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Welcome to another exciting Midsumma Festival.

I am constantly astounded by the growing role Midsumma plays in bringing our diverse communities together to promote true inclusion.

In past years we have focused on mentoring programs such as Midsumma Futures, a platform for aspiring artists to advance in their careers. In 2018, we launched Midsumma Pathways, a program for LGBTQIA+ artists with disability.

This year we launch BODY, an incredible major work focusing on strengthening Transgender, Gender Diverse and Intersex cultural voices.

The year-over-year growth has been both exciting and encouraging, the depth of the program and level of inclusion this year is by far the most inspiring sign that we are truly making a difference.

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

I look forward to seeing you all through the festival.

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John Caldwell
Midsumma Festival Chair

Welcome to another exciting Midsumma Festival.

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to everyone involved with this year’s program.

Happy Midsumma!

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Victorian Government

Sally Capp
Lord Mayor of Melbourne

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

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

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

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

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

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

We’re looking forward to Midsumma 2019; an exciting opportunity for us to connect and celebrate the uniqueness of our community.

At NAB, we continue to build an inclusive work environment where our people can be their authentic selves, no matter what their sexual orientation and gender identity, enabling them to perform at their best. This year marks our seventh year partnering with Midsumma. We’re thrilled that so many of our people continue to volunteer and get behind this iconic Melbourne festival.

This year we have a particular focus on Bisexual, Trans & Intersex education, shifting the conversation toward advocacy for the broader LGBTI+ community.

And we’re committed to extending our reach to empower LGBTI+ communities in rural areas. We’re also excited to explore how we can improve the intersectionality within our diverse workforce to promote inclusion.

We thank & congratulate the Midsumma team & wish them all the best for a hugely successful festival. Happy Midsumma!
WE CELEBRATE ALL PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE, SO THEY CAN ALWAYS BE THEIR AUTHENTIC SELVES.
CEO
Welcome

Karen Bryant
Chief Executive, Midsumma Festival

Welcome to Midsumma 2019!

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

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

Whether it is the visual, musical, physical, intellectual, social or theatrical events that usually grab your fancy, there is all that and more — so take a leap beyond the known. This is your opportunity to choose your own festival adventure as you navigate your way across 23 days of Midsumma.

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

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

We look forward to sharing it all with you.

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About

Midsumma Festival

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

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

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

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

Midsumma Festival brings a diverse mix of artists, performers, communities and audiences together under a single umbrella for a celebration and innovative presentation of queer arts and culture.

Read on for our diverse festival program, made up of visual arts, theatre, film, live music, parties, sport, social events and public forums. Featuring approximately 165 events in 2019 with involvement by approximately 1600 culture-makers in over 75 different venues across Melbourne and wider Victoria to anticipated audiences of over 265,000.

Acknowledgement of Country

Midsumma acknowledges that Indigenous Australians are the first peoples of these lands. We pay our respects to all Indigenous Australians past and present, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land.

Midsumma takes place between High Summer and Late Summer according to the Wurundjeri calendar of seasons, on whose land much of this festival is taking place.

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This Guide

Navigating Event Listings

Cazeleon: The Movies in My Mind
Title
Old school Hollywood glamour as you’ve never seen it before

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

Subgenre
Cabaret

Location
The Melba Spiegeltent, Studio, 35 Johnston St, Collingwood

Date
6 – 10 Feb

Time
Wed – Sun 8pm

Duration
1 hour

Tickets
$30 full
$25 conc
$25 group (min 8)

Access
Coarse language
Trigger warnings
No latecomers

Warnings
Presented by
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Review
★★★★★
“Cazeleon’s voice is incredible!”
GlamAdelaide

Description
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Midsumma Carnival

Kick-start the celebrations for Midsumma Festival 2019

Feel the vibes as we come out of the closet and into the sun for an all-day and all-night party to celebrate the beginning of another fabulous festival.

We’re bringing back your favourites (yes and the dog show) and adding a pinch of lip-syncing, drag dazzling, stellar acts, fine food and a pop-up bar. If you didn’t get through the array of stalls last year then make sure you arrive at 11am as the glitter begins to stir. We have more on offer than ever before.

Peek at our program with bite sized performances, relax in the chill-out zone, meet friends in the family domain, tackle the sports precinct and stay cool in the under 18s area. See all of the special events that lead us into the evening of T Dance, featuring a fantastic line-up of sassy sounds and DJs.

With safe spaces for families, friendlies, queer kinds and groupies you know there’ll be something to suit everyone. Midsumma Carnival is a glass-free event and we’re conscious of our footprint on the environment. So bring your sustainable vessels and paper straws, slap on the sunscreen for a full day of festivities, then shimmy on into the night.

Alexandra Gardens
St Kilda Rd
Melbourne

Sun 20 Jan

Midsumma Carnival
11am – 6pm

T Dance
6 – 10pm

FREE

Image by Tanya McCulloch featuring YO! MAFIA at Midsumma Carnival 2018
Tristan Meecham
Director of All The Queens Men / Artist / LGBTI+ Elder Advocate / Grace Jones Fangirl / **Creative Victorian**

Tristan is one of many creative Victorians to receive Victorian Government support to create, develop and present their work.

To find out about the opportunities available visit creative.vic.gov.au/funding
Midsumma Pride March

Together we march

Paint on those stripes, fluff up your feathers, and douse yourself in glitter to march through St Kilda in Melbourne’s iconic parade of rainbows and pride.

Victoria’s annual queer march brings us together to stand tall and be proud, to honour community members who have brought us forth and most importantly, to revel in the celebrations with our family, friends and allies.

This year’s Midsumma Pride March will highlight the diverse groups, personalities, sexualities and experiences that make our queer community 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!

Rock up, frock up and fly your flags at the new start time of 11am, as we embark on the kilometer-long fanfare to Catani Gardens for an afternoon of post-Pride festivities.

**Midsumma Pride March**
Fitzroy St
St Kilda

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

Sun 3 Feb

11am march starts
4pm post-Pride celebrations close

FREE

**Participate**
Participants in the March must register via midsumma.org.au by Mon 3 Dec 2018
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BODY

Amplifying the voices of trans, gender diverse and intersex peoples

Featuring leading international and local artists, BODY is a new major project from Midsumma Festival in partnership with Arts House championing the notion that individuals should have sovereignty over their own bodies.

The heart of BODY takes place at Arts House across three days from 31 Jan to 2 Feb with a suite of performances, visual art, music events and talks; as well as satellite events at Arts Centre Melbourne and Incinerator Gallery.

MDLSX
by Motus
featuring Silvia Calderoni

Presented by
Midsumma Festival
and Arts House

Arts House

31 Jan - 2 Feb

International artist Silvia Calderoni offers a revolutionary performance exploring gender and androgyny, telling a story of violence, pain, confusion and acceptance through an acclaimed theatrical performance set to The Smiths, Vampire Weekend, R.E.M. and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

“Theatergoers are likely to leave MDLSX exhilarated.”
— New York Theatre

Image by Simone Stanislai
Third Nature
by Raina Peterson & Govind Pillai
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House
Arts Centre Melbourne
31 Jan – 2 Feb
An opulent dance work exploring the wildness of gender and the weirdness of human sexuality, set in a world where South Asia was never colonised with no colonial sanctions on gender and sexuality.

