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MAKE SOME
NOISE

30 SEPT – 17 OCT 2021

WOMINJEKA

Melbourne Fringe respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we live, work, play and hold our Festival and events.

We acknowledge that the oldest living culture in the world has been kept alive by a rich and continuing history of storytelling, music, dance, art and language.

We pay our respects to the people of the Kulin Nations and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Elders past and present, who maintain an enduring spiritual and cultural connection to the land. Sovereignty was never ceded.



Danny Pearson MP
Minister for Creative Industries



Sally Capp
Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne

Melbourne Fringe Festival is back with a program that embodies Victoria's reputation as the creative state. Melbourne Fringe is more than an 18-day event, it is a year-round creative powerhouse.

Whether it is presenting events at the new Fringe Common Rooms venue, or supporting thousands of artists to make and present their work at the Festival, Fringe is committed to providing a platform for our most exciting creative minds.

In addition to being a long-term supporter of Fringe, this year the Victorian Government was proud to invest \$1 million in a new artist commissioning fund, which will support Victorian independent artists to create new works that will go on to feature at the Melbourne Fringe Festival.

As the creative sector recovers and reactivates, we are proud that this fund will provide job opportunities for the local creative community. I look forward to the incredible work that results.

But for now, there is much to look forward to in this incredible program. Congratulations to the Fringe team and all participating artists. Enjoy the festival!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Pearson".

Melbourne Fringe is back this Spring giving people another reason to rediscover the city because this is a festival with events and activities everywhere.

Fringe takes place in theatres and galleries, but also in living rooms, in alleyways, in bookshops and libraries, in restaurants and cafes and online.

It's Victoria's largest platform for independent arts and has delighted and surprised audiences for the past 38 years.

Each year the Festival transforms Melbourne with more than 400 events by more than 3000 artists across hundreds of venues.

At the heart of all the action is the Festival Hub in the cultural heart of Lygon Street, featuring plenty of events that will spark conversation and new ideas.

As one of the world's great creative cities, the City of Melbourne is delighted to support Melbourne Fringe through our Arts and Creative Investment Partnership Program.

Congratulations to the Fringe team and the wonderful performers and artists on what has all the hallmarks of being another marvellous program.

We can't wait to welcome you back to the city for the Melbourne Fringe Festival.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Capp".



Simon Abrahams
Creative Director & CEO

WELCOME

**We can't describe how good it feels to be back.
We've collectively been through something that
is beyond words. We have faced never-ending
uncertainty, but there is one thing we know for
sure. We have a lot to say.
We hope you're paying attention.**

We know that sometimes, the only way to make your point is to make a lot of noise. We have made a festival full of beautiful, extraordinary, dangerous, wild, celebratory, revelatory art.

We will be loud. We will sing, dance, write, scream, throw, make and move. We will raise our voices and we will express ourselves. We will be heard.

We know that things in the world need to change and that now's the time for action.

We know that what we do matters. And we still know how to party.

We can't wait to bring you an extraordinary festival and we know this one is full of artistic discoveries that are going to change the world. We hope you'll love it.

It's time to make some noise.

PLAN YOUR FRINGE

Five top tips for navigating the festival

Think of these as handy hints from your glamorous, spiritual guides at Melbourne Fringe. There's no 'right' way to Fringe, but to better assist your navigation through our enormous and glorious Festival, here are our top tips.

How to get the full story

Our biggest tip? Get online. It's 2021, after all. We've tried very hard to make sure everything is correct in this Guide. But things change, and time is linear (allegedly...) so grab a cuppa and flick through the beautifully-designed pages of this tome.

When you find something that tickles your fancy, scan a QR code or head straight to melbournefringe.com.au and search to your heart's content. Our website has the latest info including dates, time, prices and accessibility information for our hundreds of events. Head there now by scanning the QR code right here.

Search by genre, explore our Guides to Fringe or embark on your own journey.



How to support artists (and your back pocket)

FLEXIBLE PRICING

Many shows are offering flexible pricing options, allowing you to see shows at a price you can afford – whether that's full price, a little less, or a little more.

LESS THAN FULL: Times have been pretty tough. If you can't afford full price, choose this option.

FULL: This is the standard ticket price that the artist is asking for their show.

OVERFLOWING: If you've got a little extra cash and want to pass it on to artists, this is the price point for you.

How to get in (or out of...) the Zone

Use the Comfort Zone ratings on our website to help you decide if you want to stay in it, push against it or step the hell out of it.

INSIDE THE COMFORT ZONE

This zone is for user-friendly or traditional events that promise a good time. Thought provoking or funny rather than controversial.

PUSHING THE COMFORT ZONE

For experiences that are outside of the box or unique. Expect performances that include non-conventional storytelling and take you on a ride (metaphorically rather than literally).

OUTSIDE THE COMFORT ZONE

These experiences are for the bold among us looking for something equally experimental and unforgettable, something wild and out there and maybe even a tiny little bit (or a lot) of audience participation.

How to be friends with us (with benefits)

We have Facebook. We have Instagram. And yes, you guessed it, we have Twitter. Follow us and use #melbfringe for all the latest news, insights, delectable promotions and juicy titbits.

How to be COVID safe

We know you know this, but we're going to say it anyway. For your safety and the safety of our artists it's very important you follow our health guidelines if you're attending an in-person event. In-person events will proceed according to the Victorian Government's COVID-19 restrictions at the time. Please adhere to Melbourne Fringe's detailed COVID-Safe plan (which you can review on our website) to ensure the safety of audiences, artists and staff.

ATTENDANCE

Do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been a close contact of a confirmed case in the past 14 days. Our refunds and exchange policy is on our website and we will refund or exchange tickets under certain circumstances such as lockdowns. If you begin to feel unwell while at an event, contact an event staff member immediately.

CONTACT TRACING

Upon arrival you will be asked to sign into your venue using the handy Victorian Government QR code system to assist with potential future contact tracing. Sometimes you'll need to check-in a few times in the one building. This data will only be used by the health authorities to help with an outbreak of COVID-19. If there's no outbreak at a venue you've been to, the government will delete check-in details after 28 days. Please see the Service Victoria website for more information.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Please adhere to any physical distancing guidelines that may be present at the event and stay 1.5m away from other Fringe peeps where possible. But keep them close to your heart, proverbially.

HAND HYGIENE

Wash your hands after touching surfaces and apply hand sanitisers provided at our venues frequently and liberally.

WEAR A MASK

Don't be that person (we all know one). If it's a requirement at the venue, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth the whole time you are on the premises unless you have a legal reason for not doing so. Mask guidelines change regularly, stay up to date with current guidelines.

STAY UP TO DATE

Stay informed! Don't get your health updates from your dodgy cousin on Facebook, use the Victorian Government website for the latest information on COVID-19. www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

TICKETS

Tickets! Where can I buy them?

Much like the Charmed sisters, you have four amazing options to get your tickets, and three of those are preferable (Prue left the show early, OK?).

ONLINE

Your one-stop shop for all event information and bookings. You'll find everything you need to know, from the most up-to-date listings to the latest reviews, access information, and longer event descriptions. melbournefringe.com.au

PHONE

Speaking to humans can be great, especially our humans. Our phone lines are open 12:00pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday (26 Aug – 29 Sept) and 12:00pm – 7:00pm, every day during the Festival.

Box office line: **(03) 9660 9666**

If you need to, you can reach the Ticketing team through the National Relay Service (relayservice.gov.au) at no additional charge.

- TTY users: phone **13 36 77** then ask for **(03) 9660 9666**
- Speak and Listen users: phone **1300 555 727** then ask for **(03) 9660 9666**
- Internet relay users: connect to the NRS (internet-relay.nrscall.gov.au) then type in **(03) 9660 9666**

IN PERSON

Nothing quite beats the thrill of a good-old-fashioned in-person ticket booth.

Fed Square, Cnr Swanston & Flinders Sts.

Opening hours: 12:00pm – 7:00pm, Tuesday – Sunday
(30 Sept – 17 Oct) – Card Only

ON THE DOOR

For the spontaneous and commitment-phobes among us, there's always the 'door'. The Festival Hub Box Office is open during the Festival from the first 'til last show (usually 5:30pm, Tuesday – Saturday and from 4:30pm on Sunday). But also, please pre-book rather than buying at the door where possible.

Booking fees

All prices quoted are GST-inclusive (if applicable). All phone and web bookings are by VISA or Mastercard only and attract a \$4.95 fee per transaction (not per ticket). Tickets purchased in person at the Melbourne Fringe Info Booth or Festival Hub Box Office do not attract a transaction fee. Any discount ticket offers are available on full-priced tickets only.

Terms & Conditions

We don't do refunds except as required by law, in accordance with the LPA Ticketing Code of Conduct or in line with our COVID-Safe policies. If an event is cancelled due to COVID-19, or you are unable to attend an event because you are unwell with COVID symptoms, we promise not to hold your money ransom! All of this info – including ticket types and our full refund and exchange policy – is all available online at melbournefringe.com.au/terms-and-conditions.

How can I get them cheap?

Who doesn't want to save a quick buck?

FRINGE BINGE

Binge the Fringe way. Grab tickets to three or more participating events and you'll save yourself 15% off full-price tickets. And we won't even pull a Netflix and ask if you're still watching...

EARLY BIRD

Buy your tickets before 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 August to save that cash with early bird discounts on select events across the Festival.



FRINGE DWELLERS

Save up to 25% off select shows and enjoy heaps of other Fringe benefits (pun alert) by becoming a Fringe Dweller. Follow the little QR code right here for details. →

GROUPS

Gather your mates, your mum, your mates' mums and your mums' mates! Some events offer discounts when you book in bulk.

MOB TICKETS

Some events offer discounted tickets for Australian First Nations audience members, in acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of these lands.

PREVIEWS

Preview prices are available for some events – the artists get to test their work and you, the guinea pig, get a cheaper ticket.

CHEAP TUESDAYS

Many events offer a special ticket price for Tuesday shows.

FLEXIBLE PRICING

Pay what you can afford (or sling some extra \$\$ artists' way) with Flexible Pricing.

CONCESSION AND COMPANION CARDS

You qualify for concession prices if you have one (or more) of the following: student card (full time), MEAA membership card, Carer Card, Health Care Card, Pension Card, Veteran Card, all government-issued Seniors Cards. Proof of concession is required on purchase and at the venue. If you have a Companion Card, your companion can come free. Please call our ticketing team on **(03) 9660 9666** or email them on boxoffice@melbournefringe.com.au to book.

CHILD

Those aged 16 years and under, where available. If no child price applies, humans aged 16 years and under are entitled to concession prices. Remember – children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and make sure you check the content warnings and age rating.



For a comprehensive list of ticket types, head to the Ticketing page on our website. Or scan the QR code here. →

ACCESSIBILITY

Melbourne Fringe is committed to access and inclusion for all people.

Melbourne Fringe is committed to access and inclusion for all people. We believe in the Social Model of Disability, where disability is caused by a society and environment with physical, attitudinal, communication and social barriers. We're creating a Festival that works to reduce these barriers so anyone can participate.

SEARCH AND FILTER FOR MAXIMUM ACCESSIBILITY

You can search and filter for all access information on our website at melbournefringe.com.au, to easily find the events that meet your access needs.

Scan this code to view all our access information at our website. Our online listings display the comprehensive list of accessibility provisions outlined below.



PHYSICAL ACCESS



Melbourne Fringe happens in independently run spaces all over this fine city. Accessibility varies from venue to venue. To make sure you get what you need:

1. Check the event listings on the website. If an event shows this wheelchair symbol, then the venue has told us that they are wheelchair accessible. There's more access information online – on each event page on our website there's accessibility info just below the venue details.
2. Please check with individual venues about parking and/or accessible public transport options.
3. Make sure you tell us about any access requirements when booking your tickets so we can better assist you.
4. If the wheelchair symbol is not shown, access may be partial. We encourage you to call the venue directly to check whether they can provide you with the access you need.

TRADES HALL ACCESS



Our glorious Festival Hub at Trades Hall is accessible through the Lygon Street entrance, with accessible and gender-neutral bathrooms.

We have a handy guide to getting to Trades Hall, as well as a visual guide to the outside and inside of the building. Visit our website to access these resources.

Accessible Festival Guide Format

Need large-print versions of event descriptions? We got them! Give us a buzz on **(03) 9660 9600**, using the National Relay Service (NRS) on **13 36 77** if required, or email info@melbournefringe.com.au.

AUSLAN INTERPRETING



Where this symbol is displayed, one or more sessions will be Auslan interpreted. Check the 'Accessibility' section on each event page for dates of Auslan interpreted sessions. If you would like more information, please email boxoffice@melbournefringe.com.au.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING



Where this symbol is displayed, hearing loops or assistive listening systems are available at the venue for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. These systems transmit sound from the event directly through a person's hearing aid or through a set of headphones provided by the venue. We recommend you contact the venue directly for further information or assistance.

AUDIO DESCRIPTION



This service enhances the live event experience for people who are blind or have low vision. An audio describer uses a small transmitter to describe what is happening in an event or how something looks at an exhibition. People use this service via a personal listening device enabling them to experience the event from anywhere in the space. Check the 'Accessibility' section on each event page of the website for dates of audio described performances.

AURAL RATINGS

Our aural ratings are designed to give audience members who are blind or low vision a better understanding of how they can access an event.

100 Aural Rating 100% – entirely sound-based with no visual elements, and can be fully experienced by blind or low vision audiences.

75 Aural Rating 75% – mainly sound-based, with visuals only incidental to the work, so blind or low vision audiences can have close to the full experience of the event.

50 Aural Rating 50% – has both sound and visual components, but sight isn't essential to be able to engage with the event.

VISUAL RATINGS

If you are Deaf or hard of hearing, or if English isn't your primary spoken language, this three-tiered rating system will help you decide if an event is suitable for you.

- 100 **Visual Rating 100%** – contains no sound, music or dialogue so Deaf or hard of hearing audiences can engage fully with the event.
- 75 **Visual Rating 75%** – has minimal dialogue and some background music or sounds, or may be fully subtitled, so Deaf and hard of hearing audiences can have close to the full experience of the event.
- 50 **Visual Rating 50%** – includes dialogue and background music or sounds, so Deaf and hard of hearing audiences can have some engagement with the event.

RELAXED PERFORMANCE

These performances are open to everyone but have been specifically designed to create a safe and welcoming environment for people who would benefit from a more relaxed environment – this could include neurodiverse and learning disabled people and those with mental health issues. Check the 'Accessibility' section on each event page of the website for dates of relaxed performances.

SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

These are performances where steps have been taken towards making the event or specific performances more sensory friendly, but they may not have all elements expected of a Relaxed Performance. For example, they may make changes to the lighting and sound to make it more sensory friendly but not have a breakout area to chill out during the event. Check the 'Accessibility' section on each event page for dates of sensory friendly performances.

CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE

For these performances, captions are displayed, enabling the audience to read what is being said. Open Captioning is always in view and cannot be turned off. Closed Captioning can be activated or deactivated by the viewer. Check the 'Accessibility' section on each event page of the website for dates of captioned performances.

LANGUAGE NO BARRIER

This symbol indicates that audiences can understand and engage with the event without a comprehensive understanding of the English language.

TACTILE TOURS

Free audio described tactile tours are on offer for Design Fringe and some other events in the Festival Program. Contact our ticketing team for dates and booking info – (03) 9660 9666 or boxoffice@melbournefringe.com.au.

BOOKING TICKETS

We've made booking tickets easy! You can book your tickets on our website at melbournefringe.com.au or by calling Ticketing on (03) 9660 9666.

You can also discuss any specific access needs with the friendly Ticketing staff over the phone, or by emailing boxoffice@melbournefringe.com.au.

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COMPANION AND CARER CARD



If you have a Companion Card, you qualify for a second ticket (free!) to bring along a companion. If you have a Carer Card, you qualify for a concession-priced ticket.

To book a free Companion Card ticket, please call Ticketing on (03) 9660 9666 or email boxoffice@melbournefringe.com.au.

GUIDE DOGS AND SERVICE ANIMALS

Guide dogs and assistance animals are welcome at all our venues – from public spaces to someone's living room. More info can be found on the 'Accessibility' page on our website.

ACCESSIBILITY PARTNER

Arts Access Victoria (AAV) is Melbourne Fringe's accessibility partner. Disability-led, AAV provides access services including training in disability cultural context, disability action planning and a range of consultancy services, resources, mentorships, advice and information services. For more information, visit artsaccess.com.au.

Melbourne Fringe makes every effort to ensure that our accessibility information is correct. Please get in touch with us if you spot a mistake, or if you have any suggestions or feedback call us on (03) 9660 9600 or email info@melbournefringe.com.au.



Melbourne Fringe presents

GROUNDSWELL

BY MATTHIAS
SCHACK-ARNOTT

**We know that treading lightly on the Earth
is the path to a sustainable future, but how
can we work together to make that happen?**

Come feel the earth move under your feet (literally) in an immersive soundscape that is as sonically beautiful as it is visually arresting. *Groundswell* is a large-scale participatory experience and giant playable musical instrument from leading Melbourne percussive artist, Matthias Schack-Arnott, exploring how every step we take has an impact on our planet.

Taking over Queensbridge Square and open to anyone, *Groundswell* invites you to take a step onto its surface and explore. As you (and your fellow participants) shift and move the work does too, with thousands of ball bearings rushing underfoot to create a visceral wash of sound and movement beneath you. It's an ever-changing, immersive and evocative experience that sees you in conversation with the space around you. A place where putting your foot in front of the other changes everything.



Groundswell is public art that speaks to our most pressing issue as humans – what is our environmental impact and how do we work to change it?

Concept, Sound & Visual Design: Matthias Schack-Arnott

Technical Design & Management, Lighting Design:
Keith Tucker (Megafun)

Sound Design: Tilman Robinson

Producer: Michaela Coventry – Sage Arts

Groundswell is commissioned and co-produced by Melbourne Fringe and Sydney Festival with Principal Partner support from the Naomi Milgrom Foundation.

This project was developed with the support of Monica Lim and Konfir Kabo and is presented with the support a significant gift by a Friend of Fringe.



Friday 8 Oct – Sunday 17 Oct
10:00am – 10:00pm daily
Free

Queensbridge Square
3 Queensbridge St, Southbank

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Melbourne Fringe presents

TOWN CHOIR

BY THEATRE
REPLACEMENT



Words are written and sung at fibre optic speed. We invite you to listen.

Town Choir is a musical event from the minds of Canada's Theatre Replacement which reframes everyday observations as epic, choral declarations. As texts are produced by acclaimed local writers Alistair Baldwin, Nayuka Gorrie and Michele Lee, they are immediately sung out to the public by an enormous, outdoor choir assembled in Prahran Square in glorious, four-part harmony.

Conducted by leading queer artist and composer Evan Lawson (Forest Collective), and featuring singers from across Melbourne; *Town Choir* examines the intimate and minute experiences of individual Australians and takes them to monumental proportions, celebrating the singular voice through the power of the collective. It's beautiful, it's powerful and it's poignant. An unmissable, uplifting experience.

Theatre Replacement and Melbourne Fringe have been collaborating closely throughout the pandemic to bring you this work across international borders. Theatre Replacement is led by artists Maiko Yamamoto and James Long, and is based in Vancouver, Canada.



Saturday 9 Oct
11:00am & 1:00pm
Free

Prahran Square
Cato St, Prahran



Alistair Baldwin



Nayuka Gorrie



Michele Lee



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Melbourne Fringe in association with
Stephanie Lake Company presents

MULTIPLY THE FILM BY DAYBREAK FILMS



Multiply, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2020.
Image by Gregory Lorenzutti.

A film chronicling one of the most profound, collective experiences of 2020 – emerging from lockdown and re-joining our communities in-person.

