scott Alley**
Scott Alley, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 5 | Any Swanston St tram to stop 13
- 22 Signal**
Flinders Walk, Northbank
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: 35, 70, 75 to stop 3
- 23 State Library Victoria**
328 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 8
- 24 The Butterfly Club**
5 Carson Pl, Melbourne CBD
Train: Flinders Street
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 11 | tram 11, 12, 48, 86, 96, 109 to stop 6
- 25 The Curtin**
29 Lygon St, Carlton
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 7 | tram 30, 35 to stop 7
- 26 The Royal Society**
8 La Trobe St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Parliament
Tram: 30, 35 to stop 8 | any Swanston St tram to stop 8
- 27 The Toff in Town**
252 Swanston St, Melbourne CBD
Train: Melbourne Central
Tram: Any Swanston St tram to stop 10
- 28 Top Yard**
Geddes Lane, Melbourne CBD
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 12, 35, 48, 58, 70, 75, 109 to stop 3
- 29 XYZ Photo Gallery**
757 Bourke St, Docklands
Train: Southern Cross
Tram: 11, 48 to stop D16 | 35, 70, 75 to stop D3



- 1 Abbotsford Convent**
1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Victoria Park
Bus: 200, 207 to Clarke/Johnston St
- 2 ACU Melbourne Gallery**
26 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Train: Parliament
Tram: 11, 86 to stop 13 | Tram 12, 30, 109 to stop 12
- 3 Artful Dodgers Studios**
1 Langridge St, Collingwood
Tram: 12, 86, 109 to stop 15
- 4 Brunswick Street Gallery**
Level 1, 322 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 13
- 5 Carlton Baths Community Centre**
248 Rathdowne St, Carlton
Tram: 96 to stop 14 | tram 1, 6 to stop 114
- 6 Club Voltaire**
14 Raglan St, North Melbourne
Tram: 57 to stop 11
- 7 Coburg Drive-In**
155 Newlands Rd, Coburg North
Train: Upfield line to Coburg + bus 561
- 8 Coburg RSL**
323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Train: Upfield line to Coburg
Tram: 19 to stop 32
- 9 Collingwood Town Hall**
140 Hoddle St, Collingwood
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
Tram: 12, 109 to stop 19
- 10 Evie's Bar and Diner**
230-232 Gertrude St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 15
- 11 Gertrude St & Smith St**
Gertrude St & Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 15
- 12 Harehole Melbourne**
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 13
- 13 La Mama Courthouse**
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
- 14 La Mama HQ**
1/205 Faraday St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112 | any Swanston St tram to stop 1
- 15 Meat Market**
5 Blackwood St, North Melbourne
Tram: 19 to stop 9 | tram 58, 59 to stop 14
- 16 Provincial Hotel**
299 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | Tram 96 to stop 13
- 17 Preston City Hall**
284 Gower St, Preston
Train: Mernda line to Preston
Tram: 86 to stop 48
- 18 Richmond Union Bowling Club**
2 Gleadell St, Richmond
Tram: 48, 75 to stop 19
- 19 Ross Watson Gallery**
465 Nicholson St, Carlton North
Tram: 96 to stop 16
- 20 St Mark's Anglican Church Fitzroy**
250 George St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 18
- 21 Circuit**
103-105 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 15
- 22 The 86 Cabaret Bar**
185 Smith St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 17
- 23 The Dax Centre**
Kenneth Myer Building, 30 Royal Parade, Parkville
Tram: 19 to stop 10 | tram 59 to stop 9

- 24 The Florey Institute of Neuroscience**
30 Royal Pde, Parkville
Tram: 19 to stop 10 | tram 59 to stop 9
- 25 The Laird**
149 Gipps St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
- 26 The Montley Bauhaus**
118 Elgin St, Carlton
Tram: 1, 6 to stop 112
- 27 The Night Cat**
137-141 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 11 to stop 16 | tram 96 to stop 13
- 28 Vau d'ville**
62-70 Johnston St, Fitzroy
Tram: 96 to stop 13 | tram 11 to stop 16
- 29 Victoria Park**
Lulie St / Turner St, Abbotsford
Train: Hurstbridge / Mernda line to Victoria Park
- 30 Wesley Anne**
250 High St, Northcote
Train: Mernda line to Northcote
Tram: 86 to stop 32
- 31 Wet on Wellington**
162 Wellington St, Collingwood
Train: Hurstbridge/Mernda line to Collingwood
Tram: 86 to stop 16
- 32 Yarra Youth Centre**
156 Napier St, Fitzroy
Tram: 86 to stop 14 | Tram 12, 109 to stop 13

Further North

- 33 303**
303 High St, Northcote
Train: Mernda line to Northcote
Tram: 86 to stop 32
- 34 Brunswick Town Hall**
233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Tram: 19 to stop 21
- 35 Bundoora Homestead Art Centre**
7 Prospect Hill Dr, Bundoora
Tram: 86 to stop 63
Bus: 382, 566 to Grange Bvd/Plenty Rd
- 36 Howler**
7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick
Train: Upfield line to Jewell
Tram: 19 to stop 21