Gender Euphoria
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne
Arts Centre Melbourne
24 Jan
Mama Alto and Maude Davey together with a cavalcade of transgender legends and cabaret icons in a new variety adventure. Goodbye gender dysphoria — hello Gender Euphoria.

Beast
by Krishna Istha
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House
Arts House
31 Jan – 2 Feb
Follow Krishna Istha on a comedic exploration into the life of a trans person in 2019 in this self-help stand-up for the oppressed.

Personal Touch
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Incinerator Gallery
Incinerator Gallery
22 Jan – 17 Feb
An exhibition of visual artworks addressing the evolving nature of self-hood, at a time when the political status quo fails to do so.

More at Arts House
31 Jan – 2 Feb
HR An industrial manifesto on beauty, labour and embodiment by performance artist Bonnie Hart. (QLD) Pg 32
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BodMod Salon Creatively explore expressions of identity in body casting workshops with artist Lou Fourie. Pg 65
Panopticon One-off performance by Melbourne vocalist and electronic percussionist, Simona Castricum. Pg 38
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Midsumma Presents

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

Find Midsumma Presents events in this guide by looking for this symbol.

Queer Economies

Abbotsford Convent | Bus Projects | Centre for Contemporary Photography

24 Dec – 9 Feb

Give a little. Is there someone to whom you are grateful? Queer Economies takes its cue from the handmade artworks that Australian artist and activist David McDiarmid gifted to friends and loved ones during his lifetime. Following in McDiarmid's generous logic, Queer Economies invites you to submit a gift as an exchange of gratitude, to be exhibited during Midsumma Festival. At the conclusion of the exhibition, these works will be gifted to the individuals they have been made for.

Submissions for gift donations close Mon 17 Dec. See midsumma.org.au for details.

Consent Festival

The Melba Spiegeltent

19 Jan

Ask first. Make this one-day, special event your first stop this Midsumma. From panel discussions to life drawing, choose your own adventure to explore consent in relationships, in workplaces, in health and in art, and end the night in a cabaret celebration.

Midsumma Extravaganza

Arts Centre Melbourne

29 Jan

The bigger the better. The Midsumma Extravaganza is taking over Arts Centre Melbourne's Hamer Hall with queer comedy LOLs, songs for summer and a bit of burlesque.
**Playtime Staged Readings**
Gasworks Arts Park
30 Jan
See it first.
See plays in the making with the return of Playtime Staged Readings at Gasworks Arts Park. All these works go onto bigger and better things, and you can say that you saw them first.

**QueerTech.io**
Online | ACMI | Testing Grounds
From 18 Jan
Art at your fingertips.
An online art experience with digital and video art from across the world all housed at http://QueerTech.io. Go deeper with IRL experiences at Testing Grounds and youth workshops at ACMI.

**Nocturnal ft. Nakhane**
Melbourne Museum
1 Feb
A Melbourne Museum evening music takeover featuring South African musician and queer rights advocate, Nakhane.

**Midsumma and Australia Post Art Prize**
No Vacancy Gallery
22 Jan – 3 Feb
Australia’s leading queer art award. The reputable annual and widely recognised award exhibiting queer visual artists from across the country returns to Midsumma. See this festival’s finalists at No Vacancy Gallery.

**Dancing Qweens**
Dancehouse
21 Jan – 3 Feb
Yasss!
A social history of queer dance in a new choreographic performance by Melbourne’s queer iconoclast James Welsby (Valerie Hex), accompanied with a workshop and a series of dance classes and conversations.
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JOIN DURING THE MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL AND RECEIVE 1 MONTH FREE*
Arts Centre Melbourne has gone to the farthest parts of our stratosphere to deliver a Midsumma line-up of national, international and intergalactic proportions. This year’s program is glittered with brutal and tender stories of migrants, a queer space-fiction rock concert, new gender defying performances, a star-studded variety show and for good measure, a game show that would knock the socks off Grant Denyer. Come one, come all for an unmissable summer of fun.

Arts Centre Melbourne
100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Gasworks Arts Park is a south side hub for Midsumma Festival and your summer destination for high quality theatre, provocative art and fun nights out with friends. Enjoy the long summer evenings in our gorgeous park before venturing into our theatres and galleries for exhilarating, memorable and thought-provoking theatre, circus, cabaret and music.

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham St, Albert Park

Photographer Credit: Pier Carthew
Show Credit: Become The One
The Hare Hole Hub

The Hare Hole is the home of emerging artists, art forms and ideas. For 27 years Hares & Hyenas has embodied queer community engagement and the power of artistic provocation. Our Midsumma program brings together some of our favourite artists and performers along with a brand new batch in a diverse season aimed at every age and interest.

The Hare Hole
(Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St,
Fitzroy

The Hare Hole Hub

Theatre Works Hub

Theatre works will transform into a playful, provoking and proud Midsumma Festival Hub. With Britney (Spears of course), burlesque; cake daddies and butch monologues; a space where anyone and everyone can, and will, come to see multiple shows on a nightly basis. We have world premieres alongside internationally renowned works and the biggest collision of creativity in the heart of St Kilda. Come, join us for the ride.

Theatre Works
14 Acland St,
St Kilda
The Howler Mini-Hub

Howler is an edgy new mini-hub for Midsumma Festival. In the heart of Brunswick, this quirky performance space offers up some of the most incredible acts from around the globe - for five days only! An amazing international line up of artists and a dedicated Midsumma Festival bar. Spend the night with us — catch an amazing show, try a craft beer, a signature cocktail and incredible food, celebrate Midsumma at Howler!

Howler
7-11 Dawson St,
Brunswick

Image credit Brig Bee

Midsumma Festival Bar
@ The Coopers Malthouse

Feel entertained in the summer sun or soak in the night sky at the Midsumma Festival Bar's new location — The Coopers Malthouse in Southbank. Experience our hand-picked performances up-close, with themed nights and special events that will kick off your Midsumma Festival experience and keep your party going after an event. The Midsumma Festival bar will run throughout the Festival, see what’s on at midsumma.org.au/bar

The Coopers Malthouse
113 Sturt St,
Southbank

Image by Suzanne Balding featuring Leather Lungs
“It’s wonderful that society today embraces equality, so that everyone – including my son – is free to love who they want to love.”

Belinda
Group Risk
AGL
Ace of Hearts

Touching, heartfelt and totally ridiculous!

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

The MC Showroom,
1/48 Clifton St, Prahran
1 – 3 Feb
8 – 10 Feb
Fri 1 – Sun 3 Feb 7.30pm
Fri 8 – Sat 9 Feb 8.15pm
Sun 10 Feb 7.30pm
Duration 2 hours
$32 full
$24 conc
$27 group (min 4)

Sex scenes | Violence
Coarse language | Strobe
Trigger warnings
suicide, sexual assault

#VAL — A Camp-Fire Kiki with Mother

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

See you around the camp-fire...