2020 Melbourne Fringe Festival signature event *Multiply* was an unforgettable participatory dance experience that brought Melburnians together for the first time post-COVID-19 lockdown. Hundreds of physically distant participants gathered in Prahran Square to bring to life a new work by acclaimed choreographer Stephanie Lake. *Multiply* was a celebration of the creativity and resilience of our city through dance.

This transcendent event was captured by celebrated Australian filmmaker Rhys Graham in a half-hour film detailing the journey to making this profound work of art. Chronicling Stephanie and her collaborators' experiences of delivering the impossible – a dance event in a global pandemic – the film also captures the full 15-minute mass dance experience that was *Multiply*.

Multiply premiered at the Melbourne International Film Festival in August. If you missed it, or want to experience the magic again, join us at a special screening at ACMI.

Multiply has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

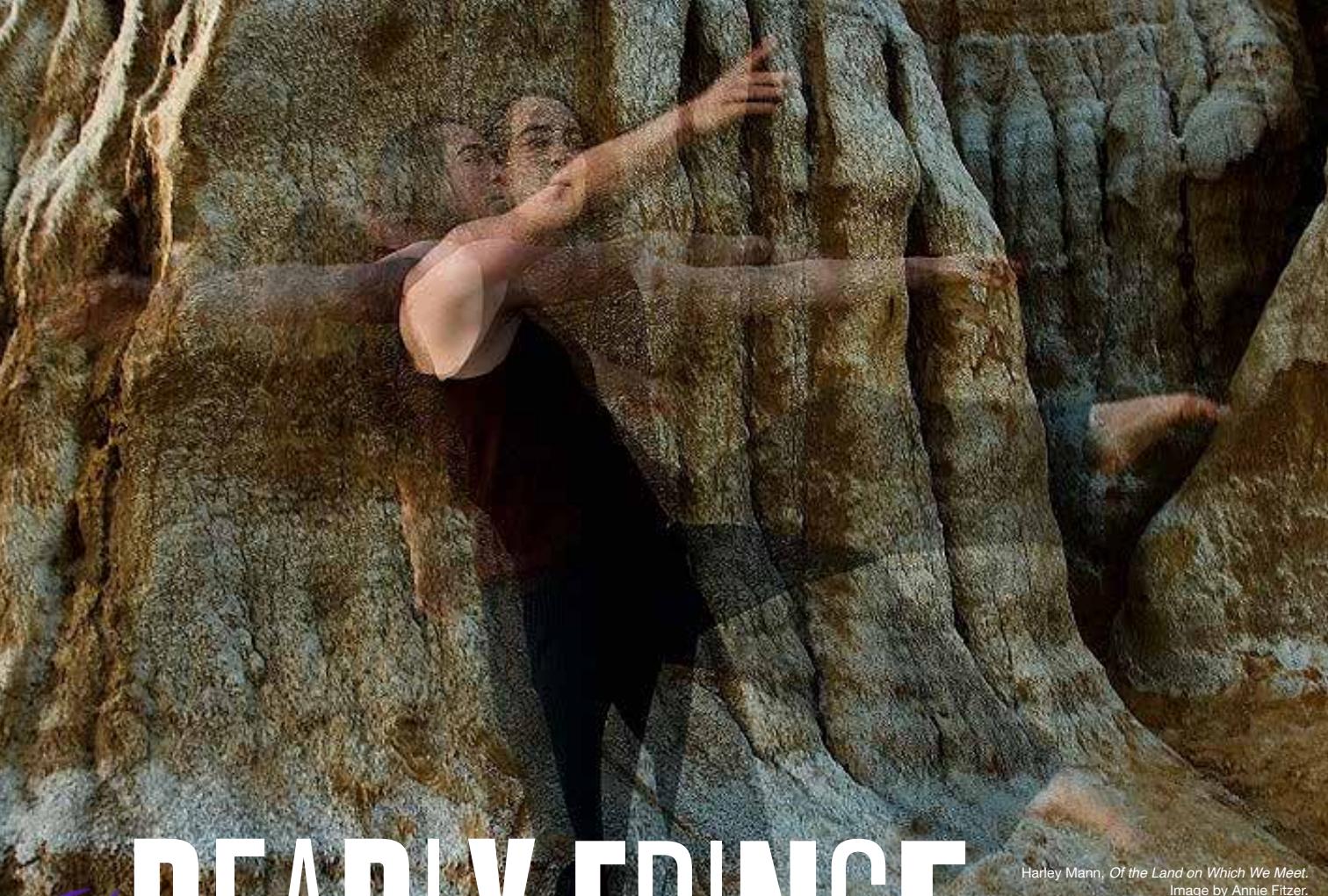
Multiply is supported by Daniel Besen, the Canny Quine Foundation and Linda Herd, and a gift from a Friend of Fringe.

 (4:00pm session)

Sunday 3 Oct
4:00pm & 5:00pm
Bookings essential

ACMI Cinema 1
Fed Square, Flinders St
Melbourne





DEADLY FRINGE

Harley Mann, *Of the Land on Which We Meet*.
Image by Annie Fitzer.

First things first. Deadly Fringe is our game changing First Nations commissioning and support program and it's full of Deadly talent.

In its five short years, Deadly Fringe has supported the birth of a stack of exciting new First Nations-led projects that have toured the country, won awards and given a platform to the incredible breadth of deadly work being made in Melbourne. Deadly Fringe is committed to centring First Nations voices and perspectives. Supported by our Deadly Fringe Program Coordinators Kimberly Lovegrove and Digby Mercer, we offer financial backing to artists, as well as access to First Nations yarning circles, mentorships and discount tickets for mob.

BLAK JEWELLERY FINDING PAST, LINKING PRESENT

Contemporary jewellery exhibition by 11 Victorian First Nations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and designers participating in the first year of the Koorie Heritage Trust's inaugural Blak Design program.

Saturday 4 Sept
– Sunday 14 Nov
Free

Koorie Heritage Trust
Yarra Building, Fed Square

SEVENTH GALLERY COMMISSION

One deadly First Nations artist has been hand-picked by Melbourne Fringe and commissioned to create an exciting new exhibition of work inside Richmond's visual arts hub, SEVENTH Gallery.



Thursday 30 Sept
– Saturday 23 Oct
Free

SEVENTH Gallery
213-215 Church St, Richmond



WARRIORS ARE OUSSS!!! Image by Amy Pinkster.

OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE MEET

by Harley Mann (Na Djinang Circus)

Of the Land On Which We Meet is a contemporary circus work that tackles the spiritual, and psychological value of land and being “on country” in a modern context.

Presented by Na Djinang Circus



WARRIORS R OUSSS!!!!

by Racheal Oak Butler and Kamarra Bell-Wykes

Step inside the dojo. Here you will learn self-defence, self-empowerment and come to understand the power dynamics of our society.

Presented by Racheal Oak Butler and Kamarra Bell-Wykes



LUCHA BRIDGE, SILENT SHIFT

by Ngioka Bunda-Heath with Theodore Cassady, Gabriela Green Olea and Josh Twee

Indigenous dancers Ngioka Bunda-Heath and Theodore Cassady, along with refugee descendants Gabriela Green Olea and Josh Twee, explore their individual familial histories and cultural heritage while navigating colonial/western society.

Presented by Ngioka Bunda-Heath

MINYERRA

by Neil Morris

Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung, and Wiradjuri artist, Neil Morris leads an interdisciplinary cast of musicians reimagining his powerful, decolonial anthems from DRMNGNOW. In a night of music, spoken word and political performance, *Minyerra* is performed in the Yorta Yorta language and is full of ethereal soundscapes that mirror our country.

Presented by Neil Morris



Neil Morris. Image by Getty Images.

DESIGN FRINGE COMMISSION

birli nganmantha (eating together) by Nicole Monks

First Nations artist Nicole Monks will create a new work to act as the centrepiece of Design Fringe at its new home at Linden New Art. The large-scale installation *birli nganmanha** (*eating together*) will include crockery and cutlery made from natural materials found on Yamaji Country.



Saturday 4 Sept
– Sunday 21 Nov
Free

Linden New Art
26 Acland St, St Kilda

Deadly Fringe partners

the Aesop Foundation

trawalla foundation

Australian Government
Indigenous Languages and Arts

Cultural Partner

Koorie Heritage Trust Inc
Goonjoo Boonj Murra Koori

Deadly Fringe is supported
by Craig Semple

FRINGE FOCUS TAIWAN

Daydreaming of a Taiwanese holiday?

Well, same here. In the meantime, Fringe is bringing Taiwan's best emerging and experimental virtual reality artists to one of Melbourne's best bars. For Melbourne Fringe, Loop Project Space & Bar will be transformed into a VR Taiwanese art party thanks to a handful of Taiwan's most ground-breaking contemporary digital artists.

Fringe Focus Taiwan is a live VR experience, where you can sip cocktails, whack on a headset, and watch some wild Taiwanese VR films and digital art. Guaranteed to be the best overseas trip you'll have had in two years.



Thursday 7 Oct, Friday 8 Oct &
Wednesday 13 Oct – Saturday
16 Oct

Loop Project Space & Bar
23 Meyers Pl
Free – bookings essential

IT-ME TIME: TRAVELLER BETA2021

A futuristic and fabulously queer video work from the mind of Taiwanese experimental artist, Betty Apple, who has previously collaborated with Sydney-based performance artist and sex clown Betty Grumble.

IN THE MIST - 霧中

Acclaimed theatre and new media director Chou Tung-Yen invites you on a voyeuristic journey through a male sauna, revealing the life experience of underground gay culture.

OFFING - 人之島後

Every year the indigenous people of Orchid Island celebrate the migration of the flying fish. Explore the stunning island surrounds and observe how climate change and globalisation is threatening fish and island life.

AFTERIMAGE FOR TOMORROW – 留給未來的殘影

An intricately choreographed exploration, set in a futuristic world where memories can be uploaded. How long will the images and memories we create today live into the future?

A SONG WITHIN US - OLI 邊境

The spirit of Taiwan's indigenous peoples comes alive in the shared experience of music and dance. Learn how tribal hierarchy and culture is passed down through generations, while enjoying this Annual Ceremony.

MECHANICAL SOULS - 豔宴機器人

A wedding android is hired to help with the ceremony. But something has gone wrong. An interactive social experience powered by VR, analytic engine, live actors, and your own sleuthing skills.



*The Waiters' Race, Brunswick St Parade,
Fringe Festival 1988. Image by Ponch Hawkes.*

Melbourne Fringe and State Library Victoria present
THE MELBOURNE FRINGE STORY BANK

SHARE YOUR FRINGE MEMORIES

We know, we don't look a day over 20.
But next year, Melbourne Fringe is turning the
big 4-0 – and we're going to celebrate in fierce
and Fringeey fashion.

Melbourne Fringe is its people: the millions of audiences, tens of thousands of artists and thousands of staff that have shaped the last four decades. So, we're inviting you to share your most vivid Fringe memories now to help us build a big project we have planned for 2022.

Remember the days of Fringe Inventions, and Not the Archibald Prize? Or when 4,500 of us got naked in the freezing cold for Spencer Tunick's iconic photograph in 2001? Maybe you marched in the first Brunswick Street Parade in 1984, attended Fringe Fashion in 1996, or broadcast a show from your bedroom amidst a global pandemic in 2020. Whatever your story, big or small, profound or mundane, we want to hear it.

Share your memory by heading to our in-person booth at the Festival Hub, or online at our website using the QR code here.



In The Mist. Image by Kris Kang.



Melbourne Fringe in association
with Linden New Art presents

DESIGN FRINGE

35 YEARS OF
FRINGE FURNITURE
ART AND DESIGN:
REIMAGINED

To celebrate Melbourne Fringe's iconic, avant-garde furniture exhibition turning 35, it has a new name and a new home.

Fringe Furniture has evolved and expanded to become Design Fringe – a new exhibition celebrating Melbourne's extraordinary independent and emerging designers as well as the groundbreaking, bizarre and impractical works they produce.

Encompassing all types of object design including furniture, fashion and sculpture, Design Fringe expands on Fringe Furniture's legacy, ensuring that open access design opportunities are embedded in the contemporary design industry into the future.

Operating for an extended period of three months at its new home at Linden New Art, plus an exciting curated collection at the Victorian Pride Centre during the Festival dates, Design Fringe will

host an expanded program of events including panel discussions on accessibility, gender and sustainability in design; artist conversations, tours and more.

This year's event has the theme of "home", acknowledging that our own dwellings often provide the inspiration for exceptional design. Our First Nations Deadly Fringe commission is proudly supported by the Aesop Foundation, Trawalla Foundation and Indigenous Languages and the Arts Program.

EXHIBITION

Saturday 4 Sept
– Sunday 21 Nov

Linden New Art
26 Acland St, St Kilda
Free

Thursday 30 Sept
– Sunday 17 Oct

The Victorian Pride Centre
79-81 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
Free



Fringe Furniture, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2019.
Image by Tanya Voltchanskaya.

Design Fringe program of events:

AUDIO DESCRIBED TOUR (ONLINE)

AUSLAN TOUR (ONLINE)

MEET FIRST NATIONS DESIGNER, NICOLE MONKS

MEET THE DESIGNERS

PANEL DISCUSSION – DESIGN SOLUTIONS

PANEL DISCUSSION – GENDER, SAFETY AND DESIGN

PANEL DISCUSSION – THE POLITICS OF DESIGN

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS – DRAG QUEENS AND MID CENTURY MODERN

TACTILE TOUR

THE SUSTAINABILIST MASTERCLASS



XS



XS is big ideas for little minds.

XS is experimental. XS wants kids to explore, play and expand their perceptions of the world through art. XS recognises that kids gain value from participating in boundary-pushing experimental art, just like adults.

In 2021 we are encouraging kids to play big, speak loudly and explore new worlds in a series of events for burgeoning brains that are Fringe to the core.

THREADS by The Ball Room Projects

A participatory, contemplative and creative art experience, *Threads* is a hybrid of performance and creative play space for children aged 7-12 years and their families.

Threads offers children an opportunity to reflect on their connections with each other and the environment within an enchanting theatrical installation.

Step inside the *Threads* world of intrigue and play, weave your mark into a mysterious woollen web. The physical object of a thread will act as a symbol to celebrate and explore the importance of connection – for humans as social animals, for ecosystems and for a healthy planet.

Presented by ArtPlay and The Ball Room Projects with artists Cat Sewell and Nancy Sposato.



Thursday 30 Sept
– Sunday 3 Oct
10:00am, 12:00pm, & 2:30pm

ArtPlay
Birrarung Marr, behind
Fed Square, Melbourne

LITTLE GLOW by Deafferent Theatre

A fable for the Deaf experience, *Little Glow* celebrates our unique inner joy and our shared connections. Performed visually, with no spoken language, this is a show for Deaf and non-Deaf children and their families.

Featuring artists Jessica Moody, Ilana Charnelle Gelbart and Dan Goronszy.



Thursday 30 Sept
– Saturday 2 Oct
10:00am & 12:00pm

Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray

KIDSTRUMENTS LIVE! by Playable Streets

Who says the adults have the best ideas? *Kidstruments* takes the imagined instruments of bright young minds developed in interactive school workshops, and turns them into real-life musical gadgets. They make their debut played by MIJF virtuoso musicians in a one-off concert that brings children's' limitless imaginations to life in full sound and colour.

Saturday 16 Oct
10:30am
Pre-show activities from 10:00am

Yarraville Pop-up Park
Ballarat St, Yarraville

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Arts & Culture

CHATTERBOXES by House of Muchness

Giving little minds the arena to tackle the big issues! *Chatterboxes* is part Mad Hatter's Tea Party with a splash of ABC's Q+A and a healthy dollop of the 18th century French philosophical salon. Kicking proceedings off with a fun fashion runway before transitioning into a series of facilitated conversations on both urgent and obscure topics, kids aged 7-11 can pick their theme from the selection in each paper chatterbox and get talking!

Saturday 16 October
12:00pm & 2:00pm

**Rosina Auditorium,
Abbotsford Convent**
1-3 St Heliers St, Abbotsford



Chatterboxes. Image by Jake Preval.

YUMMY – THE KIDS EXTRAVAGANZA by Yummy Productions

Tell your parents! Fringe favourites YUMMY hit the stage with their first ever kids' circus EXTRAVAGANZA. With jaw-dropping circus and signature campervan, this hilarious story about following your dreams will give you the kids cabaret you never knew you were missing.

YUMMY has been a crowd favourite on the Australian and international Fringe circuit for the past five years. With multiple awards under their wigs, watch them soar into your hearts and deliver rainbows across your stage!



Saturday 9 October
– Sunday 10 October
1:00pm & 3:00pm

Reunion Park
Cnr Yarra Blvd and Swan St
Burnley





Melbourne Fringe and Metro Tunnel
Creative Program present

WE BUILT THIS CITY

BY POLYGLOT
THEATRE

WE BUILT THIS CITY

Thursday 30 Sept
– Saturday 2 Oct
10:00am – 12:00pm &
2:00 – 4:00pm (drop in)
Free – bookings essential

Fed Square Car Park Level 3
Skyline Terrace, Russell St,
Melbourne

We Built This City. Image by Wendy Kimpton.



Melbourne Fringe and Metro Tunnel
Creative Program present

FACES OF FRINGE

BY SARAH WALKER
AND MIKE GLEANAY



We Built This City is one of the happiest projects you will ever experience in your entire life (we promise).

This giant cardboard wonderland of a construction site by Polyglot Theatre brings communities together to think big and build the cities and towns of their dreams, while celebrating the amazing feat of engineering happening right now, beneath our feet, as part of the Metro Tunnel project.

Filled with thousands and thousands of cardboard boxes, a DJ spinning music, and Polyglot artists/construction workers to help kids' follow their impulses, families are invited to come together to create a unique city within the heart of their very own. And at the end of it all, like a giant sandcastle, the city is shaken and stomped to the ground.

We Built This City first broke ground in Melbourne's City Square 20 years ago. After travelling the world over, building cities beyond imagination overseas – it's coming back to where it all began for this special 20th anniversary presentation. Well, just up the road a little at Fed Square.

A special one-off event will also be presented on 30 September at State Library Victoria – *We Built This Tunnel*. An ingenious, accessible tunnel structure made of cardboard will pop up for one day only, inviting you to enter, play and reflect on the tunnel work happening right now under our city.

WE BUILT THIS TUNNEL

Thursday 30 Sept
10:00am – 3:00pm (drop in)
Free

State Library Victoria
328 Swanston St, Melbourne



The World You Want to Make

Artist and photographer Sarah Walker will create a series of epic portraits featuring our 2021 Fringe Festival artists. This series of fantastical outdoor artworks will elevate the everyday Metro Tunnel build site on Franklin Street into a bright new realm of artistic possibilities.

Harnessing the possibilities of speculative art as a form of world-building, these images will feature Melbourne Fringe performers. Each artist will then be dropped into an illustrated world by animator and comic artist, Mike Greaney, placing each performer in a futuristic realm of their own imagination.

The hoardings will be a place of colour and passion, where artists utilise the power of creativity to drive change towards a better future. Ranging from the contemporary, to the personal and even the comedic – each artwork will be tailored to the participant and developed with Fringe to represent values of diversity, inclusion and community-building.

Faces of Fringe will reimagine how we perceive local artists as we step into their imaginations.

Thursday 30 Sept
– Sunday 17 Oct
Free

Metro Tunnel Hoardings, Side of Melbourne City Baths,
Franklin St between Swanston St and Victoria St





SPRINGBOARD

Springboard, Melbourne Fringe's program in partnership with Circus Oz, supports our burgeoning circus sector to foster artistic potential and create new, innovative works.

Following over a year in development, four circus productions by independent artists are ready to meet Melbourne audiences. Springboard is a place to see world-class, boundary pushing performances from artists at the top of their game.

