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AH MIDSUMMA. Days get longer, hotter and thoughts turn to never ending late afternoons in t shirts and shorts and bbq's and picnic's and the start of a brand spanking New Year. It's here!

2008, Midsumma Festival celebrates its twentieth vear with the theme of ARRIVAL. 20 years! So now we onder; in today's mostly tolerant integrated big city orld, what does it mean to celebrate being Queer?

Nith over 175 unique events programmed, the 2008 estival is an eclectic showcase of queer culture. erformance, visual arts, cabaret, live bands, spoken vord, film, forums, parties, fashion, community, porting, and family events, plus a new focus on food and wine - the 2008 program will be presented over ve municipalities in over 80 different venues across elbourne and Victoria.

In 2008 Melbourne hosts the 1st Asia Pacific Outgames; an international gay and lesbian multisport event with human rights conference. As Host City Cultural Partner o the Outgames, our program is bursting at the seams vith vibrant, inspiring, confronting, ironic, amusing art and events.

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Presented across five Festival Hubs and other locations around Melbourne, Midsumma is more accessible than ever before. No matter who you are, how you identify, what you wear, who you sleep with or who you vote for, the 2008 program offers an extensive and diverse showcase of gueer culture.

So, let's enjoy all this queer art. Get out and about and celebrate living in or visiting this great city and the freedom and beauty it offers all of us - gay, queer, straight or otherwise.

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT





JENNY FARRAR MAYOR, CITY OF YARRA (2007)

Midsumma is a signature City of Yarra arts event.

The arts play an important role in celebrating, exploring and encouraging the diversity of cultures in Yarra and our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex communities are an integral part of our municipality and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our City.

The City of Yarra has supported Midsumma since 1995 and we are extremely proud to have consolidated our support for this world-class event with a three-year partnership with the organisers, funded through our Community Partnership Grants program.

On behalf of the City of Yarra, I offer my congratulations to Midsumma on this, its 20th anniversary. It is wonderful to see this outstanding festival thriving in the celebration of queer arts and culture.



ROB HULLS

DEPUTY PREMIER

The Brumby Government is proud to support the 2008 Midsumma Festival – the premier social and cultural event for Victoria's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) communities and a vital event in the life of this state.

Together we should recognise Melbourne as a safe, diverse and welcoming place – a community determined to nurture inclusiveness at its core. Since coming to office, the Government has implemented a range of reforms, including:

• Establishing the Attorney-General's Advisory Committee on GLBTI issues to advise on legal issues affecting GLBTI communities;

 Amending over 50 Victorian Acts to provide, in most cases, that same-sex couples are treated the same as heterosexual de facto couples before the law:

• Providing a mechanism for transsexual Victorians to have their birth records amended and be issued with a new birth certificate reflecting their affirmed sex;

• Commissioning the Victorian Law Reform Commission's (VLRC) Assisted Reproductive Technology and Adoption: Final Report which examined the law relating to assisted reproductive technology and adoption, in particular, for people who are in same-sex relationships or single; and

•Acting to establish a Relationships Register which will enable same-sex and heterosexual de facto couples to register their relationships on a register to be operated by the Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Midsumma is a time in Victoria's calendar when we celebrate pride and resilience, difference and similarities, family and friends, love and life in all its glory.

I wish everyone a sensational Festival and look forward to what we can continue to achieve together.

GREGORY HYWOOD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TOURISM VICTORIA

I welcome you to Midsumma 2008 and the inaugural Asia Pacific Outgames.

Midsumma, now in its 20th year, features more than 175 events in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Once again, thousands of interstate and international visitors will travel to Victoria for Midsumma, boosted this year by the Outgames, a multi-sport tournament, human rights conference and cultural event.

Take some time to discover Melbourne's many cafes, restaurants and bars – many of them tucked away in our unique laneways – our boutiques, galleries, theatres and museums.

Tourism Victoria has long been a supporter of Midsumma, helping it to grow into Australia's premier gay and lesbian arts and cultural festival. Now recognised worldwide, Midsumma will present a diverse and extensive cultural showcase.

I hope you enjoy Midsumma and the Asia Pacific Outgames.

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LORD MAYOR, CITY OF MELBOURNE

It is with great anticipation we welcome Midsumma back for its 20th anniversary of art, music and culture.

This season Midsumma is being produced in conjunction with the multi-sport 1st Asia Pacific Outgames. Melbourne will present the creative and sporting talent of our gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex community on the world stage. Known for our cultural diversity, passion for sport and insatiable appetite for entertainment, 2008 will see Melbourne with all colours flying!

This year, Midsumma gets bigger and better. From the Tiwi Island Sister Girls at Carnival Day to Queer City artists: Midsumma explores the festival theme of 'Arrival'. With neighbours from across our region arriving in Melbourne, we'll make sure it's a show to remember.

In previous years, Midsumma has attracted more than 200,000 people to its performances, exhibitions and other activities. Combined with the inaugural Asia Pacific Outgames and a major human rights conference at Melbourne Town Hall, our city has a wonderful opportunity to promote its philosophy of equality, inclusivity and freedom of expression.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne, I congratulate everyone who has worked to create this bold and unique festival over the past 20 years. We are very proud to support Midsumma for another year. I invite everyone to make the most of the city's famous bar and cultural scene this March.



MIDSUMMA MELBOURNE

CARNIVAL & T-DANCE

GRAB YOUR MATES, YOUR NEIGHBOURS, YOUR LOVERS AND FRIENDS IT'S MIDSUMMA CARNIVAL TIME!

Midsumma is delighted to be opening the 2008 Festival with GLBTI Melbourne's favourite community event - Carnival Day! Come join the gayest party in town as we return Carnival Day to it's home by the Yarra at Alexandra Gardens.

With over 12 hours of non-stop entertainment, it's Midsumma's premier showcase of the hottest queer talent in town. All of your favourites are back plus heaps of new and exciting things to see and do! Adventure through the picnicking parties, rack 'em up at the bars, graze the gourmet village, rush the stages, boogie on the dance floor, cruise through the stalls, and hook up with old mates. That's a hell of a lot of bang for five bucks!

And if you're craving for more, the fun doesn't end there! As the sun sets, the heat is turned up as we kick into T-Dance, the hottest party ticket this Summa. Funky tunes waft between the palms, party people kick into gear and some of Melbourne's finest DJ's and performance artists tear it up under the stars!

VENUE: Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne DATE: Sat 19 Jan TIME: Carnival 11am – 6pm / T-Dance 6pm – 12pm PRICE: Carnival \$5 donation upon entry / T-Dance \$20 pre-sale \$25 on the day INFO: 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au BOOKINGS: www.midsumma.org.au

SWISS NAVY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

Kicking off from 12 noon, the Swiss Navy Festival Showcase stage will be a non-stop back to back extravaganza of some of the finest queer talent appearing throughout the 2008 Festival. It's going to be one hell of a roller coaster ride of live bands, fashion, comedy, drag kings and queens, hot studs and

groovy gals

Your MC's for the day include Midsumma darling Wes Snelling, the world's richest (and oldest) flight attendant Alexis Van Airbust, the uber fabulous Dulcie Du Jour and Midsumma funny man Anthony Menchetti.

You'll be blown away by the beautifully polished and intoxicating vocal talents of singer songwriter Nat Ripepi. We'll rock your socks as 6000Red fuse classic songwriting with pumping, grinding electro basslines and soaring vocals. The Blowaves will keep the energy pumping with their intriguing, compelling and rocken sounds! Australia's hottest young jazz artists will get you swinging as the ever suave Garth Ploog does his thang, and the sultry sexiness of Jacquline Gawler consumes you! The sizzling James Vivian will be sure to impress as he delivers his unique style of keys and vocal! Mixing it up with an indigenous twist, Midsumma welcomes the Tiwi Island Sister Girls. Get up close; don't miss a thing!

PINK SOFA COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Melbourne's GLBTI community is bursting at the pink seams with an extraordinary array of queer talent. Those that have got it are going to be showing it off on the Pink Sofa Community Showcase this Carnival Day!

Got a talent you want to share? Recken you got a decent set of lungs, can you pull something out your hat, shocking party tricks even? Midsumma's Hot Talent is your chance for 5 minutes of fabulous fame! Make way for the snakeskin boots and cowboy hats and be prepared for a good dose of heel & toe – Melbourne's bootscooters are back! It'll be a dance-off with a difference as samesex dance sports hit the floor for a little cheeky Cha Cha Cha, some saucy Samba and a raunchy Rumba or two! Genderbending rock from JadeStar's DreadCircus will keep the beats kicken too! It wouldn't be a hot Summa's day without some buff and brawn; get yourself a prime possy for the return of Midsumma's physique competition. Work up a sweat as the team from Australia Fitness Systems show you how to fill out a lycra bodysuit. They blow, beat, strum and pluk, it's the bursting sounds of the Melbourne Rainbow Band. Never far behind, Melbourne's Gay & Lesbian Chorus will be bashing out a lung full of family favourites to keep your afternoon afloat! To round out the day. SuperGirly aka Lulu McClatchy, will give yo'all a good lashing of strong vocals, clever writing and a piss take that will leave you laughing from start to finish. WHeww..













PREMIER EVENTS

DULCIE'S DOG SHOW

It just wouldn't be Carnival Day without Dulcie Du Jour's famous Dog Show. One of the longest running Midsumma events, and certainly the most loved, Dulcie's Dog Show sets the dogs amongst the pigeons in this high-camp romp through canine-land where dogs meet drag. Cuddly corgis, shaggy shitzus and beefy bulldogs all battle it out for Best in Show. Register at the Midsumma compound before 11.30am. Categories include Bold and Butch, Cultured & Camp, Owner/ Dog Look-a-Like, Survival of the Oldest and Young Achiever! It's an early show this year, so don't be late!

SUMMAFASHION

Melbourne's hottest emerging designers rub shoulders with the fashion elite for the premier of SummaFashion. Midsumma's new live music and catwalk fashion event will have your heart beating and blood rushing as we present the hottest summa fashions. From cutting urban to skimpy beach, we'd like to think it's all about the threads, but the buffed boys and growling gurrls will be sure to get you going too!

OUTGAMES / QSAM SPORTS PRECINCT

Feeling a little sporty? How could you not as Melbourne welcomes the 1st Asia Pacific Outgames to Midsumma. Register to compete or simply come down to check out the impressive array of tight buns in tracksuits! Outgames and Queer Sports Alliance Melbourne guys and gals will be onsite to share their passion and maybe a training tip or two.

CHILLOUT FOOD & WINE PAVILION

New to the 2008 program, Midsumma's Food and Wine program is serving up a smorgasboard of fun and tasty food and wine events across Midsumma. To kick things off, be sure to graze through the Chillout Food and Wine pavilion at Carnival. Chat to winemakers, chew on some cheddar, grab a bottle of plonk and layabout between the hay bales! The county comes to town for this tasty new addition to Carnival. Be sure to checkout the Barwick Estate's Crush Bar, the CrushSlush is a must

42 BELOW SUMMACLUB ARRIVALS LOUNGE

Place your tray tables in the upright position - It's first class all the way in the 42 Below SummaClub Arrivals Lounge. VIP bar, mile high entertainment, cockpit cocktails and only the very best in-flight service, SummaClub Arrivals lounge is for exclusive enjoyment of SummaClub members only. Get your SummaClub membership online before Carnival Day to avoid disappointment. It's the only way to fly!

MIDSUMMA'S HOT TALENT

to make it big (well at Carnival anyway!) Be sure to register at the Midsumma compound by 1:00pm.

GNC LIVE WELL PHYSIQUE COMPETITION

Rippled abs, buffed bods and perky buns; it's the return of SummaPhysique. If your just about to burst out of your shirt, or if you've already got it off, come and sign up for the GNC Live Well Physique Competition. Show off that muscle and let your body talk. Prizes galore and a heap of fun to be had! Register by 2pm at the Midsumma compound.

Q-DECKS

cool kids 'll be there!

GROUP SKATE LESSONS

10:30am-11:30am, 12pm-1pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm Cost: \$15 Bookings: 9663 0495 or at the Riverslide Skate Park on the day.

T-DANCE JUNIOR

6pm - midnight Cost: \$15 door sales only (Free soft drink all night) А

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CARNIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Promising a veritable treasure trove of weird, wonderful and wacky acts, Misdumma's Hot Talent will be a juggernaut of quirky and genuinely inspiring queer talent. Recken you've got a gift that's aching to be discovered - this is your chance

Indi queers, skater fags, disenchanted youth and friends, Q-Decks is your hub this Carnival Day. Set around the Riverside Skate Park, Q-Decks features skateboard lessons, killer demos and alternative DJs to make your Midsumma rad. At 6pm the under-agers take over as Q-Decks transforms into a pumpen minus18 party with live video art at sundown. All the



IKEA KIDZ ZONE

Midsumma's Kidz Zone is back with thanks to IKEA! When the drag queens get a little scary and the kidz (and you) need a break, be sure to check-in to Kidz Zone. A fun and secure space where the kidz can run wild. With a swag of fun activities, baby change facilities, play equipment, face painting, story telling and much much more it'll be the place to be for Summa Kidz this Carnival. Mums and Dads, be sure to stay and play!

STAR LOUNGE

Rub shoulders with the talented and famous, get that autograph, score a signed CD, pick up a t-shirt or simply go for the star pash; the Midsumma StarLounge is your chance to get up close and personal with all your favourite talent from the Swiss Navy Festival Showcase stage. Have your mobile handy to download groovy tunes from your fave bands!

JOY 94.9 CARNIVAL BROADCAST

The team from Joy Melbourne will be Out and Loud this Carnival, filling the airwaves with all things Midsumma as they broadcast LIVE from Alexandra Gardens. Be sure to drop in on the crew and check out all those queer radio heads, become a member and pick up a freebie or two! See how it's all done and meet your favourite Joy personalities.

T-DANCE

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DATE; TIME; PRICE; INFO; **BOOKINGS:**

Alexandra Gardens, Melbourne Sat 19 Jan Carnival 11am – 6pm / T-Dance 6pm – 12pm Carnival \$5 donation upon entry / T-Dance \$20 pre-sale \$25 on the day 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au www.midsumma.org.au

Be sure to check bnews for a special Carnival Day liftout. Maps, stall listings, stage line-ups and much much more.



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SUMMA CRUISE WILL SUMMACRUISE FLOAT YOUR BOAT THIS SUMMA?

You know it will! SummaCruise '08 is revamped and revitalised and promises to be the hottest party this Summa. So come sail with us.....

That's right queer folks, SummaCruise has had a face lift, we're back aboard the Victoria Star with 2 pumping DJs and an Official After Party @ The Market Hotel. Don't miss this intimate boutique event – strictly limited to 300 tickets.

This sexy summa night always proves to be full of drinking, dancing and devious behaviour - not always in that order!!! So get your tickets early and show up in your sailor suit, swim suit or birthday suit and be ready to burn the floor under a sizzling Melbourne sunset.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Victoria Star, Central Pier, Docklands (opposite Telstra Dome) Southern Cross Station, Tram 48 end of the line
DATE	Melways: 2E E5
DATE:	Fri 25 Jan
TIME:	7pm boarding call, 7.30pm Anchors away
PRICE:	\$65 + bf full, \$55 + bf conc. & SummaClub, \$65 gangplank (cash only)
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, cruise@skpevents.com.au, www.skpevents.com.au/summacruise
ACCESSIBILITY:	Smoking, Lic, 18+





SUMMA JAZZ

SummaJazz has ARRIVED at Midsumma. Please place your tray in an upright position, unleash the seat belt and put a summa cocktail in your hand while you enjoy a program of hot tunes, sensual performances, sophisticated evenings and lazy Sundays.

As part of expanding the cultural program, SummaJazz has been introduced to showcase some of Melbourne's most exciting and emerging young jazz performers.

So come fly with us, lets fly, lets fly away. Whether it's swanky evening cocktails or laidback Sunday afternoons, come join us for SummaJazz.

JAZZ & SHIRAZ

Clear the runway...an event not to be missed!! Jazz & Shiraz kicks of the SummaJazz program in first class style at the uber-sophisticated Blue Diamond. With a wine list that's just as impressive at the Jazz talent, come enjoy the extraordinary talents of 2007 Aria Nominee Jacqueline Gawler (Coco's Lunch) and Australia's hottest new jazz sensation Garth Ploog, flying direct from recording in NewYork to launch SummaJazz. A complimentary glass of shiraz on arrival! All guests go into the running for a 12 month VIP Blue Diamond Club membership worth \$500

VENUE:	The Blue Diamond, Level 15, 123 Queen Street Melbourne
TRANSPORT:	
DATE:	Sunday 20th January
TIME:	8.30pm
PRICE:	\$20 pre sale, \$25 at the door
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

SUMMA JAZZ @ THE ARTERY

Sunday 27th January: A cruisy funk nujazz Sunday afternoon with Garth Ploog. Fresh from New York, after working with 4 x Grammy nominated producer Larry Dvoskin (David Bowie, Chicago, Sheryl Crowe). Joining Garth will be Jacqueline Gawler, Stone Flower and friends.

Sunday 3rd February: Be charmed by Jacqueline Gawler and Stone Flower on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Let yourselves be swept away by the consuming rhythm of Bossa Nova. Join Tamara Murphy, Novak Conrad, Garth Ploog and more for a fusion of samba and jazz.

VENUE:	The Artery, 87-89 Moore Street, Fitzroy
TRANSPORT:	
DATE:	Sun 27 Jan & Sun 3 Feb
TIME:	4 – 6.30pm
PRICE:	\$10 at the door
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au

SUMMA JAZZ FINALE

To wrap up one funky SummaJazz premier, come celebrate the season that was and join us as we watch the best jazz acts from the Summa. Wave goodbye to Midsumma for another year and be in the running for a 12 month VIP Blue Diamond Club membership worth \$500

VENUE:	The Blue Diamond, Level 15, 123 Queen Street Melbourne
TRANSPORT:	
DATE:	Sun 10 Feb
TIME:	8.30pm
PRICE:	\$20 pre sale, \$25 at the door
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au







pARTy DON'T JUST LOVE ART... LIVE IT.

1 theme. 1 one white space. 1 chance to make a masterpiece. Inspired by Warhol's Factory, pARTy is Midsumma's first interactive visual arts bash. Don't just love art... live it.

As one of Melbourne's creative, party loving queers, you're invited to talk art, create art and become art using Midsumma's 2008 theme of ARRIVAL as inspiration. Drink, chat, flirt and dance and when the urge hits paint the blank walls and objects that surround you whatever colour you're feeling.

All pARTy-goers will be provided with a white uniform and paint as the walls, found objects and their own bodies become the canvas. Bring whatever extra artistic tools you like as well as your iPod and make this pARTy yours.

The space will stay intact as a three-week exhibition and the work will be auctioned off at the end of Midsumma to raise funds for the 09 Visual Arts program

VENUE:	The Artery, 87-89 Moor St (Crn Brunswick St) Fitzroy
TRANSPORT:	Tram 112
DATE:	Sun 20 Jan
TIME:	3 – 10pm
PRICE:	\$ 30 full, \$25 conc. & SummaClub
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au
ACCESSIBILITY:	Smoke, 18+, Lic

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ZIGAZIG HA! NYE @ THE GLASSY BECAUSE YOU REALLY REALLY REALLY WANNA...

Spice Girls, 90210, NKOTB and Doc Martins... the '90s hits the Glasshouse this NYE. Before our GLBTIQ festival kicks off on Jan 19, Midsumma presents the raddest party in town to celebrate the ARRIVAL of 2008. Cowabunga homos.