The Melba Spiegeltent,
Studio, 35 Johnston St, Collingwood
31 Jan – 1 Feb
Thu – Fri 9.30 – 10.30pm
$25 full
$20 conc

Nudity | Sex scenes
Violence | Coarse Language | Smoke effects | Smoking

Presented by
Lost Boy Circus

“Work out how you’re going to fit this show into your schedule — it’s not to be missed. A perfect cabaret, utterly fabulous.”
— OUTinPerth

Image: Sarah Walker

All The Drugs I’ve Taken

Defiantly Something

All he ever wanted was endless self-indulgent hedonism. But when Circus, the Inter-Dimensional Prince, accidentally incarnates on a holographic prison planet, ruled by demonic forces hurtling towards another apocalypse, it’s up to him to...

SAVE THE WORLD. Join this Promethean psychonaut as he journeys into the final frontier — inner-space — on a quest to lose his mind, and save his soul.

Theatre

Chapel Off Chapel,
12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
21 – 22 Jan
Mon – Tue 7.30pm
Duration 65 mins
$35 full
$30 conc
$30 group (min 4)

Presented by
John O’Hara

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

Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St, Footscray
31 Jan - 2 Feb
Thu - Fri 7.30pm
Sat 5pm
Duration 1 hour
$22 full
$18 concession
$18 group (min 4)

Coarse language
No latecomers
Image: Clareo

Become The One
By Adam Fawcett, 2018 Midsumma Playtime Staged Readings winner
An AFL player forms a relationship with a young queer man, turning his personal life upside down. But it’s the outside world that needs shaking up...Starring performers Chris Asimos and Henry Strand, this smart, sexy and challenging new work asks how same-sex partners of closeted athletes can continue to live in silence, and what it might take — as a lover and a high profile sportsman — to Become The One.

Gasworks Arts Park, 21 Graham St, Albert Park
31 Jan - 9 Feb
Wed - Fri 7.30pm
Sat 4pm & 7.30pm
Preview Thu 31 Jan
Duration 70 mins
$35 full, $29 conc
$25 group (min 4)
$25 preview

Nudity | Violence
Coarse language
Smoke effects
Trigger warnings
No latecomers
Contains references to bullying
Presented by Gasworks Arts Park and Lab Kelpie
Image: Pier Carthew

And Then The Snow Fell On Egypt
A story of love and loss and never letting go
“And Then The Snow Fell On Egypt” is a story shared by many. A story that is limited only by one’s own imagination. An escape from this world into the next, where we can revisit our treasured memories and keep a hold of what we have lost. A universe of longing and loss, of happiness and sorrow.

No Vacancy Gallery, 34-40 Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne
23 Jan - 3 Feb
Tue - Sun 8pm
No show 26 Jan
Duration 1 hour
$25 full
$20 group (min 4)

No latecomers
Presented by Gavin Roach
Image: Sarah Vickery

Beast by Krishna Istha
A self-help comedy for the oppressed
Part stand-up comedy and part performance art, Krishna Istha’s Beast, directed by Zoe Coombs Marr, is a comedic exploration into the life of a trans person in 2019, what it means to be trans “masculine” without becoming the men we hate, and how taking testosterone can transform you into a social renegade: a beast.

Arts House, 521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne
31 Jan - 2 Feb
Thu - Sat 8.30pm
Duration 1 hour
$25 full
$20 conc

Nudity | Smoke effects
Adult content
Loud music
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House
“...the remarkable Krishna Istha.” — Alison Croggon, The Monthly on Malthouse Theatre’s Wild Bore
Image: Cherry Auhoni
## Cake Daddy

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

A delicious new interactive banquet, Cake Daddy will plunge you belly deep inside the experience of fat/ness, exploring the fabulosity and fortitude required to step into the world as a fat person today.

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**Nudity**

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**Smoke effects**

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## Cazeleon: The Movies in My Mind

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

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

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## .CHURCH.

The stage is holy, and this is how we pray

Queerly beloved, we are gathered here to worship all that glitters, all the shade, and those that are not afraid! This is your explosive celebration of ground-breaking circus, burlesque, sideshow & cabaret aimed to leave you dripping with sin. Because let’s face it, sin is in. A hetero non-conformative night of entertainment including cabaret sensation Tash York, burlesque superstar Bettie Bombshell and Australia’s queerest and dearest circus creeps and fabulous freaks.

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### Dancing Qweens

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

**Kado Warehouse, 36 Cremorne St, Cremorne**

- **20 Jan – 10 Feb**
- **Thu 8pm**
- **Friday 10pm**
- **Sat 8pm**
- **Sun 4pm & 8pm**

**Duration 1 hour**

$35 full
$30 conc
$30 (min 4)

Presented by Cremorne Pleasure Gardens

KaDo Warehouse: “Possibly the most eclectic place I have ever seen.”

— thesprinkler.com.au

Image: Ivan Kemp

### Dolly Diamond In ‘Parton Me’

The Queen of Cabaret meets the Queen of Country

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**Kew Court House, 188 High St, Kew**

- **2 Feb**
- **Sat 8pm**

**Duration 80 mins plus interval**

$30 full
$26 conc

Presented by Boroondara Arts

### Cutting the Chord

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

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**Dancehouse, 150 Princess St, Carlton North**

- **21 Jan – 3 Feb**

**Classes:**
- **Mon – Fri 7 – 8pm**
- **Wed 23 Jan 8 – 9pm**

**Workshop:**
- **Sat – Sun 11.30am – 4.30pm**

**Conversations:**
- **Wed 6 – 7pm (Festival Bar)**
- **Sat – Sun 5 – 6pm (Dancehouse)**

See website for program breakdown (bookings essential)

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Drag A Thon 2019
It’s back! The world’s longest running non-stop drag event returns for 2019
‘Drag A Thon’ returns to The 86 for another day of snags and non-stop drag. The open stage commences at 2pm and anyone wanting to get their drag on and perform is encouraged! The evening’s headline show commences at 8pm for five hours of non-stop drag. A BBQ is provided in the afternoon and best of all, it’s all free!

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

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

FLAWED ___like a b_y
Every time you undercut me, invalidate me, sideline me
An experimental & poetic show about growing up in a homophobic part of Australia. Devised from autobiographical text Flawed looks at how the pressure of an over masculine & narrow minded society effects those who are queer — and by expulsion — end up trying to find themselves in the other.
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Gays of Our Lives

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

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

Gasworks Arts Park, Main Theatre, 21 Graham St, Albert Park
25 Jan
Fri 9:30
Duration 1 hour
$35 full
$30 conc
$25 group (min 6)

Garry Starr
Performs Everything

Howler, 7-11 Dawson St, Brunswick
22 – 26 Jan
Tue – Sat 6.30pm
1 hour
$26 full
$23 conc
$23 group (min 6)

Gender Euphoria

Goodbye gender dysphoria. Hello gender euphoria.