ESCALATE BY THROW CATCH COLLECTIVE



Virtuosic juggling, innovative lighting and relentless energy collide in this pioneering new show from Throw Catch Collective. Australia's best jugglers rip through an explosive hour of entertainment, pushing the boundaries of their art. Put your preconceptions through the shredder, this is juggling at an entirely new level.

LEVEL UP BY GRAVITY DOLLS



An epic tribute to the fun of our youth, *Level Up* is a spontaneous and ridiculous circus show for families. Stuck in a labyrinth with only their acrobatic abilities to help them, three unexpected strangers face a series of challenging obstacles to navigate a bizarre world made up of their favourite childhood pastimes. With life-sized board games and video games that come to life, *Level Up* is bucket-loads of nostalgia, served circus style.

GET WELL SOON BY GET WELL CIRCUS



Exploring experiences of chronic pain, waiting rooms and unsolicited medical advice, *Get Well Soon* is a triumph in finding the humour in complex and critical conversations about our healthcare. Hilarious, gutsy and painfully empathetic – this new circus will inspire and advocate for the strength behind a diagnosis (and the circus of getting one).

ZÖË BY A GOOD CATCH



Zöë is an experimental circus and physical theatre show exploring some of the most pressing issues we face today: posthumanism, feminism and the climate crisis. A Good Catch produce thought-provoking, authentic and raw works and *Zöë* represents a shift in tone for this cutting-edge circus company.





**It's the building, the icon, the moment.
It's the Festival Hub.**

For two and a half weeks we open our home to you, as the People's Palace Trades Hall becomes a glittering, community hub to artists and audiences alike. A place where every artform imaginable intertwines and intermingles under the one roof – all for your viewing pleasure.

The Festival Hub has something for everyone. It is varied, versatile and it's a very good place to belong. All are welcome to enjoy over 100 performances of every kind, within venues of every size. In rooms both vast and intimate there's something for every taste; and it's all delectable.

With audience bars, artists hangouts, intimate corners and the banging Club Fringe – the only reason to leave the Festival Hub is to go to bed.

Who's thirsty?

Head to the KAIJU! Loading Dock Bar and settle in with a pre- or post-show drink. With delicious beers, wines, cocktails and an array of softies, this is the best place to gather your mates and debrief on the amazing, exciting or downright outrageous art you've just seen.



*Cultural Renegades, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2019.
Image by Tanya Volchanskaya*



Fringe's Geelong Road Trip

We're hitting the road for four big nights of Hub goodness at the Geelong Arts Centre during the Festival. From Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 October, six shows (cabaret, comedy and theatre, oh my!) will take to the Geelong stage for our mates in the southwest.



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CLUB FRINGE

**Kick ons at our place.
Welcome to your late-night home this Festival season.**

Club Fringe is your after-party destination every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.
It's the home of late-night revelry, of good times, and of a whole lotta disco balls.

Club Fringe will take Festival frivolity to new heights in 2021 with killer tunes, banging drinks and saucy surrounds – where immersive live art can pop up anytime, the lewks are on-point and the unexpected is, well, expected. Perfect for partying the night away.

There are 12 unique nights to be yourself (or whoever you want to be) at Club Fringe so dress up, dance like no-one is watching (or everyone is watching, whatever you're into) and party on until the wee hours. See you at the Club.

**OPENING NIGHT PARTY PRESENTED BY DEADLY FRINGE • MR MCCLELLAND'S FINISHING SCHOOL
TRILOGY VOGUE NIGHT PRESENTED BY HOUSE OF DÉVINE & HOUSE OF KLEIN • FRINGE ROULETTE
3 MINUTES TO SAVE THE WORLD • STRONG ENOUGH PRESENTED BY LITTLE ONES THEATRE
CLUB K-POP PRESENTED BY IMAGIKAI • FRINGE-O-VISION • CLUB FRINGE X TOMBOY
AWARDS CEREMONY AND CLOSING NIGHT PARTY**



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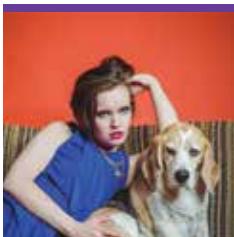
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CABARET



COMEDY

Alice Tovey: Doggo
Musical comedy, stand-up, character and burlesque from Australia's most vocal feminist comedian. Doggo will unleash you and set you free!

Written and Performed by
Alice Tovey



CONTEMPORARY

**Beyond the Beehive:
Amy Winehouse's
Musical Mastery**

A musical journey through the career of this masterful songwriter, lyricist, jazz improviser & musical innovator. Backed by a 4-piece band.

Created and Performed by
Carol Whitfield



Blunderland

Blunderland is an evening that is as naughty as it is wholesome, and as raunchy as it is sweet.

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree



THEATRE

Born In A Trunk
A gay romp featuring everything from Garland to Queen, home-schooling to sexuality; a coming out story for the ages. Starring Vivian Fonteyn.

Presented by
The Butterfly Club



COMEDY

Breasts Become Her

Miss Cairo puts her breast foot forward to create her first ever solo show - all about her newly formed boobs.

It's a tale of two titties.

Created and Performed by
Miss Cairo



VARIETY

Club Soda

Refreshing and effervescent theatrical entertainment infused with cabaret, circus, dance, magic and comedy...

Presented by
Raconteur Productions



DRAG

**Dazza and Keif's Drag
Delinquents**

Move over RuPaul. There's a new drag competition in town.

Created and Performed by
Dazza and Keif



ACOUSTIC

Don't Ask

A folk/rock cabaret about a first-generation Indian-Australian woman, and the men who made her fall in love with sex.

Created and Performed by
Akansha Hungenahally



VARIETY

**Don't Cha Wish You
Yum Cha?**

Inspired by Old Shanghai cabaret, DCWYYC? is a drag and dine experience celebrating Asian culture in an outrageously camp way!

Created by
Dyan Tai



ROCK

Elton John: Your Song

Werk your favourite glam rock hits with reckless abandon: ELTON JOHN - YOUR SONG with Matthew Hadgraft is the ultimate singalong sensation!

Written and Performed by
Matthew Hadgraft



FANTASTIC BREASTS (And Where To Find Them)

Join Harry and friends on their weirdest and sexiest adventure yet! Dumbeldaddy has summoned the trio for a very important mission.

PRESENTED BY
GEEK OUT! Nerdlesque and Theatre Works

BURLESQUE



Former Gifted Child by Ashton Turner

A one-woman cabaret with an original score that examines our idea of success through the eyes of someone who was once destined for it.

PRESENTED BY
Ashton Turner and Theatre Works

CONTEMPORARY

Through The Curtains Showcase

FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER
SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER
FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER
FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

#POME



Holy Daddy Trinity

She didn't want to write an absurd musical comedy memoir, she wanted to write a religion. But why make money when you can make people laugh?

COMEDY

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY
VIGILANTONIE



STORYTELLING

Little Monster

Inner demons, what are they, and why are they here? (Let's gag them and throw them right off of the pier)

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY
Telia Nevile



COMEDY

Love Don't Cost A King

A hot'n'horny Drag King's hunt for heart-stopping love. Expect original songs, excessive hip thrusting and side-splitting comedy.

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY
Michelle McCowage and Jane Schon



Magic Nanny VS The Incels

Close your eyes and jump into the bizarre and terrifying world of violent online misogyny with your favourite magical English nanny.

COMEDY

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY
Sandy Whittem



THEATRE

Melbourne Follies

A brand new cabaret show in Melbourne that has style, elegance and sophistication. We can't go to Europe but we can bring Europe to you!

CURATED AND PRODUCED BY
Patrick Management



DRAG

Nefertiti LaNegra

Exploring brave new worlds of art, identity and expression, let her velvet-smooth vocals wrap you in a sensual, heart-melting hour.

PRESENTED BY
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

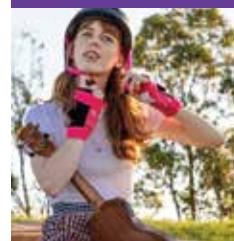


No Hat, No Play! The Cabaret

After a hit sell-out season at Melbourne International Comedy Festival, this jam-packed, Glad Wrapped® nostalgic fever dream is BACK!!

COMEDY

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY
Mel O'Brien & Samantha Andrew



CONTEMPORARY

'Not Today' by Ally Morgan

Featuring an entirely original score, 'Not Today' is a frank, funny, and emotion-charged cabaret about trying to make the most of life...

PRESENTED BY
Rogue Projects and Theatre Works



COMEDY

Otto & Astrid Play the Greatest Rock n Roll Concert You've Ever Seen!

Fans of Spinal Tap and Flight of the Conchords, say 'Hallo!' to your new favourite band!

PRESENTED BY
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree



Parent Teacher Night - We WILL Get To The Bottom Of This

Inspired by true events and 20 years of teaching, Parent Teacher Night shows you what *really* happens at school assembly.

COMEDY

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY
Harlene Hercules



BURLESQUE

Phoenix Burlesque

Phoenix will make you question societal norms as they shimmy out of the typical stereotypes and prove that sexy is an attitude not an age.

DIRECTED BY
Cherry Charleston

Streetlight #1
by Chelle Destefano

Thursday 14 October

The Motley Bauhaus - Open Bar and online

More info at melbournefringe.com.au

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DAVE THORNTON – NOVEL PROBLEMS

Spend a night out of the house with one of Australian comedy's best! There will be loads of jokes, no ads.

"Slick, funny... devastatingly effective." Chortle (UK)

OCT
15&16



CAL WILSON – LIVE

Cal Wilson is as engaging as she is hilarious. Her playfulness and storytelling prowess has her selling out shows across Australia.

"From the moment Cal appears on stage, she has us in the palm of her hand."
The Advertiser ★★★★

DILRUK JAYASINHA – LIVE

After last year's "global gap year", Logie winning comedian Dilruk Jayasinha is back doing what he does best!

"No better way to spend an hour of your night."
The Advertiser ★★★★½

FRI
OCT
8



DAMIEN POWER – LIVE

Spend a night with one Australia's funniest as he experiments with new material, old material and everything in between.

"His hilarious gut punches remain a marvel to behold."
Chortle (UK) ★★★

SUN
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10



OCT
16&17

SELINA JENKINS – BOOBS

'BOOBS' is a ground-breaking tale of mammary proportions that follows one woman and her two boobs through a life changing decision, a million opinions, a natural disaster and an 'Australian first'.



OCT
15&17

WERK IT – TIGHT FIT

From the people who brought you 'Neon' and 'Can't Face', 'Werk It' is an all-new, late-night, high-energy, acrobatic comedy romp.

"A goddamn riot." The Fest ★★★★

ALSO AT... *the Parlour*

OCT
7&9

DAMIAN CALLINAN & PAUL CALLEJA: THE WINE BLUFFS

'Wildly funny winespeak, a romp around the vineyard that seeks to demystify the cellar door experience and only leaves us feeling more confused.' Herald Sun ★★★★½



BLUNDERLAND

From New York's notorious club scene comes Blunderland an evening that is as naughty as it is wholesome, and as raunchy as it sweet.

OCTOBER 9 & 16

OTTO & ASTRID PLAY THE GREATEST ROCK N ROLL CONCERT YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

"White Stripes mated with Laurel and Hardy in the Black Forest." Time Out, London ★★★★

OCTOBER 7 & 8



THE PEOPLE OF CABARET: THE PARLOUR TAKEOVER

Award-winning collective here to send out a rallying cry of fabulousness to uplift, celebrate and empower.

OCTOBER 8 & 10

JOSH GLANC: THE BEST BITS

Just killer character comedy. No froth. Come see why he's been named one of comedy's "most exciting emerging talents" The Age ★★★★

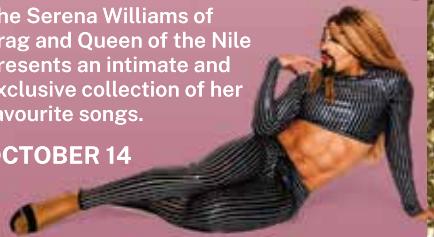
OCTOBER 14



NEFERTITI LANEGRA

The Serena Williams of drag and Queen of the Nile presents an intimate and exclusive collection of her favourite songs.

OCTOBER 14



BLAKE EVERETT & OLIVER COLEMAN – DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES

"It's madcap. It's completely idiotic. It's glorious." The Age ★★★★½

OCTOBER 15



INTIMATE, LIVE MUSIC, ONE NIGHTERS AT CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL

12 LITTLE CHAPEL ST, PRAHRAN



KYE – OCT 3



TULLIAH – OCT 10



JOHN FLOREANI – OCT 15



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& SPARROWS



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CABARET



Queer Dreams Are Made Of This

Queer comedy babes and burlesque angels Nikki and Michele take you on a playful exploration of identity with their seductive double act.

COMEDY

Performed by
Nikki Viveca and Michele da Costa



Siete: The Seven Deadly Sins

An immersive cabaret touching on themes of sex and sin.

A barrage of burlesque, a cacophonous cabaret, a spoken word smorgasbord. An exodus.

BURLESQUE

Presented by
Stella Del Lure



Streetlight #1

Deaf performers share stories of the days of Deaf clubs in the 80s-90s when Deafs chatted under streetlights at the end of a night.

CONTEMPORARY

Written and Directed by
Chelle Destefano



Selina Jenkins - BOOBs

Jenkins' distinctive style of storytelling marries humour and heartbreak amongst cleverly written songs and thought provoking anecdotes.

STORYTELLING

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree



Sex, Lies & Betrayal - Memoirs of a Hollywood Star

Set to a lavish vintage score, the glossy world of Hollywood & the scandals behind the scenes come to life in this true tell-all story.

THEATRE

Performed by
Karla Hillam



Skank Sinatra

A saucy cabaret with jazz, comedy and toe-tapping tunes as you're taken on a sultry trip through Sinatra's greatest hits. With a drag edge.

COMEDY

Performed by
Jens Radda



Songs for Psychedelics - A Magical Mushroom Adventure

Songs for Psychedelics shares moving stories, anecdotes, immersive videos and uplifting songs for an interactive enchanting trip.

STORYTELLING

Created and Performed by
Tania de Jong AM



Tash York's Happy Hour

The Trash Queen of Cabaret brings you a cocktail of live music, burlesque, drag and cabaret flair! Raise your glass - she's worth a shot!

COMEDY

Artist
Tash York



That One Time I Joined The Illuminati

Multi-award winning comedian Lou Wall spent 5 months trolling the Illuminati. Wall's critically acclaimed show returns to Melbourne Fringe.

COMEDY

Created and Performed by
Lou Wall

"High camp, avant-garde cabaret"

★★★★★
- Fest Mag, 2020 (on YUMMY Unleashed)

HOW TO MAKE A WESTERN

Festival Hub: Trades Hall - ETU Ballroom
7:45pm
September 30, October 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

YUMMY

MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL

CREATIVE VICTORIA

FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

**That One Time My Foot Went Viral**

4 weeks, no money, an iPhone camera and some Kmart nail polish. Can multi-award winning comedian Lou Wall make their foot go viral?

COMEDY

Created and Performed by
Lou Wall**THE CATCHELORETTE**

If you've ever been in love, out of love, looking for love, or happily ever single, this cabaret show is for you.

COMEDY

Created and Performed by
Carla Anita Mattiazzo**The Chronic Cabaret**

Putting a spotlight on disabled artists in cabaret! From diagnosis to mobility aids, each one of these artists has a unique story to tell.

BURLESQUE

Produced by
Rosie Roulette**The Paris Underground Cabaret Express**

The most successful cabaret show in Australia returns with an encore EXPRESS! Astounding acts of magic, burlesque, circus and comedy!

VARIETY

Produced by
Raconteur Productions**The People of Cabaret: The Parlour Takeover**

Award-winning cabaret queens Victoria Falconer & Miss Cairo with an award-winning collective here to send out a rallying cry of fabulousness.

VARIETY

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree**The People of Cabaret: We Are Here**

A spectacular variety gala showcasing an abundance of the finest cabaret legends and rising superstars in Naarm!

VARIETY

Presented by
The People of Cabaret**The Shitway of Life**

A small seaside town meets a big city boy! Join Jim (not Tim, Jim...) as he explores the horrors of hospo through song, silliness and scones.

COMEDY

Written and Directed by
Timothy Ian McMullin**Through The Curtains Showcase**

A multi-session event across three weeks showcasing an array of exciting and mesmerizing cabaret & burlesque artists.

BURLESQUE

Directed by
Bernie Clifford**Who's The Man?**

Every stiff wrist. Every puffed chest. Every discreet whisper of the words "vodka raspberry". It was the act that couldn't flop.

THEATRE

Performed by
Teale Howie**Wild by Night**

Big orchestra, new genius, fresh-minted music, next-gen talent, hectic dance floor!

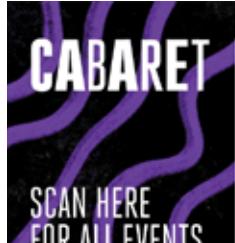
CONTEMPORARY

Directed by
Moira Finucane

EXPERIMENTAL

YUMMY: How to Make a Western

In a cabaret film experience YUMMY explores how to make a spaghetti western, redefining both cabaret and manifest destiny. Yee-haw!

Created and Performed by
YUMMY Productions

Great partners make a revolution

We work together, together we work


 **Finsbury Green**
LENNON AND McCARTNEY

CIRCUS



A Simple Space
Simultaneously raw, frantic and delicate. This award-winning piece is never short of thrills.
"A total triumph!" - The Guardian

ACROBATICS

Created and Performed by Gravity & Other Myths



ACROBATICS

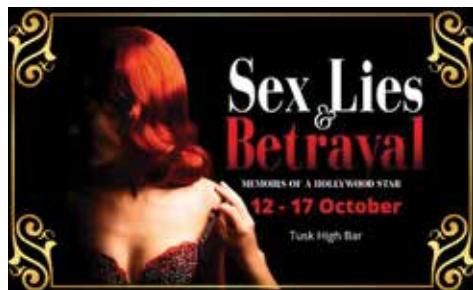
Barbaroi
A dystopian world, cyberpunk in the not-too-distant future. Gangs overrun the neon-clad streets. This is an initiation. It's do or die...

Presented by After Dark Theatre



BasketballMan Can Fly
The best basketball tricks you've never seen before, comedy, and awesomeness.

Created and Performed by BasketballMan



Elixir
A multi-award winning international sensation. Elixir is an aesthetic mix of incredible acrobatics and impeccable comic timing.

Directed by John Walton



ACROBATICS

Casting Off
Casting off stereotypes, dynamic Australian women tumble, talk, fly, and balance precariously. Living on the edge is easier done than said.

Created and Performed by Debra Battin, Sharon Gruenert & Spenser Inwood



Circus-Cision
A circus variety show hosted by HFA.
If you want to see the best, and only the best, of this year's Fringe, Circus-Cision is for you.

Created by Head First Acrobats



COMEDY

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CONTEMPORARY

Escalate
Virtuosic juggling, innovative lighting and relentless energy collide in this daring new show from Throw Catch Collective.

Created and Performed by Throw Catch Collective



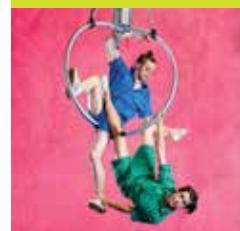
Get Well Soon
Chronic pain, waiting rooms and unsolicited advice: a hilarious, hopeful new circus show by and for the folks who can't always Get Well Soon.

Presented by Get Well Circus



Our Fringe Dweller members score 25% off on tickets, drink deals and freebies all year round. Sign up here.