Trashy dance floor classics, '90s entertainment, a smokin' BBQ and a free champers on arrival. Sashay shante, shante, shante, shante

UE:	The Glasshouse, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood
NSPORT:	Tram 86
E:	Mon 31 Dec
	6pm till very late
E:	\$30 full, \$25 conc. & Summa Club
/ BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au,
	www.midsumma.org.au



A NIGHT AT THE STAR A PHOTO DOCUMENTARY OF THE KING VICTORIA DRAG KING SCENE

Photographer John Sones captures the rich and vibrant performance styles of some of Melbourne's iconic drag kingsin this groundbreaking documentary exhibition at the Arts Centre. Shot over several months at King Victoria (programmed by Bumpy), Sones has documented one of Melbourne's most successful, yet underground phenomena. Featuring performers Moira Finucane, Azaria Universe and Nik Willmott, as well as a range of talented amateur kings, A Night at the Star is a moving testament to the power of genderfuck.

In late 2005, John Sones and Crusader Hillis discussed the idea of documenting the drag king culture in Melbourne. John, a photographer from Northern Ireland, has been living and working in Australia for some years and has developed a fascination with drag king performance. He feels this style of performance is much more adventurous and contemporary than the the long tradition of the drag queen , posingserious questions about the role of gender in our lives.

Working closely with the drag king performers, this exhibition is a powerful documentary of gender performance and a playful exploration of female masculinities.

VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME: PRICE:

The Arts Centre, St Kilda Road Foyer, 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne St Kilda Rd Trams Thur 10 Jan – Sun 9 Mar Open daily till late Free **INFO / BOOKINGS**: www.theartscentre.net.au



KING VICTORIA DRAG KINGS DRAG KING TRANS QUEER SHOWS DJ FRIDAYS

King Victoria is Melbourne's famous weekly drag king trans queer performance club. Stars like Rocco D'Amore, Koko Mas\$, Beau Heartbreaker, Nana Doris, Mr Kewl, Elviro, Max Fukter & Gwendolyn, Justin Sider, Herr Brothers, Rabbit Hutch, Ken Fukuoke & Donkey Donger guarantee a crazy, funny, sexy night. After the shows, DJs like Fu, Serenade, Pansy Pantz & Barely Legal play till closing time.

VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

Opium Den, 176 Hoddle St, Abbotsford Bus: No 246 – Stop at Collingwood Town Hall Train: Collingwood Station Fri 25 Jan & Fri 1, 8 Feb Happy Hour 8:30pm, Showtime 10:30pm \$10 full; \$8 conc 03 9417 2696; info@kingvictoria.com; www.kingvictoria.com







PRIDE MARCH LIVE. LOVE. BE.

The event that stops traffic.

The 13th annual Pride March takes over Fitzroy St, St Kilda in a blaze of colour, noise and movement.

Be loud. Be bold. Dress up or dress down. March with pride then enjoy the Concert and Beach Party.

Register your Pride March entry at www.pridemarch.com.au.

Pride March is the official closing celebration of the Asia Pacific Outgames 2008.

Pride March Victoria is a member of InterPride, the international association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride coordinators, and is the coordinating organisaton for InterPride Region 20.

VENUE: MARCH ASSEMBLY:	Fitzroy St, Catani Gardens and nearby locations, St Kilda. cnr Lakeside Dr & Fitzroy St.
TRANSPORT:	Concert & Beach Party: Catani Gardens, Pier Rd, Foreshore Tram 16, 96, 112 to Fitzroy St. / Bus 600, 606, 922, 923 to Fitzroy St.
TRANSFORT.	(note that tram and bus services in and around Fitzroy St will be subject to alterations due to Pride March).
	Melways: 2N J5 & K5
DATE & TIMES:	Sun 3 Feb
	Assembly open from 3.00pm
	Outgames Street Circuit Run 4.15pm – 4.45pm
	March commences 5.00pm, followed by
	Concert & Beach Party until 10.30pm
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	March Registrations: online at www.pridemarch.com.au or call 9513-3054, info@pridemarch.com.au, www.pridemarch.com.au
ACCESSIBILITY:	Smoke, Wheelchair, Lic, Meals, Hearing Services, Family Friendly





MASS DEBATE 2008 LABELS ARE SO PASSÉ... INTEGRATION ALL THE WAY!

Over the past 20 or so years the GLBTIQ community has been labelled with various terms. These labels have been affixed by our brothers and sisters within our community at the same time other labels by our mainstream cousins have been flung upon us. In a society of increasing acceptance we see an increasing number of community members integrating within their broader community. But what does this mean to the future existence of the GLBTIQ community?

All this and more will be explored at this sell out event! Book now with your friends and help raise much needed funds for the VGLRL.

Keep your eye out on the website for this year's mystery special guest – www.vglrl.org.au

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	National Theatre, Cnr. Barkly & Carlisle Streets, St. Kilda RAM Route 79 & 16, Stop 33 (Cnr Barkly & Carlisle St's) TRANN - Cardian for the state of the States (Cardian States)
	TRAIN – Sandringham Line, Balaclava Station (15 min walk down Balaclava / Carlisle Street) Melways: 58 B10
DATE:	Sun 9 Feb
TIME:	8pm
PRICE:	\$35 +bf full, \$25 +bf conc.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	Hares & Hyenas - 63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy VIC 3065
	Bang Clothing – 41 Cato Street, Prahran VIC 3544
	OUT Video — 108 St Kilda Road, St Kilda VIC 3065
	Eagle Leather – 58 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford VIC 3067
	MCV – www.mcv.net.au (go to "Tickets & subscriptions)

For all ticketing enquiries email massdebate@vglrl.org.au









PINK SHORTS

MIDSUMMA IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHORT & SWEET PRESENTS; SHORT PLAY SEASON

Praise be to God!

A season of 10 minute short plays written by our very own fabulous GLBT community.

Supported by the skills of directors and actors from around Melbourne's theatre scene, it is a celebration of our community presented in a new, exciting and edgy style.

Midsumma Festival has no other program like it. All our artists in Pink Shorts have been chosen to present works that are visually spectacular, confronting and thought provoking. Midsumma is proud to present Pink Shorts to us to support the artists process and to give audiences the opportunity to experience our own stories.

Don't miss this innovative Midsumma event that is sure to put a smile on your dial.

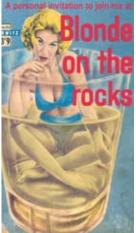
VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Gasworks Theatre Tram no: 1, stop 30 Melways: 2J, G7
DATE:	Sat 22 – Tue 26 Jan
TIME:	7:30pm
PRICE:	\$20 full, \$15 conc.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	9699 3253, www,gasworks.org.au
ACCESSIBILITY:	smoke, wheelchair, licensed, meals, family



GIRLS ON THE FLOOR

Yo... get down low and go ho go! With DJ Mafia behind the wheels of steel, GOTF 08 has arrived at her new spacious and curvaceous northside home of The Artery in Fitzroy. Packed with more video art and sexy trash bag performances than you can poke a tampon at, Girls on the Floor is once again the premier oestrogen-powered pash party of Midsumma. Bois and girls, get your fanny packs on cos this will be one helluva hump day.

VENUE:	The Artery, 87-89 Moor St (Crn Brunswick St) Fitzroy
TRANSPORT:	Tram 112
DATE:	Wed 30 Jan
TIME:	7-11pm
PRICE:	\$10 full, \$8 conc. & SummaClub (tickets at the door)
INFO / BOOKINGS:	www.midsumma.org.au



BLONDE ON THE ROCKS A LUSH SALON FOR GIRLS WHO LIKE GIRLS

A personal invitation to join us at Blonde on the Rocks for a night of wall-to-wall girl mayhem, Midsumma style. Surrender yourself to Blonde's dangerously delightful combination of saucy sights and simmering sounds over three luscious levels. Plenty of excitement on stage - and off - to keep the most discerning girls out all night. Champagne on arrival as always.

Only for Women

VENUE:	Eurotrash Bar, 17 Corrs Lane, off Lt. Bourke St, Melbourne, 3000
TRANSPORT:	Parliament Station, Swanston St or Bourke St trams
DATE:	Fri 1 Feb
TIME:	6pm – 3am
PRICE:	\$15 full; \$12 conc.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	blondeontherocks@yahoo.om.cu



QUEER CITY



QUEER CITY LAUNCH

MIDSUMMA'S URBAN VISUAL ARTS CONGA LINE

Queer City, kicks off at fortyfive downstairs as we gallery-crawl our way through Melbourne's laneways. The artsy queers have the keys to the city and we're gonna sip and strut our way through it. Leave some gas in your tank for the technotronic after party at Loop showcasing Midsumma's entire visual arts catalogue.

VENUE: Meet at fortyfive downstairs,

	The walking tour ends at LOOP, 23 Myers Place, Me	elbourn
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- 6pm
- TIME: PRICE: Free

INFO: 03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

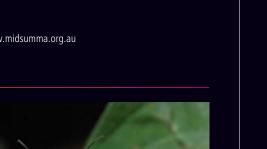


SINE REDEMPTUS

READY FOR YOUR CLOSE UP?

Divas, Dykes, Saints and Sinners prepare to **SHOUT OUT**, **ROCK OUT** or **CONFESS** all your delicious secrets! Visual artist Gianfranco Di Iorio and the Midsumma Digital Arts Group present their first unholy Video Confessional Booth – SINE REDEPTUS. Footage captured will be projected live onto the big screen as part of the Visual Arts Launch in 2008. Participants with unique talent can sign up to appear in a new Digital Video Project launching in 2009. Are YOU ready for your close up?

VENUE: LOOP, 23 Myers Place, Melbourne Wed 16 Jan DATE: IMF: 8pm PRICE: Free 03 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au NFO:



CITY LIBRARY TROY ANTHONY BAYLIS AND GLASS WING

TROY ANTHONY

There is a lightness about the works and the aspect of the ephemeral. Sometimes

woollen threads hang down from some corners of some pieces. Visually they function as

anchors on the wall reconfirming the work's position or can be seen as something like theair-roots of certain plants that reach out into the open of their environment.

Troy Anthony Baylis 'Indigeniety and drag at the cross-road of Mary G and Kaboobie' on January 28th at 7.00pm at the city Library lecture room

GLASS WI

City of Melbourne YAK Same Sex Attracted Young Person' Photographic Arts Project. Glass Wing a photographic exploration of sexual identity through the eyes of young gays. The exhibition explore the perspective and understanding of the Rainbow Community and aims to challenge viewers to consider difficulties, barriers and challenges such as homophobia, heterosexism and invisibility.

Acoustic performance - Selina Jenkins (Beau Heartbreaker) 12:30pm-1:30pm on Fri Jan 25th. The City Library

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	City Library, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Flinders St Station Melwavs: 18 M9
DATE: TIME: PRICE:	Wed 16 Jan – Sat 9 Feb 8am – 8pm Mon – Thur, 8am – 6pm Fri & 10am – 1pm Sat Free
	Jessica Tuckerman, 03 9664 0800, www.citylibrary.org.au







QUEER CITY

FORTYFIVE DOWNSTAIRS

Through the internet Lehmann explores the fetish sites dedicated to the male nipple, resulting in obsessively hand beading fetishistic works, which as potent, erotic and beautiful. The use of small glass beads emphasizes the digital component of the work giving reference to the pixel

Mixed Marriage is a large suspended net of wooden chopsticks and white plastic forks tied together. The work comes from a long-held interest in pattern from botanical to the Islamic. This work celebrates the small, value-less, disposable objects which surround our everyday.

An enclosed space, a plot of land defined by borders, serried rows, ordered and determined, or a wilder, open but still protected pasture, is an immediate response to the concept of 'field'. But the opposite is also true – fields of study or inquiry, whilst by definition within certain limits and constraints, can also be almost infinitesimal.

/ENUE: 'RANSPORT: /IELWAYS:	fortyfive Flinders
DATE:	Wed 16
TIME:	Tue – Fri
PRICE:	Free
NFO / BOOKINGS:	Mary Lo
ACCESSIBILITY:	Wheelch





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TAG LINE: DAVID LEHMANN, TIM CRACKER AND T J BATESON

ownstairs t Station 1A H10 an – Sat 2 Feb 11-5pm & Sat <u>12-4pm</u>

elbart 9662 9966 marylou@fortyfivedownstairs.com Family









PLATFORM SPACE

JOSEPHINE KRISTENSEN, ANDREA VAN STEEN & QUEER UNIVERSE

Josephine Kristensen's Homophobia/Queer Pride is thought provoking, playful and fun. These works question consumerism and the idea that homosexuality can be classified as a lifestyle choice.

Queer UNIverse on display in the Sample window will be chosen works form the assortment of visual artists

participating in our newest program stream.

As well as Andrea Van Steen a Melbourne based photographer who will be exhibiting in the Majorca Building Cabinets on Centre Place.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE: TIME: PRICE:

Platform, Degraves Street Subway, Melbourne Flinders St Station Melways: 1A H10 Tue 1 Jan – Mon 28 Jan 7am – 7pm Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm Sat (Closed Sunday) Free INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, www.platform.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au



BROKE (BRÕK)

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Broke brings together 6 artists whose works confront our conventional perceptions of what it means to be producing work in a global environment.

It is an exhibition that reflects the issues we deal with in our daily lives, not just as artists but also as individuals who, like everyone else, confront the real challenges of surviving in a deteriorating world.

Artists: Damian Brinley, Danielle Karalus, Justine Wallace, Marcus Keating, Pip Shea and Glenn Walls

VENUE:	The Carlton Hotel & Studios, Upper Levels, 193 Bourke St Melbourne
TRANSPORT:	Tram Routes 86 /96 stop number 6 Melways: 1B Q5
DATE: LAUNCH: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:	Mon 21 Jan – Tue 5 Feb Thur 24 Jan, 6 – 8pm 4 – 7pm Wed – Sat Free 03 9663 3246

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MEN LIKE ME

TAG LINE:

"Men Like Me" is an exhibition concerning photography and masculinity. Artists Michael Shaowanasai (Thailand), William Yang (Australia) and Koky Saly (Australia) join working photographers Marcus Mok (Singapore), Norm Yip (Hong Kong), Tuck Hong (Singapore) along with Justin Thai (USA) who would love photography to be his day job. This exhibition is looking at how these men use photography to represent themselves, and men like themselves.

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TRANSPORT:	Tram 86
DATE:	Sat 19 Jan – Sat 9 Feb
TIME:	
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819

hnston St, Collingwood

69 SMITH STREET.

MICHAEL BRADY, TRISTAN JALLEH, MARCUS KEATING, CLINTON HAYDEN & CARA JONES

69 Smith st delivers a unique opportunity to see five artist in one location, works range from Yarraville artist, Cara Jones massages images of everyday streetscapes into a kaleidoscope of abstract images to Marcus Keating's re-working of the ideologies and meanings embedded within flags through to Clinton Hayden's images that stems from an experience overseas when he stumbled across two red threads trailing along a fence line, joining up in knots every few meters.

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69 Smith Street, Fitzroy Tram 86 Melways: 2C, D11 Tue 22 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 11am-5pm Wed-Sat, 12-5pm Sun Free Denise De Kevzer 03 8300 0984 info@69smithstreet.com.au www.69smithstreet.com.au



DATE:	Monday 21 January
TIME:	6-8pm Off the Kurb, 8p
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, admin@

pm onwards VIBE @midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

KELLY JONES @ VIBE

QUEER KIDS IN THE BEST FASHION AROUND THE GLOBE

Kelly Jones has yet to exhibit in Melbourne and has a bright and modern style the simple, fun and kids of the queer community step out in style onto Kelly's canvas. An exhibit for the whole family housed @vibe on smith it is the perfect place to dine and experience the art.

Vibe on Smith, 123 Smith Street, Fitzroy TRANSPORT Mon 21 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 11.30am – 1am

PRICE INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au CESSIBILITY Smoke, Wheel, Lic, Meals, Family

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DATE: TIME: PRICE



Tuesday 22 January 6-8pm 69 Smith Street, 8pm onwards Dantes INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

KISSING: CUT

BANNED IN SINGAPORE: WITH AN EXPLANATION

Kissing is a simple act of great affection. It is full of meaning. Alex Au invited gay boys and girls to come by and be photographed kissing. This work was intended for IndigNation, a small Singaporean queer arts festival that is now in its second year. Singapore's office of censorship (the MDA) refused the exhibition classification, thus it was deemed to be illegal to show. The reason given was that it "promotes homosexual lifestyle". Midsumma will show it!

"Cut" is a short musical/comedy film by Royston Tan, where he dances on the edge of the rules of censorship but never falls over the edge. It's a wacky commentary on what a nanny state thinks is safe for its people to watch.

VENUE: **TRANSPORT:** DATE: TIME PRICE: **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 03 9415 9819 ACCESSIBILITY:

Dante's Gallery, 150-156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy Tram 86 Fri 19 Jan – Sat 9 Feb 12 – 5pm, Wed - Sat Licensed; Meals; Hearing impaired; Family friendly



Pixel-poofs, digi-dykes and bi-nary buffs boot up! Midsumma's Digital Visual Arts showreel hits the screens in 2008. Be sure to look out for DVA08 at venues right across Midsumma, including The Artery and Loop. Open your eyes..... It's anything but analogue

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TRANSMEN TRANSLATED

is a cross-media exhibition exploring the female to male transition experience. Featuring the documentary 'I like to take out the trash' by video artist Wednesday, Melbourne performer Jez Wiggins reveals pre and post transition experiences. The exhibition also includes a photographic wall of images shared by members of the F2M and transgendered butch community. The project is facilitated by artist Jesslyn Moss for Gasworks Arts Park.

Angela Robarts-Bird Gallery (Gasworks Arts Park) VENUE: TRANSPORT Tram: No 1 - Stop 31 - Melway Ref: 2J H7 DATE: TIME: PRICE **INFO / BOOKINGS:**

FURTHER INFO

ACCESSIBILITY:

9am – 5pm daily 03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au www.gasworks.org.au 03 8606 4200 机跳齿乡甲

ART AT EAGLE LEATHER

Hoddle Street has had its moments, and here is one more. Garrie Maguire is creating a work of fetish, exhibitionism, voyeurism as well as art appreciation, dangerous dressing and inappropriate behaviour. Life is full of strange, ironic moments and as you drive down Hoddle Street during Midsumma, you'll see another.

VENUE **TRANSPORT:** BUS: DATE: PRICE INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Eagle Leather, 58 Hoddle St, Abbotsford Train: Collingwood or Victoria Park any Johnston St bus (to Hoddle St) Sat 19 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 03 9415 9819 Smoking area; Wheelchair; Hearing impaired; Family Friendly



WILLIAM AINGER EXHIBITION @ HARES & HYENAS

William Ainger's designs were chosen for the Pride March poster comp in Melbourne 2005/2006, in Perth last month William won the Emerging Photographers Award for OutinPerth William has a publishing/design industry background and has been developing his design, illustration and photography skills

VENUE:	Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston St, Fitzroy 3065 (b/w Nicholson & Brunswick Sts)
TRANSPORT:	Melways: 2C A7
DATE:	Sat 19 Jan – Sun 10 Feb
TIME:	10am – 7pm Mon – Wed, 10am – 7.30pm Thur – Sat,
	12pm — 6pm Sun
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.
	midsumma.org.au

TAKE THE PISS

Gay men have all been confronted with urinals. I'm sure you, like Midsumma, thought ... gee, this lacks style. So we are going to do something about it. We're inviting artists and designers to work their magic. During Midsumma, venue urinals will be places of relief, humour and thought.

VENUE: DATE

Various Gay Venues Fri 19 Jan – Sun 10 Feb INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, admin@midsumma.org.au, www.midsumma.org.au

MEDIUM RARE

MEDIUM RARE at The Projects introduces four artists from various backgrounds united to explore themes from the collective to the individual, to spaces between. The exhibition will display a range of mixed mediums, from raw text, to photography, to sculpture. Set in the heart of Collingwood, The Projects brings MEDIUM RARE to you with humour and poignancy.

VENUE: **TRANSPORT:** DATE: TIME: PRICE

The Projects, 169 Johnston St, Collingwood Tram 86, Bus 246 Sun 20 – Wed 30 Jan 12 — 6pm Tue - Sat Free

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KICK GALLERY JACQUI BROWN AND GINA MOORE

Jacqui Brown: Ever been mistaken for a 'boy' in the LADIES or felt unsafe in the MENS? Everyone, regardless of gender identification, presentation or ability has the right to access safe and dignified bathroom facilities without fear of harassment, judgment or violence.