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

Arts Centre Melbourne, Fairfax Studio, 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
24 Jan
Thu 7pm
Duration 75 mins
See midsumma.org.au for prices

Give a F*ck Cabaret

In life, our f*cks must be spent on something

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

Theatre Works, 14 Acland St, St Kilda
18 Jan – 27 Jan
Tue – Sun 9pm
Duration 1 hour
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Goddess Grooves
Midsumma’s premier women’s music event

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

He’s Every Woman
Green Room Award nominee Justin Clausen (‘The Lady Is A Tramp’) and Jamie Burgess (‘Fortified’, ‘39 Forever’, ‘Adulting’) will take you back through their ‘hairbrush singing years’, re-imagining the iconic GIRL songs that shaped their world-view, and encouraged them both to sing out loud and proud!

Homophonic!
New music by queer composers

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

HR by Bonnie Hart
An industrial manifesto on beauty, labour, and embodiment

The familiar whirr of film projectors set the sound stage for this industrial manifesto on the economic value of labour and the clinical experimentation of beauty by artist, filmmaker and intersex human rights activist Bonnie Hart. Mounted atop an exercise bike for three hours, like an exercising animal in her own experiment, sweat will be harvested from Hart’s body in a manner similar to the tears induced in rabbits during laboratory testing for new beauty products.
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Get your engines revving because Grease is the word! That’s right, the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds will be gracing the silver screen for one very special night at MQFF during Midsumma. What better way to spend a summer night than with friends, food and film. Book your spot today!

Friday, 1 February 2019 at the Coburg Drive-In
For Information and bookings visit www.mqff.com.au

Authorised by J. Rice, Parliament House, Canberra

Adam Bandt MP
Greens Member for Melbourne

Senator Janet Rice
Greens LGBTIQ+ spokesperson

Senator Richard Di Natale
Greens Leader
I’ll Have What He’s Having
A love affair with food

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spoken word for everyone, speed dating for femmes, and all the things Lisa loves! Funny, sad, sexy, sweet, light and dark performances; fiction, memoir, poetry and song. Hosted by Sparklepuppy Lisa-Skye. Each night has a different focus including consent, body positivity, clichés, expectations and grey areas, and much more. Now in its eleventh year, these events sell out so book in advance!

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

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

Mama’s Little Gayby

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

Madame Nightshade’s Poison Garden

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

Image: Theresa Harrison

Image: Cam Rogers

Image: Claudio Raschella

Image: Mama’s Little Gayby, edited by John E Photography
**MDLSX by Motus**

**Revolutionary intersex performance by international artist Silvia Calderoni**

MDLSX is an explosive, psychedelic and solitary hymn to the freedom of becoming, to gender b(1)ending, to being other than the borders of the body. In this mind–blowing theatrical trip, platinum-maned punk god/dess Silvia Calderoni uses her family's home videos to blur fiction with her own life story. MDLSX is a “scandalous” theatrical trip: part performance-art monologue, part DJ set, featuring music from The Smiths, Vampire Weekend, R.E.M. and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs.

**Performances:**
- **Arts House,** 521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne
  - **31 Jan – 2 Feb**
  - **Thu – Sat 7pm**
  - **Post-show Q&A 31 Jan**
  - **Duration 80 mins**
  - **$35 full | $30 conc**

**Presented by**
Midsumma Festival and Arts House

“**A perception-scrambling work from the Italian revolutionary theatre troupe Motus.”**  
— The New York Times

With Silvia Calderoni, directed by Daniela Nicolo and Enrico Casagrande. Image: Simone Stanislai

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**Mercentless Gods**

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

A brutal and tender examination of queer immigrant experiences in Australia, Mercientless Gods unveils the hidden faces of ancient capricious deities on mortal soil.

Returning to Melbourne for Midsumma, this award-winning collection of theatrical vignettes from queer indie wunderkinds Little Ones Theatre is based on the writings of acclaimed author and observer Christos Tsiolkas and adapted for the stage by Dan Giovannoni.

**Performances:**
- **Arts Centre Melbourne,** 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
  - **6 – 10 Feb**
  - **Wed - Fri 7.30pm**
  - **Sat 2pm & 7.30pm**
  - **Sun 5pm**
  - **Duration 120 mins (including interval)**
  - **See midsumma.org.au for prices**

**Ages 15+**

**Adult content**
**Coarse language**
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Arts Centre Melbourne presents A Little Ones Theatre Production

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**Michael & The Mascs: My Vanity Project**

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

**Performances:**
- **Gasworks Arts Park Studio Theatre,** 21 Graham St, Albert Park
  - **6 – 9 Feb**
  - **Wed – Sat 7pm**
  - **Duration 1 hour**
  - **$35 full | $30 conc**

**Possible coarse language**
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**Presented by**
Michael Lindner

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

Image: Kurt Sneddon, Artwork by Greg Baugh & Michael Lindner

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**Midsumma Extravaganza**

**Midsumma Festival’s all-star variety night**

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

**Performances:**
- **Arts Centre Melbourne,** 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
  - **29 Jan**
  - **Tue 8pm**
  - **Duration 2 hours**
  - **See midsumma.org.au for prices**

**Ages 15+**

**Coarse language**
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**Presented by**
Midsumma Festival and Arts Centre Melbourne with Trevor Ashley Enterprises and Thomas Jaspers
The Miss Behave Game Show
Part game show, part freewheeling disco party...Everyone's a winner!
Join Miss Behave for a night of satirically subversive fun and games that has even the most conservative audience turn unruly. No night is the same but every night is riotous fun. Don’t miss this “wickedly mischievous” (The Times) festival sensation at Arts Centre Melbourne.

Mouthy
Guaranteed 28.3 percent lesbian content
Women are told to be seen and not heard... or is that children? Either way, these three have never done what they’re told. Mouthy is a showcase of Melbourne's most out, proud and prominent lesbian comics. Starring, Sharon Andrews, Gabe Hogan and Kellyn Lee. They’ve seen some things and have something to say. Well, two of them do anyway.

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

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

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

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Kotryna Gesait “giving us some of the most heartfelt and perceptive theatre that one could wish to see” — The Adelaidian

Image: Phoebe Taylor

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

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Presented by Midsumma Festival and Gasworks Arts Park

#### Preludes and Nocturnes
An evening of music for three keyboards with spellbinding projected imagery, Preludes and Nocturnes explores unfolding ideas in a post-minimalist sound world. A diverse album of instrumental pieces performed by PJ Noack, William Elm and Gareth Wiecko, Preludes and Nocturnes reflects on being alone and being together when everything around us is changing.

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Presented by PJ Noack

Image: Fagan Wilcox
Press Play
“A Queer Apocalypse” by Tooth n’ Fang
Two women hide inside a lonely motel room on a forgotten road. Celebrating and mourning their last night together, they discuss love, sex, drugs, and the afterlife. Shifting between memory and surreal fantasy, their discussions spin into an intricate web of lust and longing, asking the question: is this the end of the world? Press play to find out.