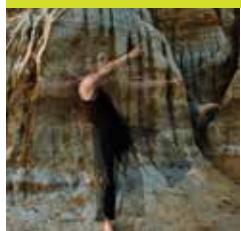


**Level Up**

Stuck in a labyrinth with only their circus abilities to help them, 3 strangers navigate a bizarre world filled with childhood nostalgia.

COMEDY

Presented by
Gravity Dolls

**Of the Land on Which We Meet**

A contemporary circus work that explores the spiritual and psychological importance of land and being "on Country".

Presented by
Na Djinang Circus

**The Dumtectives In Cirque Noir**

Set in a bygone era of cheap dames and dirty dicks this noir mystery is one you chumps won't want to miss!

COMEDY

Directed by
Clare Bartholomew and Jamie Bretman

**The Grotesque and Arabesque**

A sagacious fusion of song, burlesque and circus celebrating the stories and characters of the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe.

Presented by
Raven Productions Australia

**Werk It - Tight Fit**

An all star, late night, high energy, circus comedy romp. Celebrating spandex, high-vis, vitality and vigour.

CABARET

Presented by
Stonington Presents - So Soiree

**Zoë**

Impersonal and notorious.
Everything will be on the table.
There will be a seat and there will be an edge.
World, you are invited.

Produced by
A Good Catch and Cluster Arts

**Show us ya Tricks**

Presenting an outrageous mash up of every iconic act from all our fringe shows into one massive hour... This is our favourite mix tape.

COMEDY

Presented by
Circus Trick Tease

**The Space Cowboy Live!**

The Space Cowboy presents a new show action packed with thrilling stunts, deadly escapes and mental marvels. An inspiring performance.

CABARET

Presented by
The Space Cowboy



PROFESSOR CHAOS & THE SPACE COWBOY PRESENT:

STRANGER THAN FICTION

AN EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE STUNT SHOW FOR KIDS

"**ABSOLUTELY 100% MAGNIFICENT**"
DANNI MINOGUE

"**TRULY ELECTRIFYING**"
SCIENCE CHANNEL

3 SHOWS ONLY
OCT 1-3 12:45pm

WINNER OUTRAGEOUS ACTS OF SCIENCE - OCTOBER FILMS TELEVISION SERIES

THE SPACE COWBOY LIVE!

"**AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE**"
SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

"**A RECORD BREAKING HERO**"
GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

4 SHOWS ONLY
SEP 30 - OCT 3 6pm

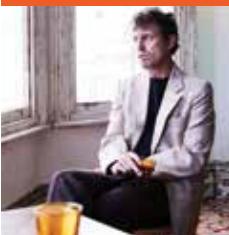
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COMEDY



STAND UP

A David Quirk in progress

Please know that I'm not shit and tickets aren't so expensive so please just have faith in this or else. DQ.

Created and Performed by

David Quirk



ABSURDIST

A Happening.

Provocative. Avant-Garde. A third word.
The Artist will transcend reality with six unique staged Happenings in the Dadaist tradition.

Performed by

Jenni Townsend



POETRY

A Material Reckoning, by for and about Dr Mohammed Taha

Meet Dr Mohammed Taha. Award-winning scientist, inventor, wine-enthusiast, sought-after dinner guest, and destroyer of worlds.

Presented by

Momo & Company and Theatre Works



MAGIC

Adults Only Magic Show

An incredible array of raucous comedy, mind-bending illusions and stunningly dangerous stunts seen on stages all across the globe!

Presented by

Showmen Productions



SKETCH

Ange Lavoipierre: Zealot

Award-winning show about a journey in and out of religion, from ABC journalist Ange Lavoipierre.
Winner: Best Comedy, Adelaide Fringe 2020

Written and Performed by

Ange Lavoipierre



STAND UP

Angus Brown - Golden Delicious

One time, Angus accidentally became the bus driver for the Wu-Tang Clan. Another time he was almost, sort of kidnapped, but in a funny way.

Written and Performed by

Angus Brown



CLOWNING

Animal in the Office

A story about being professional and CONTAINING YOURSELF.

Performed by

Sarah Nagorcka



ABSURDIST

Apocalypse Wow!

What better way to face impending doom than with an earth-shattering subversive spectacular! And there's a dance party at the end...

Presented by

Ben Volchok



STAND UP

Aussie swimmers are good

This show is about how culture shock works on a Chinese man as he changes and merges into a new Aussie life.

Written and Performed by

Sean Diao



THEATRE

Beige Bitch

"You will definitely be depressed in your middle age." - Tarot reader
You're not special.
Mediocrity awaits.
So lean in, you beige bitch.

Created and Performed by

Emily Carr



STAND UP

Being Frank

Imaan is Frank.
Frank is Honest.
Honesty is art.
Art is a Farce.
Come to my show.
"Poignant, exciting, hilarious" Broadway Baby

Written and Performed by

Imaan Hadchiti



STAND UP

Belligerent

Jaxson & Carmelo have been described as Belligerent by past lovers, come find out why. Stand-up exploring gay sex, relationships & failures.

Created and Performed by

Jaxson Garni and Carmelo Costa

**Betty Coretto**

Betty Coretto is dead. Charge your glass for this big-hearted sketch show of a lifetime. "Simply hysterical." — Arts Hub

THEATRE

Directed by Alasdair Tremblay-Birchall

**Blake Everett and Oliver Coleman: Dig Their Own Graves**

After a sold out run at comedy fest The Shovel Brothers bring their hit show to fringe! ★★★★★ The Advertiser ★★★★½ The Age ★★★★★½ Beat

SKETCH

Performed by Blake Everett and Oliver Coleman

**STAND UP****Bianka Ismailovski: Can't Be Tamed**

She hadn't planned on getting divorced at age 30, but don't worry, Bianka makes divorce look really good.

Performed by Bianka Ismailovski



★★★★★ FEAT. CIRQUE KERNOONOTES

**Buy The Cow**

A wedding is always a huge production. A wedding during a global pandemic is just asking for trouble! Pinterest didn't prepare me for this!

Written and Performed by Gillian English

**Cal Wilson - Live**

Cal Wilson is as engaging as she is hilarious. Her playfulness and storytelling prowess has her selling out shows across Australia.

STAND UP

Presented by Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

**IMMERSIVE****Brunswick with Bev Beastly**

Bev & Roy want to show you Brunswick. Bring your bum bag & a ham sandwich.

By Laura Trenerry (Travelling Sisters) & Lily Fish (PO PO MO CO)

Created and Performed by Laura Trenerry & Lily Fish

**Catching Jack**

Three detectives and one rat will stop at nothing to take down Jack the Ripper.

★★★★ - Time Out Melbourne

★★★★★ - Funny Tonne

Written and Performed by Big Big Big

**Charlie Zangel's Full Throttle**

Good morning Zangels. Today's mission: utter chaos. It's a talk show. It's a game show. Honey, it's an absolute sh*t show. Here we go!

VARIETY**Featuring**

Hayley Tantau, Tiana Hogben, Frankie McNair & live comedian guest stars.

**VARIETY****Clare Rankine Presents: Queen Victoria Women's Centre X Melbourne Fringe**

Three glittery nights of fierce and funny works presented at QVWC!

Curated and Produced by Clare Rankine Productions

**Cloverlea**

Twin sisters and ageing soap stars, Christine and Christina, still think they're on the show that ended when the world did.

Written and Performed by Beth Knights & Georgia Powick

**Coming Clean**

The Carpet Cleaner Comedian has a secret. It's time he came clean. Carpet cleaning, addictions and secrets. Something for everyone.

STAND UP

Created and Performed by John Peacock

**IMPROV****Completely Improvised Jane Austen**

Come and explore the curious and hilarious characters that could have walked straight out of the pages of a Jane Austen novel.

Presented by Soothplayers

**Completely Improvised Potter**

We solemnly swear that we are up to no good as we improvise new Potter adventures before your very eyes.

Presented by Soothplayers

**Completely Improvised Shakespeare**

The award-nominated Soothplayers improvise an hilarious new Shakespearean play from nothing but a suggested title from the audience.

IMPROV

Presented by Soothplayers

**IMPROV****Completely Improvised Survivor**

Improvised Survivor is an unscripted comedy gameshow poking fun at pop culture's most infamous reality show.

Presented by Soothplayers



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18+
RECOMMENDED

**Cultfish**

An innocent fish hilariously tells how she lost her identity to organised religion and rebuilt herself from the tail up.

PHYSICAL THEATRE

Written and Performed by
Sarah Hinds

**Daisy Webb - Debut**

Last year Daisy came out as a transgender woman. This is a show about how awkward, silly, and fulfilling it is to find out who you are.

STAND UP

Performed by
Daisy Webb

**Damian Callinan & Paul Calleja: The Wine Bluffs**

After intoxicating sold-out audiences across the country The Wine Bluffs are here to do what they do best: bullshit about wine.

SATIRE

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

**Damien Power - Live**

Spend a night with one of Australia's funniest as he experiments with new material, old material and everything in between.

STAND UP

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

**Dane Simpson - Didgeridoozy**

A comedic ode to one of the world's oldest wind instruments. Stories, music, fun facts + big belly laughs. A standup show that really blows.

STAND UP

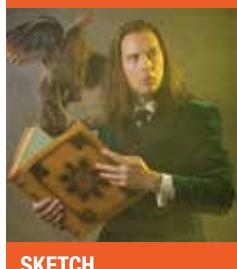
Presented by
Aborigi-LOL

**Dave Thornton - Novel Problems**

Last year everyone told Dave they needed a laugh, and guess what? He needs an audience so this works out well for everyone.

STAND UP

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

**David Massingham's Little Sketch Book of Horrors**

Prepare for hilarious & macabre sketch comedy that reviewers call "a glorious masterpiece" (Plus Ones) & "a must-see show" (Weekend Notes).

SKETCH

Written and Performed by
David Massingham

**Dead Air**

Dead Air is a one-woman show about trying to be seen when your job only requires you to be heard. And fart sound effects!

STORYTELLING

Performed by
Katherine Allan

**Dilruk Jayasinha - Live**

After last year's "global gap year", Logie winning comedian Dilruk Jayasinha is back doing what he does best!

STAND UP

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree

**Dog Father**

David promised his daughter when she was little that if she ever came to live with him that she could have a puppy. Then that day arrived.

STAND UP**Emily Tresidder: Where'd You Go?**

After touring sold-out shows nationally & internationally for years, Emily took 2 years off comedy. What happened? Come along and find out!

STAND UP

Created and Performed by
Emily Tresidder

**Escape to the Metaverse**

Brothers Eden & Josh are trapped in the same show every night. (and then it zooms in and the music is like BOM BOM BOMMM...)

THEATRE

Created by
Eden & Josh Porter w/ Kinetic Screen

**Ethnic City**

A comedy variety show featuring the best talented performers of colour in Melbourne through a mix of stand-up, improv, sketch and cabaret.

VARIETY

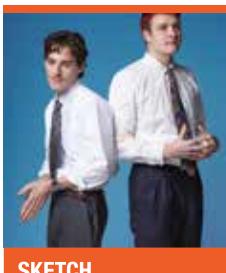
Created by
Brendan Wan

**Feminem**

Look, Ellen Mahoney has got one shot, one opportunity to get you laughing at her life. Will she capture it? Or just let it slip? Yo.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Ellen Mahoney

**Finn & Lachie - A Show About Me.**

Finn & Lachie decide to put the jokes aside and make a deep and heart-warming show about the group's most important member. Me.

SKETCH

Written and Performed by
Finn McGrath & Lachie Clarke

**Fresh and Fruity**

A zesty cocktail of comedy with juicy dance numbers, a live jazz band, and riotous guest acts. We really hope you cumquat.

VARIETY

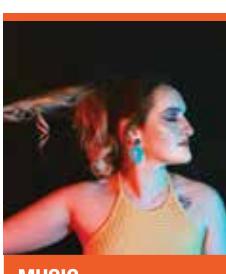
Presented by
Cherese Sonkkila and friends

**Fresh(ish) Off the Boat**

The zig-zag semi-auto-biographical journey of a "Chinese Chinese" finding herself across different continents away from her home.

STAND UP

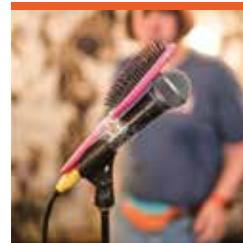
Written and Performed by
He Huang

**Gabbi Bolt - I hope my keyboard doesn't break**

Clever, creative and full of heart, Gabbi is so excited to bring her debut solo musical comedy show to the stage!

MUSIC

Presented by
The Butterfly Club



Hairbrush Comedy: Fringe Edition

Hairbrush condenses the best and freshest comedy from the Melbourne Fringe into a one-off late night extravaganza.

STAND UP

Produced by
Scout Boxall



STAND UP

Handmodel

Do handmodels and unicorns exist? Yes! Learn first-hand how I became a handmodel, and made other odd life choices. Standup & musical comedy.

Written and Performed by
Victor David

being frank
written and performed by Imaan Hadchiti

Trades Hall - Old Council Chambers
9-17 OCT (no monday) 7:15pm (6:15pm Sun)



Hannah Arbuthnott: How to Shave

Non-binary, transmasculine comedian Hannah Arbuthnott's debut solo hour, and not a tutorial on the art of the razor.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Hannah Arbuthnott



STORYTELLING

Happy Jokes For Happy People

NZ comedy maverick Dan Brader's latest acid tongued hour!



STAND UP

I said what I said

Aurelia St Clair said what she said, and she'd say it again. Come along for an hour of laughter, critical thinking and memes.



Issue 1: The Improvised Superhero Movie

Love comic books? Love movies? Come check out what happens when the two spontaneously combine in "Issue 1: The Improvised Superhero Movie."

IMPROV



STAND UP

It Could Get Worse

Come and peek behind the curtain of the life of an actor, in an industry that spits out more than it can chew.

Written and Performed by
Damien Richardson



STAND UP

Ivan Aristeguieta - The First Pancake

Every great breakfast starts with the first pancake. It's wonky and undercooked, but delicious. This is the first pancake of my new tour.



Jez Watts: Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Testicles

In the last year Jez has been locked down for nearly 9 months, done a bunch of therapy and got his balls chopped. Here's jokes about it.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Jez Watts



STAND UP

Jordan Barr - Zombie

Jordan Barr is a zombie. She stays up all night doom scrolling Twitter and practicing speeches that she will never give.



STAND UP

Josh Glanc: in a one-piece crotch-cut short-sleeve polo

He's won multiple comedy awards and sold-out shows around the world. 'Master of craze...joyous purveyor of stage oddity.'

★★★★ - The Guardian



Josh Glanc: The Best Bits

Josh Glanc has won a host of comedy awards and sold out shows around the world. Just killer character comedy. No froth.

ABSURDIST

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - So Soiree



THEATRE

Just Super

A downward spiral into the world of Superforecasting; the clear, concise and definitely 100% corroborated science of telling the future.

Created and Performed by
Erin Pattison

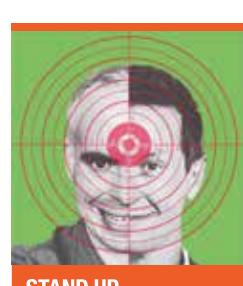


STAND UP

Kelly Mac: Wrong Side of 50

Flash rehab? Tick. Zero interest from predators? Tick. Join 'refreshingly direct' Kel as she explores the quirks and perks of middle-age.

Written and Performed by
Kelly Mac



Killing Rove

To become Rove, you must destroy Rove. Join Patrick Marlborough on a live manic episode that seeks to answer the eternal question: what the?

STAND UP

Written and Directed by
Patrick Marlborough



STAND UP

Lauren Bok: It's A Long Way To The Bok (If You Wanna Sausage Roll)

Award-winning comedian Lauren Bok rocks out with a hilarious, burlesquey, stand-uppy, golden crispy comedy show!

Performed by
Lauren Bok

3 SHOWS ONLY!
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>>ADULTS ONLY<<
MAGIC SHOW

★★★★★
Theatre Traveller
★★★★★
Fringe Fixer
★★★★★
Winner
2021
★★★★★
Star Awards
★★★★★
The Advertiser

**Locally Made Dog Beds**

Sean Bedlam presents for your enjoyment, an hour of lovingly hand crafted jokes. Along the way he tells his life story, which is a joke.

STAND UP

Created and Performed by
Sean Bedlam

**Luka Muller - Old / New / Other**

I have the jokes, you choose the order. Pick jokes old, new & other to make a unique show each night.

"Quality... like jazz"
★★★★ The Age

STAND UP**Michael Shafar - For sale: new jokes, never told.**

As seen on The Project, Studio 10, the ABC and more! Be the first to see Michael's new jokes in a fun, intimate setting!

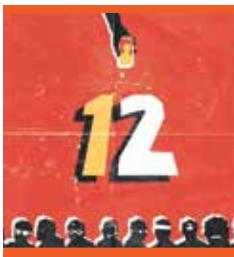
★★★★½ - The Age

STAND UP**Murder Village: An Improvised Whodunnit**

It's Agatha Christie, improvised! Step into the world of 1950s England as Melbourne's funniest improvisers craft a new whodunnit each night.

IMPROV

Presented by
David Massingham

**One Man 12 Angry Men**

Utilising your new-fangled smart devices, choose from a roster of twelve unique characters, some angry, some quite sweet actually.

INTERACTIVE

Created and Performed by
Alexander Richmond

**Patrick Collins - I'm Not A Mime**

Patrick's not a mime. Come watch a sketch show about it. Patrick is hilarious, clever, queer, a mime, quick wit-NO, DAMN IT.

SKETCH

Directed by
Justin Gardam

**Lockdown Love Story**

UK based Comedy highlighting the ups and downs of dating during a pandemic. Get ready to witness the greatest love story ever told, kind of.

DIGITAL

Created and Performed by
Alice Forde and Charlie Dryden

**LuisVision**

A virtual 360° exhibition of catchy music, dance, lessons and beautiful cats hosted by Lessons with Luis from the comfort of your own home!

IMMERSIVE

Presented by
Lessons with Luis

**CLOWNING****"Material"**

A show about breaking free from regular stand-up and finally doing the weird stuff Isaac was born to perform.

Created and Performed by
Isaac Jones

**Matt and Alasdair Do Standup Comedy**

Matt Stewart and Alasdair Tremblay-Birchall – two Melbourne based, critically acclaimed and award-winning comedians – perform comedy.

STAND UP

Performed by
Matt Stewart and Alasdair Tremblay-Birchall

**STORYTELLING****MishUnderstood**

For a smart woman, she really is a silly bitch.

Performed by
Mish Wittrup

**Monash Law Revue**

Fuelled by corporate greed, HECS debt and insurmountable despair, the Monash Law Revue is a sketch comedy show by Monash Uni Students.

SKETCH**Noses are Red...**

Sally and Danger know almost nothing about anything... but will do absolutely everything to please. Ready for ridiculous? It's our specialty!

CLOWNING

Performed by
Meredith Cole & Oliver Cowen

**CLOWNING****Mykonos Explodes**

Acclaimed clown Mykonos brings you a wild ride into what happens when a Clown loses their mind, with a box of water and a stack of dynamite!

Created by
Richie Hallal

**Overdrawn**

Debt collectors are always checking in, they're so sweet!

A fresh show from Taylor Griffiths about chasing your losses.

THEATRE

Created and Performed by
Taylor Griffiths

**SKETCH****Ouch!**

Ashley implements her special skill of oversharing to decipher her invisible disability through sketch/storytelling and song.

Written and Performed by
Ashley Apap

**Pét-Nat + Han ah Chocolat**

2021 Golden Gibbo Winner
★★★★★ - The Age

Pét-Nat + Han ah Chocolat return to Fringe to reheat their ridiculous sketch show.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Sam Serna

**Radio Da-Da**

A two-part light surrealist comedy performed as a live radio broadcast—it's THE MELBOURNE CUP MURDERS and THE TARTAN CURSE.