Gina Moore: The work in this exhibition explores the point at which we identify stable, meaningful objects from a dynamic and ambiguous visual field.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

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PRICE:

Kick Gallery, 239 High St, Northcote °, kick Wed 23 Jan – Sat 9 Feb gallery 12-8pm Wed-Fri & Sat 12-5pm

INFO / BOOKINGS: info@kickgallery.com www.kickgallery.com



MODERN BRITAIN

Free

Modern Britain Short Talks Afternoon • Francis Bacon Speaker: Jason Smith, Director, Monash Gallery of Art Time: 2 – 2.30pm

• Private Lives, Public Tragedies: Glyn Philpot Speaker: Sophie Matthiesson, Assistant Curator, International Art Time: 3 – 3.30pm

Clemenger BBDO Auditorium National Gallery of Victoria, 180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne
(enter North entrance, via Arts Centre forecourt)
All St Kilda Rd trams & Flinders St station
Melways: 2F H12
Thu 24 Jan
2pm
\$25
03 8662 1555; enquiries@nqv.vic.gov.au;
www.nqv.vic.qov.au

ROSS WATSON CATALOGUE XXVIII

Scissor Sisters front man, Jake Shears modelled for this exhibition of paintings and photography. Following great success at London Pride, these emotionally charged photographs masterfully combine classical and contemporary imagery.

Inspired by a World War 1 period film, these paintings explore the theme of 'unspoken love' between soldiers, which possess the distinctive qualities which have elevated Watson's art to an international audience.

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INFO / BOOK

Ross Watson Gallery 465 Nicholson Street, Carton North, Vic 3054 Tram number 96, Stop 18, Melway 2C A2, Thu 24 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 11am – 6pm Free **(INGS:** no bookings required. enquiries@rosswatson.com

TEN PARTS IN A PUB

A SERIES OF BODY PARTS TAKEN FROM DIFFERENT MEN TO MAKE THE NEAR IDEAL MAN IN THE EYES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

It is a series of black and white images depicting the faint ambiguous shadow of a mans best physical assets. Printed to life size on white aluminium makes it art with an unpretentious slightly industrial feel that is accessible to everyone, being exhibited in a venue where you can enjoy a beer while investigating the work. If you are a Laird patron you are bound to be looking at the body part of someone you know. The fun is guessing what belongs to who.

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The Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford Melways: 44 E5 Sat 2 – Sat 23 Feb 3-5pm everyone, 5pm onwards men only INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9417 2832, www.lairdhotel.com



MISS AUSTRALIA: A NATION'S QUEST

Relive the splendour, romance and glamour of one of the nation's most successful charity endeavours in Miss Australia: A Nation's Quest. The exhibition features the historic crowns and gowns, and key moments in the history of the Miss Australia Quest, following the competition's changing fortunes, from its beginnings as a magazine promotion in 1908 to its eventual end in 2000.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE TIME

PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton Parliament Station & Trams 86 or 96 along Nicholson St Melways: 2B J10 Sat 19 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 10am – 5 pm \$6 (included in museum entry) children & concession: free 131102, museumvictoria.com.au

OUT IN THE SOUTH

This collective exhibition aims to provide a platform for artists to educate the broader community about gay and lesbian arts and culture, create awareness of gay and lesbian issues within the broader Melbourne community, allow artists an avenue to express themselves on these themes, bring elements of the Midsumma Festival to the suburbs, taking it outside it's normal square and to create a visually stimulating exhibition with challenging concepts.

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Kingston Arts Centre Bus – 811/812: Train – Frankston Line Melways: 77 D5 Opening Night Fri 17 Jan, Thur 18 Jan – Mon 4 Feb 6 – 8pm Opening Night

03 9556 4440; kingart@kingston.vic.gov.au; http:// artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au

CHAOS AND REVELRY

(NEO-)BAROQUE AND CAMP AESTHETICS

Chaos and Revelry features the work of leading contemporary Australian artists who express a (Neo-)Baroque or Camp sensibility in their work. These aesthetics operate under a logic of extravagance, spectacle, pleasure, excess, chaos and artifice. The visual and sensorial seductiveness and irrationality are manifested through installation, projection, photomedia, sculpture and painting in this exhibition.

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Counihan Gallery In Brunswick 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick (near Brunswick Town Hall) Tram 19 North Coburg

Jan 17: Opening, Fri 18 Jan – Sun 10 Feb, General Exhibition Opening: 6-8 pm / 11am – 5pm Wed to Sat; 1 – 5pm Sun

03 9389 8622, counihangallery@moreland.vic.gov.au, www.moreland.vic.gov.au

DESTINATION

A VISUAL ART STORY ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINATION – SELF-AWARENESS AND DISCOVERY.

A visual art story about an individual arriving at his destination – self-awareness and discovery. An emerging queer Indigenous Australian artist is inspiring a new era. In his first public exhibition, Clint Lingard ("Jongargee"), from the Ewamian people in Far North Queensland, presents an eclectic collection of distinct patterns and images fusing his traditional heritage and modern-day influences.

VENUE: TRANSPORT DATE: TIME: PRICE:

Chapel Off Chapel 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran - Melways Map 2L, J10 Sandringham Line – Prahran Station: Tram 72 – Stop 31 Fri 25 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 10am – 5pm Free

INFO / BOOKINGS: http://www.chapeloffchapel.com.au/

VENUE:

DATE: TIME PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:



QUEER UNIVERSE



QUEER UNIVERSE

Is an exciting new program initiative, in collaboration with Queer Departments of all major universities across Melbourne. This project provides a group of young emerging artists, that would otherwise struggle for exposure, the opportunity to launch into a highly visible arts and cultural Festival. Queer UNIverse is positioned to become an annual premier event within future festivals, to grow and continue to engage the amazing emerging talent which surrounds us; which had previously been left untapped. In its first year Queer UNIverse is covering performing arts, visual, literature and music. With the idea of developing and further encouraging the participation of university and Tafe students in all the programming streams which make up Midsumma.

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Queer UNIverse has an exciting line up of visual artists that has been curated n collaboration with Queer Departments in all the major Victorian universities, ringing a fresh perspective to the visual arts program.

> t.j.bateson Studio Gallery, 323 Johnston Street, Abbotsford Epping & Eltham Line - Victoria Park Station Sat 19 Jan – Sun 10 Feb 12 – 4pm Wed – Sat

t.j.bateson

Free NFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, Platform, Degraves Street Subway, Melbourne Flinders St Station - Melways: 1A H10 Tue 1 Jan – Mon 28 Jan Free INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819, www.platform.org.au

7am – 7pm Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm Sat (Closed Sunday)

TIVE WINGS

It's a subculture obsessed with escapism: fantasy has replaced reality, inaction is he norm and everyone talks about sex but no-one actually has it. When you're still in love with your ex, still too young to legally download porn and an imaginary psychologist suddenly beckons you into her office, it seems only reasonable to stay and chat.

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Monash University Student Theatre Space Campus Centre (Building 10), Monash University, Clayton Buses: 630, 631, 691, 703, 733, 737, 802, 804, 862 and 900. RANSPORT: Melways: 70 G10 Sat 19 – Sun 27 Jan 8pm 19 – 26, 2pm Sun 27 Jan
 PRICE:
 \$14full, \$10 conc.

 INFO / BOOKINGS:
 03 9905 5164, fivewingsproduction@gmail.com



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RUBBING

MIRRORS

STOP, DROP AND ROLL

The original generics post punk/ alternative rock hot on the uni circuit established @Queer Collaborations fundraiser Queer Dept parties, as well as Upstart Alley opening night with DJ Tokyo Love Kitten, Crazy Horse House Band & Sista She. Hey pilot is a post punk/ alternative rock band the girls are new exciting and fresh and have burst onto the scene with a buzz about town....one thing to say about this line up hot, hot, hot All a part of Midsumma's Queer UNIverse program.

VENUE: TRANSPORT DATE

The Glass House, Gipps Street, Collingwood

Thur 31 Jan 8.30pm – The Original Generics 10pm – Hey Pilot \$5 at the door **INFO / BOOKINGS:** www.myspace.com/heypilot www.myspace.com/theoriginalgenerics

RUBBING MIRRORS

BOOK LAUNCH

Welcome to a brave new world where cunt is a beautiful word and social critique is the cutting norm. Let Alexis take you by her short nailed hand and thrust you fingers first into the dark corners of Melbourne's lesbian scene, where the divide between sex and love has always been a tightrope line.

TRANSPORT:

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PRICE:

Collingwood Gallery, 292 Smith Street, Collingwood Route 86 Bundoora RMIT tram, stop 18 Melways: 14 M14 Mon 4 Feb 7 — 10pm Free

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TRANSDESTINATIONS

today, where we have come from and what lies ahead.

of this diverse and multiply connected community.

A TWO-DAY TRANS* CELEBRATION

MIDSUMMA @ GASWORKS

All welcome. Register your interest in taking part now.

Full program available in December from www.gasworks.org.au

Gasworks Theatre & Fover

\$20 full, \$15 conc.& groups 5+

03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au;

workshops and meals at additional cost

Tram: No 1 – Stop 31

www.gasworks.org.au

Melways: 2J H7

Sun 27 Ian

11am till late

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Gasworks @ Midsumma offers dynamic queer programming across theatre, spoken word, circus, visual arts and music

Highlights include Rachel Forgasz and Nik Willmott in the their dykonic new show Your Life as a Dyke; the trans program, Transdestinations, featuring Midsumma's interstate quests Tiwi sistergirls; party performance nights including Tranzlezbian Gendermash, Butch Femme Trans Melbourne's Sunset Soiree, Upstart Alley and Rock Strip; Midsumma Festival's series of short plays by queer writers, Pink Shorts (see page 18) a new play about porn star Aiden Shaw, 25 Frames; and Quiche Lorraine's bent circus Fringe highlight, Domestic Bliss. Gasworks Theatre and Foyer is now AIR CONDITIONED.

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Gasworks Arts Park, Cnr Graham & Pickles Sts, Albert Park, 3206 Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 Melways: 2J G7 03 9699 3253, frontdesk@gasworks.org.au, www.gasworks.org.au 的现在分子









TIWI ISLANDS GAY AND SISTA GIRLS

Held over one day and two nights, Transdestinations surveys the current state of play and future

possibilities for trans-connected communities. It includes forums, workshops and arts programming

Held at Gasworks Arts Park, the event features artists, activists, facilitators and quests from across

Professional development opportunities and skills workshops sit alongside performance, social

networking, broad discussion and exhibitions that portray the vibrancy and unique perspectives

Australia. Transdestinations explores where the transgender and trans-connected communities are

including spoken word, performance, music, visual arts exhibitions. Transdestination runs in association

with A Sunset Sioree, Tranzlezbian Gendermash and Upstart Alley (see other Gasworks event listings).

Midsumma's special interstate quests, the Tiwi Island Gay & Sista Girls, a group of traditional Indigenous performers, will showcase their unique cultural traditions in guest appearances at Tranzlezbian Gendermash before their very own show as part of Transdestinations. In town for only a week, the group invite you to witness their very own mix of drag performance with traditional Tiwi ceremonial dance and healing rituals.

VENUE:	Gasworks
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INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699
	www.gas
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s Theatre o 1 – Stop 31 - Melways: 2J H7 \$8 Conc. Free to Transdestinations ticket holders 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au asworks.org.au





op 31 - Melways: 2J H7 conc; \$10 per person groups of 8 or more rontdesk@gasworks.org.au www.gasworks.org.au ₩**₽**06.2Y

UPSTART ALLEY

Topping off Transdestinations is a night boasting a sit down cabaret performance show, jump up tunes and slutty side show entertainment. Belt yourselves into your seats to witness spectacular feats of gender defiance and glamorous rebellion by performers coming from near and far. Then shake your bootee and get filthy to some live tunes from a band and DJs.

Gasworks Theatre Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 - Melways: 2J H7 Sun 27 Jan 9 pm sharp; Bar opens at 8:30 pm \$16 full: \$12 conc. 03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au **INFO / BOOKINGS:** www.gasworks.org.au www.myspace.com/upstartalley, upstartalley@yahoo.com.au 11 DO & PY





TRANZLEZBIAN GENDERMASH Rap, ControVerse, Stories, Songs. Queer Porn, Juicy Secrets, GenderRevellers. Bent, Snappy! Auslan Interpreted. A deliberately ney starring gender creators, morphers, guests.. Co-produced with PJ Fotiades and





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A SUNSET SOIREE JOIN BUTCHFEMMETRANS MELBOURNE FOR AN EVENING OF JAZZ, COCKTAILS, FOOD AND FINERY...

ButchFemmeTrans Melbourne invites you to a Midsumma night's cocktail party. Featuring live jazz by Yana Alana and The Paranas, gourmet fare, sumptuous cocktails and you, in all your glamour. butch/femme/trans identities. Over-dressing, dancing, flirtation and long chats over cocktails are absolutely encouraged.

VENUE: Gasbar & Terrace Tram: No 1 – Stop 31- Melways: 2J H7 TRANSPORT: DATE: Sun 27 Jan 5:30 pm till 8 pm PRICE: \$25 full; \$18 conc (includes first drink) 03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au INFO / BOOKINGS: www.gasworks.org.au ₩₩**₩**₩₩₩

UPSTAR **VENUE:** ALLEY TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME: PRICE: FURTHER INFO ACCESSIBILITY

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	Funny, Sad, Sweet, Op controversial, positive questioners, revellers, Bumpy (King Victoria).	and sexed up journ Djs and interstate
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	TRANSPORT:	Tram: No 1 – Sto
	DATE:	Sat 26 Jan
	TIME:	10:15pm till late
	PRICE:	\$15 full; \$10 co
	INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; fr
		www.gocworkc

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YOUR LIFE AS A DYKE

YOUR TALES FROM THE DYKE SIDE.

Irreverent, intelligent, and improvised... Strap yourselves in for a new concept in lesbotainment from the "My Life as a Dyke" team. Settle in for a tell-all confessional as you get the opportunity to share stories from YOUR life as a dyke! Then sit in stitches as the girls present your stories back to you in the distinctive comic style you've come to expect from dyknamic duo Nik and Rach.

VENUE:	Gasworks Theatre
TRANSPORT:	Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 - Melways: 2J H7
DATE:	Wed 30 Jan – Sat 9 Feb
TIME:	7:30 pm Tue - Sat (dinner break at 8:15 pm)
PRICE:	\$28 full; \$20 conc; \$21.50 per person groups of 8 or more
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au
	www.gasworks.org.au
FURTHER INFO:	03 8606 4200
ACCESSIBILITY:	M M 6 2 Y

25 FRAMES

BEYOND THE PORN LEGEND: AIDEN SHAW

An enthralling and hard-hitting new play about Aiden Shaw - a true legend of Gay Porn. He is strikingly handsome with the impossibly rugged yet sweet face. No one is madder, badder or more dangerous to know, who is aching to escape his life. Written by Kevin McGreal (Shakespeare's boys, Cruising) and Directed by Tim Hunter.

VENUE:	Gasworks Theatre
TRANSPORT:	Tram: No 1 – Stop 31- Melway Ref: 2J H7
DATE:	Tue 22 Jan – Sat 2 Feb
TIME:	9pm Tue 22 – Sat 26, 10.30pm Tue 29 – Sat 2
PRICE:	\$20 full, \$15 conc.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au
	www.gasworks.org.au
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KIDS MIDSUMMA @ GASWORKS

TAG LINE: THEATRE, MUSIC AND WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Featuring the funky, fun sounds of Cha Cha Sam, music for kids and families, and the return of last year's sell-out theatre show, Fairytale Superstars! (Has Snow White got soul? Can Rapunzel rock out? Or will the Wicked Witch steal the crown? You decide in this music extravaganza!) Plus classes and workshops in art and crafts, circus skills and much more!

VENUE:	Gasworks Theatre
TRANSPORT:	Tram: No 1 — Stop 31 - Melways: 2J H7
DATE:	Mon 21 – Fri 25 Jan
TIME:	Various
PRICE:	\$14 or less
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au
	www.gasworks.org.au
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TRANSMEN TRANSLATED

is a cross-media exhibition exploring the female to male transition experience. Featuring the documentary 'I like to take out the trash' by video artist Wednesday, Melbourne performer Jez Wiggins reveals pre and post transition experiences. The exhibition also includes a photographic wall of images shared by members of the F2M and transgendered butch community. The project is facilitated by artist Jesslyn Moss for Gasworks Arts Park.

VENUE:	Angela Robarts-Bird Gallery (Gasworks Arts Park)
TRANSPORT:	Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 - Melway Ref: 2J H7
DATE:	
TIME:	9am — 5pm daily
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au
	www.gasworks.org.au
FURTHER INFO:	03 8606 4200
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ROCKSTRIP

SEXY ASS KICKIN' ROCK STRIPPIN' ACTION

It's LIVE, It's ROCK, It's STRIP and a whole lot more! ROCK STRIP's back after a hugely successful show for Midsumma 2007. Bringing together some of Australia's finest musicians and performance artists for a saucy execution of live ROCK STRIP! Featuring The Purring Furmaids, MC Jimmy Sumlovin, Sprinkle Magic, Asphyxia, Yana Alana, Chic Magnet & MORE. A rockin' show for Women and Trans.

VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME PRICE: **INFO / BOOKINGS:**

Gasworks Theatre Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 - Melways: 2J H7 Fri 8 & Sat 9 Feb 10:30pm till late \$27.50 03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au; www.gasworks.org.au 11 DIE 27

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VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Mel Simpson's exhibition presents a visual social commentary exploring gender and sexuality, inviting the viewer to reflect upon their own conditioned responses to these issues. Reclaiming the period between 1920s and 1960s. Friendship, camaraderie. war and non-traditional roles are just some of the themes explored in this powerful exhibition.

VENUE: TRANSPORT DATE: TIME PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY

Angela Robarts-Bird Gallery (Gasworks Arts Park) Tram: No 1 - Stop 31- Melway Ref: 2J H7 Sun 3 – Sat 17 Feb 9am – 5pm daily 03 9699 3253; frontdesk@gasworks.org.au; www.gasworks.org.au ₦₦₽₽₽₽

DOMESTIC BLISS BY QUICHE LORRAINE

THE CIRCUS OF DOMESTIC LIFE IS THE INSPIRATION OF THIS DOMICILIARY TABLEAU EXPLORING THE **OBJECTS OF OUR EVERYDAY DESIRES.**

Ingredients: acrobatics, one kitchen table, teacups, handful of underwear, pinch of dirty laundry Method: Mix ingredients. Dress tarts. Serve hot.

TRANSPORT DATE: TIME PRICE **INFO / BOOKINGS:** ACCESSIBILITY:

VENUE:

Gasworks Theatre Tram: No 1 – Stop 31 Melways: 2J H7 Tue 12 – Sat 16 Feb \$20 full. \$15 conc. 03 9699 3253, frontdesk@gasworks.org.au, www.gasworks.org.au 11 D & P Y

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Chapel Off Chapel is the City of Stonnington's premier arts centre. Great performance venues and gallery spaces, in and over the foyer, make Chapel Off Chapel the first choice for those seeking out the best of Melbourne arts. Audiences love the Chapel for many reasons - stylish surrounds, friendly staff, a great bar and the excitement of getting up close and personal with the arts. These all combine to keep locals and visitors alike returning again and again.

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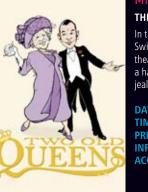
PRICE:

"DRAGS TO BITCHES" – A LIPSYNCHED COMEDY REVUE

Smatterings of Sequins, Sparkles, Synthetic hair, Smutty jokes and Seat Wetting abound as sacred cows are satirized, Las Vegas glamour lampooned and Hollywood megalomania magnified in "POLLYWOOD! - drags to bitches", a lipsyched comedy revue featuring Famous Celebrities, Singers and Actresses, their failed careers, the movies they starred in and the addictions that spun them out of control!