Queen Kong
A rock-concert, space-fiction of meteoric proportions
Sarah Ward, the artist behind Yana Alana, brings you her latest stage creation, QUEEN KONG, in a space-fiction rock-concert of meteoric proportions. This mythological rock-god is backed by all-queer, gender-diverse band The HOMOsapiens, along with deaf performer Asphyxia and Auslan interpreter Kirri Dangerfield with video art by The Huxleys.

Queen Asians
Anonymous
How does it feel to be a minority within a minority?
Welcome to another group session where queer Asian men unpack issues that impact them being a sexual minority and a racial minority. This dramedy play looks into issues through the eyes of the men in a queer Asian support group. So, fill out the sign-up sheet, pull up a chair and watch queer/gay Asians (Gaysians?) discuss, opine and argue about being gay and Asian in an oh-so White gay Melbourne.

Pussy Play Masterclass
A gift that keeps on giving
Ever made a pussy out of plasticine? Now is the time to get up close and personal with our vulvas. Burlesque legend Strawberry Siren presents Pussy Play, an interactive and playful masterclass filled with original techniques to perfect the art of playing with your partner’s pussy or even your own.
Queer Lady Magician
Revisiting a childhood love of stage magic with a strong sense of social justice — and a severe case of impostor syndrome

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

Image: Alexis Desaulniers-Lea
Photography by Sam Dow

Radical Rituals
Disco meets divinity. Cabaret meets cult

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

Image: Sarah Walker

Rapid Fire
12 writers, 6 minutes each

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

Image: Alexis Desaulniers-Lea
Photography by Sam Dow

Rebel

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

Image: Paul Westbrook
Shania Choir: Pub Choir

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

So You Think You Can Drag 2019

So You Think YOU Can Drag is RETURNING TO MELBOURNE!

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

Sunshine Boy

The Life of Leigh Bowery

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

TAINT

Raw, intimate and surprisingly ticklish

Somewhere in the warm, wet place between fantasy and filth lies TAINT...a vibrant art party of intimate experimentation with Melbourne’s most creatively ambitious cabaret, drag and burlesque muses and misfits. A meaty marmalade of half-baked morsels to challenge the palate, sate the appetite and upset the tum.
The Butch Monologues
The worldwide sensation celebrating butches, masculine women, gender rebels and transmen comes to St Kilda

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Trial of Dorian Gray

Wilde’s classic fable, reimagined

Trapped in a battle of the wits with a woman who has every reason to do him harm, Dorian Gray finds himself on trial, forced to answer for a century of crimes. Has time changed him for the better or worse? A bold, gripping re-imagining and continuation of Oscar Wilde’s classic Faustian fable.

The Rest is Drag

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

‘The Rest Is Drag’ is a hilarious and heartfelt blend of cabaret and musical theatre by queer writing duo Darwent & Gray. This original queer musical questions traditional understandings of identity, and the ways in which everyone can restrictively define themselves by labels. Starring Jack Beeby (Six Inches Uncut) and Anna Burley (Ira Luxuria), and featuring an entirely original score.

Third Nature by Raina Peterson and Govind Pillai

Third Nature is an opulent dance work exploring the wildness of gender and the weirdness of human sexuality. In a world where South Asia was never colonised and there were no colonial sanctions on gender and sexuality, two people delight in their own bodies. A sensuous, riotous work of lavish beauty and playful disarray by Raina Peterson and Govind Pillai.
Truly Madly Britney
Britney Spears, Savage Garden, Las Vegas, Morphine, and a brand new play; the perfect backdrop for a summertime party in St Kilda

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

Victor Frock-Paulia
Gentlemen Prefer Songs

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

Victoria Falconer: Oxymoron

TimeOut London’s Top 10 Cabaret Superstars

A show about identity, contradiction, conversation and eels from a biracial multi-instrumental bisexual femme cabaret artist person, Victoria Falconer, the half-moustached one from EastEnd Cabaret and one third of comedy power trio Fringe Wives Club, brings Oxymoron to Midsumma Festival. Twice winner of Best Cabaret at Adelaide Fringe, winner of Best Musical Variety Act at the London Cabaret Awards and Green Room Award nominee.

Wank Bank Masterclass

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

Winner: Best Interactive Show — Adelaide Fringe 2017
Woah, Alyssa! 2
Woah, Alyssa! is a sketch comedy duo made up of some guy and his boyfriend. These two hush puppies are back for Woah, Alyssa! 2 where they’re gonna play every character in an energetic hour lampooning overcooked pop songs, empty-headed talk show segments, straight actors doing gay smooches, and that’s just the tip of the shaft!

What a Drag! 2019: A Night of a Thousand Madonnas
What a Drag! is back!
Come celebrate all things Madonna at Chapel Off Chapel with Melbourne’s most fabulous Drag Queens for one night only. Hosted by the stunning Rhubarb Rouge with DJ David Virgona. EXPRESS YOURSELF and come as your favourite Madonna incarnation. All ticket proceeds and donations will raise funds for Thorne Harbour Health (Formerly VAC) and JOY 94.9.

What Ever Happened to Jeremy Baxter?
Everything will go to plan as long as everyone follows the rules...
Luke and Marty kidnap wealthy socialite Jeremy Baxter in a ploy to use the hefty ransom to fund a new start to their troubled lives. But only if everything goes to plan...FRED the ALIEN Productions presents an original drama that explores the relationship between masculinities, class, and power struggle.
Vote for your favourite finalist from the Midsumma and Australia Post Art Prize.

The finalists’ artworks will be made available to the public for viewing and voting during Midsumma Festival 22 Jan - 3 Feb. See page 57 of this guide or visit midsumma.org.au for more information on Australia’s leading queer art award.
**Kids and Families**

**Drag Story Time at the Incinerator Gallery**

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

**Once Upon a Drag Storytime**

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

**Rainbow Family Storytime**

All families are unique and special

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

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**Hare Hole**

(Hares & Hyenas)

63 Johnston St, Fitzroy

9 Feb

Sat 11am
Sat 2pm (Auslan interpreted)
Sat 8pm

$15 full
$10 conc
$10 (each) families (min 3, matinees only)

Presented by PO PO MO CO, Rainbow Families Council and Hare Hole

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

Image: Michelle Baginski

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**Newport Community Hub, 13 Mason St, Newport**

1 Feb

Fri 4pm

Duration 45 mins

FREE

Presented by Hobsons Bay City Council

Image: Damjan Janevski
Youth area at Midsumma Carnival and Pride March
Get ready for two fun filled days

**Midsumma Carnival:** Enjoy the Youth Precinct with Minus18. Don’t miss — activations, DJs, performances, and banner making workshops for preparing for Midsumma Pride March.