ABSURDIST

Directed by
Philip Hunting

**Roo-Jitsu: Life Coach**

Are you facing a quarter/midlife/existential crisis? Unlicensed life coaches Roo-Jitsu are here to help with comedy inspired by you!

IMPROV**She-Nanigans The Show**

A multi-genre, multi-cast, comedy show that dives into Chido's mind and celebrates the journey to her finding her voice!

CABARET

Written and Performed by
Chido Mwat

**Simon Taylor**

Simon Taylor (Netflix, ABC, Network 10) hosts an epic night of comedy featuring his funniest and most talented friends.

★★★★★ - The Age

STAND UP

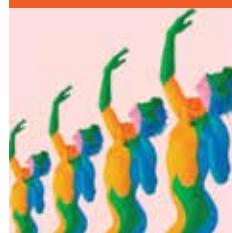
Performed by
Simon Taylor

**Saving Studio 69**

An improvised comedy set in the corporate rooms of the Studio 69 board. Watch TV pitches come to life between deals, egos and selling out!

IMPROV

Presented by
CuffLink Productions

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

A fuse of dance, comedy and drag for short attention spans. It's extra, OTT, deep, insightful, stupid, poignant and pointless.

Performed by
Harry Morrissey

**Snake Oil**

The Burton Brothers proudly present an evening of trickery, treachery and sketch comedy. It's guaranteed to cure what ails you!

SKETCH

Presented by
The Burton Brothers

**Sole Mates**

An unapologetically silly show starring two clowns as they rain havoc on each other in a series of sketches.

CLOWNING

Devised by
TwoLeftFeet Theatre

**Stay Home Stay (Japan Boy Stuck in Aus)**

Takashi is a typical Japanese boy who got stuck living with his Aussie girlfriend's family, in the not-so-typical time of Coronavirus.

STAND UP

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Strongly Worded Letter Club with Alex Dyson

Australia's elite are quivering as Alex Dyson gathers pros of prose to draft a stern, change-generating letter that will be sent en masse.

SPOKEN WORD

Presented by
Comedy Republic



Take 3

Annie Boyle, Kru Harale and Kelly Mac blast through 21st Century life with a night of searing comedy that breaks the mould.

STAND UP

Produced by
Top Dog Comedy



Teleport

Here's your opportunity to invest in the life changing technology of teleportation. From writers of Shaun Micallef's Mad as Hell.

SKETCH

Created and Performed by
Andy Matthews and Alasdair Tremblay-Birchall

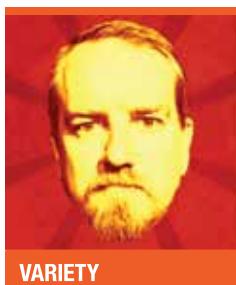


The Annual Chumsville South North Tavern Inn Open Mic Night

A high energy open mic night, set in a wild fictional town, where every performer is played by the same two people.

SKETCH

Created and Performed by
Connor Dariol and William L Boyd



The Nick Caddaye Variety Hour featuring Nick Caddaye (duration 90 minutes)

It's a variety show. With a variety of things in it. Like comedy. And music. And... juggling maybe? Or maybe not. It's tough to say.

VARIETY

Produced by
PJ Hyland



The World Experiment

As far as they know they are the last people in the world. Who are they? You help decide. An improvised journey to the end of the world.

IMPROV

Produced by
PJ Hyland

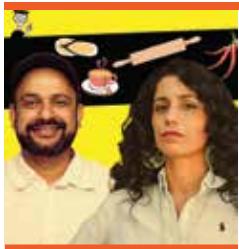


Supermarket Store World

Be whisked away to the Supermarket Store World, a one hour comedy romp guaranteed to fill your basket with laughs and some unexpected items.

CLOWNING

Created and Performed by
Dougie Baldwin, Kasia Le Witt and Jack Savage



STAND UP

Surviving Brown For Dummies

An idiot's guide to surviving the nutty, quirky and sometimes absurd world of growing up brown.

Created and Performed by
Amna Bee and Garry Johal



Teardrops on My Dildo

Breathtakingly brilliant, this queen of sass will delight you with her honest accounts of parenting, dating and all things female.

STAND UP

Performed by
Vanessa Larry Mitchell



Taste Her - The Church of the Clitoris

Comedy, cabaret and live music meet theatre and worship. Cum, join us as we embark on the path of Clitoral Salvation.

CABARET

Performed by
Lilian Rodrigues-Pang, Malika Reese, Rob Laurie and Tia Wilson.



That's What She Said

A diverse stand-up comedy trio of hot sensual women riding on a sea biscuit on their way to Melbourne Fringe in their search for stardom.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Ting Lim, Grace Hogan and Lisa Sharpe

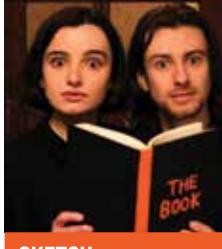


The Amazing Cannonball Flower

We bring stories to life! We perform a mix of sketch, theatre, and stand-up; with a lot of comedy and a lot of heart!

THEATRE

Performed by
Aarti Vincent, Kru Harale and James G Warren



The Book Club

Join us for a profound literary experience. The Book Club is a night full of twisted humour, sketch comedy & explosive song & dance numbers.

SKETCH

Written and Performed by
Alice Albon and Sam Coats



The Cafe Sessions Sketch Comedy

Original characters: VFL loving mums Fran & Mavis plus more. FAM has toured to country communities and now they're coming to the big smoke!

SKETCH

Presented by
Frustrated Artistic Mothers - FAM Events & Productions



The Stuart Daulman Farewell Reunion Show

This a show with an abstract comedian performing weird comedy with a microphone and you will not see anything like it at this festival haha.

STAND UP

Created and Performed by
Stuart Daulman



The Nightcap

Late-night comedy dares to get cosy. Perfect for people that aren't ready to go home, but aren't quite ready to party all night either.

STORYTELLING

Presented by
Prue Blake and Darcy Fleming



Things That Get My Goat

Quiche Lorraine, back hair and eisteddfod trauma. These hot topics and many more told through, song, banter and downright frivolity.

CABARET

Performed by
Luke Belle



This is a new bit.

Gavin Sempel and John Dore bring completely new material to the stage, will it be good? Let's find out together.

STAND UP

Performed by
Gavin Sempel and John Dore

**To Schapelle and Back**

Camp hilarity contorts into disturbing reality in this potent tale of adoration, folklore and paradise lost.

FANTASY

Created and Performed by
Alexandra Hines

**Unslumbered!**

Welcome to the sleepover from hell. 'Unslumbered' is a heartfelt, immersive and an extremely cooked time-capsule of a show.

SKETCH

Created and Performed by
Caitlyn Staples & Hayley Tantau

**Two Little Dickheads:
Kapow!**

Two massive wang heads dazzle you with their silly faces & together you build... Dicktopia. Kapow! Songs & cats included at no extra cost.

SKETCH

Created and Performed by
Two Little Dickheads

**Uh, Yeah! So...**

Uh, Yeah! So... Jon is back with a new silly show just for you! Sketch, stand-up, music, improv, you name it! Jon can spell all these words.

SKETCH

Written and Performed by
Jon Walpole

**Who Let The Dyke Out?**

Loz will have you laughing right from the start. She is raw, honest & totally hilarious. With a best comedy nomination, this show is a must.

STAND UP

Created and Performed by
Loz Budden

**Up Yours Scott: A
Show Of National
Unity**

Former writer for Mad As Hell, and The Weekly, Toby Halligan channels the views of millions of Australians via his mouth as jokes.

STAND UP

Performed by
Toby Halligan

**Very Odd Duck**

Grace Jarvis is doing stand-up comedy, as per usual. A swan bit her on the thigh once and she's finally ready to talk about it.

STAND UP

Written and Performed by
Grace Jarvis

**Woah, Alyssa! 3**

Hey skanks, we're Col and Fil, hilarious gay boyfriends! Join us for our Gibbo-nominated, campy and very sexual sketch comedy extravaganza!

SKETCH

Directed by
Mark Bonanno

**Who Said That?**

Subjectively speaking, Zac and Hani are the funniest comedians in the world. Objectively speaking, they're putting on an absurd sketch show!

SKETCH**Woah, Alyssa! and
Besties**

Hilarious gay boyfriends Col and Fil team up with their comedy besties to bring you THEE silly and sexy variety show of Fringe!

VARIETY

Hosted by
Colwyn Buckland and Filip Lescaut

**Will This Show Take
Off?**

Welcome aboard Desert Destiny 727! Buckle up for an unforgettable flight with Australia's most devoted and delusional air hostesses.

Written and Performed by
Three Birds Theatre (Candace Miles, Madelaine Nunn & Anna Rodway)



My, what big ideas we have.

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DANCE AND PHYSICAL THEATRE



CONTEMPORARY

Brown Cissy Boy

Brown Cissy Boy is a new physical-theatre work which examines gender, identity and Patriarchy from a south pacific lens.

Performed by
Thomas Fonua

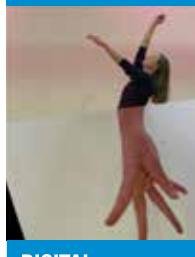


EXPERIMENTAL

Classique Nu

Shakti dances in the nude with an interpretation full of serenity, emotion & passion to Western classical music. Challenging & moving.

Performed by
Shakti



Cuts

We zoom out, lose our edges, overlap, creating assemblages of human and non-human, each contaminated by its encounters with the other.

Created by
Sarah Aiken



COMEDY

EGG

Dance, clowning & a cheeky life-sized egg; EGG is a solo work questioning all things fertility, motherhood & making big life decisions.

★★★★★

Presented by
Erin Fowler Movement



FLAMENCO

Evocación

What does FLAMENCO evoke for you? Joy, longing... sorrow? Enjoy an evening of Andalusian culture with award-winning artists.

Directed by
Zoe Vélez



FLAMENCO

"Flamencollab" presents a diverse, magnetic group of dancers and musicians, united by a passion for flamenco.

Created by
Cherie Morgan



PARTICIPATORY

Guru Dudu's Silent Disco Walking Tours

Everyone wears headphones (supplied) & can hear the hilarious commentary and the uplifting dance-mix from the 70's, 80's, 90's & 00's.

Performed by
Guru Dudu, Mucho Micho, Disko Duk Duk, TMar Superstar, Mr Motion

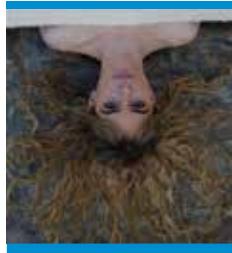


COMEDY

Hagademia

The year is 2320. Two academics are trying to write a thesis about 'gender' – an ancient concept lost to time. It's not going well.

Created and Performed by
The Titbitchez



IN [THE] MAKING

In the Making explores the questions we ask ourselves as makers. It is an insight into the artistic decisions & creative process of artwork.

Curated by
Tenae Smith & Kristen Cafari



Infinite Affection
Απειρη Στοργή

A collaboration between first and third generation Greek migrants, this show is a ritual celebration of ageing, migration, and intimacy.

Created and Performed by
Luke Macaronas and Christos Konstantinidis



CONTEMPORARY

Ionisation examines volatile - the process of rapid deterioration and the return to homeostasis through the story of former lovers.

Created and Performed by
MaggZ



The Cherry Poppers
Fashion forward female cast explore the stereotype of power through street dance...
Oversized suits, dance & attitude to match.

HIP HOP

Presented by
Lauren Pisaniello



The Chronicles of Olympus presents "The Goddesses"
A mythical journey that combines dramatic dance performances and thrilling aerial acrobats, we introduce you to The Goddesses of Olympus.

THEATRE

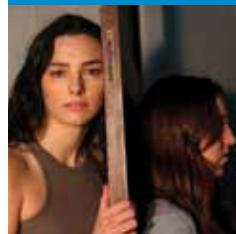
Created by
Breeze Entertainment



The Messenger
A lovelorn heroine sends her message of love through a Humming bee to her wild god of power and ecstasy - Lord Shiva.

DIGITAL

Created and Performed by
Christina Prakanthan



Together Alone
An exploration of lived experiences of isolation and coming together.
Frustration. Boredom. Loneliness. Craving connection. Reunited again.

CONTEMPORARY

Presented by
cFour Collective



UP Side DOWN Jungle
As above, so below we go, into the Jungle, moving through shadows, to find our light and what it means to be human.

WORLD

Presented by
Jungle City projects



Where do I Begin?? (Proactive Show)

Dance/Perform live digitally with The Demographic Dance OFF. Share in moments inspired by D/deaf culture and get connected by great vibes.

EXPERIMENTAL

Performed by
Proactive Show Audiences/ The Demographic Dance OFF



Where do I Begin?? (Passive Show)
Witness authentic non-verbal dance/live performance art, with moments of Auslan and a 15 minute improvised sound installation.

EXPERIMENTAL

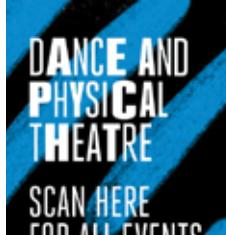
Performed by
The Demographic Dance OFF



Would you mind?
Get ready to scroll, troll and contemporary roll with Pip in a dive into the world of QR codes. Bring a device (not on 2%).

EXPERIMENTAL

Produced by
Phillipa Chapman



Think Zac Efron, only hotter.

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(BTW, we built the Melbourne Fringe website.)

EXPERIMENTAL



A Dodgeball Named Desire
Green Room Award nominated dodgeball team Bloomshed go up against the Kindness of Strangers in a high-octane battle royale.

HYBRID

Created by
Bloomshed



INSTALLATION

Audible Cubicle

The sounds of Melbourne in lockdown - in the toilet.



Beyond Paradise

Theatre Company Pony Cam teams up with a group of young artists to transform an inner-city car park into a sprawling performance space.

Directed and Created by
Pony Cam



Bludacity and Child
A psychic Bludacity and her quiet companion Child, fulfil their wildest dreams after Bludacity reveals they have only one day left to live.

DIGITAL

Created and Performed by
Tamara Lee Bailey and Romaine McSweeney



IMMERSIVE

Cloudland

Escape to Cloudland: an immersive sound and lighting experience in the sky where you can explore and reflect – is everything as we expect?



COMMUNE

A gothic multimedia eco-opera, with a contemporary electronic sound score, reflecting on the evolution and future of the human race.

Directed by
The Omega Point



containing leaky vessels
M.V Pask is live live live in a Sci-Fi melodrama about sex in space, resistance, sex work and seeking what is lost in the shadow(ban).

COMEDY

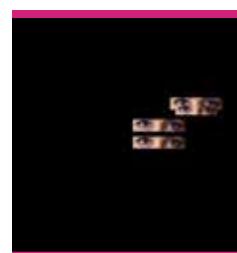
Written and Directed by
M.V Pask



DANCE

Crystal Touch

Line dance, karaoke, cold beers and community – an eight hour participatory dance marathon at Coburg RSL.



INTERACTIVE

Diversity Panel

Out of sight, out of mind. Join some of our brightest minds from the margins as they query what they're doing on a panel in the first place.



Groundswell
Come feel the earth move under your feet (literally) in an immersive soundscape that is as sonically beautiful as it is visually arresting.

INSTALLATION

Created by
Matthias Schack-Arnott and Keith Tucker (Megafun)



CONTEMPORARY

Hazy Gaze

This is a video work about the gaze. Starting from the existence of the fictional poet Araki Yasusada, I think about acting and existence.



INTERACTIVE

help/HELLO

Take your feet to the Fringe with this GPS-art-creating guided walk of Fitzroy. Experience an audio story tour as you walk the streets.

Presented by
H. Clare Callow

EXPERIMENTAL



Living Live

We don't remember our birth cause it was just too much! While Living Live, we develop, we connect, we learn and we mature. Or do we??

CONTEMPORARY



Perpetual Horror

An unsettling exploration of corporeality on the edge of horror and the sublime.

CONTEMPORARY



STORYTELLING

Not So Weird After All

Jaya's Indian mum only wanted one thing: for her to please, for God's sake, be normal. Now as a late Dx autistic, she finally feels normal.

Created and Performed by
Jaya Berged



IMMERSIVE

Oh, we had a time!

Part dinner party, part performance, your hosts Kerensa and Roman indulge in the culinary and chaotic. You're invited.

Created and Performed by
Kerensa Dibali



Professional Fairy Godmother Seeks Your Wishes

Send in your wishes online or via the Festival Hub post box & the Professional Fairy Godmother may grant it for Melbourne Fringe 2022!

Created by
Creatrix Tiara

Rainbow Violets Inspiration Soup

Music, dance, art, installation & original song collide to make experimental & visual poetry. Help my Inner Alien stop the Troll Apocalypse.

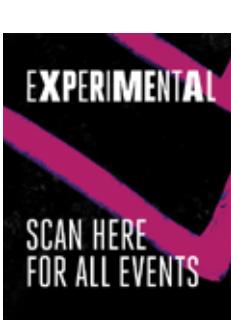
Created and Performed by
Rainbow Violet



The Big Local Arts and Climate Expo

It's big! It's local!
It's an expo of art about climate change!
Showcasing artists whose work engages the community in innovative ways.

Presented by
Tenfingerz x City of Yarra



COMMUNITY



Ruthless World

In this psychedelic spoken word and projection art performance, join a heart-broken poet on her bizarre journey in search of self love.

PERFORMANCE ART

Created by
Roshelle Fong

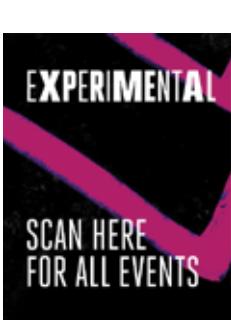


MUSIC

Sensory

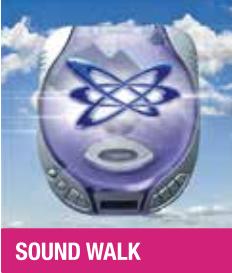
An immersive Gothic pop-folk experience, engaging your senses to create connection without touch. Lose yourself in the warm darkness.

Created and Performed by
Lynn Jacob



EXPERIMENTAL

SCAN HERE
FOR ALL EVENTS



UnderEden WALKMAN *Explorers Edition*

You are the WALKMAN. Choose your explorer. A series of site-specific sci-fi audio adventures to create and interact with invisible realities.

SOUND WALK

Created by
STRANGEkit Performance Collective



ONE-ON-ONE

VFF

Hang out over FaceTime with award-winning performance artist Brian Feldman. Only 18 tickets available (one per day).

★★★★ – DCMTA

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KIDS



Birdie and Frog: Picnic Professionals

A semi-improvised musical picnic tutorial extravaganza from two unlikely best friends who just want to have a good time.

THEATRE

Presented by
Theatre Works



THEATRE

Business Time

Sentient mouldy food have shaken up the office. Will Cheryl, Beryl and Jeremy save the Boss? Come quick, help us clean up this mouldy mess!

Written and Directed by
Caito Zacharias



PARTICIPATORY

Chatterboxes

Donning high fashion looks and over-the-top headwear, a collection of young people host an afternoon of A-Grade chat.

Presented by
House of Muchness



Children are Stinky

High-calibre circus, a rocking soundtrack & genuine out-loud laughs leaving adults & kids with their jaws on the floor hooting for more.

CIRCUS

Produced by
Circus Trick Tease



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ROLL UP! Prepare to enter a world of whimsy and wonder where your imagination will soar like never before in this CIRCUS family spectacular!

Presented by
Showmen Productions



STORYTELLING

Cloudland for Kids

Interactive storytelling inside an immersive sound and lighting wonderland of clouds. Children take home their own cloud.

Created by
Chi-uh Star



Don't Mess With The Dummies

Lions and tigers and dummies, oh my! Set up camp and stampede into the jungle for an outlandish, circus filled extravaganza.