31 January, 1 & 2 February \$25 full, \$20 conc. & groups 5+ (includes bf)
 INFO / BOOKINGS:
 03 8290 7000, pollywood@skpevents.com.au, www.chapeloffchapel.com.au

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RAGE MAKERS PRESENT TWO OLD QUEENS

THE MOST THRILLING ROYAL EXPOSE SINCE CAMILLAGATE!

Tue 5 – Sun 10 Feb

In this high spirited musical romp, starring Edgar Metcalfe and John Michael winbank, the Queen Mother has a brief encounter with the ghost of her old friend, neatrical legend Sir Noël Coward. Over a martini or two ... or three, they relive a half-century of magical memories and musical moments, as well as revealing ealously guarded secrets and long-held grudges.

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MUTZENBALL

If you're a greedy, avid purveyor of love, a wanton, lonely lover of sex, or anything in between, venture inside the darkest desires of five divine young things as they play inside the Mutzenball. A black cabaret dripping with music, laughs and all the dark bits they can legally show. Enter the Mutzenball.

Sat 19, Sun 20 Jan & Thur 24 – Sun 27 Jan 8pm & 10.30pm \$25 full, \$20 conc. & groups 10+ ACCESSIBILITY: 帖 🌬 & 🎤 🍸



DOLLY DIAMOND

DOLLY DIAMOND AND HER 13 PIECE BIG BAND LIVE AT THE CHAPEL

Dolly Diamond returns and this year she surpasses all her previous presentations. Live at the Chapel and with her very own big band. No longer content with lush backing tracks, Dolly has gone for the real life musical experience. Audiences can still enjoy some of the old favourites, but there is a lot more musical material to savour. www.thedollydiamond.com

TIME PRICE:

ACCESSIBILITY:

\$30 full, \$25 conc, \$25 group of ten or more
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 INFO / BOOKINGS:
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LISTEN MY SECRET FETISH

Richard Haynes, musical Wunderkind and exhibitionist par excellence, presents four fetishes for solo clarinet in very compromising circumstances. Encounter extreme new sounds in physically demanding scenarios including:

Richard Barret's interference for transgender contrabass clarinettist Chris Dench's the sadness of detail for clarinet and operating table David Lang's Press Release for leather and bass clarinet And new work by David Young for clarinet, watersports and 44-gallon drum

Clarinets Richard Haynes Sound design Michael Hewes Dramaturgy Margaret Cameron

Supported by Aphids Residencies and Mentoring Scheme established with the support of the Sidney Myer Fund.

VENUE:

DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Chapel off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran TRANSPORT: Sandringham Line, Prahran Station, Tram no: 72, stop no: 31 Melways: 2L J10 Thur 7 – Sun 10 Feb \$20 full; \$15 conc; \$15 per person for groups of 10 or more 03 8290 7000; www.chapeloffchapel.com.au





GLASSHOUSE



GLASSHOUSE



THE FABULOUS GLASSHOUSE HOTEL

COLLINGWOOD'S ICONIC HIDDEN TREAT.

The jewels in the crown of Melbourne's inner-Northern Queer and Alternative precinct, Collingwood / Fitzroy, are without guestion The Glasshouse Hotel located in Gipps Street, Collingwood and it's sister, Dantes in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy. Both venues feature fabulous restaurants and host the best entertainment in the district.

Famous all over town, all over Australia, and all over the world, These two venues are amongst the best and most diverse cultural treats for queer, alternative and queerriendly folks featuring cabaret, rock, indie, carnival, dance, fine visual arts, poetry, spoken word, comedy, drag, karaoke, debauchery, fetish, baroque and everything that makes Midsumma the fabulous and diverse festival that it is.

The Glasshouse Hotel has been awarded the esteemed role of being one of the HUB venues for the Midsumma Festival 2008. Come enjoy the Glasshouse and all the Midsumma madness that prevails every night of the festival until 5 am on weekends and 1 am weekdays - plus family-friendly daytime events on weekends.

VENILE TRANSPORT

INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY

The Glasshouse Hotel, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood, 3066 Tram 86 Stop 16 in Smith St - 600 metres; Epping or Hurstbridge train – Collingwood station 500 Metres Melway 2C F10 www.glass-house.com.au

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ARRIVAL ON LESVOS

TASTE THE DELIGHTS OF SAPPHO'S ISLAND

Arrival on Lesvos - experience the food, ouzo and sights of the Greek island of Lesvos, home of Sappho and lesbian beach volleyball! Sit down to a home-style Greek meal while being taken on a visual, musical and narrative tour of Lesvos. The grapevine is abuzz with rumours of Sappho's attendance. There might even be a bit of Greek dancing!

DATE:	Sun 27 Jan
TIME:	12:30 - 4pm
PRICE:	\$50
INFO / BOOKINGS:	0417 106 147, karenma
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CARNI LINGUS

A TEMPTING TASTE-BOX OF CARNIVAL PERFORMANCES

Collingwood's Carni community invite you to sample their sometimes sweet, often spicy showcase of sassy circus and sideshow performers, burlesque beauties, maniacal musicians, volatile visual artists and theatrical anomalies. Set your tastebuds to high gear, leave your inhibitions at the door, and dive headlong into an alternative reality of temptation, indulgence and unearthly delight.

INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Fri 8 Feb 9pm – 5am \$15 Full, \$12 conc. At the Door Only 03 9419 4849 朴良らどて

CARNIVORE

PRESENTED BY THE PROMOTERS OF DIFFERENT DRUMMER.



An alternative Midsumma dance party, with DJs Pete Kung (Q&A), Danny Corvini (La Di Da) and Emagica (Sydney) dropping house, disco, electro and pumping party music.Let yourself branch off from the traditional gay scene for one night during Midsumma and check out something different. Vegetarians and first timers are most certainly welcomed!

Sat 2 Feb TIME 11pm – 5am PRICE \$5 INFO / BOOKINGS: door sales only #\▶& ୬ ₹ ACCESSIBILITY:

MvSpace.com/CarnivoreParty



DOLLY'S GLASSHOUSE KARAOKE

MISS DOLLY'S DYKES ON MIC

Stage lights, girls, ACTION !

This gay girls night has been running for over six years - hosted by the irrepressible Miss Dolly. Rather a Sunday night institution where girls can strut their stuff and be smacked if they don't. In the name of entertainment, Miss Dolly prods the girls to be proud, sing in key, look good - or get off !

TIME PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Sun 21, 27 Jan & Sun 3, 10 Feb 9pm - 2am free just turn up





Date: Sunday 20th January me: 3pm - 4pm Cost: \$10/participant

DATE:

TIME:

PRICE:

51-55 Gipps St Collingwood

DRUMMERGERL

DRUMMER GIRL

WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Come and groove your way through an afternoon session of West African rhythm with Simone Lang, a highly experienced instructor and performer of West African drumming and percussion. Mums, Dads, children all welcome. All drums and equipment provided. Booking essential.

Sun 20 Jan 3pm – 4pm free to see, \$10 per person (per drum) to participate **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 0431 434 538, drummer girl@iinet.net.au, www.drummergirl.com.au 11 DO & P Y ACCESSIBILITY:





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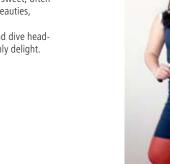
FLUFFY'S LOVE INSTITUTE OF ROYAL TITILLATION

Fluffy's Love Institute of Royal Titillation (F.L.I.R.T) started on April 1st 2000 as an alternative to everything else that was going on in Melbourne in the clubbing scene. Combining cabaret-style performances, up-front electronic dance music and a debauched fetish party atmosphere,

DATE ТІМЕ 11pm PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Sat 26 Jan \$15 full. \$10 conc. Door sales only, www.MySpace.com/clubflirtmelbourne ♠ ▶ と シ Y





LIVE AT THE GLASSHOUSE

KAYE SERA PRESENTS A SPECIAL MIDSUMMA BOUTIQUE CONCERT SERIES AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED GLASSHOUSE

The Talent line-up includes Rob Mills (Australian Idol) and his jazz trio, Mandy Kane in an acoustic set, Shirley Davis (Deepface hit 'Been Good'), Nick Tiliacos and his band, Goodnight Thomas. Community favourites Kaz Mitchell (JOY FM), Rachel Forgasz (My Life As A Dyke) and Rueben Krum (Butterfly Club) complete the bill. Kaye Sera is a regular contributor to Midsumma and Melbourne gay media. She is one of the few drag identities to sing live.

Rob Mills is currently hosting Channel Nine game show, The Mint. He came to fame on Australian Idol and through a brief fling with Paris Hilton.

Rob is currently playing his jazz show, ROBBED around the country.

Mandy Kane is a highly respected singer/songwriter/producer. His single releases include Stupid Friday and Murder in the Daylight.

Cyndi Boste is a contemporary, alternative singer-songwriter that defies music

POETRY OUTLOUD SLAM

SHORT LISTED FROM THE POETRY OUTLOUD COMPETITION.

If only the world had the chance to be enlightened by your moving words ... well here's your chance.

Get 3 minutes to wow the crowd - for the kitty. Teams & individuals. Back by popular demand 2nd year running. Speaking of kitty's, we have the meow feminist poet straight from Melbourne Fringe Yana Alana (aka Sarah Ward, comedian, also of SISTA She fame).

DATE. Wed 23 Jan TIME: 7pm for 7:30pm start PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: 竹尾とシア ACCESSIBILITY:

03 9415 9819; admin@midsumma.org.au; www.midsumma.org.au

boundaries. Whilst it is true to say there is a country flavour, there's also a strong blues/ roots component, that combined with her singer/songwriter style, delivers a unique musical experience that skirts many boundaries. Shirley Davis is the voice behind Deepface hit, Been Good.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	The Glasshouse Hotel, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood, 3066 Tram 86 Stop 16 in Smith St - 600 metres; Epping or Hurstbridge train – Collingwood station - 500 metres Melways: 2C F10
DATE:	Sat 19, 26 Jan & Sat 2, 9 Feb
TIME:	8:30 pm - 10:30 pm
PRICE:	\$15 Full, \$10 Concession.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	9419 4748, maria@glass-house.com.au,
	www.glass-house.com.au
ACCESSIBILITY:	141 111 111 111 111 111 111 111 111 111



STOP.DROP.ROLL

THE MOST DELICIOUS MELBOURNE BANDS @ THE GLASSHOUSE EVERY THURSDAY

Stop. Drop. Roll proudly brings you the finest Melbourne Acts every Thursday. Featuring Trans*Lesbian band Dreadcircus from Sydney on Thursday Jan 24, and Queer UNIverse bands including Hey Pilot! On Thu 31 Jan. Leave attitudes at the door. Wear whatever the hell you want and warm up your weekend with \$3 pots and \$5 spirits.

DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Thu 24, 31 Jan & Thu 7 Feb 9 pm - 1 am \$6 Door sales only www.myspace.com/glassrebel, www.myspace.com/dreadcircus 11 D & S Y

SUNDAY ROAST

SUNDAY ROAST AT THE GLASSHOUSE - FAVOURITE LOCAL LEGEND

The Glasshouse Hotel, under new management since early 2007, has rapidly become a local legend for superb meals and friendly local atmosphere. As the reputation spreads people are flocking not just from nearby Collingwood/Abbotsford/ Fitzroy but also from all over Melbourne to join their friends for a casual Sunday Roast in a delightful environment with comfortable seating, wonderful menu, super bar selection and attractive prices.

DATE TIME PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY

Sun 20, 27 Jan & Sun 3, 10 Feb noon till late \$15 Sunday Roast – plus full menu available www.glass-house.com.au ᢔᢂᢄᢆᢞ᠋ᢓ

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TUFF MUFF - FOR LADY LOVERS

IMBIBE THE LADY VIBE

Tuff Muffs of Melbourne Unite ! With two huge nights already under it's belt, Tuff Muff returns for a Midsumma party spectacular. Dance yourself crazy in one of the finest lady-crowds this town has to offer. Featuring special guest DJs and other Tuff surprises. For lady lovers and their best boy friends No Muff should miss this !

DATE TIME: PRICE INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Fri 25 Ian 9pm – 5am \$12 full, \$10 conc. tuffmuffparty@yahoo.com, myspace.com/tuffmuffparty ₩.N.&.>Ÿ

CLAM BAKE

MIDSUMMA GRAND FINALE FOR THE GRRLS

Ladies - with Midsumma's Arrival coming to an end, join the Clam Bake departure ounge party at The Glassie

It's the last chance for the last dance, ladies. With Live acts and hot dance music. So come on in and light up the dance floor all night long.

Presenting a most MAGNIFICENT END-OF-FESTIVAL event, Clam Bake has never been so loud, obnoxious and cheeky.

Clam Bake has been relocated and transformed to present to you an electrifying first appearance at Midsumma.

This late night party includes well known DJ Mo Ichi, The Kill Room and Featuring all-girl band Hey Pilot! come down and surrender to a fabulous END-OF-FESTIVAL night of fun, rough and tough lady love. All Night Long !

The Glasshouse Hotel, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood, 3066 Tram 86 Stop 16 in Smith St - 600 metres; Epping or Hurstbridge train – Collingwood station -500 metres Melways: 2C F10 Sat 9 Feb 11pm - 5am \$10 full, \$8 conc. \$15 combined ticket for Clam Bake and L Bar Door Sales only, www.myspace.com/girlsniteout ᡟ৸₽₽₽₽

BUTTERFLY CLUB





BUTTERFLY CLUB BLURB MIDSUMMA AT THE BUTTERFLY CLUB

Close your eyes and imagine a two-storey Victorian house crammed full of dolls, memorabilia and a mix of Asian, European and home-grown kitsch, festooned with fairy lights and furnished with comfortable lounge seating, period pieces and a few things naughty and delighting

. now add two well-stocked bars, three lounges, and a covered courtyard with a garden bordering on the bizarre.

Finally, throw in a range of shows quirky and eclectic enough to match our décor, and you have arrived at Midsumma's craziest performance hub. Open your eyes and come see for yourself!

The Butterfly Club. 204 Bank St. South Melbourne. 3205 VENUE: Tram No. 1 – Stop 24 (Park St); Tram No. 112 – Stop 129 TRANSPORT: Melways: 2K D3



YANA ALANA AND THA PARANAS IN 'BITE ME'

WINNER OF THE MELBOURNE FRINGE CABARET AWARD 2007

Yana Alana is an angry, feminist, spoken word, interpretive dancing, cabaret extraordinaire. 'Bite Me' is her premier show and will feature Tha Paranas' her three hot lady musicians. 'Bite me' will take you on a wild journey through the burlesque, dance, songs and poems from her book "If You Were A Carrot I Would Have Cum By Now". Written by Sarah Ward from Sista She and directed by Anni Davey - Circus Oz.

DATE Thur 31 Jan – Sun 10 Feb TIME: 9pm Thur — Sat, 8pm Sun PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY

\$25 full, \$20 conc. & groups 8+ 03 9690 2000, info@thebutterflyclub.com, www.thebutterfly.com ᢔᢂᢄᡷᢓ



I AM GLACE CHASE IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

After selling out Mardi Gras, Glace is going to unleash his razor-sharp insights on the modern condition: chicken or beef? Part cabaret, part motivational-lecture, part trash, Glace's outrageous story telling and wicked songs will leave you awestruck... If you're struggling to cope, you've just found a new best friend.

'Encapsulates the glamour, punk and trash of the party season.' - SameSame

DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Thur 24 - Sun 27 Ian 10:30pm Thu, Fri & Sat, 9:30pm Sun \$22 full, \$18 conc., \$18 per person groups 8+ 03 9690 2000; info@thebutterflyclub.com www.thebutterflyclub.com 11 D & P Y



A TRIBUTE TO POPPINS

From a 4 year old Drag Queen to obesity then all through to musicals. This VCA music theatre graduate takes to the stage with just a spoon full of sugar to help the night go down. Jonathan recreates his life of living in a small mining country town where boys played football and Jonathan did ballet. A hilarious new cabaret.

Thur 24 – Sun 27 Jan 7pm Thur — Sat, 6pm Sun PRICE: \$20 full, \$15 conc. INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9690 2000, www.thebutterflyclub.com ACCESSIBILITY: Smoke, Lic, Family Friendly #N DO & タマ ACCESSIBILITY:



REUBEN KRUM IN CRASS, VULGAR AND IN VERY POOR TASTE

THE SHOW THAT ASKS YOU TO COME, BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL.

He speaks the thoughts most of us have had and then flagellated over. With reflections on Fathers, Pornography, Yentl, Racism, Sex and Mothers, Reuben Krum is on no-one's side but his own and he's winning the battle! Ripping his way through songs by Nick Cave, Sarah Silverman, Barry Manilow, Martin Martini, Guns and Roses and many more, Reuben Krum's performance deftly encompasses tragedy, comedy, pathos and the darker side of the funny bone.

DATE:	Thur 31 Jan
TIME:	10.30pm
PRICE:	\$25 full, \$2
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9690 20
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SWEET & TENDER HOOLIGAN



"HI WAS A SWEET AND TENDER HOOLIGAN AND HE SAID THAT HE'D NEVER, NEVER, DO IT AGAIN AND OF COURSE HE WONT, OH, NOT UNTIL THE NEXT TIME"

Morrissey's Lyrics together with the music of Johnny Marr would together create some of the more revered work in pop music history. Their 80s band The Smiths were not just a band, they were a way of life. SWEET & TENDER HOOLIGAN brings together some of the most controversial songs of The Smiths in a night of pure Morrissey idolatry perform by Australia's own sweet and tender hooligan DAVID FORSTER!

TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Thur 17 – Sun 27 Jan 9m Thur – Sat, 8pm Sun \$25 full, \$20 conc. 03 9690 2000: info@thebutterflyclub.com www.thebutterflvclub.com 纳瓦人名罗



LAY DOWN AND LOVE ME AGAIN SOME PEOPLE APPLY THE OINTMENT. SOME PEOPLE PICK THE SCABS.

Kevin wants to stage a solo show but is still in his bedroom making up stories to amuse himself and his imaginary, longed-for audience. Topics include: bargain shopping for abortion clinics, chastising the comatose while enjoying fresh produce, hijacking funerals in search of "spiritual DNA" and sleeping with your students while

TIME: PRICE:

Thur 7 – Sat 9 Feb 10:30pm \$20 full; no conc. 03 9690 2000; info@thebutterflyclub.com; www.thebutterflyclub.com 林園長学室

DR SKETCHY

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CABARET MEETS ART SCHOOL?

Dr Sketchy's asks a simple question. Why can't drawing naked people be sexy? Here's our attempt at an answer. Host Miss Louie has combed Melbourne to find the best of the burlesque world, the most bizarre on the circus stage and the most luscious belly dancers around, all for your sketching pleasure.

Dr Sketchy's Anti-Art School is the little Brooklyn event that became a movement. Founded in 2005 by artist Molly Crabapple, it has branches in 19 cities spanning four continents. Melbourne's own branch at The Butterfly Club has hosted the likes of The Town Bikes, Hi Ball Burlesque and more since July 2006.

"Dr Sketchy's will cure you of every boring art class you've ever been to." – The

Sunday Age DATE: TIME: PRICE:

Sat 2nd Feb 2nm \$20 full, \$15conc. INFO / BOOKINGS: www.midsumma.org.au, www.thebutterfly.com

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ARTERY BLURB

The Artery is Fitzroy's secret creative cubby house. This hidden gem of an arts hang out combines professional exhibition galleries, a piano bar and a live performance space. It's the perfect place to enjoy a drink while experiencing the work of Midsumma's best performance, visual and digital artists.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

The Artery, 87 – 89 Moor Street, Fitzroy Tram 86 Melways: 2C D9

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

(DON'T TRAVEL ECONOMY!)