- 1 Alex Theatre**
1/135 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | tram 12 to stop 143
- 2 Brightspace Gallery**
8 Martin St, St Kilda
Train: Sandringham line to Balaclava
Tram: 3/3a, 16, 67 to stop 35 | tram 78 to stop 37
- 3 Chapel Off Chapel**
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 4 Chasers**
386 Chapel St, South Yarra
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 5 Como Park North**
150 Alexandra Ave, South Yarra
Tram: 78 to stop 51 | tram 58 to stop 131
Bus: 605 to Como Park/Alexandra Ave Near Kanteen Kiosk
- 6 Cracked Actors Theatre**
Powerhouse On The Lake Level 1, 34 Lakeside Drive, Albert Park
Tram: 3/3a, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67 to stop 27
- 7 Fitzroy St and Catani Gardens**
Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | tram 96 to stop 132 | any St Kilda Rd tram to stop 30
- 8 Gasworks Arts Park**
21 Graham St, Albert Park
Tram: 1 to stop 31
Bus: 236 to Graham / Pickles St | bus 606 to Bridport/Richardson St
- 9 The Esplanade, St Kilda**
The Esplanade, St Kilda
Tram: 12 to stop 143 | tram 96 to stop 135
- 10 Melbourne Park**
Olympic Blvd, Melbourne
Train: Any eastern line to Richmond
Tram: 70 to stop 7B
- 11 Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre**
30 Aughtie Dr, Albert Park
Tram: 12 to stop 131 | tram 96 to stop 129
- 12 Prahran Aquatic Centre**
41 Essex St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 72 to stop 32 | tram 78 to stop 47
- 13 Prahran Mechanics' Institute Victorian History Library**
39 St Edmonds Rd, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 6, 72 to stop 30 | tram 78 to stop 46
Bus: 216, 219, 220 to Prahran Market/Commercial Rd
- 14 St Kilda Sports Club**
66 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3/3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | tram 5, 16, 64, 67 to stop 30
- 15 Temperance Hall**
199 Napier St, South Melbourne
Train: 1 to stop 24 | tram 12 to stop 129
- 16 The MC Showroom**
L1/48 Clifton St, Prahran
Train: Sandringham line to Prahran
Tram: 6 to stop 31 | tram 78 to stop 45
- 17 Theatre Works**
14 Acland St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 136 | tram 12 to stop 143
- 18 Victorian Pride Centre**
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Tram: 3a, 16, 96 to stop 133 | tram 12 to stop 143

South East

- 1 Old Cheese Factory**
34 Homestead Rd, Berwick
Berwick Bus: 834, 899 to Homestead Rd/Clyde St
- 2 Selandra Community Hub**
7-9 Selandra Bvd, Clyde North
Bus: 798 to Selandra Rise SC/Selandra Bvd (connects with Cranbourne line train to Cranbourne)



- 1 Altona Civic Centre & Theatre**
115 Civic Parade, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona
- 2 Bluestone Church Arts Space**
8A Hyde St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64
- 3 Bowery Theatre**
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess St, St Albans
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to St Albans
- 4 Footscray Community Arts Centre**
45 Moreland St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 64
- 5 Incinerator Gallery**
180 Holmes Rd, Aberfeldie
Tram: 57 or 82 to stop 41 plus 10 minute walk along Maribyrnong River
- 6 Kelly Park**
Cnr Cherry & Synnot St, Werribee
Tram: Werribee line to Werribee
- 7 Laneway Gallery**
44 Woods St, Laverton
Train: Werribee line to Laverton
- 8 Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre**
5 Sargood St, Altona
Train: Werribee line to Altona
Bus: 411, 412 to Altona Station/Blyth St | bus 903 to Altona Station/Railway St Sth
- 9 Melton Library and Learning Hub**
31 McKenzie St, Melton
Bus: 455, 458 to Alexandra/High St
- 10 Newport Community Hub**
13 Mason St, Newport
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport
Parking: Free 3-hour parking in the carpark off Derwent St
- 11 Pride of our Footscray Community Bar**
Level 1, 86-88 Hopkins St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray
Tram: 82 to stop 63
- 12 Snuff Puppets**
Footscray Drill Hall, 395 Barkly St, Footscray
Train: Any western line to Footscray + 15 min walk
Bus: 220, 410 to Barkly St & Gordon St | 472 to Buckingham St & Geelong Rd"
- 13 Sunshine Leisure Centre**
5 Kennedy St, Sunshine
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to Sunshine
- 14 The Bowery Gallery**
St Albans Community Centre, 33 Princess St, St Albans
Train: Sunbury/Watergardens line to St Albans
- 15 The Substation**
1 Market St, Newport
Train: Werribee/Williamstown line to Newport
- 16 Woods Street Arts Space**
44 Woods St, Laverton
Train: Werribee line to Laverton
- 17 Wyndham Art Gallery & Cultural Centre**
177 Watton St, Werribee
Train: Werribee line to Werribee



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