CIRCUS

Directed by
Jamie Bretman



COMEDY

Dr Hubble's Bubbles

Dr Hubble manipulates simple soap bubbles to create miraculous moments of wonder. You'll have to see it to believe it.

★★★★★ Weekend Notes

Written and Directed by
Shep Huntly



PHYSICAL THEATRE

I'm a Raindrop, Get Me Outta Here! (Creative Development)

3 Raindrops meet in a cloud after spending years apart - What they discover about the Earth drives their mission to tackle Climate Change!

Presented by
SpudPuppy Productions



Junior Detective Collective: The Mystery of the Golden Scoop

A choose-your-own-adventure 'whodunit' for the whole family!

INTERACTIVE

Performed by
The Juicy Orange



MUSIC

Kidstruments Live!

Kidstruments takes imagined instruments from young minds and turns them into real gadgets played by jazz virtuosos for a special concert.

Created by
Playable Streets

SQUISHY TAYLOR
needs your help...
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Adapted from the Squishy Taylor series
written by Ailsa Wild, illustrated by Ben Wood
and published by Hardie Grant.

KIDS



Little Glow

Deafferent Theatre warmly invites you into a village on the edge of a forest where each Folk has a warm, bright Glow.

AUSLAN-LED

Created by

Jessica Moody, Ilana Charnelle and Dan Goronszy



Mums are Rubbish

KID: Come to our supercalifragilisticexpialidocious & funny show. It's about mums & kids annoying each other heaps.

MUM: What have I done...

CIRCUS

Produced by

Circus Trick Tease



Squishy Taylor and the City-wide Ghost Plague

Squishy Taylor has a mystery to solve and she needs your help! An adventure for your family to share at home.

PARTICIPATORY

Presented by

The Inhabitors



The school yard incident

Ella accidentally captures an incident on the school iPad of her friends during an embarrassing moment. There is no way to erase the file.

PUPPETRY

Directed by

Jason Triggs



Stranger Than Fiction

Winner of the Science Channel's hit TV series 'Outrageous acts of Science', this jaw-dropping educational performance is for all ages.

CIRCUS

Created and Performed by

The Space Cowboy & Professor Chaos



The Greatest Magic Show

The multi-award winning spectacular returns with more whimsical wonders and mind-blowing magic than ever before! FREE MAGIC WAND on entry!

MAGIC

Presented by

Showmen Productions



The Scientwits: The Wrong Experiments

Comedy Re-imagined... The Scientwits is a one of a kind, sketch comedy, science show! A spectacle for kids and big kids alike!

COMEDY

Created and Performed by

Sammy Harrison & John Burgos



Threads

Threads is a way to connect. A live theatrical experience for children 7 to 12 years and their adults to explore and take part in, together.

PHYSICAL THEATRE

Presented by

The Ball Room Projects



Toro & Rose

A thoughtful, funny play about two friends trying to prevent war by getting the world's silliest dog and grumpiest cat to become friends.

THEATRE

Performed by

Mark Penzak and Michelle Gerster



We Built This City

Build a city of skyscrapers, tunnels and sprawling estates using only your imagination and thousands and thousands of cardboard boxes.

INTERACTIVE

Created by

Polyglot Theatre



YUMMY - The Kids Extravaganza!

Fringe favourites YUMMY hit the stage with their first ever kids circus EXTRAVAGANZA about following your dreams. Tell your parents!

CIRCUS

Created and Performed by

YUMMY Productions



CIRCUS THE SHOW



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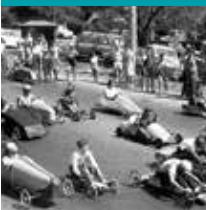
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1pm & 3pm
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30 Sept - 17 Oct 2021

MUSIC



Billy Cart's Medium Sized Fish

Billy Cart launch their first single and explore consciousness with projection art and music. Not a big Lynchian fish. Just a modest one.

ROCK

Performed by
Billy Cart



Cavanagh & Argus Single Launch

Cavanagh & Argus's latest release takes inspiration from American Folk-Rock stylings and the Laurel Canyon Folk scene of the 60s & 70s.

ROCK

Performed by
David & Michael Kean



Hellsong Church with Dane Blacklock and the Preacher's Daughter

Part satanic gospel rock opera, part black mass cabaret, all sinful good time.

CABARET



HUGHMAN

Raise your vibration as Hugh Sheridan and a team of Australia's most sought-after dancers raise the roof in a brand new sensory spectacular.

DANCE

Performed by
Hugh Sheridan



John Floreani

Get up close and personal with indie legend John Floreani as he takes to the iconic Chapel Stage for one night only.

FOLK

Presented by
Stonnington Presents - Chapel Off Chapel



KYE

Apple Music Highlight RnB Artist 2021. Don't miss KYE take to the iconic Chapel Stage for one night only!

POP

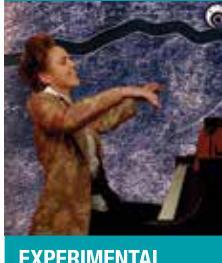
Presented by
Stonnington Presents - Chapel Off Chapel



Minyerra

Yorta Yorta artist, Neil Morris aka DRMNGNOW, presents a reimagining of stellar works amidst compelling song in language and soundscapes.

EXPERIMENTAL



My Shadow Is My Only Follower

A cinematic solo piano concert with a whimsical visual score of projections, celebrating the extraordinary within the ordinary.

EXPERIMENTAL

Created and Performed by
Ania Reynolds



new songs, who dis?

Singer, songwriter and comedian Jude Perl brings you her latest new musical offerings in the form of what is commonly referred to as "SONGS".

CABARET

Created and Performed by
Jude Perl

THE MUSICAL COMEDY JUKEBOX
CAZ REITOPS DIRTY SECRETS
80 SMITH ST, COLLINGWOOD
WED/THU 8:30PM
SUN 3:00PM



Ngargee Orchestra

Ngargee Orchestra: Yidaki and Classical Kulin Instruments with Orchestral instruments, performing contemporary & traditional music & songs.

CLASSICAL

Directed by
Amos Roach



Queer-aoke

Join Bae Marie and some extra special guest performers for this rambunctious late night karaoke party celebrating queer artists and anthems!

PARTICIPATORY

Produced and Performed by
Bae Marie

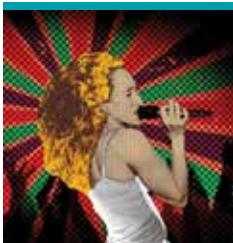


Seamen! The Sea Shanty Spectacular

Gather your crew and shake your pirate booty as Melbourne's newest cult choir perform a bounty of seafaring songs with a modern pop spin!

FOLK

Musical Director
Alex Morris



POP

Smash It Up

Smash It Up is an intoxicating and exciting mix up adventure of your favourite tunes. Hear songs in ways you never expected!

Created and Performed by
Kara Ciezki

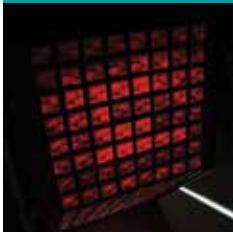


The Musical Comedy Jukebox

Disney to Dolly, Billy Joel to Broadway. Originals, covers. You control comedy songwriter Richard Thornton's show. Sundays are kid-friendly!

COMEDY

Performed by
Richard Thornton



INSTALLATION

timbre

A visual representation of music. Piano performances are illuminated through heartwood.

Artist
Darcy Shilton

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Old Council Chambers

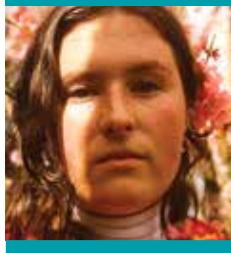


Town Choir

The words of acclaimed writers are reframed as epic choral declarations, sung out by an enormous, outdoor choir. We invite you to listen.



Created by
Theatre Replacement



TULLIAH

Triple J Unearthed finalist and star on the rise Tulliah takes to the iconic Chapel Stage for one night only.

POP

Presented by
Chapel Off Chapel



EXPERIMENTAL

WCB: Sigil

Dark and unnervingly sexy, 'WCB: Sigil' is an exploration of musical spell-casting.

Written and Directed by
WCB



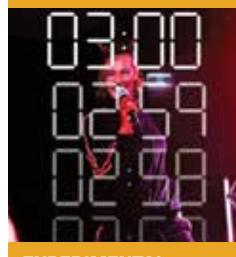
The entertainer

(Hosted by Osman Faruqi)

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PARTIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS



CLUB FRINGE: 3 Minutes to Save The World

Can one amazing performance avert the apocalypse? We think so!

EXPERIMENTAL

Presented by
Melbourne Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Awards Ceremony & Closing Night Party

Last call before curtain call! Our coveted Awards Night and after party caps off the 2021 festivities with a glitter bomb bang.

PARTY

Presented by
Melbourne Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Club Fringe X Tomboy

A saucy and eccentric line-up of music & live performance, curated by Melbourne Fringe and Tomboy. Celebrate the best of the LGBTQIA+ scene!

PARTY

Presented by
Tomboy & Melbourne Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Club K-POP

Celebrate the fun, the fashion and the fandom of K-POP. A party that will leave you screaming like you just scored a backstage pass.

PARTY

Presented by
Imagikai & Melbourne Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Fringe Roulette

Wheel of Fortune, Fringe style! Our famous and fabulous variety night is a gamble you can't lose. The odds are you're in for a treat!

VARIETY

Presented by
Melbourne Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Fringe-O-Vision

Get your fix of sequin-soaked competition as Fringe meets Eurovision! Artists take to the stage for a battle royale of Melbourne's 'burbs.

MUSIC

Presented by
Melbourne Fringe

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CLUB FRINGE: Mr McClelland's Finishing School

The infamous Finishing School returns to Club Fringe! Westlife, Weezer and Whitney... they play 'em all in one joyous, sweaty celebration.

PARTY

CLUB FRINGE: Strong Enough

Do you believe in life after love? Join Melbourne's finest as they take on the iconic Cher in a night of dance, lipsync and camp travesty.

Presented by
Little Ones Theatre & Melbourne Fringe

PARTY

The Real Hot Bitches present: A Real Hot Bitchtacular... LIVE!

More is More! Join us for passionate 80's dance, joyfully-absurd performances, DJs & dancefloor fun!

Created and Performed by
The Real Hot Bitches

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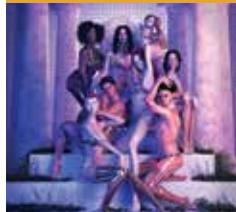


CLUB FRINGE: Opening Night Party

Kicking off the Festival in style, Club Fringe brings you a deadly line up of First Nations DJs, performers and a banging party until late.

PARTY

Presented by
Deadly Fringe



CLUB FRINGE: Trilogy Vogue Night

Join the Houses of Dévine and Klein for a night of delectable ballroom essence. Be prepared to turn up and turn it out, darling!

PARTY

Presented by
House of Dévine & House of Klein



You Deserve a Medal

Do you feel like you deserve a medal for getting through this year?

Think the Oscars but for YOU. Trophy, speeches, performances and PARTY!

PARTICIPATORY

Taste Her

The Church of the Clitori

9-11 October

Club Voltaire



Juniper Wilde : UTOPIA

Juniper offers her Wildlings the destination of a lifetime. UTOPIA: where nobody is cancelled, delusions run Wilde and the amy! is free.

COMEDY

Created and Performed by
Alexandra Hines

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THEATRE



DRAMA

#NoExemptions

#NoExemptions is a play about the last ninety minutes of one woman's life. This is future environmental Armageddon.

Written by
Angela Buckingham



IMMERSIVE

000 The Play

As the pandemic changes the nature of relationships, has it exacerbated certain relationship dynamics more than others? Watch what unfolds.

Produced by
Melbourne Creatives



PHYSICAL THEATRE

4:48 Psychosis

A tragic yet hopeful tale, shedding light on a region of the mind that most of us hope never to visit, but many cannot escape from.

Directed by
Rosemary Ochtmann



A Christmas Carol

One actor, twenty characters, one festive evening! A unique adaptation recreating Scrooge's world using lighting, sound and a wooden chair.

Created and Performed by
Will Bligh



STORYTELLING

A Hundred Words For Snow

With Dad's ashes in hand, Rory sets off in the footsteps of all the dead explorers, for one last expedition – to get Dad to the North Pole.

Written by
Tatty Hennessy

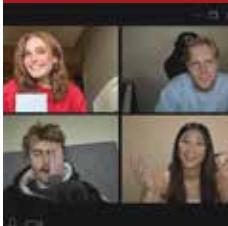


COMEDY

A Performance By The Family Syckle

The isolated Syckles, who view the world through their one-channel T.V., bring their unique lifestyle to Melbourne.

Created by
Houston Dunleavy, Kaylyne Grant, Mazz Matta, Jack Michel, and Sam Serna.



MUSICAL THEATRE

A Zoom Group Project: The Musical

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, four university students struggle to work together and complete their group assignment over Zoom.

Written by
Joshua Connell and Stephanie Lee



VERBATIM

AL'USRA

An in-depth look at family through the eyes of Islamic high school students.

Performed by
Benji Wragg, Dia Taylor & Lauren Huggard



STORYTELLING

Ample

Ample is a comedy about love, grief and flicking the patriarchy the Vs.

Performed by
Cressida Bradley



EXPERIMENTAL

'ART'

A bilingual (English and Chinese) theatre work about 'three men and a canvas'.

Directed by
Fini Liu

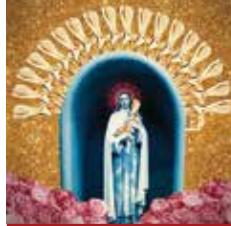


COMEDY

Basic Bitchcraft

Three modern day Witches accidentally open up an inter-dimensional rift and must find their true strength to close it before worlds collide.

Performed by
Casey Binks, Eliza Grundy, Paige Easter & Thomas Bradford



EXPERIMENTAL

Bathtub Madonna Wins the Gold Logie

A glamorous horror show where 'self-love' and 'self-care' become another source of protein in a world built on narcissism.

**Billy's Choice**

Wamba Wamba country. Young Billy is confronted with decisions about his future. As well as buried family secrets. What choice will he make?

NEW WRITING

Written by
Brodie Murray

**HORROR****BODY HORROR**

BODY HORROR is a thrilling, erotic and hallucinatory theatrical experience inspired by 70's and 80's horror cinema.

Directed by
Stephen Nicolazzo

**Sweet Hindsight**

The Motley Bauhaus
Black Box
5:00 pm
October 12, 13, 15, 16

Full \$25
Concession \$20
Group 4+ \$18.50

**Border Control by Michelle Sewell**

Internationally acclaimed audio-visual political drama from award winning UK playwright, Michelle Sewell.

CONTEMPORARY

Presented by
Hack Theatre and Theatre Works

**COMEDY****Bottom**

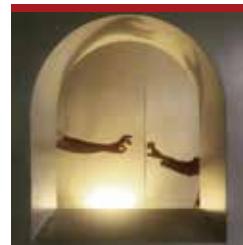
Locked in his bathroom during a tragic third date, Willy questions if being a 'bottom' in the bedroom means being a 'bottom' in life.

Written by
Willy Hudson

**Brawl Along The Watchtower**

Will they knock-off before they get knocked off? Two bumbling castle guards fight to survive to the end of their own play.

Presented by
Babble Productions

**BRINK**

We invite you... welcome... please come into the lab... FUZE examine the phenomenon of otherness under the microscope.

DEvised

Performed by
FUZE ENSEMBLE

**DRAMA****Brothers**

Rollercoaster, heart-wrenching, laugh out loud world theatre premiere, played by two actors who are actually brothers.

Written by
Kerry Drumm

**Butterfly Words**

This highly physical, text-based, fruit-4-fruit tale is an embodiment of metaphor-phosis, as Josh flies towards love with reckless abandon.

PHYSICAL THEATRE

Written and Performed by
Josh Moyes

**COMEDY****Chamber of Susans**

After a sold-out MICF run, Chamber of Susans return with their now not-so-debut show, Chamber of Love. New stories, new improv, same gals!

Performed by
Chamber of Susans

**CHASE**

Written and performed by cross-disciplinary performance artist Carly Sheppard, Frankstonian CHASE is on a spiritual journey to reclaim her cultural heritage.

Presented by
Malthouse Theatre & HotHouse Theatre

**Close Encounters of the Murderous Kind**

A serial killer. An alien. A pyramid scheme. Joe Biden. A Sci-Fi-Horror theatre show in 60 ridiculous minutes.

COMEDY

Written and Performed by
Sabina Gerardi and Kaine Hansen

**COMEDY****CLUB NITE**

Get ready for the NITE of ur life! After 112-days in lockdown it's time to grab ur vape and meet Ana, Serene and Gem front left. SHABLAM.

Created and Performed by
Lotte Beckett, Anjelica Angwin, Matisse Laida

**Coming Home To You**

An intimate piece of theatre, 'Coming Home To You' is an authentic and emotionally-charged tale of queer love in the time of today.

Written and Directed by
Reuben James

**CONTROL: The House Party**

"Comfortable? I don't think so. Unbothered? Absolutely." Kick-ons or w'e'er. Party through this people pleaser's guide to self-love.

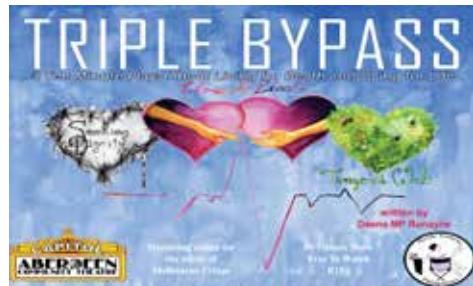
EXPERIMENTAL

Performed by
Bear Baxter

**COMEDY****Cravings**

"Cravings" is an original dark comedy about family, mental health, and what happens when three siblings start exhibiting unusual cravings...

Written by
Veronica Mullin





ONE-ON-ONE

STORYTELLING

First love is fleeting, but the memory lingers...

Written and Performed by
Rupert Bevan



NEW WRITING

Dog Park

When the body of a schoolboy is found in an off-lead park covered in dog bites, it exposes the seamier side of the Cavoodle-wielding locals.

Written by
Sally Faraday



DEvised

feelings but cool

Exploring the performance of feelings through pop culture, original music, the hot mess personal, and the low-key scientific. ADHD vibes.

Created and Performed by
Margot Tanjutco



CONTEMPORARY

Hercules

Taking the twelve labours of Hercules as its entry point, this visionary work excavates the violence that lies beneath the myth of the hero.

Directed by
Daniel Schlusser



COMEDY

Daisy Moon Was Born This Way

Daisy Moon, a self-proclaimed lone wolf, tries to navigate the chaotic world of adolescence with her guiding light, Lady Gaga, by her side.

Written by
Emily Sheehan



COMEDY

DANCE CLASS!

Inclusive. Interactive. Hilarious. No matter what your dancing capabilities, if you know how to laugh, Dance Class! is for you!

Presented by
Bits & Pieces Comedy and Clare Rankine Productions



DRAMA

DIRT by Angus Cameron

A queer political thriller set over the course of one night in Moscow. Winner of multiple awards and a dozen five-star reviews.

Directed by
Bronwen Coleman



Do You Mind?

A show that questions what questioning is all about. It demands rumination and response to the absurd and mundane, leaving nothing unasked.

EXPERIMENTAL

Performed by
Shay Debney



DIGITAL

Drunk On the Baby Swing

It's 3am, happy birthday, party's over. Memories of childhood, missed opportunities of adolescence, and the horror to come – adulthood.

Devised by
Night Shift Theatre



Dumplings Darling: Love Without Borders

A heartwarming live performance of storytelling, love, and handmade dumplings – celebrating what brings us together and sets us apart.