What does Expat pom, war vetran, flight attendant to Paul Keating, a closeted homosexual, and 30 personalities have in common? A character comedian called Robert Yule. Beautiful people (don't travel economy) Midsumma debut is a cabaret style character comedy show, a twisted journey with one man & any of his thirty characters, including Ms Alexis Van-AirBust the world richest flight attendant, Barbie-Q Streisand "kebabs" who only travels 1 st, and Edward Johns "cross dressing" over, travelling spiritually! By the end of the show you are glad you've had a safe Arrival, but what a F#@ckin trip! 70 minute show with intermission. First, business and cattle class seating available at the Artery! DATE:

Fri 25, Tue 29 Jan & Sat 2, Tue 5, Wed 6 Feb TIME: PRICE: \$30 First Class, luxury seating inc. glass of wine & tapas

\$20 Business Class, comfort seating & glass of wine \$15 Economy Conc. \$5 off full price INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9200, www.thekhamaileon.com

SUMMA JAZZ @ THE ARTERY

Sunday 27th January: A cruisy funk nujazz Sunday afternoon with Garth Ploog. Fresh from New York, after working with 4 x Grammy nominated producer Larry Dvoskin (David Bowie, Chicago, Sheryl Crowe) Joining Garth will be Jacqueline Gawler, Stone Flower and friends.

Sunday 3rd February: Be charmed by Jacqueline Gawler and Stone Flower on a lazy Sunday afternoon. Let yourselves be swept away by the rhythm of Bossa Nova. Join Tamara Murphy, Novak Conrad, Garth Ploog and more for a fusion of samba and jazz.





FROM METAL TO MATERNAL

"Her lyrics are beautifully honest and bring tears to my eyes. On top of that she's gorgeous!"

An acoustic journey into the life of Transsexual performer Jade Starr from angry male metal head belting out death metal growls in the metal bands who then at the age of 30 transformed into a woman leaving behind a world of Anger, Drug Abuse and Rock n Roll to discover true inner happiness!

70 minute performance, Totally Acoustic & Piano, Narrative, Comedy, Music

Wed 23 Jan 7pm \$12 INFO / BOOKINGS: www.dreadcircus.com 11 D & P Y ACCESSIBILITY:

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PRICE:

THE LAUGH OUT LOUD **BIG GAY COMEDY NIGHT**

A night of stand up comedy and queer antics from Australia's best gay comics. An assorted mix of your favourite gay comedy stars from radio, TV, stage and screen plus the odd international "surprise quest". See them all for the price of one! A must see night of laugh's.

DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS: ACCESSIBILITY:

Thur 24, 31 Jan & Thur 7 Feb 8pm \$15 full, \$12 conc., \$10 groups 3+ 03 9415 9200 粕風と少り

NOW BOARDING

STRAP YOURSELF IN FOR A CAMPED-UP CABARET FLYING THE FRIENDLY SKIES

Dean is back ... and this time it's aerial!

Kicked out of first class and shunned from the Mile High Club, join Dean for another crazy camped-up comedy cabaret that will take you to new heights of laughter. "Arcuri has an exuberant confidence ... and impressive voice" Inpress. www.deanarcuri.com.au

DATE TIME: PRICE:

Fri 8 Feb & Sat 9 Feb 9:30 pm \$20 full, \$15 conc. & groups 9+ INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9897 3518, bookings@quebfegyproductions.com, www.quebfegyproductions.com/bookings.html

GODDESS GROVES @ THE ARTERY

Goddess Grooves celebrates contemporary female musicians by showcasing some of our community's finest. This year Michelle Chandler, Kaz Mitchell, Rosie Burgess, Di Watson and guests will delight you with their dulcet tones, awesome beats and sensational original music. Join these fabulous local performers and their guests for another awesome night of entertainment. Don't miss it!

DATE TIME: PRICE:

Sat 26 Jan 7:30pm \$15 full, \$10 conc., \$12 groups 12+ **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 0422 950 558 / tickets at the door ACCESSIBILITY: Smoking area, wheelchair access, licensed







IBM LOOKS FORWARD TO ARRIVING WITH MIDSUMMA IN 2008.

For 20 years, Midsumma has championed Diversity and Inclusion through the celebration of Victoria's GLBT Community, and IBM is proud to be a part of the Festival's 20th year celebration by once again sponsoring the 2008 Volunteers Program.

IBM is an environment that welcomes and embraces individual differences and where diversity is a cornerstone of the organisation's heritage and values. Today, for many organisations, diversity is a no-brainer – its the fuel of creativity and innovation, the key to attracting, retaining and motivating talented people, and is a criticial differentiator in today's business and workplace environment.

For over 10 years IBM Australia has been committed to driving diversity across the entire organisation through its internal Diversity Council to create and build the most talented workforce possible.

"Our overall GLBT focus really is a componant of our diversity focus, and all of that really is a very important part of our war for talent. There is a finite amount of talent in this country and organisations have to be really imaginative and innovative in making sure that the things that matter to attract people, and to keep people, are visible." Mark Latchford, IBM General Manager of Systems and Technology & GLBT Executive Sponsor for IBM Australia/New Zealand.

IBM actively promotes the empowerment of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community and strives to foster an open and welcoming environment regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, where everyone feels welcome and motivated to produce their best at work.

Current GLBT initiatives in Australia include:

- Sponsoring an employee Float in the Sydney Mardi Gras
- Australian and New Zealand GLBT Employee Empowerment Conference
- Supporting the wider community through the Gay and Lesbian Business Associations
- World Community Grid project supporting the fight against HIV/AIDS in Australia
- Support of a National GLBT Hub or Umbrella Organisation
- Support of the Asia Pacific Out Games Human Rights Conference
- Supporting employees through a formal GLBT Employee Network
- Formal GLBT workforce

By moving beyond acceptance, and embracing diversity in all its forms, IBM is able to leverage its diversity into real business advantage, and ultimately building a team of extraordinary individuals as broad and diverse as the global clients it serves.





ASSERTING YOUR RIGHTS MAKING YOUR WORKPLACE GLBTI FRIENDLY.

Slow progress on national law reform has left GLBTI people thinking we have no same sex couples or workplace rights. This practical evening workshop (with refreshments) will equip participants with the knowledge and skills to assert their rights at work to:

- safety, dignity, courtesy and respect
- carers leave, parental leave and any other benefits related to their domestic partnership
- freedom from harassment and sexual harassment.

VENUE: Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission 3/380 Lonsdale St, Melbourne TRANSPORT Melway Ref: 2F D3 Mon 28 Jan DATE TIME 6.30pm PRICE: orian Equal Opportunity www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au

ARRIVAL: THE VICTORIAN HUMAN RIGHTS FRONTIER

by Dr Helen Szoke [pic] Chief Conciliator & Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights

After 20 successful years of Midsumma culture, arts and community events, it is timely to consider where (and whether) the GLBTI community has arrived. What remains to be achieved in the struggle for recognition and equality of GLBTI people?

In addition to laws that outlaw discrimination because of sexual orientation, lawful sexual activity and gender identity, in Victoria same-sex partners are legally entitled to almost everything a heterosexual partner is entitled to under State laws in healthcare, education and property ownership.

Additionally, the new Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities now compels government departments and public bodies to observe human rights when they create laws, set policies and provide services.

These laws and State Government initiatives such as the same-sex relationships register are a critical step in reducing discrimination in practice.

However, at a national level, the Australian Government is reluctant to recognise the equal rights of same-sex couples by amending laws that discriminate against them in areas under Federal control such as life insurance and superannuation.

So the reality is while gay and lesbian couples are more equal today, they are still not equal enough.

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission is pleased to support the Midsumma Festival. This year we will present a workshop on same-sex workplace rights and participate in the Asia Pacific Outgames human rights conference.

The Commission congratulates Midsumma in its 20th year, and for its acknowledgement, exploration and promotion of diversity and GLBTI human rights.

MIDSUMMA VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

Midsumma is a volunteer fuelled organisation that simple couldn't operate without the passionate and committed contribution from individuals from our community. Each and every volunteer is an ambassador for Midsumma; enthusiastic, friendly, helpful, and professional at all times.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers can participate in Midsumma in a variety of roles from office support through to web, radio and event assistance. If you've got a special skill or simply the time and passion to help out. We'd love to hear from you.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU ?

Being a volunteer with Midsumma is not just about what you can give, but it's about the experience for you too. As a Midsumma volunteer you'll:

- Meet a heap of new people and make new friends;

- Learn new skills and talents;
- Be treated with respect and appreciation;
- Be adequately briefed and communicated with regularly;
- Feel a sense of pride and achievement through your contribution to our community;
- Enjoy social interaction with a diverse network of like-minded individuals;
- Learn more about Midsumma and our community's cultural history;
- Score a free festival t-shirt and other cool merchandise;
- Receive invitations to social functions and special events
- Have access to free tickets to performances and events;
- Score freebies from festival sponsors;
- Be covered by insurance whilst on shift;
- Simply have a heap of Summa Fun!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Download a volunteer registration form today from www.midsumma.org.au

So when you see one of our many volunteers this Midsumma, be sure to say hi, given them a quick thanks, a peck on the cheek or a pinch on the bum even!

The 2008 Midsumma Volunteer Program is Powered by IBM and Satisfied by Nando's

INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9281 7122; education@veohrc.vic.gov.au;



ARCHIVE





ARCHIVES 30 A NEW FUTURE FOR OUR QUEER PAST!

AUSTRALIAN LESBIAN AND GAY ARCHIVES

Happy Birthday to the Archives who celebrate 30 years of collecting and preserving our queer past this year with a line up of exciting events at Midsumma and throughout 2008.

So come along, find out more, share your stories and join us in celebrating queer history everywhere. Checkout www.alga.org.au for more on these and other events later in the year including:

- The Amazing Queer History Race
- Winter Wonders lecture series
- Open Days: Active in the 1950s/ Trans histories / 78: a year of gay unrest
- and our Big Bash 30th!





QUEER CARLTON: THE ARCHIVES' HISTORY WALK

This year the Archives outs Carlton, birthplace of modern gay Melbourne's- Society Five, Gay Lib and the Dover Hotel. But well before that, camp Carlton had its secret rendezvous- Marion-Bill Edwards sly grog house, Ruby's famous Sunday night open house where the 'musical' crowd gathered in the 30s and 40s, and the after dark haunts that live on today..

VENUE: Kangaroo Fountain, cnr Gertrude and Nicholson Streets, Carlton. TRANSPORT Tram 96, Stop 12 - Melways Reference 2B, K11. DATE: January 27th TIME: 11am PRICE: \$15 Full, \$8 Concession INFO / BOOKINGS: Grahan Lillett, Ph 8344 3630



THE QUEER HISTORY QUIZ SPECTACULAR

PRESENTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN LESBIAN AND GAY ARCHIVES

Drag scandals, gay spies and lesbian farmers - this is no ordinary quiz night! With live re-enactments of moments from Melbourne's LGBT past and a cabaret of queer performers you're guaranteed a great night whether your gueer history knowledge goes back to convict poofters or just to what happened at Girlbar last weekend. Also featuring: Joan Nestle! Great prizes! Archival films! All proceeds to ALGA

TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME: PRICE

ACCESSIBILITY:

Edinburgh Castle, 681 Sydney Road, Brunswick Upfield Train – Anstey Station, Tram 19 & 20 – Stop 26 Melways: 29 H5 Thursday 7th February Dinner from 6.00pm, Show starts at 8.00pm \$20 full, \$15 conc. (includes ALGA members) \$128 – table of 8 INFO / BOOKINGS: 0427 616 995, queer.history@gmail.com, www.alga.org.au Smoke, Lic, Meals, Family Friendly, (hearing TBA)

DIG IT OUT, DUST IT OFF!

As part of Midsumma's 21st Celebrations, we invite all members of the GLBTI Community to submit your old Midsumma bits and pieces including; t-shirts, posters, ticket stubs, photos, merchandise and other Midsumma memorabilia. A curated collection will be presented as part of a '21 Years of Midsumma' retrospective exhibition to feature as part of the 2009 Festival.,

For further information, check www.midsumma.org.au or email retrospective@midsumma.org.au

MY MIDSUMMA

As Midsumma looks ahead to it's 21st celebrations, we invite members of our community to share their Midsumma moments with us. Got a Midsumma memory that you're still talking about? Met that special someone through a chance meeting at carnival all those years ago? We'd love to hear from you. A collection of Midsumma moments will be compiled as part of a commemorative publication to be released during the 2009 Festival.

For further information, check www.midsumma.org.au or email mymidsumma@midsumma.org.au







MATRIX





FOOD & WINE



GRAZING AT THE GROVE

GOURMET PICNICKING AT IT'S FINEST! (BYO GOURMET)

Pack a gourmet picnic. . . Pop a cork . . . And join other lesbian, gay, gueer, gueerfriendly garden lovers for a Midsumma afternoon fundraiser of picnicking, garden walks and Jazz In The Park at The Grove - formerly 'Mawarra'. One of Australia's significant historic estate gardens designed by famous lesbian landscape designer Edna Walling in 1932.

Edna Walling: Born 4 Dec.1896 Yorkshire, England, migrated with her parents to New Zealand and then to Melbourne when she was 19. Graduated from Burnley Horticultural college 1918 Here she became a beacon of enlightened environmental design of houses and gardens. She was widely published and influenced more than one generation of home garden designers. She bought 20 acres near Lilydale and developed an environmentally sensitive enclave there for like-minded people who she knew and she designed many of the gardens and houses - she lived here for 46 years then went to live in the warmer Buderim, Queensland. Died: 8 Aug. 1973.

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Noted for her rustic settings blending with the local terrain and use of native vegetation. She incorporated this with the use of dry stone walls and crazy paving. Edna was also famous for her 'manly' attire and behaviour. Check out the MySpace site or lgbtig.com/GrazingAtTheGrove for details of how to find The Grove, get parked and enter this magnificent Edna Walling-designed estate.

> The Grove, 6 Sherbrook Road, Sherbrook 2 km from the Mt Dandenong Tourist Road intersection at Ferny Creek. Pass through a national park before street numbering begins. Number 6 is on the right just past Georges Road - opposite Woods Restaurant. . No public transport operates to the area on Sundays - Melways: 75 H2 Sun 10 Feb 12 noon till sunset \$15 full, \$10 conc., SummaClub & groups 8+ 03 9415 9819, www.midsumma.org.au, @lgbtiq.com, lgbtiq.com/GrazingAtTheGrove www.myspace.com/grazingatthegrove

11 B. & Y no animals please due to native wildlife, no portable BBQ's.



PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE VALLEY

Get on board, come kick up your heels; we're heading to the Valley for a winery tour with a difference. Join the fun and frivolity as we visit four of the best wineries in the Yarra Valley region for tastings and finger food. Grab some friends, your favourite wig and a frock to die for as we ride the bus in style.

Г:	Pick-up CBD Yarra Valley Winery Tours, 299 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville The Bus
	Sat 9 Feb 9.30am — 5pm
	\$.50am - 5pm \$87
KINGS:	Bookings close Wed 30 Jan, 03 5962 3870, info@ varravalleywinerytours.com.au
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CUPCAKE CAROUSEL! IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A PIPING BAG! Unleash your campery and be one of the first to master this latest craze; there's more to cupcakes than just icing and sprinkles. Presented at William Angliss Institute by internationally acclaimed pastry chef Greg Williams; learn the tips, tricks and secrets of turning a simple cupcake into a fabulously glamorous(and tasty) masterpiece. Prizes for the campest cupcakes! VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE TIME: PRICE:

Tickets limited. 12 creative cupcakers only! William Angliss Institute, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne Route No. 30 & 24, City Circle Stop 2 Southern Cross Station Sat 2 Feb & Sat 9 Feb 9.30am - 3.30pm \$190 per person

BARWICK ESTATES MASTER CLASS

Analiss Groups of 10 - \$120



JAMES SQUIRE BEER MATCHING DINNER 5 BEERS, 5 COURSES

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PRICE:

Join a James Squire beer ambassador as they present 5 famous James Squire beers with 5 of World's most popular dishes. Not just for the wine enthusiast, Masterclass has a whole new meaning as you appreciate the art of beer and food matching.

VENUE:	World Restaurant Bar, Shop 4, Riverside Quay, Southbank, 3006
TRANSPORT:	Across from Flinders St Station
DATE:	Wed 23 Jan
TIME:	7pm
PRICE:	\$80
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9690 6999, troys@worldrestaurantbar.com.au, www.worldrestaurantbar.com.au

On Monday 21st January, join wine makers from Barwick Estates for a master class in food and wine matching. Sample some new vintages, and some old cellared stock. Learn how to match certain dishes with certain wines, with an eight course degustation menu. VENUE TRANSPORT DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS

Terra Rossa Restaurant Bar 87 Flinders Lane, Melbourne Parliament or Flinders Street Stations Mon 21 Feb 7:30 pm \$90 03 9650 0900, troys@terrarossarb.com.au, www.terrarossarb.com.au





There's a story in every beer

ARTISAN CIDER & BOUTIQUE BEER TASTING WEEKEND

A must for all beer and cider lovers – kick back and enjoy a free tasting of handcrafted beers and ciders.

Learn about Artisan cider and the growing craft beer industry and try some of Austarlia's best with Swords Beer and Cider specialists.

> Swords Selected Wines and Beers, Shop 107, Prahran Market, Commercial Rd, South Yarra Tram 78/79 - Stop 47 - Melways: 2L J10 Sat 26 & Sun 27 Jan 12 – 3pm



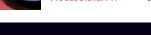
03 9481 7761, www.chapelstreet.com.au Smoke; Wheel; Lic; 18+

CHOCOLATE TREATS WALK

CHOCOLATE WALKING TOUR

The afternoon begins at Haigh's Chocolates (Black Arcade). The walk goes to Galleria, where we taste T2's specialty teas and learn how they combine with chocolates. Still at Galleria, we try Déva's handmade chocolates. Time to go to Koko Black (Royal Arcade), where we chat to its chocolatier and taste its Belgian-style chocolate. Then we have afternoon tea at The Chokolait Hub.

VENUE:	Haigh's Chocolates (The Block Arcade) 282-284
	Collins Street, Melbourne
TRANSPORT:	Flinders Street Station, Tram 109, 112 and 31 – Stops 5 or 6
	Melways: 1B L7
DATE:	Sat 2 Feb
TIME:	2pm (meeting at 1.50pm)
PRICE:	\$30 (all inclusive)
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9686 4655 or 0412 158 017, suzie@chocolatetours.com.au,



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COMMERCIAL ROAD QUARTER **PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

THREE RESTAURANTS, ONE GREAT NIGHT

Come party with us as you take the path to a palatable journey with your official Midsumma Hostess - Dolly Diamond.

You will explore, exposed and celebrate the Commercial Road Quarter while you sayour 3 deliciously different coursed that compliment each other at three of Commercial Road Quarter's iconic restaurants, Sweet Basil Thai, Red Orange and Chez Olivier. Entrée and main are each served with a glass of wine and dessert is served with tea or coffee.

The progressive dinner is a social, relaxing and entertaining way to soal Commercial Road Quarter style while experiencing sumptuous food, fin chance to meet the makers.

SOUTHSIDE PROGRESSIVE DINNERS "A DELECTABLE DINING MEANDER"

Three of Southbank's most impressive venues have teamed together to present the Southside Progressive Dinners.

BLVD, World Restaurant Bar and The Meat and Wine Co. offer a course at each venue. \$60 per person includes entrée, main and dessert with a glass of wine with mains. One night only.

World Restaurant Bar, Shop 4, Riverside Quay, Southbank, 3006 Across the footbridge from Flinders St Station Tue 5 Feb 6:30 pm \$60 03 9690 6999

FIRST CLASS SHOP & COOK

COOKING ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE KITCHEN; IT'S ABOUT THE SHOPPING TOO!