**Midsumma Pride March:** We have saved Youth a spot at the front of the march. If you’re not marching with a group already, look out for Minus18 at the Assembly area. March kicks off at 11am — more info at midsumma.org.au

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Mad Hatter Tea Party
Don’t be late for this very important date

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

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Music on The Deck
Celebrate Midsumma Festival by relaxing at the Newport Community Hub and enjoying tunes from some of summer’s hottest young artists. Win movie passes and other great prizes, and keep cool with complimentary icy poles, drinks and mouth watering foods. All families welcome.
QueerTech.io: Youth Workshop

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

ACMI — Studio 2
Federation Square, cnr Swanston & Flinders St, Melbourne

21 - 22 Jan
Mon - Tue
10am - 4pm

FREE Expressions of Interest close Mon 7 Jan

Ages 14 – 21

Presented by Midsumma Festival, QueerTech.io and ACMI

Image: Xanthe Dobbie, Alaska 5000, 2018, Gif Collage

Volunteer

Midsumma Festival wouldn’t be the success that it is without the 300 volunteers each year!

If you would like to join our team of volunteers for 2019 register at: midsumma.org.au

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WWW.STAROBSERVER.COM.AU/GAYSCEINE
A Summer Mass
Celebrating LGBTQIA+ People of Faith

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

Presenter by St Marks Anglican Church
Community & Culture

Festival

Kelly Park, Corner of Cherry St and Synnot St, Werribee
2 Feb
Sat 5 – 9pm
FREE

Park Lounge
Deep West Pride Without Prejudice
Soak up a #deepwest LGBTQIA+ experience in Werribee! Bring your family and your friends, pull up a beanbag and enjoy the festivities. Feast your eyes, relax and prepare to dance to a jam-packed program that celebrates all shades of queer expression.

Day Out

Forest Glade Gardens, 816 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon
26 Jan
Sat 10am – 4pm
$10 at the gate
Children under 16 free

Picnic at Forest Glade
Enjoy a picnic with other members of Melbourne’s GLBTI community, in the beautiful gardens at Forest Glade, Mount Macedon
Take a drive in the country and join the Melbourne Rainbow Band and the Melbourne Gay & Lesbian Chorus for their annual picnic. Take a stroll around 14 acres of stunning private gardens at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon, while the MGLC and MRB provide a musical touch and Motafrenz display some of their classic cars.

Festival

Montmorency Village, Were St, Montmorency
2 Feb
Sat 6.30 – 10.30pm
FREE

No BYO

QWere Street
Summer Vibes
Montmorency Traders and Banyule Council present Midsumma on QWere Street!
We’re bringing a Midsumma street party to Montmorency! Enjoy a fun-filled late evening event with live performances, a kid’s zone, creative activities, roving entertainment, alfresco dining, waterslide and much, much more! Everyone is welcome! This is a free event! No BYO.

Day Out

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre, 5 Sargood St, Altona
9 Feb
Sat 11am – 4pm
Afternoon tea at 2pm
FREE

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

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

CHORUS

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

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

Company Ink

Queer life drawing with Eureka

Dip your pen in queer and alternative ink and celebrate the diversity of the queer body. Artists of all skill levels are invited to join Convent-based artist Eureka for life drawing in the stunning Mural Hall at the Abbotsford Convent. Diverse genders and identities welcome. Eureka will provide on-the-spot teaching and drawing materials.
Dapper
A finessed fashion sensibility that considers costuming, codes and the allure of the queer gaze

Dapper features artists who have played with, constructed and considered the threads we wear and how style can both define and expose us. The exhibition connects to our queer histories, gender fluidity and acknowledges the defiantly dapper.


DATE NIGHT AT HEIDE
Hone your dating skills at the home of modern love

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

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

Gay Life Drawing Melbourne
Melbourne’s most talked about life drawing event!

Gay Life Drawing Melbourne has become one of the most popular life drawing events in Melbourne. A fun night of self-expression, artists of all stages capture the essence of talented models. To celebrate its first anniversary, we exhibit previous work on our walls throughout Midsumma and present a ticketed drawing class featuring four models depicting the classic Rocky Horror Picture show.
Hitched
Curated by Maddee Clark and Neika Lehman
On 9 December 2017, after a period of heightened public debate, legalised coupledom in the Marriage Act 1961 was defined as ‘the union of 2 people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life’. Looking to art and the public archive, Hitched reflects on the histories and politics of queer communities and their relationship to legalised unions.

Exhibition
Wyndham Art Gallery, 177 Watton St, Werribee
14 Jan – 10 Feb
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm
Sat – Sun 11am – 4pm
FREE
Presented by Wyndham City Council
Image: Neika Lehman and Maddee Clark

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

Exhibition
Grey Cells Green, 50 Chapel St, Windsor
23 Jan – 1 Feb
Opening
Wed 23 Jan 6 – 11pm
Exhibition
Wed – Thu 5 – 10pm
Fri 5 – 11pm
Sat midday – 11pm
Sun midday – 10pm
FREE
Presented by Martha Ackroyd Curtis
Image: HER II, Martha Ackroyd Curtis

In Situ Series 2
A journey into the lives of artists, In Situ celebrates what it means to be an artist living in The Kulin Nation in 2018
An exhibition by Bethany Atkinson-Quinton + Snehargho Ghosh with Hamuera Rimene, Hannah Donnelly, Alice Skye, Charlotte Allingham. In Situ is a collaborative platform that cares about artists being heard and weaves connections between like-minded individuals to build a sustainable community. Take a journey into the lives of artists creating work in urban spaces and celebrate what it means to be an artist living in The Kulin Nation.

Exhibition
BLINDSIDE, Lvl 7, Room 14, Nicholas Building, 37 Swanston St, Melbourne
23 Jan – 9 Feb
Tue – Sat Midday – 6pm
FREE

Leigh in London
This striking exhibition hone in on the work of Australian photographer, Robyn Beeche, during her time in London. The prolific artist documented seemingly opposing worlds: the post-punk, new romantic fashion and music scenes of 1980s London and Hindu ceremonies held in the Indian pilgrimage town of Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh. Robyn was renowned for collaborating with counter-culture personalities including Zandra Rhodes, Vivienne Westwood, Divine and Sunshine's art-fashion icon, Leigh Bowery.

Exhibition
The Bowery Theatre, Princess St, St Albans
21 Jan – 22 Mar
Mon – Thu 9am – 5pm
Fri 9am – 4.30pm
Sat 9am – 12.30pm
FREE
Presented by Robyn Beeche
Let’s Eat Cake
LOVE WINS: MARRIAGE EQUALITY CAPTURED
The LET’S EAT CAKE exhibition and book launch will be celebrating and commemorating all those who participated in the historical Marriage Equality marches in Melbourne and Sydney, and follows the journey right to the end to the Canberra announcement in December 2017. Maylei Hunt is a local social documentary photographer based in Melbourne.