STORYTELLING

Created and Performed by
Ania Reynolds and Alisa Tanaka-King



COMEDY

Foreign Body

White. Immigrant. Mum. Good girl. One woman grapples with labels and wrestles with her past using stories, songs and South African slang.

Created and Performed by
Candice D'Arcy



DRAMA

Fruitcup

A play with music, Fruitcup follows four young people as they navigate adulthood and try to keep each other afloat.

Written by
Chanda Anderson Prior



MUSICAL THEATRE

Homer's Odyssey - A Mini Musical

Odysseus is singing and telling stories of Trojan war, the Cyclops, Circe, Penelope and more.

"Passion, pathos and humor" - The Advertiser

Written and Performed by
Loucas Loizou



COMEDY

HUSTLEPUSS: Live!

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be instructed by coked-up corporate powerhouses Noa & Jo in 'The Art of the Hustle.'

Created and Performed by
Naomi Klemens & Ellen Manning



DRAMA

If Love Doesn't Exist

Follow a young woman re-adjusting to life after a near-death experience. Expect plenty of existentialism, confrontations, and neon lights.

Created and Performed by
Georgia Politakis

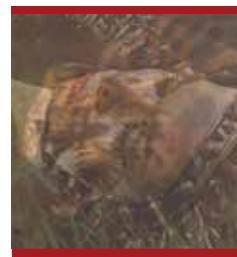


SITE SPECIFIC

Ignis by Daniel Nellor

In a city surrounded by fire, 10 characters find love or its absence in this immersive drama brought to life on site at the Sofitel.

Directed by
Bronwen Coleman

**IMMERSIVE**

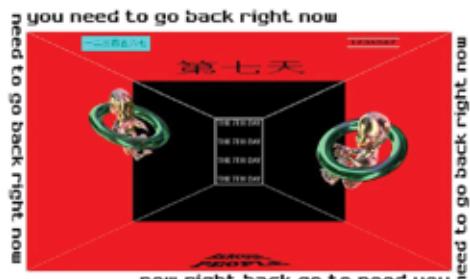
Impossible Machine
Expert theatrical improvisers respond to a poet, creating an unrepeatable performance that unfolds in the moment.

Produced by
Lost Weekend

**MUSICAL THEATRE****it never was a phase, kid**

It's 2008! School sucks and BFFs Blair and Ellie are about to have their world turned upside down by the new girl. How much could change?

Written by
Alex Langdon

**NEW WRITING**

It's Not The End Of The World
I recall the first time my heart was broken. I thought it was the end of the world. Of course, it wasn't, but what if it was?

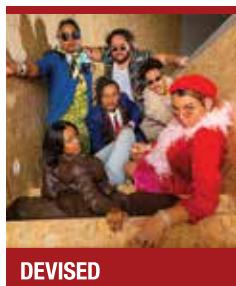
JSMR

You've probably heard of ASMR, and probably haven't heard of Jessica Stanley. Step inside, get comfy, and experience the unholy union: JSMR.

Created and Performed by
Jessica Stanley



EXPERIMENTAL

**DEvised****I'll Get Back To You Yesterday**

A new work created by the Sub30 Collective - Amarachi Okorom, Betiel Beyin, Leigh Lule, Michael Logo, Ras-Samuel Welda'abzgi and Yaw Dadzie.

Presented by
WEYA & Malthouse Theatre

**Janet's Vagrant Love**

A story about love, loss and raising Blak men. With an original score, Elaine Crombie tells the story of Janet and unrequited love or lack thereof.

Directed by
Gina Rings

**CONTEMPORARY**

kerosene
Simple and unapologetic, 'kerosene' explores the complex, ugly and dangerous symptoms of love through the eyes of lonely, outcast Millie.

Written and Directed by
Benjamin Nichol

**CONTEMPORARY****Kill Climate Deniers**

What would it take to actually stop climate change? Science and recycling? Or perhaps dance music, guns and revolution?

Written by
David Finnigan

**Kind Regards, Michelle Aitken**

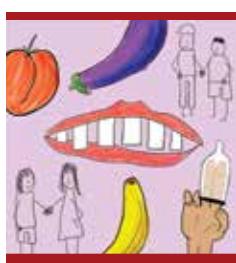
Michelle loves a good side hustle, until... A questionably autobiographical show about family, the gig economy, and unanswered emails.

Written and Performed by
Michelle Aitken

**COMEDY**

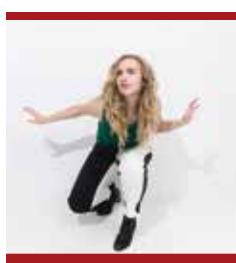
Law and Order: PTV
They are the heroes Melbourne deserve, just not the ones it needs right now. These are their stories. Beep. Beep.

Written by
Fae O'Toole

**COMEDY****Let's Talk About Sex**

The ins and outs of ins and outs, or fucking for fuckheads. It's sex education as it should be, fully uncensored and ready for your pleasure.

Created and Performed by
Eddie James and Thomas Pidd

**MAD WOMAN**

Solo show about a newly single Irish expat. Notorious for dark humour, Niamh navigates uncharted waters of dating, therapy & life down under.

Written and Performed by
Rosaleen Cox

**STORYTELLING**

'Masha in Translation' by Roxana Paun Trifan
Navigating through bounded cultural and social issues, a transmigrant actor proposes an intercultural account of Chekhov's Masha.

Presented by
Book of Dreams Theatre and Theatre Works

**COMEDY****Mistress of Ceremonies**

Meet Michelle. She wasn't your first choice. Or second. But she's all you've got, and she is determined to MC the heck out of this wedding.

Performed by
Heather Valentine

**A Performance By The Family Syckle at The Rubber Chicken**

8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th October, 2021 at 8:30 pm
10th and 17th October, 2021 at 7:30 pm

**Medea and Jason - A Mini Musical**

Medea was written 431 BC by Euripides. This version is different.

Did she kill her children?
"It's an intelligent show"-
BAREFOOT REVIEW

MUSICAL THEATRE

Written and Performed by
Lucas Loizou

**Meet Me at Dawn**

Two women wash up on a distant shore following a violent boating accident & though they may be together, they have never been further apart.

Written by
Zinnie Harris

DRAMA**Memoir of a Tired Carer**

Something lurks in the corners of this nursing home. James can see it. He's not sure anyone else can.

Created by
Oliver Bailey

DRAMA**Microform**

Actors create a series of plays within found performance spaces, each of which are being seen by performer and audience for the first time.

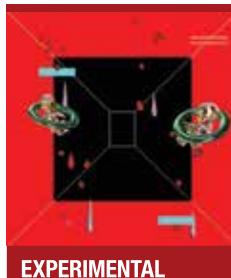
IMMERSIVE

Produced by
Lost Weekend

**MKA: The Monster's Kind**

I'm waiting for the abyss to gaze back. Yell back.
I have questions.
Namely: If monsters are so scary, why do they still hide under my bed?

Created and Performed by
Ty Liebelt (whalespiel)

EXPERIMENTAL**MKA: The Seventh Day**

A journey through HERE and THERE. Her flight attendant. Her driver. Her VOICE. Her familiar and strangely distant home.

Presented by
Barcode People (Qihao Liang, Tong Shu)

EXPERIMENTAL**MKA: Ways to Drown a Fish**

An Australian Gothic on the banks of the Murray River. Twelve year old Sofia finds a giant, talking Carp, and a haunting begins.

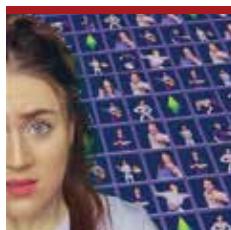
NEW WRITING

Written by
Stella Webster

**Mortifica**

Theatre of Cruelty meets the cruelty of real life events after teenagers research a specific part of Australia's history.

Written and Performed by
Yr 12 Drama class, Glenelg Secondary College

DRAMA**Motherlod_iae**

Shnitzawana, parloo! Shnoobi. Ctrl + Shift + C "Motherlode" Step into the world of THE SIMS. Kill them. Save them. Cheat them. WooHoo them.

Presented by
Frenzy Theatre Co

DEvised**Never Said Motel**

Check into Never Said Motel and witness intimate conversations that have until this point - only happened in Tamzen's mind.

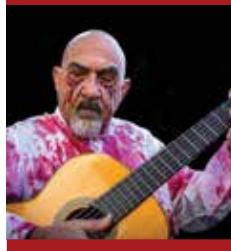
IMMERSIVE

Written and Performed by
Tamzen Hayes

**NOW:HERE**

An abstract performance that explores the ravages of the passage of time, inspired by the works of Bertolt Brecht.

Presented by
Crunch Theatre Company and Theatre Works

DEVISED**Oedipus Rex, The King - A Mini Musical**

Oedipus searches for the murderer of Laius, to end the plague ravaging Thebes. Destiny?

"He kept me captivated for an hour" - Radio Adelaide

MUSICAL THEATRE

Written and Performed by
Lucas Loizou

THE LOST VOICE OF ANNE BRONTË

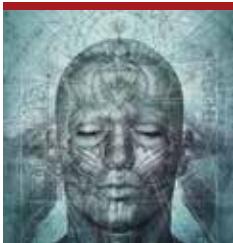
DAVID WILLIAMSON
THEATRE
OCTOBER 1-2

**Oh Yuck, It's Me**

Since she was little, Jessie fantasized about dying. This show's about finding a will to live while the world burns. Also there's a clown.

COMEDY

Created and Performed by
Jessie Ngao

**Old Gods**

A young woman is forced to confront the boundaries of her reality when a mysterious stranger reveals an explosive truth.

Directed by
Peter Blackburn

**PASH**

A noble quest to lock lips with a lord or lady.

NEW WRITING

Created and Performed by
Olivia McLeod

**NEW WRITING****Pieces of Shit**

Explosion: a sudden outburst of violent emotion. Or diarrhea. Because sometimes grappling with the patriarchy just makes you shit yourself.

NEW WRITING**POLES: The Science of Magnetic Attraction**

Ever wondered what it's like to strip? A dark comedic examination of love, sex, and taking your clothes off for money.

**NEW WRITING**

Written and Performed by
Amelia Pitcher

**Pramkicker by Sadie Hasler**

Jude has always known she doesn't want kids. Her sister Susie isn't sure if her ovaries are twingeing or if she just needs a wee.

COMEDY

Presented by
Dirty Pennies Theatre Project and Theatre Works

**PUPPETRY****PUPPET JAM**

Politics, passion and puppetry will be taken apart and reassembled, guaranteed to have you in fits of laughter - no strings attached!

Presented by
The Puppetsmithery

**Qualia Fyre**

Award winning artist, producer and proud neurodivergent Heidi Everett wields tragedy, creativity and comedy in a 1-person intersensory play.

DEvised

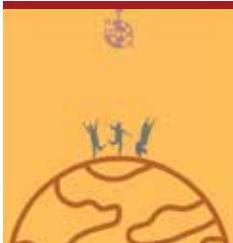
Created and Performed by
Heidi Everett

**Range Servant**

Range Servant is a one woman physical comedy show about the highs and balls of working at a golf driving range during the pandemic.

STORYTELLING

Created and Performed by
Milly Cooper

**COMEDY****Rave On Mars**

Three housemates wake up to find their house has been moved to Mars. Not ideal. Might as well have some fun while they're there!

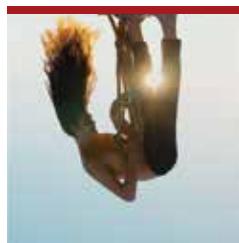
Presented by
Runaway Balloon

**Rolling, Bonkel Theatre's Touring Bike Show**

Jump on your bike and join Bonkel Theatre in a rollicking tale of thievery and triumph with puppetry, original music, and bike riding!

STREET THEATRE

Created and Performed by
Katrina Gaskell and Enio Pozzebon

**rope burn**

Four men enter their kingdom. They encounter experiences that women traverse every day. The barriers are illuminated. Can they be ignored?

PHYSICAL THEATRE

Created by
The Anchor

**COMEDY****Rudy & Cuthbert Too**

A party hosted by two of the most inexperienced, naive party hosts to have ever hosted. Warning! This will leave you incredibly happy.

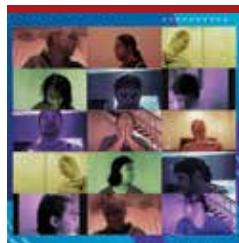
Presented by
Rudy & Cuthbert

**Run**

Encompassing a world beyond space & time, an endearingly cocky 17 year-old Yonni learns what it means to love & lose, to rebel & to grieve.

STORYTELLING

Written by
Stephen Laughton

**SAME-SAME 2.0, No Strings, Theatre Today**

A live online theatre/dance performance between disabled performers in Australia and Singapore.

DIGITAL

Presented by
No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability and Theatre Today

**IMMERSIVE****Sammy's Big 6th Birthday Bash!**

Don't bring a thing except your happy, smiling selves! Maybe a change of underwear, too. This show is strictly adults only.

Written and Directed by
Malith



THEATRE



SECURITY

Stand. Watch. Protect. Repeat – but what happens when it all goes to shit? A new play by award-winning playwright Michele Lee.

NEW WRITING

Presented by

Darebin Arts Speakeasy



Shakespeare Aliens by Keith Gow and Rob Lloyd

The classic feminist science-fiction film Aliens on stage, remounted as if it was a history play written by William Shakespeare.

COMEDY

Presented by

Rob Lloyd Productions and Theatre Works



SHELTER

A dead mum. A forgotten bunker. An unrecognisable family.

Help Sophia uncover a space that remembers what she can't.

IMMERSIVE

Presented by

The Drawer Productions



SIRENS

Isolated in the country, two lost men meet. An intimate night of sex, sharing and song brings with it brutal truths and painful realities.

NEW WRITING

Written by

Benjamin Nichol



sisterblister

Peering through a Kaleidoscope of what it truly means to be sisters. From idolatry to rivalry to camaraderie.

COMEDY

Written and Directed by

Shannon Stevens



SLUTNIK™ by Flick

A queer postdramatic glitterbomb of a show.

CONTEMPORARY

Presented by

Mira Ball Productions and Theatre Works



Space Pigeon

Street urchin and police officer turn into accidental space travellers in this highly comedic 19th century two-person loop pedal musical.

MUSICAL THEATRE

Created and Performed by

Lucy Fox and Jack Lewis



Sweet Hindsight

A story about two women exploring the connection of seeing one another, but unsure of dating. However, we experience the moments in reverse.

COMEDY

Written and Directed by

Letitia Kellion



Thank You for Calling

A snarky call centre employee battles irritating (often indecent) customers while dodging calls from their ex.

COMEDY

Written and Directed by

Emlyn Sugden



The 39 Steps

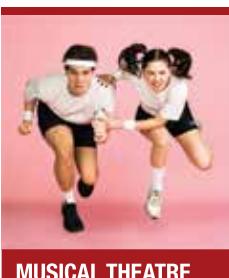
By Patrick Barlow.

A comedic farce and spy thriller, a play adapted from the book by the same name. Suitable for all ages.

COMEDY

Presented by

Baad Theatre Company



The Beep Test by Neylon & Peele

The class of Year 7C have been training for the Beep Test. Hearts will be broken and friendships destroyed in the ultimate quest for glory!

MUSICAL THEATRE

Presented by

Neylon and Peele, and Theatre Works



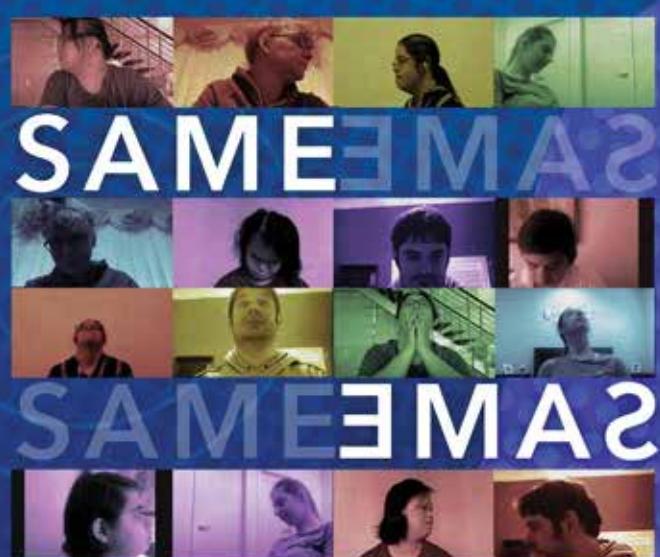
The Camel

An absurd and darkly comic meditation on sibling relationships, the stress being an artist, and how to deal with the camel in your ceiling.

COMEDY

Written by

Dylan Van Den Berg



SAME-SAME 2.0

No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability (AUS)
& Theatre Today (SIN)

Digital Fringe, Melbourne

Fri, 8 Oct 2021, 7.00pm

Sat, 9 Oct 2021, 4.00pm & 7.00pm

Sun, 10 Oct 2021, 2.00pm

Tickets

Full: \$25 | Concession: \$15

Discounts: Fringe Dweller, Fringe Binge

Mobtix: \$10

Book at melbournefringe.com.au



**The Coal Story**

The Queen is set to marry a lump of coal while her kingdom burns. Her court is divided, but could the Prince save her from herself? [Satire]

NEW WRITING

Directed by
James Robertson

**the Crumbling Mansion**

Watch three wildly imaginative characters discover themselves in 1980s Darlinghurst. Charles Freyberg enlivens them with narrative verse and viola.

ART -*A disappearing play***POETRY**

Written by
Charles Freyberg

**The Dinosaurs: 65 Million Ways to Say Goodbye**

A collection of dinosaurs dance and sing in the face of extinction. Come party like it's the last night on Earth.

CABARET

Presented by
The Butterfly Club

**The Engineer in the Snow; a fantastical erotic fugue for planet Earth.**

Follow one woman's erotic adventures through fantastical realms in a travel bubble, on her quest to save the planet.

NEW WRITING

Performed by
Emily Tomlins

**The ILBIJERRI Ensemble presents:
Echelon**

Explore the complex relationship between youth and technology from the haunting to heart-felt. Devised by the ILBIJERRI Ensemble.

Presented by
Darebin Arts Speakeasy

**The Lost Voice of Anne Bronte**

Repressed by sibling rivalry, risking financial ruin, Anne dares to write on wife abuse. Outraged, society vilifies her, but she hits back.

DRAMA

Written and Directed by
Cate Whittaker

**The Shy Manifesto**

Callum is proud to be shy & thinks you should be too - because what this noisy, crazy world needs right now is a bit more self-restraint.

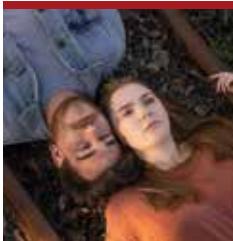
Written by
Michael Ross

**The Witches of Macbeth**

The comic story of the Witches' antics behind the scenes of Shakespeare's famous tragedy.

COMEDY

Presented by
Cristina Wells

**This Is Where We Live by Vivienne Walshe**

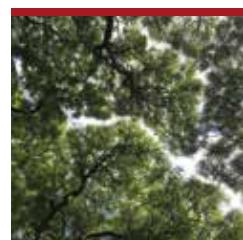
A gritty story of disconnection set in regional Australia. Inspired by Orpheus and Eurydice: are Chloe and Chris doomed from the beginning?

Presented by
Feet First Collective and Theatre Works

**THIS Trojan Women**

Long after Euripides... A deep sensory journey into a world on the edge of a cultural collapse.

Written by
Didem Caia & Tariro Mavondo

**Tree Confessions**

A tree tells us her story, reminding us that human beings and plants live in one interconnected ecosystem.

SITE SPECIFIC

Written by
Jenny Lyn Bader

**Triple Bypass: Three Ten Minute Plays About Living for Death & Dying for Life**

Consisting of 3 short plays, we take the audience on a journey of emotions ranging from fear & hate to delight & joy.