This First Class culinary experience will take you on worldly tours to the depths of the ocean, the dusty plains of the Australian outback or the shores of exotic Asia. You choose the flavour!

Your specialty Chef and in-flight crew will take you on a journey to source only the finest produce from local markets. Taste, smell and buy! It's then back to the kitchen for an interactive cooking class, a late lunch and a glass or two of wine; a perfect way to share stories of your worldly culinary adventures.

Tickets limited. 9 First Class passengers per departure.

VENUE:	William Angliss Institute
`	555 La Trobe Street
	Melbourne Vic 3000
TRANSPORT:	Route No. 30 & 24, City Circle Stop 2
	Trains through Southern Cross Station
(5 Minute walk)	u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u
DATE:	Sat 2 Feb

BUBBLES DARLING !

A DECADENT ROUND THE WORLD JOURNEY IN A CHAMPAGNE FLUTE!

Hosted by the uber fabulous Alexis Van Airbust, come enjoy an ever-decadent journey of the world's finest bubbles. Close your eyes as we transport you from the Yarra Valley, to New Zealand love, to Spain sweetie; landing in Champagne darling; drinking the world's finest!

Departing from the fabulously camp surrounds of Madame Brussels rather fancy terrace, Alexis and the crew from Moet & Chandon will take you on 3-hour bubbletastic journey around the world, accompanied by tastiest of treats from internationally renowned Melbourne chef Markus Neilson.

Tickets are limited; don't miss this unique and exclusive event. 25 passengers only darlings!

VENUE: Madame Brussels

GOURMET CHEESES & WINES AT PRAHRAN MARKET

Don't miss well known wine presenter Bede Doherty and special quest cheese judge in an entertaining exploration of the finest cheese sourced from delis throughout the Prahran Market paired with a selection of white and red wines.

The class will let you explore and identify the signature aroma and flavours of each wine and cheese as a "sensory experience". You will then be able to confidently match up wine and cheese and feel comfortable experimenting with new styles.



Mojito's, Prahran Market, 163 Commercial Rd, Prahran . Tram 78/79 – Stop 47 Melways: 2L J10 Thur 24 Jan 6:15pm \$35



SUMMASPLASH

Madame Brussels Mighty Midsumma Splash

Tag line (if applicable): BYO floaties, coconut oil & poker dot bikini's or short shorts Spend a lazy summa's day with your friends on the pool terrace! The perfect end to the perfect festival!

Join Miss Pearls and her camply clad crew as they transform Madame Brussels rather fancy terrace into a summa oasis, complete with a sexy sizzling chef behind the Barbie-g whipping up the finest of food!

You will need to take a walk down the garden path, to the hedged bar to indulge in an array of delightful refreshments or catch one of the seductively steamy waiting staff

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Madame Brussels, Level 3 / 59 Bourke St (above the spaghetti tree) Melbourne Trams 96 & 86, Parliament Station Melways: 2K 17 Sun 10 Feb

BREAD MAKING AT THE CONVENT

Nestled within the walls of the beautiful Abbotsford Convent, are two magnificent masonry wood fired ovens built in 1901. The Convent Annexe served as a central place for the preparation of all food that was once served at the Convent by the Sisters of The Good Shepherd. The Convent Bakery and its artisan bakers now produce a fresh and unique style of old fashioned wood fired bread. Come learn these ancient hand-moulding techniques, which results in bread loaves that are beautifully unique and yours to take home!

VENUE:	The Convent Bakery, Abbotsford Convent 1 St Heliers Stree
	Abbotsford
TRANSPORT:	Epping & Hurstbridge Line - Victoria Park Station
DATE:	Sun 27 Jan (other dates available on request)
TIME:	8am
PRICE:	\$120
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9419 9426, bread@conventbakery.com,

LITERATURE

MIDSUMMA MELBOURNE

LITERATURE

NOVEL CONVERSATIONS

Novel Conversations, Midsumma Festival's signature spoken word event, is back featuring yet another great line-up of acclaimed Australian authors: Neal Drinnan (Sydney), Alicia Bennett (Brisbane) join locals Dorothy Porter, (Author Name TBC) and Tom Cho.

Set in a relaxed, panel-style setting, this event is a rare opportunity for the audience to get up close and personal with some of Australia's best, newest and favourite queer lit authors. Ask the questions you've always wondered about and hear the authors' personal perspectives.

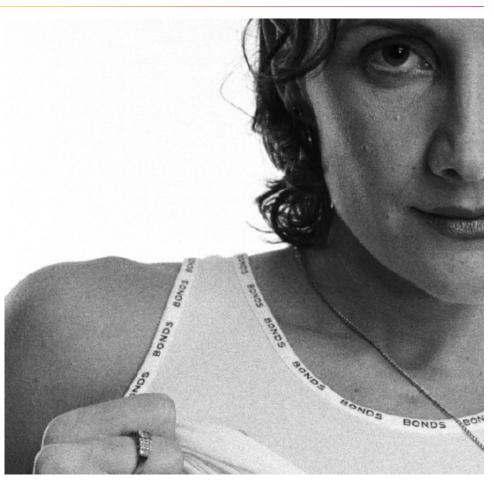
A sure-fire sell out, get in quick! Emceed by Crusader Hillis. Authors will be signing their books, available to purchase on the night. AUSLAN signers must be booked by 10 Jan 08. Call Midsumma on 9415 9819 or email admin@midsumma. org.au

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Hares & Hyenas, 63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy (b/w Nicholson & Brunswick Sts) TRANSPORT: Melways ref. 2C A7 DATE: Thur 24 Jan TIME: 7.30pm to 10.30pm PRICE: \$15 full, \$10 conc. 03 9495 6589, contactus@hares-hyenas.com.au INFO / BOOKINGS:







POETRY OUTLOUD COMPETITION GET IT OUT THERE - LOUD & PROUD!

Send your poetry in to have the chance to perform and win great prizes at the Poetry Out Loud Slam. Send three poems to the address below to have your chance to express yourself in front of an admiring crowd.

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	Midsumma Festival Office, c1.17, The Convent, 1 St Helier St, Abbottsford, 3167
	Entry closes: Wed 9 Jan
	5pm
	Free
INGS:	03 9415 9819; admin@midsumma.org.au; www.midsumma.org.au







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TELLING STORIES OF RED THROUGH WORD, IMAGE, SOUND AND SONG, THIS PERFORMANCE EXPLORES WAYS OF SEEING, WAYS OF READING.

Through a telling of stories, sound and song this performance explores ways of seeing, ways of reading. We all read and are read according to location the urban reads the 'outback', one reads the 'other', producing experiences of self and place.

Let me tell you some stories of the color red. Listen as they begin to swirl, touching bodies, re-reading you, taking you to another place. Projections by Boris Hlavica

ENUE: RANSPORT:	Dantes - Backroom, 150-156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy, 3065 Tram 86 – Stop 14 (cnr Napier Street)
ATE:	Melways: 2C B11 Tue 5 & Wed 6 Feb
IME:	6pm Tue, 9pm Wed
RICE:	\$7 full, \$5 conc.
NFO / BOOKINGS:	0411 589 561, galbraith_janet@yahoo.com

FEMME FEVER 2

Readings about femme and femininity across a variety of identities. Readers are bi, straight, gay, trans and queer. Performers include: Tom Cho, Lisa-Skye loannidis, Jennifer Lee, Merrilee Moss and Shelley O'Reilly. Image by Paul Rasche. Dress glamorously to win the door prize. Book early, all welcome!

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Dantes - Backroom, 150-156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy, 3065 Tram 86 – Stop 14 (cnr Napier Street) Melways: 2C B11 Thu 31 Jan 7 – 9.30pm \$14 full, \$10 conc. INFO / BOOKINGS: lisaskye@gmail.com



VENUE:

DATE:

TIME

PRICE

COME AS YOU ARE: COME HARDER

Readings about bisexuality, desire for more than one gender and sexuality beyond the binary! Performers are bi, straight, gay, trans and queer. Performers include: Aren Aizura, Ed Burger, Lisa-Skye Ioannidis, Jennifer Lee, Jo Mundy and Megan Petrie. Image by Paul Rasche. Includes a door prize. Book early, all welcome!

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Dantes - Backroom, 150-156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy, 3065 Tram 86 – Stop 14 (cnr Napier Street) Melway Ref: 2C B11 Thur 7 Feb 7 – 9.30pm \$14 full, \$10 conc. **INFO / BOOKINGS:** lisaskye@gmail.com

POETRY OUTLOUD SLAM

SHORT LISTED FROM THE POETRY OUTLOUD COMPETITION

If only the world had the chance to be enlightened by your moving words ... well here's your chance.

Get 3 minutes to wow the crowd - for the kitty. Teams & individuals. Back by popular demand 2nd year running.

Speaking of kitty's, we have the meow feminist poet straight from Melbourne Fringe Yana Alana (aka Sarah Ward, comedian, also of SISTA She fame).

The Glasshouse, 51 Gipps Street, Collingwood 3066 TRANSPORT: Tram 86 Stop 16 in Smith St - 600 metres; Epping or Hurstbridge train – Collingwood station - 500 metres Melways: 2C F10 Wed 23 Jan 7pm for 7:30pm start \$5 INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9415 9819; admin@midsumma.org.au; www.midsumma.org.au



FILM

MIDSUMMA MELBOURNE

FILM





MQFF THE 14TH ANNUAL MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

FOUR WARM AND ROMANTIC NIGHTS OF QUEER FILM FAVOURITES ON THE BANKS OF THE YARRA.

Melbourne Queer Film Festival in partnership with City of Yarra presents 4 warm and romantic nights of gueer film favourites on the banks of the Yarra. BYO picnic hamper and cushions – prizes for best hamper.

ink you've seen the lot when it comes to gross-out teen or queer sex comedies?

Get ready for Another Gay Movie and be prepared to either laugh or be appalled (or

both). 17 year-old Andy and his pals are all sex-starved virgins all desperate to pop

quuer films such as Trick and beyond. "Refreshingly crass, very funny gay spoof of teen sex romps." – Village Voice Dir: Todd Stephens, USA, 2006, 90 mins

Northcote - Melways: 30 J12

Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield

Bus: 246/250/251 - Stop: Victoria Rd/Westgarth St,

Tickets available at door; No advanced booking

Info: 03 9827 2022; info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au; www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au

their ass cherry. Parodying teen comedies from Pretty in Pink to American Pie and



humorous and poignant way. Finally, a brilliant comic film tht the while GLBT family will enjoy. Dir: P. J. Castellaneta, USA, 1998, 35mm, 110 mins

VENUE: TRANSPORT: TIME: PRICE:

Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield Bus: 246/250/251 - Stop: Victoria Rd/Westgarth St, Northcote Melways: 30 J12 Sat 2 Feb Gate open at 7pm \$12 full; \$10 conc. **INFO / BOOKINGS:** Tickets available at door; No advanced booking Info: 03 9827 2022; info@melbournequeerfilm.com.au; www.melbournequeerfilm.com.au



NINA'S HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Fri 25 Jan

Gate open at 7pm

\$12 full; \$10 conc.

NOTHER GAY MOVIE

A prodigal daughter tale, featuring a charming lesbian romance that blossoms over bubbling curries and tasty chutneys. Nina is an Indian/Glaswegian who eturns home to Scotland to make amends with her estranged family following her father's death. Despite finding her beloved papa has left his restaurant in financial difficulties, she decides to stay and take up where he left off – cooking up a tantalising range of Indian dishes in an attempt to win a prestigious competition and save the restaurant. She also finds a willing associate and much more in her father's new business partner Lisa. All in all it's a worthy addition to the long and noble tradition of sumptuous movies about hot and steamy goings on in the kitchen. And the food looks great too ... Dir: Pratibha Parmar, UK, 2006, 94 mins

GLITCH FILMS

Oueer Little Films in a Oueer Little Bar

VENUE: TRANSPORT-

VENUE:

DATE:

Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield Bus: 246/250/251 – Stop: Victoria Rd/Westgarth St, Northcote

TIME PRICE GLITCH ACCESSIBILITY: **BAR + CINEMA**



Glitch has put out it's feelers and drawn back a weird and wonderful feast of films





PUCCINI FOR BEGINNERS

Puccini is a sophisticated screwball sex comedy about chance encounters, psychoanalytic excuses and one woman's struggle to make a commitment. New York writer and opera addict Allegra loves her girlfriend Samantha, but can't commit. When Samantha leaves her, Allegra rebounds with handsome philosophy professor Phillip as well as the irresistibly beautiful, recently single Grace (Gretchen Mol, The Notorious Bettie Page). Allegra juggles secret relationships with both of them, never suspecting that Phillip and Grace have a connection of their own. With a sophisticated blend of humor and irony, this refreshing comdedy twists nd turns with all the drama of classic Puccini.

Sex in the City with a Twist! Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance Film Festival and a queer film festival favourite the world over. From the writer/director of the Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love. Dir: Maria Maggenti, USA, 2006, 82 mins

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield Bus: 246/250/251 – Stop: Victoria Rd/Westgarth St,

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DRAMA, DIAMANTES & DIVAS

Drama, Diamantes & Divas: An evening of Joan Collins' glamour on film. o coincide with the NGV Fashion and Textiles exhibition Super Bodies: Heroic Fashion from the 1980s Dynasty Reunion: Catfights & Caviar (2006, 60mins, PG) The Bitch (1979, 89mins, MA15+)

UE:	Clemenger BBDO Auditorium
	National Gallery of Victoria, 180 St Ki
	(enter North entrance, via Arts Centre
VSPORT:	Tram: All St Kilda Rd trams
	Train: Flinders Street station
	Melways: 2F H12
:	Fri 1 Feb
	6pm
E:	Free
/ BOOKINGS:	03 8662 1555; enquiries@ngv.vic.gc
	www.ngv.vic.gov.au



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DARLING! THE PIETER DIRK UYS STORY

This excellent debut film from Julian Shaw presents a wonderful portrait of this AIDS activist, female impersonator and satirist, Pieter Dirk Uys. As an entertainer, Dirk Uys' wit is a joy to behold. As an AIDS campaigner and educator in South Africa, his social justice heart is about as strong as it gets. This film "combines footage of Pieter's charismatic and rousing performances with moving interviews and will inspire you with the powerful persona of Pieter and the profound effect his work has on his audiences and his nation." - Doc NZ Plus The 40's ed gem Supervising Women Workers (1944, 11 mins).

VENUE:	Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Federation Square, Melbourne (opposite Flinders St station)
TRANSPORT:	Flinders Street station
	Melways: 1B P1
DATE:	Sat 9 Feb
TIME:	4pm
PRICE:	\$8

CLASSIC QUEER SHORTS

This specially curated program features some fine new and archival Lesbian and Gay themed works that embrace the experimental, the documentary, the dramatic and the comedic.

Including works of the caliber of We Aim To Please (in a restored print!), Farewell to Charms, Brad and the classic 70's short, Disco, these works chart a vibrant and opinionated course through a generation of queer culture.

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WITCHES AND FAGGOTS, DYKES AND POOFTERS

A ground-breaking documentary and powerful statement, it explores the history of 'the movement" right up until the pivotal 1978 Kings Cross moment. 'Commencing with a condensed historical account of homosexual and lesbian oppression from the Middle Ages, the film follows a detailed examination of the Sydney street clashes, intimidatory and provocative anti gay behaviour of the New South Wales police force, and the angry response of Sydney's gay community". Sydney Filmmakers Co-operative.

Gender nuggets from the archive, To be a Woman (1951, 15 mins) and Careers For Girls (1949, 18 mins).

Flinders Street station

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Federation Square, Melbourne (opposite Flinders St station)

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Take a special trip to the 70's in this swinging time-capsule that is regarded as the first Australian feature to deal with Lesbian and Gay relationships.

With his girlfriend sent overseas for seeming lesbian dabblings, our hero Paul is introduced to the Sydney arts gliteratti, and a whole new world. Here Paul meets Tony, but things aren't as they seem as two rooms become one. A bona-fide rarity.

/FNIIF RANSPORT TIME: PRICE: NFO / BOOKINGS: www.acmi.net.au

Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Federation Square, Melbourne (opposite Flinders St station) Flinders Street station Melways: 1B P1 Sat 2 Feb 4pm

PERFORMING ARTS

MIDSUMMA MELBOURNE

PERFORMING ARTS



A ROOM WITH A VIEW - TIM MCKEW **TOASTS NOËL COWARD!**

HOT FROM ADELAIDE'S FEAST. A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT NOËL COWARD

Show and CD Launch "You were absolutely delightful!" – Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

Hot from Adelaide's Feast. A musical tribute to the Great Noël Coward. Show and CD Launch "You were absolutely delightful!" – Dame Elisabeth Murdoch

Madame Arcati conjures Noël Coward, into the 21st century and Noël is aghast by what he sees, who is this Paris Hilton? Noël takes his audience on a journey back through time to the 20's 30's and beyond, performing many of his most loved songs including 'Mad about the Boy', 'The Green Carnation', 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen' and 'Mrs Worthington', strung together with biographical and anecdotal delights, with piano accompaniment by Peter De RyK and trumpet by Amber Lomanowicz.



REWIND

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Dumbstruck by Steve's sudden death, his friends begin packing away the pieces of his 'life' and inadvertently stumble upon a discovery that has the potential to change the way they view their friend - and themselves - forever. Embarking on a journey to uncover who Steve really was leads them to discover more

about themselves than they wanted to know. www.quebfegyproductions.com VENUE

Vibe On Smith (Upstairs), 123 Smith Street, Fitzroy 3065 TRANSPORT: Tram 86 Melways: 2C D12 Wed – Fri, 23 Jan – 8 Feb \$20 full, \$15 conc., \$15 per person group of 9 or more INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9897 3518, bookings@quebfegyproductions.com, www.quebfegyproductions.com/bookings.html

PORCELAIN BY CHAY YEW A LA MAMA PRODUCTION "I think we've already established the fact that I'm a homo chink..." John Lee is 19, gay, Asian and has just shot his lover at the local beat. Race, sexuality

THE BOY ON THE BEACH - BY STEVEN DAWSON

Out Cast Theatre's latest and most succulent tale of love and lust amongst the dunes. A homicidal drag queen, horny accountant, an artist on the edge and the hunk they all adore. There are worse things than just getting sand in your crack! Hot, horny, slightly musical and completely out in the open. Warning: Contains strong language and nudity...of course.

VENUE TRANSPORT: DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS

Mechanics Institute Performing Arts Centre Tram 19, Stop 21; Upfield Train, Brunswick Station Tues – Sat, 16 Jan – 16 Feb (no performance Jan 26) \$28 full, \$20 conc., \$20 per person groups 10+

03 9305 5333, Hares & Hyenas, outcast@sub.net.au, www.outcast.org.au



La Mama, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton Melways Map 2B, G7 Tram 1 towards Coburg or Tram 8 towards Moreland. Tram 3 / 5 / 6 / 16 / 64 / 67 / 72 towards Melbourne University. Stop 1 – University of Melbourne (Swanston St, Carlton) Wed – Sun, Jan 24 – Feb 10 8.30pm Wed, Fri, Sun; 6.30pm Thur & Sat \$20 full, \$10 conc.& groups La Mama, 03 9347 6142, bree@lamama.com.au, www.lamama.com.au

THIEVING BOY / LIKE STARS IN MY HANDS

These posthumous plays of Timothy Conigrave give us an opportunity to experience the work of a writer whose iconic memoir, HOLDING THE MAN, has become the most successful gay love story in Australian publishing history. The two award winning plays deal with those matters that need to be resolved at the time of death; vour own and someone else's. As his father lies dying, Moxy must assess not only where his trouble and youth has taken him , but in what direction life will now lead him. On the other hand, Simon, facing his own death, takes charge of not only his own life, but that of his lover. Both play speak of the power of love, sex, friendship and a sense of belonging.