Exhibition
Melbourne City Library Gallery, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
16 Jan – 7 Feb
Opening
Thu 24 Jan 6 – 8pm
Exhibition
Mon – Thu 8am - 8pm
Fri 8am – 6pm
Sat 10am – 5pm
Sun midday – 5pm
FREE
Presented by Maylei Hunt
Image: Maylei Hunt

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

Exhibition
No Vacancy,
QV Gallery,
34-40 Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne
22 Jan – 3 Feb
Opening
22 Jan Tue 6pm
Artist Talk
29 Jan Tue 6pm
Exhibition
23 Jan – 3 Feb
Tue – Fri 6pm
Sat – Sun midday – 5pm
FREE
Presented by Midsumma Festival and Australia Post
Image: Lesley Turnbull, Untitled from Skins 2018 series

My Milonga, the Dance of the Heart
The Dance of the Heart is a series of complex and large scale photographic images inspired by the Tango. Using the Tango as a visual metaphor, the artists visually explore the intricate details of diversity in humanity as it negotiates relationships on the (re)imagined dance floor. The exhibition narrative is also about Australia embracing the changing face of its people; as we open ourselves to modern diversity.

Exhibition
Gasworks Arts Park,
21 Graham St,
Albert Park
22 Jan – 10 Feb
Opening: Wed 23 Jan 6pm
Exhibition: Daily 9.30am – 4.30pm
FREE
Presented by Gerard O’Connor and Marc Wasiak
Image: Les Hombres Pelean — Gerard O’Connor & Marc Wasiak

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

Exhibition
Pride Of Our Footscray,
1/86–88 Hopkins St,
Footscray
15 Jan – 17 Feb
Opening
Sat 19 Jan 6 – 9pm
Exhibition
Daily midday – 1am
FREE
Presented by Fabulous Art Group Society
Personal Touch

Throughout history, self-portraiture has provided a means for artists to examine their place in society. In the time of the camera phone, self-representation by artists provokes needed discussion on the problematic binaries associated with gender and identity. Personal Touch expresses the sensitivity with which artists are addressing the evolving nature of selfhood, at a time when the political status quo fails to do so. Featuring Archie Barry, Bailee-Rose Farnham, Tyza Stewart, Bon Mott, Nunzio Madden, with text by Nevo Zisin.

Polari

A curated exhibition for Midsumma 2019 at Trocadero Artspace

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

PINK

A visual cornucopia of queer art

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

Preview NYC Pride EXHIBIT

Preview this captivating exhibition of paintings before it exhibits in New York City for World Pride and the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall. Travel continues to inform Watson’s art — from classical paintings he’s seen in the Louvre Museum, to Queens Guards he’s photographed in London. On returning to his Melbourne studio, the artworks evolve, with his visual inventions fusing the homoerotic with classical imagery and contemporary vignettes found in daily life.
Out & About is a FREE service for older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or intersex (LGBTI) people across Victoria. Our peer volunteers make regular social visits, aiming to build community connections and reduce isolation for LGBTI people in residential aged care or receiving care at home. Social activities may include chatting over coffee, watching a movie, sharing a hobby or attending an event together.

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

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

Widgets and Doohickies from a Camp Toolbox

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

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

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

You’re That Person to Someone

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

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

Arts House, 521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne
31 Jan – 2 Feb
Thu – Fri 4 – 10pm
Sat 11am – 10pm
FREE

Presented by Midsumma Festival and Arts House

The Pinnacle Foundation provides scholarships and mentoring for LGBT+ students aged 17-26. helping them achieve their potential and "Light The Spark" within.

To find out more about scholarships, becoming a mentor, or supporting us as a donor visit thepinnaclefoundation.org

Midsumma Festival relies on your generous donations to produce the 23 day festival, plus all-year-round initiatives supporting the development of queer artists and culture makers.

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AIDS Memorial Garden Walking Tour
Stories of hope, heartache and horticulture from the site of the old Fairfield

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

BodMod Salon
A casting workshop to creatively explore personal experiences related to bodies

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

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

Join lyrical poet, Lay the Mystic, and cross-disciplinary artist and writer, S.J Norman, as they discuss their experiences of embodiment and connection with Country as First Nations trans people.
Doubling Down: A Discussion on Disability and LGBTIQ

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

Cultivating Courage
Meeting Life's Challenges One Heartbeat at a Time

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

Celebrating Intersex Bodies
Beauty and strength in diversity

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

Dads, Donors and More
Options for Making Rainbow Families

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

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

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

**Workshop**

**The 86 Cabaret Bar**, 185 Smith St, Fitzroy  
22 – 31 Jan  
Tue - Thu 7pm  
Duration 120 mins  
$23.50 full  

Presented by  
The 86 Cabaret Bar  
Image: Chayla Taylor

### Hypothetical

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

**Talks**

**Federation Square, Deakin Edge, Melbourne**  
22 Jan  
Tue 7pm  
Duration 90 mins  
FREE booking required

Coarse language  
Presented by  
Thorne Harbour Health  
Image: Andy Miller

### Queer @ the library?

*Nevo — young passionate activist*

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

For details phone 97841020 or library.frankston.vic.gov.au/whats_on

**Talks**

**Frankston Library, 60 Playne St, Frankston**  
4 Feb  
Mon 5.30pm for nibbles, 6pm for Nevo  
Duration 90 mins  
FREE booking required

Presented by  
Frankston Library

### Queer Quickies

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

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

**Workshop**

**Theatre Works, 14 Acland St, St Kilda**  
10 Feb  
Sun 4pm  
Duration 6 hours  
FREE booking required

Presented by  
Theatre Works
Talks, Tours & Workshops

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

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

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

Speak Up! I Can’t Hear You
A panel discussion on storytelling in LGBTQIA+ communities
For the past 28 years Switchboard Victoria has been listening to the stories of LGBTQIA+ communities. This panel digs deeper into the stories we tell and how they shape who we are. Featuring Lou Bennett, Christos Tsiolkas and Carolyn D’Cruz and hosted by community activist and gender transcendent diva Mama Alto. All monies raised go to Switchboard Victoria.
**The Famous ALGA History Walk**

Explore queer history through the streets of Melbourne!

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

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**The Gays Are Revolting Live**

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

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

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**Writers in Conversation**

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

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Get your engines revving because Grease is the word! That’s right, the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds will be gracing the silver screen for one very special night at MQFF during Midsumma.

What better way to spend a summer night than with friends, food and film. Book your spot today!

Friday, 1 February 2019 at the Coburg Drive-In
For information and bookings visit www.mqff.com.au

14 – 25 MARCH 2019
Sign up to our mailing list to be the first to know about our pre-release films throughout Midsumma
www.mqff.com.au
Film Screening:
Love, Simon
Join us for a free screening of acclaimed film Love, Simon at Preston Library. Everyone deserves a great love story, but for seventeen-year-old Simon Spier it’s a bit complicated: he’s yet to tell his family or friends he’s gay and he doesn’t actually know the identity of the anonymous classmate he’s fallen for online. Light refreshments and free popcorn included!

Preston Library,
266 Gower St, Preston
24 Jan
Thu 7 – 9pm
FREE booking required
Coarse language
M rating
Presented by Preston Library
“A smart spin on the straight romcom” — The Guardian
Image: Roadshow PPL

MQFF @ The Drive In
It’s going to be systematic, hydromatic, ultramatic...it’s Greased Lightnin’!
Melbourne Queer Film Festival invites you to start your engines because Grease is the word for one very special night at the Coburg Drive-In for a Grease sing-a-long. That’s right, the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds will be gracing the silver screen. What better way to spend a summer night than with friends, food and film?