La Mama, The Carlton Courthouse, 349 Drummond Street,

Carlton East Coburg Tram, No. 1 – stop 1 or 112 Tue – Sun, 18 Jan – 2 Feb Dress Rehearsal, Fri18 Jan 7pm



'SEARCHING FOR COMETS' **BY CERISE DE GELDER**

WISHINGWELL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF

Searching for Comets is a lot like searching for true love: unless you're looking in the right place at the right time you might miss her altogether. When an elusive comet appears in the sky, the lives of four women seeking answers to different questions become entangled with life-changing consequences. Funny, moving, sexy, powerful: a must see Midsumma event!

VENUE: TRANSPORT

Old Council Chambers, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street (cnr Victoria & Lygon) Carlton South Any City loop train, stop Melbourne Central, Tram 1,3,5,6,8,16,64,67 - Stop 4 Melways: 2B F11 Wed – Sun, 30 Jan – 17 Feb

Two married couples are camping on the hauntingly beautiful Coorong. Out of the blue, the women, Rose and Jude, find they have a connection that exhilarates, astonishes and terrifies them. An irresistible force has entered their lives and changed everything forever. Poetic and funny, this play joins the growing body of queer theatre that ha come of age. VENILE **TRANSPORT**: DATE TIME: PRICE



Tram 3 / 5 / 6 / 16 / 64 / 67 / 72 towards Melbourne University Stop 1 – University of Melbourne (Swanston St, Carlton) Melways: 2B G7 Wed – Sun, 23 Jan – 10 Feb 6.30pm Wed, Fri, Sun; 8.30pm Thur, Sat \$20 full. \$10 conc.

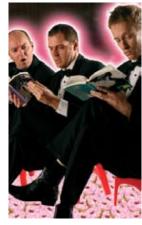
Tram 1 towards Coburg or Tram 8 towards Moreland.

La Mama Theatre, 205 Faraday St, Carlton

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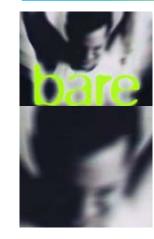
An exquisite musical evening with Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Wurung soul tidda (sister), Lou Bennett, as she yarns her way through her amazing life. From small-town black chick playing doo wop in her Uncle's band to the big city lights with internationally acclaimed trio 'The Tiddas'.

Kingston Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin, 3189 Bus – 811/812; Train – Frankston Line TRANSPORT: Melways: 77 D5 Sat 2 Feb \$30 full, \$25 conc., \$25 per person for a table of 6 INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9556 4440; kingart@kingston.vic.gov.au; http://artscentre.kingston.vic.gov.au









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FULL TILT AT THE ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS VAUDEVILLE X

By Michael Dally and High Performing Company

Vaudeville X is a classy musical comedy which brings out the best silver to take swipes galore at the middle class! Three rakish members of the haute Bourgeoisie serve up a degustation of satirical numbers like only the middle class can. Guaranteed to put elitism back in the arts elite.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Black Box, The Art Centre Trams 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67, 72; Flinders St station.	or a short walk from
DATE:	Melway 1D V8 Wed 16 Jan – Preview Thur 17 Jan – Opening Night	

A NIGHT FOR THE LADIES PRESENTED BY SWEET 'N' SOUR CIRCUS

Arrive in your Sunday best and find yourself surrounded by ladies turning amazing tricks on a lazy Brunswick evening.

A night packed with stylish performance; cabaret, circus and DJ's in an intimate setting. Catering for the ladies, with one special evening welcoming all you boys out there on February 10th. Cheap tickets, cheap drinks and plenty of booby prizes.

VENUE:	Crystal T's, 672 – 676 Sydney Road, Brunswick
TRANSPORT:	Tram 19 – Albion Street Stop, Upfield Tran – Ansley Statior
	Melways: 29 G6
DATE:	Sun 20, 27 Jan & Sun 10 Feb
TIME:	7pm
PRICE:	\$15 full, \$12 conc.
INFO / BOOKINGS:	Tickets sold at the door only, ladytrix2007@hotmail.com

ANTHONY MENCHETTI IS A...VAGINA DECLINER

A night of award winning stand up comedy from one of Australia's best gay comedians. After sell out tours in the UK, gay Anthony Menchetti (thecomedychannel & NBC's Last Comic Standing) returns to gay Midsumma with his internationally award winning gay humour. Come. It'll be gay. ... Gay! "Gay or straight you'll laugh your head off" - Scotsgay (UK) "You'll float home" - The Age "Gay" – A bogan on the street Dentes wasteine Callene 150 150 Cantenda St. Eitenen 2005

VENUE:	Dantes - upstairs Gallery, 150-156 Gertrude St, Fitzroy 3065		
TRANSPORT:	Tram 86 – Stop 14 (cnr Napier Street)		
	Melway Ref: 2C B11		
DATE:	Fri – Sun, 18 Jan – 3 Feb		
TIME:	8pm		
PRICE:	\$18 full, \$15 Conc. \$12 Groups 3+		
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9347 5503, anthonymenchetti@aapt.net.au,		
	www.anthonymenchetti.com		

BARE

Dubbed as the new "Rent", Bare is a coming of age story of a group of high school students. As their stay in this insular world is coming to an end, they ask the question "What next?". Bare focuses on two boys are not only faced with what their sexuality brings but what their lives have in store for them. Almost entirely sung-through, Bare is a pop opera drawing on all styles of contemporary music. Warning – Features strong language and adult themes.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Cromwell Road Theatre, 27A Cromwell Rd, Sth Yarra, 3141 Cranbourne & Pakenham Train, Hawksburn Station Melways: 58 E4
DATE:	Feb 7 – Feb 16
TIME:	8pm
PRICE:	\$30 full; \$27 conc; \$27 per person groups 10+
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9471 4432; shooshprods@hotmail



COLES GIRLS – RETURNS

THE MUSIC OF COLE PORTER WAS NEVER MEANT TO LOOK LIKE THIS !

Check 'em OUT! The Midsumma Sellout Hit of 2006 Returns. Lysa & Leesa. Two No Frills, Home Brand girls trapped scanning their options while navigating life's turnstile. With baskets tightly packed and faced with the prospect of a world of 12 items or less, they dare to carry more.

'These girls worth checking out...a John Waters-inspired white-trash makeover' - The Age

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	Northcote Town Hall, Studio 1, 189 High Street, Northcote 3070
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	Melways: 30 E9
	Thur — Sun, 24 Jan — 9 Feb
	8pm Thu — Sat nights, 5pm Sundays
	\$21 full, \$17 conc., \$18.50 groups 10+ (booking fee inc.)
KINGS:	03 9639 0096, info@easytix.com.au, www.easytix.com.au

FRUITY TANG

A BALLET-DANCING DYKE! BUTCH GLAM, FEM, FABULOUS AND FUNNY

Fruity Tang - A Lesbian Comedy Show A BALLET-DANCING DYKE. BUTCH GLAM, FEM, FABULOUS AND FUNNY.

Fruity Tang is a one-woman 30 minute lesbian comedy show. Based on real life events, she takes you on a comic journey - through stand-up comedy infused with dance, song, improvisation and various queer characters. Camp, queer, out and edgy, with a touch of glamour and comic drama.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE TIME: PRICE

Dantes – upstairs Lounge 154 Gertrude Street Fitzroy 3065 Tram 86 Stop 14 Melway 2C B11 Fri – Sat, 1 – 3 Feb & Wed 6 Feb 8:45 pm \$8 Full. \$5 Concession

HUMAN RESOURCES

BY CHRIS ARONSTEN

Blackmail, sex, online dating. Welcome to Human Resources, a dysfunctional department of theatrical tales which give work place relations a bad name.

Join Green Room award winners The Act-O-Matic 3000 (The Laramic Project) as they present Chris Aronsten's dark and dirty trig. See what happens when Steve delights in manipulating a vulnerable older man; the pitfalls of the whole office using the one online dating service, and how dear old Fiona deals with the computer that wants her iob.

Human Resources – shortlisted for the NSW Premiers Literary Awards – is a scathingly funny play and an exciting Victorian premier.

VENUE **TRANSPORT**:

Cromwell Rd Theatre, 27A Cromwell Road, South Yarra Tram 8 – stop 72, Cranbourne and Pakenham Lines – Hawkshurn Station

MONTE BY MOON LIGHT

DRAG UNDER THE STARS!!

The Wild West Drag Show present 'Monte by Moonlight - Drag under the stars' An official fundraising event for the G&L Switchboard. A night like no other at as the hotels beer garden is transformed into a staged arena. Showcasing Monte Diamonte and her cast of drag talent as they perform under the stars. Sounds by dj Merkin. 3 shows from 9.30pm.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE: TIME PRICE INFO / BOOKINGS:

The Commercial Hotel, 238 Whitehall Street, Yarraville Werribee & Williamstown Line – Yarraville Station Melways: 42 C9 Thur 7 Feh 4pm Doors open, Shows 9.30pm, 11pm & midnight \$5 full, \$3 conc. 03 9689 9354, info@themersh.com.au, www.hotelcommercial.com.au/montebymoonlight



by chris aronsten

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ROCKSTRIP

SEXY ASS KICKIN' ROCK STRIPPIN' ACTION

It's LIVE, It's ROCK, It's STRIP and a whole lot more! ROCK STRIP's back after a hugely successful show for Midsumma 2007. Bringing together some of Australia's finest musicians and performance artists for a saucy execution of live ROCK STRIP! Featuring The Purring Furmaids, MC Jimmy Sumlovin, Sprinkle Magic, Asphyxia, Yana Alana, Chic Magnet & MORE. A rockin' show for Women and Trans. 2 shows only so don't miss out !

VENUE:	Gasworks Theatre
TRANSPORT	Tram: No 1 – Stop 31
	Melways: 2J H7
DATE:	Fri 8 & Sat 9 Feb
TIME:	10:30pm till late
PRICE:	\$27.50
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9699 3253; frontdesk@
	www.gasworks.org.au



Tram 96 – Stop 8 (Cnr Exhibition & Bourke Sts) Sat 2 Feb

\$15 full; \$14 conc.; \$13 per person for groups of 10 or more Alistair Lennox – 0411 171 947: alistairlennox@hotmail.com INFO / BOOKINGS: www.myspace.com/theminorityband

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SUDDENLY ARRIVING – A MELTING POT OF HOT SONGSTERS STIRRING UP ELEMENTAL VIBRATIONS.

Homophonix presents Influx Suddenly arriving – a melting pot of hot songsters stirring up elemental vibrations.

/ENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME: PRICE:

Revolver Upstairs, 229 Chapel St, Prahran Trams: 3, 6, 78, 79 Train: Prahran Station Melways: 2L 11H Thur 24 Ian Doors open 8pm for 8:30pm start \$15 full; \$10 conc; \$12 per person for groups of 10 or more INFO / BOOKINGS: 0421 064 224; homo@homophonix.com; www.homophonix.com



JAZZ AND COCKTAILS

SUPERLATIVE COCKTAILS, SUPREME JAZZ, SUMPTUOUS SURROUNDS

A luscious mahogany lounge, a tinkling piano – ah yes, let's live the lush life! Fi.P'n'Me presents Melbourne's finest jazz musicians in a late-afternoon romp through your favourite tunes, your ideal cocktail served in style by the formidable Polly crew. Live jazz will be followed by DJ Fiona Scott-Norman and every guest takes home a free gift pack! This is a 100% not-for-profit, carbon-neutral event.

'ENUE:	Polly, 401 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
RANSPORT:	Tram 112
ATE:	Sun 10 Feb
IME	:4pm, Jazz from 5pm, DJ from 8pm
RICE:	\$15 pre / \$20 door full, \$10 pre/\$15 door con
	& SummaClub
NFO / BOOKINGS:	0434 146 061, fi_p_n_me@jadeleonard.cor
	www.jadeleonard.com/fi_p_n_me

THE BLOW WAVES PRESENT: **BAD BOY BURLESQUE**

Melbourne's saucy pop sensations The Blow Waves present Bad Boy Burlesque at Miss Libertine Saturday 2 February: a sleazy extravaganza of epic endowments! Witness a sizzling disco punk fuelled performance by The Blow Waves themselves supported by random acts of debauchery, some trannie train-wrecks and very special quest DJ's. Prizes courtesy of CMD for the sleaziest outfits. Don't miss this feast for the ears, eyes and between the thighs! Doors open 10pm SHARP!

VENUE TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

Miss Libertine, 34 Franklin Street, Melbourne Swanston St Tram or Elizabeth Tram – Franklin St Stop Sat 2 Feb 10pm till late \$12 03 9663 6855, johnpantsisdead@hotmail.com,

www.myspace.com/theblowwaves

DUTCH COURAGE

PLUCK UP SOME, AND ARRIVE ON THE STAGE TO SHARE YOUR SONIC GIFTS IN A NIGHT OF OPEN MIC.

Homophonix presents Dutch Courage Pluck up some, and arrive on the stage to share your sonic gifts in a night of open mic.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE: TIME: PRICE

Revolver Upstairs, 229 Chapel St, Prahran Trams: 3, 6, 78, 79 Train: Prahran Station Melways: 2L 11H Mon 21 Jan Doors open 8pm for 8:30pm start \$15 full; \$10 conc; \$12 per person groups 10+ INFO / BOOKINGS: 0421 064 224, homo@homophonix.com, www.homophonix.com



AMANASKA 360 DEGREES OF SEPARATION

A fragrant mixture of chilled beats and evocative grooves, One World Music recording

artist Amanaska aka Simon Lewis will be performing tracks from his highly lauded release 'Circles'. The night will feature live performances by Tania Doko (Bachelor Girl) Lynelle Moran (Velure). Live visuals will be projected around the venue and synchronised with the music

VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE TIME:

Melwavs: 1B U5 Sun 20 & 27 Jan & 3 Feb 7.30pm \$10 full, \$8 conc. INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9654 0500, info@simonlewis.com.au, www.looponline.com.au

LOOP, 23 Meyers Place (near crn Bourke & Spring) Melbourne

Tram 86, 95, 96 - City Loop Trains, Parliament Station



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GERALDINE QUINN – DUMB THING

GREEN ROOM AWARD - BEST EMERGING CABARET ARTISTE FESTIVAL

This little Quinny makes mistakes. From plain stupid to blithely innocent, Geraldine Quinn exposes her failings in a rock-cabaret for everyone who's tripped over it, run into it, put feet in it or royally cocked it up. ***** Hairline.co.uk, **** Three Weeks (Edinburgh) "Best reason to go to the

[Adelaide] Fringe this year" - Sunday Mail (SA) "Misanthropic, angsty hilarity" - The Age

TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

VENUE:

Dantes – upstairs lounge 154 Gertrude Street Fitzroy 3065 Tram 86 Stop 14 Melway 2C B11 Thu - Sat, 7 - 9 Feb

8:45 pm \$17 Full, \$15 Conc production@geraldinequinn.com www.geraldinequinn.com



SUMMA KIDZ



MIDSUMMA SCREEN ADVENTURES

To coincide with Midsumma, ACMI presents a special program where you can find yourself in a magical animated world of dragons, space ships and monsters. Through





the magic of 3D animation and cutting edge chroma keying, audiences get an opportunity to access technology that has traditionally been exclusive to television studios and production houses. Screen Adventures is an exciting program for all the family. **VENUE:** TRANSPORT: DATE TIME:

PRICE:

Screen Pit, Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) Federation Square, Melbourne (opposite Flinders St station) Flinders Street station, Melways Map 1B, P1 Sat 26 Jan & 2, 9 Feb 1pm to 3pm \$15 per child \$30 Family (3 kids – additional children \$7.50) INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 8663 2583, screenadventures@acmi.net.au, www.acmi.net.au/screenadventures



WE BUILT THIS RAINBOW CITY II

Back by popular demand, Polyglot Theatre's 'We Built This Rainbow City' returns to ArtPlay for another jam-packed day of kids construction. Kids of all ages are invited to join in a fun day of music, games, activities and of course city building! A public construction extravaganza, using nothing but thousands of cardboard boxes and the energy and ingenuity of Summa kids and families.

VENUE:	Artplay @ Birrarung Marr, Me	lbourne
TRANSPORT:	Flinders Street Station / CBD Tr Melways: 1B R12	am services
DATE:	Sun 27 Jan	
TIME: PRICE:	12 — 4pm \$5 p/child (under 15 only)	
INFO / BOOKINGS:	www.midsumma.org.au	pol

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15 only) polygle .org.au



BUZZING BEE CIRCUS

Explore the magic of green screen technology.

Roll up! Roll up! The Bee Circus is coming to Melbourne Museum. See aerial performances and amazing acrobatics by students from the National Institute of Circus Arts in a spectacular Summer holiday show celebrating the life of honeybees. The performers will flip, fly, jump, juggle, tumble, dance and sing the extraordinary activity of a bee hive into life.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	
DATE:	

Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson St, Carlton Trains: Parliament station Trams: 86 or 96 tram along Nicholson St Melways: 2B J10 Sun 20 Feb 2nm

\$8 full, \$4 conc. \$2 Children (inc. entry to Melbourne Museum) INFO / BOOKINGS: 131102, museumvictoria.com.au



RAINBOW FAMILIES PICNIC DAY Rainbow Families Picnic Day

A Midsumma get-together for Rainbow Families, prospective parents and friends at Hays Paddock.

The all-abilities, fenced playground features a shady, covered sandpit, accessible equiptment such as slides, swings, a trampoline plus nearby ovals for cricket or soccer! FREE EVENT – BYO everything! Proudly presented by the Rainbow Families Council

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Hays Paddock, Longstaff St, off Kilby Road, Kew East 3101 Tram 24 or 28 stop 42. Bus 200, 203, 205, 313, 315 Melways: 45 J1
DATE:	Sat 26 Jan
TIME:	11am — 2pm
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	info@rainbowfamilies.org.au / www.rainbowfamilies.org.au
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FAIRYTALES WITH A TWIST JOIN THE THREE LITTLE PIGS AND GOLDILOCKS IN THEIR FOREST ADVENTURES

Join The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks in their forest adventures and let Carp Productions colour your day with their Fairytales with a Twist theatre show. Join the fun as kids from the audience are invited to play characters from these favourite fairvtales.

Kids dress up as your favourite fairytale character. Suitable for 3-8 year-olds. Presented by the Rainbow Families Council and Carp Productions.

VENUE: TRANSPORT: DATE

TIME

Banyule Arts Space, 14 Ivanhoe Parade, Ivanhoe 3079 Take Hurstbridge Line to Ivanhoe Station Melways: 31 F7 Sat 2 Feb 10am & 12pm

Gourmet kids, 1397 Malvern Rd Malvern, Melbourne 3144



Imagine the young adults in your family preparing the evening meal! For the older SummaKids (12+yo) this 2 hour class covers food handling and preparation of simple and nutritious two course evening meals for the whole family. Vegetarian and other dietary needs as requested.

VENUE:

DATE: TIME: PRICE:

Sun 10 Feb From 10am \$50 full, \$45 SummaClub **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 03 9824 5979 or 0413 133 753



GOURMET SUMMAKIDZ LEARN, TASTE & USE YOUR IMAGINATION!

It's 'kidz in the kitchen' fun as our Gourmet SummaKidz cook up a Summa Storm. From sweet to savoury, kids (and parents) of all ages cook and play the day away. A unique opportunity for kids to learn and experiment with food, discover a little creativity, all whilst having a great time in a safe and fun environment.

Gourmet kids, 1397 Malvern Rd Malvern, Melbourne Little Gourmet SummaKidz (2-5yo) 1Hr classes Sun 20 Jan & Sun 3 Feb Big Gourmet SummaKidz (5-11yo) 2Hr classes, Sun 27 Jan (from 12pm) From 10am \$18 LittleKidz, \$15 SummaClub / \$27 BigKidz, \$25 SummaClub **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 03 9824 5979 or 0413 133 753





COMMUNITY

MIDSUMMA MELBOURNE

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ALSO MASQUERADE BALL

On the 26th January 2008 ALSO is excited to present a formal occasion for the entire GLBTIQ community: celebrating our depth and difference in contemporary style. A reflection of the possibilities of who we are and can become... Expect splendour, opulence, and affirmation in an environment that celebrates creativity, decadence and action. See www.also.org.au to watch it unfold.