Village Drive-In,
Coburg, 155 Newlands Rd, Coburg North
1 Feb
Fri
Doors at 7pm
Film at 8.30pm
Duration 4 hours
$35 full
$100 car of 4
Coarse language
PG Rating
Presented by Melbourne Queer Film Festival
**ADAM & EVeryone**

Finally, a nude dance party for EVeryone!

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

**Party**

ADAM

Melbourne's nude bar for guys

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

ADAM Pool Party

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

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

5 WHOLE DAYS OF SHAKING THAT TAIL FEATHER, RELAXING, AND STROKING YOUR PLUMES. BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION NOW FOR THE BEST COUNTRY WEEKEND OF THE YEAR.
Part of Midsumma Presents program

**Party**

**After Dark**
**Closet: A Carnival After Party for Homosexuals & Those Who Love Them**

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

**Date & Time**
- 20 Jan
- Sun 8pm – 4am
- $18 full
- $22 on the door

**Location**
Lounge, Level 1/243 Swanston St, Melbourne

**Music**

**HABITS and friends**
**Celebrate the closing night of BODY with border-blending party jams**

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

**Date & Time**
- 2 Feb
- Sat 9pm – 1am
- FREE

**Location**
Arts House, 521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne

**Networking**

**GLOBE Networking — Powered by Optus**
**Melbourne’s best LGBTI professional networking event**

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

**Date & Time**
- 10 Jan
- Thu 6pm
- Duration 4 hours
- $15 full
- $20 at door (if not sold out)
- Free GLOBE members

**Location**
Melbourne Public, 11 Dukes Walk, South Wharf

**Fashion**

**ARTZ: Love Wins**
**Fashion celebrating queer culture on the runway**

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

**Date & Time**
- 10 Feb
- Sun 6pm
- 2 hours
- $40 full

**Location**
Crown Towers, Club 23, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank

**Presented by**
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NUDE @ TIGHT ARSE TUESDAY
EVERY TUESDAY 10AM - MIDNIGHT

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
MONDAY TO THURSDAY 6AM - 10 AM

BUDDIES
EVERY WEDNESDAY 4PM - MIDNIGHT
## Kong’s 6th Birthday Blowout

**Kong’s Kings: subverting drag since 2013**

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

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**Overview**
- Nudity
- Coarse language
- Smoke effects
- Extended standing

**Presented by Kong’s Kings**

## Melbourne Pride Ensemble Launch

**Challenging stereotypes and social isolation faced by older LGBTQIA+ people**

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

**Social Event**

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**Overview**

**Presented by Theatre Works & Melbourne Pride Ensemble**

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## Miss Gay & Miss Transsexual Australia International

**Australia’s largest Drag Queen and Transgender Talent & Beauty Pageant**

Who will be crowned in the 10th year anniversary of the country’s biggest and most talked about pageant for drag queens and transgender beauties? It’s back in the West by popular demand and sponsored by the Hobsons Bay City Council! Watch contestants go head to head as they proudly represent their cultural diversity.

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**Overview**
- Presented by Trans Angels Victoria Inc & Trans Pageant Australia International
- This year’s theme: ‘Colours of the world’
- Image: RGT Photography

**Presented by Trans Angels Victoria Inc & Trans Pageant Australia International**

## Nocturnal featuring Nakhane

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

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**Overview**
- Presented by Midsumma Festival and Melbourne Museum
- Part of Midsumma Presents program
**NudeManFest Australia Day Weekend**

NudeManFest Australia Day chill weekend in Central Victoria

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

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**Queer Pool Party**

We owe those beaches nothing!

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

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**Queer Quizmania**

Three fabulous nights of trivia!

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

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**Popchops Paradise Edition**

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

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**Party**

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CUMING BACK IN 2019

“THE PEELS INFAMOUS MEN ONLY CRUISE PARTY RETURNS”
THICK ‘N’ JUICY: Sunset Boat Party

Featuring high-profile DJs and a spectacular fireworks display!

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

Victoria Star Cruises, Dock 9 Central Pier, Victoria Harbour, Docklands
26 Jan
Boarding Sat 6pm
Departing 6.30pm
Return 10.30pm
Duration 4.5 hours
$40 full
$35 conc
$35 group (min 10)
Presented by THICK ‘N’ JUICY party family and all their cheeky friends
Image: Original photo provided by THICK ‘N’ JUICY sponsor wapowear.com

Unicorns — The Festival!

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

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

Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St, Northcote
2 Feb
Sat 1pm – midnight
$58 first release
$65 second release
$70 third release
Nudity
Coarse language
Presented by Del Cat Events
Image: Alexis Desaulniers-Lea Photography

WESTGAY

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

Littlefoot, 223 Barkly St, Footscray
2 Feb
Sat 8pm – 3am
$10 door sales only
Presented by Closet and Fannys
Image: Matto Lucas Photography
**Sports**

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**Glam Slam Melbourne Tournament**

Now in its second year at Melbourne Park during the Australian Open, the Glam Slam has attracted 170 players from around the globe. VicTennis and the GLTA are proud to host the only LGBTI diversity event at a Grand Slam anywhere in the world. Play takes place over 3 action packed days at Albert Reserve on St Kilda Rd and at Melbourne Park. It’s free for spectators to attend the Albert Reserve matches. Finals on Sun 27 Jan 3 – 7pm require a ground pass to Melbourne Park. For more details see victennis.com.

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**Nomads Assassins Walk South Melbourne to Carlton**

A walk through beautiful old Melbourne suburbs, with a twist

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

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**Magical Mystery Tour**

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

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**Day Out**

Como Park North, opposite 150 Alexandra Ave, South Yarra

28 Jan

Mon 9.45am – 5pm

$20 car (inc. driver) & $5 per passenger

Presented by Motafrenz Car Club

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**Tour**

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

27 Jan

Sun 10am

Duration 6 hours

FREE booking required

Presented by The Nomads Outdoors Group Inc.

Image: A lithograph of Edward Oxford’s assassination attempt on Queen Victoria, courtesy of the British Museum via The Age.
FOUR PILLARS

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#FourPillarsGin
#DrinkBetterGin
Nomads Bayside Cycling — and punt — to Williamstown

Explore stately mansions, the Pink Lake and the Westgate Punt

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

Pride Run & Walk

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

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

Free introduction session to social badminton

Ever wanted to meet new people in a fun and social sporting environment? Thought about playing badminton? Join this open-play session where people can try badminton for free. No experience is necessary. Coaches will be available, or the more experienced can play a game. Come along and...Serve It! Smash It! Love It!
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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 or midsumma.org.au 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 program can be downloaded on the Midsumma website midsumma.org.au

Alternatively, call Midsumma on 03 9296 6600 and we can email or post them to you.

Discounts and Concessions

Concession Tickets
We accept a range of concession cards — for a full list of concessions visit midsumma.org.au/festival-info/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.

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 $4.50 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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