VENUE TRANSPO DATE TIME: PRICE INFO / B ACCESSIBILITY

ORT:	Sat 26 Jan
BOOKINGS:	www.also.c

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Rainbow Network

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JOY 94.9's annual fundraiser to be held on January 26th at Forest Glade, Mt Macedon. Held in 10 acres of beautiful private gardens including a fern gully, oriental garden, lawns and pond. Be serenaded by the rainbow band as you spend a day in the company of friends. BYO picnic lunch and drink. BBQ and pets now allowed.

	Forest Glade, Mt Macedon Rd, Mt Macedon
PORT:	Melways: 609 G10, Vicroads: 60 B8, Town map 85
	Sat 26 Jan
	Gates open 10am, Motafrenz car display from midday
	Gates close 5pm
	\$15 full, \$10 conc.
BOOKINGS:	1300 Joy 949, www.joy.org.au

PRICE

SWITCHBOARD LUNA ANTICS

HOW LOUD CAN YOU SCREAM?

How loud can you scream? Join Switchboard at the iconic party playground Luna Park! Get switched on with your mates as you enjoy a night of entertainment with Super Girly, Enda Markey & Slinkee Minx. Go wild with a night of unlimited rides and scream to your hearts content. Enjoy our all-inclusive food and beverage package whilst supporting your team at Switchboard.

Luna Park, Lower Esplanade, St Kilda

VENUE:	
TRANSPORT:	
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Tram 96 – Stop 138 (Carlisle St) Melways: 2P A9 Fri 1 Feb 7 – 10pm (rides until 11pm) \$85 full, \$80 conc. & groups 5+ (per person) INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9827 4388, www.switchboard.org.au, www.samesame.com.au



Rainbow Network celebrates 10 years of supporting the community and youth

workers and school staff who support same-sex attracted, transgender and queer

Train: Upfield Line to Brunswick Station

Don't Tell Tom Bar and Café, 420 Sydney Road, Brunswick

Tram: No 19 North Coburg from Elizabeth St, City

03 9285 5203; www.rainbownetwork.com.au

RAINBOW NETWORK TENTH

Melways: 29 H7

Sat 2 Feb

2 – 5pm

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

kids across Victoria

INFO / BOOKINGS:

VENUE

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TRANSPORT



THE MASKED BALL

"The Masked Ball" is a women's only event. Everything (drinks and nibbles) is BYO. DJ music and entertainment supplied. The Masked Ball will be on Saturday 2nd of February 2008at the Collingwood Town Hall Be sure to get in early and call Sangita on 9495 6177 or email sangita.hamilton@ozemail.com.au

www.matrixguild.org.au

LOVE MAKES A FAMILY

FIND OUT WHAT'S WHAT WITH THE CAMPAIGN FOR RAINBOW FAMILIES LAW REFORM

Come along to the Love Makes A Family community meeting to discuss our 2008 plans and contribute ideas, comments and enthusiasm to our campaign for social and legal recognition of our rainbow families. Proudly presented by the Rainbow Families Council's Love Makes A Family campaign. www.rainbowfamilies.org.au/pages/campaigns.php

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Carlton Library Upstairs Meeting Room, 667 Rathdowne St, North Carlton 3054 Tram 1 and 8 from City. Bus 251, 252, 253 Melways: 2B J2 rainbow families council Sun 20 Jan ********** 2:30 to 3:30pm info@rainbowfamilies.org.au, www.rainbowfamilies.org.au





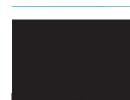
FURRY MEN IN UNDERWEAR!

Vicbears and the Laird Hotel bring you the Midsumma underbear party. Following the fantastic success of their inaugural underbear party during their annual bearfest "Southern Hibernation", this is sure to be a night of great music and plenty of furry men in their underwear having fun. Featuring special guest DJ Seymour Butz. A Vicbears fundraiser.

VENUE: **TRANSPORT:**

Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford. Bus: Route 246; Gipps St stop Train: Epping/Hurstbridge Line, Collingwood Station Melways: 2C H11 Thur 31 Jan 9pm till late \$15 Full, \$10 Vicbears Members NFO / BOOKINGS: No Pre-sale tickets







VICBEARS ROUNDUP

VicBears is a social group category for masculine men and their admirers. Roundup is the most popular event of VicBears' annual Bear fest, Southern Hibernation. With the guys from the Peel offering discounted drinks and VicBears giving you all the furr you can handle on the dance floor. Come and join us as we celebrate the arrival of Roundup to Midsumma.

/ENUE:	The Peel Hotel, 133 Wellington St, Coll
RANSPORT:	Tram 86, Stop 15
	Melways: 2C, E10
DATE:	Sun 20 Jan
IME:	3 - 9pm
PRICE:	\$10 Member , \$20 Non-Members
NFO / BOOKINGS:	president@vicbears.org.au

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TRANSPORT: Melways: 2C10H Sat 2 Feb \$50 full. \$40 conc. INFO / BOOKINGS:

Collingwood Town Hall 0400812333, sangita.hamilton@ozemail.com.au,

Help us gain equal rights VENUE: for all families



TIME PRICE

TRANSPORT INFO / BOOKINGS:

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DT'S GOLDEN STILLETTO RALLY

Be part of the fun of DT's annual foot rally through the streets of Richmond. The rally starts from DT's Hotel and travels around the streets of Richmond. Teams gather points by answering questions and performing 'certain acts' along the way. Bonus points are awarded to teams who dress in theme or drag. Roller skates or other inventive means of movement are permitted. All teams converge back on DT's to continue the fun.

VENUE:	
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TIME

PRICE:

DT's Hotel, 164 Church St, Richmond Tram 78, 79 Melways: 2H A4 Sat 2 Feb Teams must register by 3pm Free to attend. \$5 to enter a team. Proceeds to Midsumma INFO / BOOKINGS: 03 9428 5724

LESBIAN HEALTH BEHIND THE SMOKE AND MIRRORS.

RESEARCH REVEALING THE REALITY.

Coordinated by Australian Lesbian Medical Association (ALMA) and Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV)

International lesbian health research expert Professor Tonda Hughes from the University of Illinois at Chicago has been researching lesbian health issues including alcohol use and mental health for several years. In this public lecture she will share her unique insights into lesbian and bisexual women's health in relation to alcohol use, dispelling myths and bringing us up to date with some of the latest research.

VENUE:	Seminar Rooms, The Department of General Practice, University of Melbourne, 200 Berkeley St, Carlton
DATE:	Wed 6 Feb
TIME:	5 — 6pm & Drinks 6pm — 7pm

TOPS AND BOTTOMS

A SAFER SEX SEMINAR ON ADULT SEX POWER GAMES INCLUDING BDSM

Power games dominate our lives – at work, home and in our relationships. Explore how to use them for erotic Fun and Adventure in your sex life in this highly interactive safer sex seminar. Experienced players share their knowledge to show you the ropes! Fun, Safety, Responsibility and Consensuality are emphasises.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Eagle Leather Bus 246 — Stop at Cnr Hoddle & Langridge Sts Tram 109 — Stop at Crn Hoddle & Victoria Sts Train to Collingwood on the Epping line
DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:	Wed 23 Jan 7:30pm – 10:30pm \$10 full, \$8 conc. 03 9417 2100; admin@eagleleather.com.au; www.eagleleather.com.au

AA VICTORIA

GLBTI GROUPS OF AA VICTORIA INVITE YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF **RECOVERY DURING THE MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL**

"Escapades" ID Meeting 8pm Friday Jan 18th 2008 St Joseph's Church Hall, Fitzgerald St. Prahan "The Happy Gay Crowd" ID meeting 8pm Saturday 19th Jan 2008 Gahan Centre corner Greville & Gratten St, Prahan Fruits of Recovery" Focus Meeting 7pm Sunday 20th Jan 2008 St Peter"s Eastern Hill, Gisbourne St. East Melbourne For more information contact Lorraine on 9429 1833 (9-9.30 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat-Sun)

VENUE:	As above
DATE:	Fri 18 Jan
TIME:	8pm Frida
PRICE:	Free
INFO / BOOKINGS:	03 9429 1

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1833, friendofbillwilson@hotmail.com



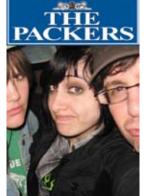
FRUITS IN SUITS & LEMONS WITH A TWIST

SOCIAL NETWORKING DRINKS

Join Melbourne's social and business networking group GLOBE for a combined Fruits in Suits and Lemons with a Twist Midsumma event.

VENUE:	
TRANSPORT:	
DATE:	
TIME:	
PRICE:	
INFO / BOOKING	S:

Level 2 GPO, Crn Elizabeth & Bourke Streets, CBD Melways: 58 D9 Thur 24 Jan 6pm - 8.30pm \$10 full, \$8 SummaClub, GLOBE members Free No Booking required, www.gaybusiness.com.au/globe



THE PACKERS' MIDSUMMA MIXER

CONNECTING QUEER CREATIVITY

The Packers is a non-profit creative collective for gueers and their friends. If you're an artist, musician, writer, designer, performer, filmmaker or whatever we invite you to our Midsumma catch-up to meet some like-minded folks. Live entertainment includes the sultry SummaJazz sounds of rising-superstar Garth.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE: TIME PRICE

The Artery, 87-89 Moor Street (crn Brunswick St) Fitzroy Tram 112 Sun 27 Jan 4pm \$5 INFO / BOOKINGS: info@thepackers.com.au, www.thepackers.com.au

MOONING MOONING 2008 A BARE ARSE CONTEST WITH A DIFFERENCE 26.01.08

More than just flashing your butt, Mooning is about raising much needed funds for the North and South Drop In Centers (supporting HIV people). Use your imagination and have fun: paint something on it; use a flashing light; go into a \$2 shop and find a toy; or use a plug! Or just come along & have a good look at some great arses.

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Laird Hotel, 149 Gipps St, Abbotsford Train: Epping/Hurstbridge Line, Collingwood Station. Bus: Route 246, Gipps St stop. Melways: 2C H1 Sat 26 Jan 9:30pm till late **INFO / BOOKINGS:** No Pre-sale tickets

RAINBOW GROUP (GLBTIQ) NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Do you believe you have a problem with drugs? We can help... Over the festival four meetings will coincide with the arrival of overseas and interstate visitors there will be four BBQ's held for Midsumma and we invite you to come and join us. **VENUE:**

TRANSPORT: DATE: TIME PRICE:

Salvation Army Church (around the rear), 12 Chapel Street, Fast St Kilda Melways: 58 D9 Thur 17, 24, 31 Jan & 7 Feb 7pm BBQ 8pm meeting Free

COMMUNITY SPORT





OFF ROAD TO THE WESTERN PLANTATION

Join Bent Kranks for a fun day out on your bike! Meet at the Sandy Creek Road car park on the western side of the You Yangs Nation Park. Bring your mountain bike or hybrid bike and a sense of adventure. This is a non-technical ride on a fantastic dirt track network. Tracks are quite flat and uncomplicated.

VENUE:	You Yangs Western Plantation, Sandy Creek Road Car Park, Little River
TRANSPORT:	V Line service to Little River
	Melways: 11
DATE:	Sat 2 Feb
TIME:	11am
PRICE:	\$2 full, \$1 Concession (includes Bent Kranks members)
INFO / BOOKINGS:	0412 368 147, enquiries@bentkranks.com.au, www.bentkranks.com.au



FAIRFIELD TO ELTHAM BIKE RIDE

Join Bent Kranks for a fun day out on your bike! Meeting at Fairfield Park car park our ride follows the picturesque Main Yarra trail to Eltham for lunch (purchase or bring your own). Bring your mountain bike or hybrid and a sense of adventure! Distance approximately 24km. Return by train, or ride back if you have the energy!

ORT:	Fairfield Park car park, Fairfield Park, Heidelberg Road, Fairfield Hurstbridge train line to Dennis of Fairfield Station Melways: 30 J12 Sun 27 Jan
OOKINGS:	10am \$2 Full, \$1 Concession (includes Bent Kranks members) 0412 368 147, enquiries@bentkranks.com.au, www.bentkranks.com.au

VENUE: DATE: TIME PRICE:

NOMADS BEACH WALK

This 12 km walk will be relatively easy for anyone who is reasonably fit. Dress appropriately for the weather forecast and bring at least one litre of water, sturdy walking shoes, sunscreen, hat and lunch. Transport can be provided. If you're unable to join us on this occasion, check our website (http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nomads) for other events and dates.

Sorrento: car park at corner of George St & Morce Ave TRANSPORT: Melways: 157 A7 Sat 26 Jan 10:15 am for 10:30 am departure \$5 for non-Nomads INFO / BOOKINGS: Bookings needed by Thu 24 Jan, 0428 447 539, thenomadsinc@yahoo.com.au, http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nomads/



NOMADS INDOOR ROCKCLIMBING

No experience necessary. Only a desire to have fun. Please book by the Sunday prior to climbing. If the dates or location are inconvenient, please contact the Nomads to find out alternatives that might be suitable.

VENUE:
TRANSPORT:
DATE: TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

Hardrock, 501 Swanston Street, Melbourne (corner Franklin street) Melbourne Central; Trams: Swanston St or La Trobe St trams Melways: 2B, E12 Wed 30 Jan; Wed 6 Feb 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm \$18 Includes safety instructions, harness and shoe hire Bookings needed by Sun 27 Jan (for 30 Jan) or Sun 3 Feb

(for 6 Feb) 0428 447 539, thenomadsinc@yahoo.com.au, http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nomads/



ACE GIRLS "COME AND TRY" TENNIS NIGHT

HOSTED BY QUEER SPORTS ALLIANCE MELBOURNE

Come out and hit with the Ace Girls at this free tennis night. Get fit, meet women of all ages and dust off your tennis game in times for the Outgames. All standards are welcome. All you need is a racquet and we'll do the rest. Dinner at the Pumphouse Hotel will follow the tennis session. Hosted by Queer Sports Alliance Melbourne.

TIME: 7pm coaching lesions 9pm dinner + drinks PRICE: Free INFO / BOOKINGS: www.acegirls.org www.Queersportsmelbourne.org 0425 764 815	PRICE:	Free www.acegirls.org www.Queersportsmelbourne.org
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RIDE THE WAVES WITH BENT BOARDS

Little surfer boys and gals, catch a wave and ride the curl with Bent Boards, Melbourne's own surf group for GLBTI surfers of all levels and their friends. Learn how to surf or improve your technique with help from our expert gay-friendly coaches. Enjoy lunch by the sea with good vibes and friendly company.



Torquay (exact location to be advised) Sun 10 Feb 9am www.bentboards.eventbrrite.com INFO / BOOKINGS: 0409 624 577, www.bentboards.eventbrrite.com



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SPLASH & GIGGLE

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO GIVE ROWING A TRY? WELL, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Have you ever wanted to give rowing a try? Well, here's your chance! Come and join Melbourne Argonauts Queer Rowing Club for a morning of splashing and giggling on Albert Park Lake. No experience required, just comfortable exercise clothes and a willingness to get a little damp.

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Lord Somers & Power House Rowing Sheds, Lakeside Drive, Albert Park Melwavs: 2L A11 Sun 20 Jan 10.30am – 12pm (last boat leaves at 11.30am) \$20 full; \$15 conc. **INGS:** queerrowing@melbourneargonauts.com

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Join Motafrenz and Outgames participants as you navigate your way around roads less travelled. Bring your picnic lunch and sense of adventure as you collect clues and find your way to our secret destination. All roads will be sealed. At the conclusion of the tour enjoy your picnic lunch meeting new friends and swapping stories; various prizes will be awarded. This is not a race but a day filled with fun!



TIME

PRICE:

Depart at Melbourne Zoo Carpark (opposite Royal Park Station) Melways: 29 E11 Sat 2 Feb 10am \$10 per car **INFO / BOOKINGS:** 0439 392 160, antrex@bigpond.net.au



NIGHT LIFE





EASY

UNDERGROUND HOUSE FOR EVERYBODY

A celebration of underground house music – past, present & future with DJs Miss Eleni, Rob Gilbert and special guests plus performances and surprises. We are recapturing the spirit of 20 years of GLBTIQ and friends coming together on the dancefloor. This is a night for everybody wanting to dance through a hot Midsumma night with their friends. It's EASY getting together!

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	Geddes Cave, 60 King Street, Melbourne Tram 19, 57, 59 Melways: 1A D8
DATE:	Sat 19 Jan
TIME:	11pm till late
PRICE:	\$20 full + bf

4 X 4 PARTY

MELBOURNE'S MEN ONLY PARTY

4 x 4 started in 2001 as a private backyard dance party in Melbourne northern suburb of Preston. With over 200 in attendance, popular DJ's DBOY, Rob Davis, Peter McNamara, Mike

Kelly and Papa Tom, One of Melbourne's most sort after ticket invites 4 x 4 in now a monthly dance party for men only held at the Laird.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:	The Laird Hotel hotel, 149 Gipps street, Collingwood Epping Line – Collingwood Station
DATE:	Sun 3 Feb
TIME:	2pm — 9pm
PRICE:	\$12 at the door
	\$8 pre-sales + booking fee
INFO / BOOKINGS:	www.4x4party.com.au

BEYOND

RETURNS FOR ITS ANNUAL MIDSUMMA EVENT, NOW IN ITS 7TH YEAR. Melbourne's premier Leather party is well known for its sexy men, awesome music, lighting and mind blowing lasers. With our reputation built on providing a friendly,



Geddes Lane, (Off Flinders Lane) Flinders Street Station Sat 2 Feb 11pm — 7am \$50 INFO / BOOKINGS: www.beyondblack.com.au

LADYMEET

SPEED DATING FOR QUEER LADIES

LADYMEET GUIDE LISTING:

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Sick of trawling girl bars? Tired of casing out internet profiles? Come to Ladymeet and make friends and friends with benefits ! Bit nervous? Not sure how to sum up your wonderful self in 3 minutes? Fear not our MC will throw topics your way to get you started and make the evening fun and relaxed.

VENUE: T. Contraction **TRANSPORT:**

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Dantes (upstairs), 154 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy 3065 Tram 86, Stop 14 (cnr Napier Street) Melways: 2C B11 Fri 8 Feb 8:30pm registration for 9:15pm start \$15

INFO / BOOKINGS: ladymeet@gmail.com, info: ladymeet@blogspot.com

L BAR MILE HIGH PARTY

MELBOURNE'S HOTTEST GIRLS NIGHT GOES MILE HIGH FOR MIDSUMMA

Celebrating Midsumma 'ARRIVAL' THE L BAR is joining The MILE HIGH CLUB! Three levels of inflight entertainment, L Bar will take you on a fantastic journey to end your Midsumma celebrations. Pilots for the trip are DJs sistaSPIN, SpYkE and Dextrus and cabin crew will be HOEstesses with the Most - The L Unit Trolly Dollys.

VENUE

TRANSPORT: DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

Blue Velvet Lounge, 60 Smith Street, Collingwood Tram: No 86 – Stop 15 Melways: 2C D11 Sat 9 Feb 9pm - 4am \$10 L Bar only, \$15 combined ticket for L Bar and Clam Bake Door sales only, www.thelbar.net, www.myspace.com/lbaroz

SHEBAR

SheBar is a women's only night and is happening on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, especially designed for Melbourne's lesbian and bi-womens community. Running in to our 5th year, SheBar provides a fun, friendly environment with our female resident D.J. Trish – struttin' her stuff. Come and join us for a fun night.

VENUE: TRANSPORT:

DATE TIME: PRICE: INFO / BOOKINGS:

The Bendigo Hotel, 125 Johnston St, Collingwood Bus 200 – 2007 Melways: 44 C4 Sat 26 Jan & Sat 9 Feb 9pm till late \$10 full; \$8 conc. Sharon Andrea – 0419 992 966; shebar@netspace.net.au; www.shebar.org

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