Written by
Deena M P Ronayne

**Truth to Power Café**

This profound theatrical reflection on loss, hope and resistance is a unique and powerful meditation on time, place and community.

Created by
Jeremy Goldstein with Henry Woolf and directed by Jen Heyes

DIGITAL FRINGE

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NOT TODAY A NEW SONG CYCLE BY ALLY MORGAN
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**CABARET**

War & Peace Lilies
The story of a young man stuck in a co-dependent relationship with a tumultuous peace lily named Dave.

Created and Performed by
Nick Mayer

**PHYSICAL THEATRE****WARRIOR R OUSS!!!**

Enough is enough
Time to take the power back
One predator at a time

Written and Directed by
Kamara Bell-Wykes and Racheal Oak Butler

WE TOO US TOO ME TOO TOO TOO**We Too Us Too Me Too Too Too**

This is a Bouffon show.
A dark, satirical and extremely physical comedy about patriarchy, toxic masculinity and sexual assault.

PHYSICAL THEATRE**COMEDY**

What Of It
A gender-swap, chav-filled, explosive and energetic comedy drama.
Perth Fringe World Weekly Winner - Best Theatre/Performance

Presented by
Theatre Works and Rebecca Fingher in collaboration with Lazy Yarns

**DRAMA****What rhymes with orange?**

The hard questions.
No answers.

Written by
Isabella Perversi

**Where My Accent Comes From by Halil Ibrahim Halaçoglu**

A contemporary experimentation on "meddah", the traditional Turkish/Ottoman storyteller.

STORYTELLING

Created and Performed by
Ibrahim Halaçoglu

**MUSICAL THEATRE**

You're a Catch! Why are you Single?
A one act song cycle exploring what it means to be single - the hurt, joy and frustration that goes along with being alone.

Written and Produced by
Sarah Wynen

**DRAMA****Unravel_Reckoning**

A theatrical duet between a vocalist/physicalist and a percussionist.

Created by
Susan Bamford Caleo and Elissa Goodrich



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VISUAL ARTS AND FILM



A Song Within Us – Oli 邊境

The spirit of Taiwan's indigenous peoples comes alive in this captivating technological experience of music and dance.

VIRTUAL REALITY

Written and Directed by Fangas Nayaw



VIRTUAL REALITY

Afterimage for Tomorrow – 留給未來的殘影

Set in a futuristic world where memories can be uploaded, this VR work from Taiwan explores what in life is worth storing.

Written and Directed by Singing CHEN



MIXED MEDIUM

Circleworks

An exhibition using the formal aesthetics of the circle as a departure point for varying artistic practices.

Curated by Trent Walter, Negative Press



Design Fringe

Design Fringe celebrates Melbourne's independent designers and the ground-breaking works they produce at its new home at Linden New Art.

DESIGN

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



DESIGN

Design Fringe: Audio Described Tour

Audio descriptions of key works in the Design Fringe exhibition available to stream online, on demand.

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Design Fringe: Auslan Tour

Video tours in Auslan of key works in the Design Fringe exhibition, available to stream online, on demand.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



Design Fringe: Design Solutions

We invited you to share your design problems for Monash University students to solve. Hear how they responded and vote for the best team!

DESIGN

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



DESIGN

Design Fringe: Gender, Safety and Design

A panel discussion focusing on design's gender and non-disabled biases, highlighting designers working towards a more inclusive future.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



Design Fringe: Meet First Nations Designer Nicole Monks

Meet First Nations multi-disciplinary creative Nicole Monks in an intimate conversation with Linden Director Melinda Martin.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



Design Fringe: Meet the Designers

Join Linden's Curator Juliette Hanson in an intimate conversation with designers from Design Fringe.

DESIGN

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



DESIGN

Design Fringe: Strange Bedfellows - Drag Queens and Mid Century Modern

Strange Bedfellows brings together 2 speakers talking for 20 minutes each, in tag-teamed lectures about drag and modern design.

Presented by
Linden New Art



Reclaiming Narratives

30 Sept - 17 Oct

Online & In Person

More details at melbournefringe.com.au



DESIGN

Design Fringe: Tactile Tour

Designed for people who are blind or vision impaired, an experienced accessibility guide will take you on an audio described tactile tour.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



DESIGN

Design Fringe: The Politics of Design

Intersectional designers discuss how they design from a political perspective and the potential for design to make real change in the world.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



DESIGN

Design Fringe: The Sustainablist Masterclass

Sarah K presents her Sustainablist Masterclass in a small group workshop. Learn about how to embed sustainability into your practice.

Presented by

Presented by Melbourne Fringe and Linden New Art



EXHIBITION

EXTREMES: WET and DRY Visual Discourse #11

A visual art exhibition situated in the window of a bar – exploring the poetry, magic and mystery of water, literature and place.

Curated by

COLLEEN MORRIS



EXHIBITION

Faces of Fringe 2021: The World You Want To Make

Artists Sarah Walker and Mike Greaney will create a series of epic portraits featuring a diverse array of Fringe Festival artists.

Artists

Sarah Walker & Mike Greaney

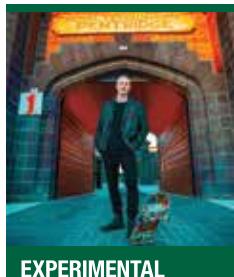


SHORT FILM

Fisch out of Water

How would you react if your inner voice came to life and started taunting you?

Written and Directed by
Meret Hassanen



EXPERIMENTAL

Frequency

Flow State. Musician subjects will be painted on canvas, whilst the artist rides a skateboard. 11 aura portraits produced within Pentridge.

Directed by

Brett Ashby



EXHIBITION

GOOD BREAD

An Afro American expression of pleasure and approval for a person, place or situation. Brought to you by Cubby Art Party.

In Association With

Blak Dot Gallery



VIRTUAL REALITY

In the Mist – 霧中

Acclaimed theatre and new media director Chou Tung-Yen invites you on a voyeuristic journey through a male sauna, revealing the life experience of underground gay culture.

Directed by

CHOU Tung-Yen



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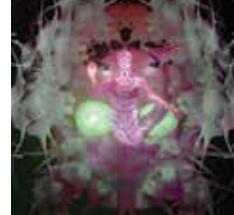
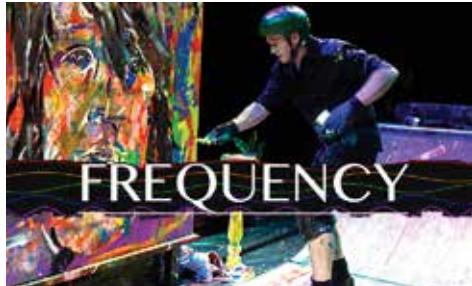
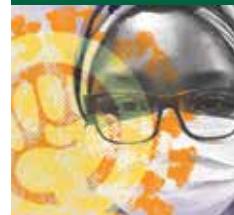
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EXPERIMENTAL	IT-ME: TIME Traveller Beta2021 Follow Betty Apple into a futuristic queer world of cyborgs where futuristic mermaids travel effortlessly between the physical and digital. Created by Betty Apple	 VIRTUAL REALITY Mechanical Souls – 嘉宴機器人 A sumptuous wedding is about to take place. Mrs. Song hires wedding androids to help with the ceremony. But something has gone wrong. Directed by Gaëlle Mourre	 FREQUENCY 
WORKSHOP	Miss Zoe's art school Did your art teacher tell you 'art just isn't your thing'? Miss Zoe wants to reverse years of inadequacy felt during your art education. Presented by Zoe Keystone	 DOCUMENTARY Multiply - The Film A film chronicling one of the most profound experiences of 2020 - emerging from lockdown for Multiply, a dance experience by Stephanie Lake. Directed by Rhys Graham	 VIRTUAL REALITY Offing – 人之島後 The indigenous people of Orchid Island in Taiwan – a small haven – celebrate the migration of the flying fish. Directed by Shih An Chen
PUBLIC	On The Move, The Place To Be Has living local morphed into the New Global? Have recent times created regional variations of shared experiences in the urban environment? Filmed and Produced by John Hipwell	 EXPERIMENTAL Rainbow Violets Epic 100% Salvaged Weaving Durational Artwork & Inspiration Soup Let me weave you into the tapestry. Art Therapy in action. Created and Performed by Rainbow Violet	 COMMUNITY Reclaiming Narratives Melbourne Artists respond to I Am Not A Virus: An exhibition confronting xenophobia & providing counter-narratives to Covid racism. Curated and Produced by Diversity Arts Australia, Curatorial Collective
EXHIBITION	Women's Covid-19 Time Capsule This exhibition brings together visual art & recorded testimony, honouring the pandemic lives of Victoria's women. Created by Katie Stelkidas	 EXHIBITION Wunder Gym x RedWest : Political Power of Art An exhibition by creatives from Melbourne's West exploring the political power of art, under the mentorship of Kait James. Presented by Wyndham City	 VISUAL ARTS AND FILM SCAN HERE FOR ALL EVENTS 

Men & Women

by Stuart Tyson

Oct 7/8/9, 13/14



A performative analysis proposing blindspots in the narrative of male privilege

WORDS AND IDEAS



#txtshow (on the internet)

"I've spent a lot of time on Zoom in 2020, and can't recall an hour anywhere near as entertaining as this curious Fringe experiment."
— AAR

Livestreamed from Washington, D.C. (a 4-km walk from the Embassy of Australia)

PARTICIPATORY



20 years of the Afghan War

"Twenty Years" is a timely, collaborative project with leading Afghan and Australian artists that will assess the legacy of the Afghan war.

COMMUNITY

Concept by Antony Loewenstein & Tia Kass



Anti-Lockdown Ode

Tom Tanuki's ode to the bizarre anti-lockdown movement, and to our only true, eternal freedom: to punch on in Coles over groceries.

STORYTELLING

Created and Performed by Tom Tanuki



Artists in Conversation - Maiko Yamamoto & Robbie Blake

Live from Canada, Town Choir's lead artists discuss the creative process behind their mass choral work.

In Association With
The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance, Monash University

MUSIC



Dhulka of Poetry

A spoken word artist from Somalia shares stories about his homeland and the world. A statement of truth in three languages.

POETRY

Written and Performed by Mohamed Sudi



Fringe Debate: Break the Internet

Should we break the internet, or has it already broken us? Join us for a night of electrifying debate, hosted by Lou Wall.

Presented by The Wheeler Centre and Melbourne Fringe



Journey

Journey is a multidisciplinary theatre production showcasing a young cast of culturally diverse poets, actors, comedians, dancers, and story.

SPOKEN WORD

Produced by Matcho Cassidy



Let me get something off my chest

Come down to Trades Hall to hear what is making some of Victoria's longstanding LGBTIQA+ artists and activists laugh, cry or sigh this year.

TALKS

Produced by Sam Elkin



Melbourne Fringe Story Bank

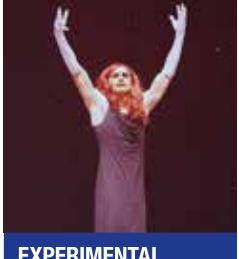
Ahead of our 40th birthday, share your most vivid Melbourne Fringe memory. Record it online or at the Festival Hub to be part of our story.

Presented by Melbourne Fringe & State Library Victoria

SHARE YOUR FRINGE MEMORIES

We're collecting stories from Fringe's past, ahead of our big 4-0 next year. Submit your memory to the Melbourne Fringe Story Bank via the QR code here or in person at the Festival Hub.




EXPERIMENTAL

Men & Women
 A performative analysis proposing blindspots in the narrative of male privilege. A call to compassion and reason for the benefit of all.

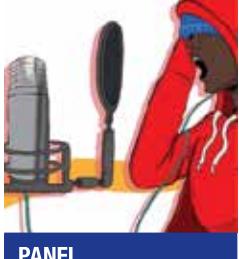
Created and Performed by
 Stuart Tyson


TALKS

MTalks - Artists in Conversation: Matthias Schack-Arnott

Get inside the mind of this artist and composer as he talks about his sonic installation, Groundswell.

Presented by
 Melbourne Fringe in partnership with MPavilion


PANEL

NEWPRINT Session: The Future of Our Industry

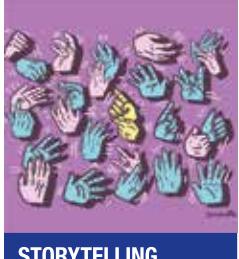
A panel discussion about the current state of the music industry from the lens of young and diverse creatives.

Presented by
 Titan Debirious, MAV & Wyndham City


STORYTELLING

Our hair, our culture, our stories

For Pacific Islanders, our hair is our connection to identity, ancestors and source of pride. Tonight we celebrate our hair, untamed.


STORYTELLING

Pah! Deaf Storytelling Night

Pah! Deaf Storytelling Night brings together d/Deaf storytellers to share personal tales celebrating their identity & intersectionality.

Created by
 Sam Martin


STORYTELLING

Telescope - In the Voice of the Writer

Readings of work by writers with a disability.

In Association With
 Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre


PERFORMANCE

Trades Hall Tour

This guided tour will tell stories from the building's rich history with a rare chance to see inside its many unique spaces.


PERFORMANCE

Whitenoise:12 ghosts

Whitenoise:12 ghosts crawls into the death chamber of White Australia's memory banks and pulls out a pretty little filly of a mess.

Presented by
 Maryanne Lynch and Theatre Works


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AWARDS

Melbourne Fringe Festival Awards 2020.
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CATEGORY AWARDS

- Cabaret
- Circus
- Comedy
- Dance & Physical Theatre
- Experimental
- Kids
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts & Film
- Words & Ideas

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best Work by an Emerging Artist**
Supported by Arts Access Victoria
- Best Feminist Work**
Supported by MC Security
- Sound and Technical Excellence Award**
Supported by Front of House Productions
- People's Choice Award**
- Spirit of the Fringe**
- Melbourne Fringe Living Legend**
- Venue of the Year**

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

- Access Award**
Supported by Arts Access Victoria
- Best Emerging Indigenous Artist**
Supported by Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts & Cultural Development (VCA & MCM)
- Best Emerging Performance Ensemble**
Supported by Theatre Network Australia
- Best Emerging Circus Performer**
Supported by Theatre Network Australia's CaPT Initiative
- Best Emerging Producer**
Supported by MILKE
- Emerging Company Incubator Award**
Supported by the Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance at Monash University
- Market Ready Award**
Supported by Regional Arts Victoria
- The Art Unbound Award**
Supported by Experimental
- The Phantasmagorical Award**
Supported by Temperance Hall
- Young Creatives Award**
Supported by SIGNAL

Best Participatory Work for Families Award

Supported by ArtPlay

Leadership in Circus

Supported by Circus Oz

Best Emerging Writer

Supported by the Emerging Writers' Festival

The Headroom Award

Supported by RISING

Innovation in Culturally Diverse Practice

Supported by Multicultural Arts Victoria

DESIGN FRINGE BEST IN CATEGORY AWARDS

- Best in Furniture Award
- Best in Lighting Award
- Best in Homewares and Object Design Award
- Best in Experimental Design Award
- Design Fringe People's Choice Award

LIVING LEGENDS

- 2020: Bill Coleby
- 2019: Anni Davey OAM
- 2018: Susie Dee
- 2017: Richard Watts
- 2016: Rinske Ginsberg
- 2015: Ian Pidd

In 2020, we awarded a special Melbourne Fringe Legacy Award to the late Comrade Paddy Garrity. Paddy played an important role in bringing the arts to Trades Hall; setting the foundations for what is now a hub of creativity and activism. His invaluable contribution to the arts and social justice will endure.



Credit: Link Ramirez

Sam Martin (He/Him)

Director / Creative Producer /
Multidisciplinary Practitioner /
Cheese Fan / [Creative Victorian](#)

Sam's theatre practice explores authentic stories
of intersectional identity, including his own.

Catch his show *Pah! Deaf Storytelling Night*
at The Wheeler Centre.

Creative Victoria proudly supports Melbourne Fringe
and creative Victorians, see how at creative.vic.gov.au



*Church of Burt, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2019.
Image by Duncan Jacob.*

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

We love the arts. Like, a lot. We want it to be better, brighter, more sustainable (single use plastic, your moment is over) and a really good time for all artists, arts workers and audiences.

So, what do we actually do? We run a bunch of sector leadership programs that work to drive artistic, cultural and social change within our organisation, our community and the industry. Through programs such as Radical Access, Stepping Stones, Money for Art, Tour Ready and our artist development work, we support resilient, healthy, culturally safe and environmentally responsible practices to rebuild a stronger, more equitable independent arts sector. Worth a lot more than a bit of the warm and fuzzies, right?

Our sector leadership programs:

Support artform evolution and ambitious artmaking.

Champion ethics, authenticity and cultural safety.

Build the skills, capacity and profiles of artists.

Strive for universal access.

Improve representation and cultural safety of our communities of focus – First Nations, Deaf and disabled people, people of colour, women and non-binary people, and LGBTQIA+ communities.

Incubate cultural leadership talent.

Enable sustainable career pathways.

Support sustainability and positive mental health.

ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

It kinda goes without saying, but we want our artists to make art. But not any old art – art that is amazing, accessible, sustainable and money-making.

Our range of artist development programs help to develop artistic skills, build resilience, as well as giving handy advice on everything else you need as a full-time artist – producing, finance, marketing, and the all-important self-care (breathe in... and breathe out...).

Resource Hub

Our brand-spanking-new Resource Hub is the one-stop-info-shop for artists.

From marketing and budgeting templates to grant opportunities, the Resource Hub is more browsable than Instagram (without those weird, targeted ads for skin creams) and gives artists all the stuff they need, and none of the stuff they don't.

Salon Sessions and Panels

All Fringe participants, from first-timers to seasoned professionals and everyone in between, have the opportunity to head back to school (figuratively... no uniforms required) and get the info they need to get the job done.

Through online 'Quick Chat' informational videos, digital 'Let's Talk' panels and face-to-face Salon Sessions, we cover everything from basic tips and tricks through to bespoke advice for presenting and marketing work at the Festival and beyond.

Our Salon Sessions are supported by The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance at Monash University.



Stepping Stones

It's not just artists we like to see making a career out of art. Our Stepping Stones program gives professional development opportunities and support to arts workers ready to become the next leaders in the sector.

The program up-skills staff through on the job learning, industry mentorships and career planning. By building a bank of knowledge and experience in our staff, we know they not only have the skillz to pay the billz, but we are incubating cultural leadership talent to ensure the future of the Australian arts industry is in safe hands.

Our current Stepping Stones participants are Anna Nalpantidis (Program Manager Independent Arts), Alexina Coad (Program Manager Common Rooms), Ashleigh Morris (Program Coordinator Artists and Venues) and recent alumnus Lucy Pitt (now Business Manager at Western Edge Youth Arts).



Tour Ready

Show that go on tour, stay on tour. Well, at least for a little while we hope.

By connecting artists with programmers from interstate and further afield, our Tour Ready program gives Festival artists opportunities to extend the life (and money-making prospects) of their shows, well after the last Melbourne Fringe curtain comes down.

Tour Ready is supported by The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance at Monash University.



Tour Ready Award Winners

Each year we work with our great mates around the country (and abroad) to find some of the best and most exciting shows from festivals afar and bring them to Melbourne for you to enjoy. And it works both ways: we have plenty of touring awards on offer for our artists at the end of each Festival.

RADICAL ACCESS

After the success of our ambitious three-year Access and Inclusion Strategy, from 2021 we're making big, bold moves on our journey towards Radical Access.

Radical Access, in partnership with Arts Access Victoria, works to realise best practice in Deaf and disability access in the independent arts. It's a program that is, well, radical. The program raises the visibility of Deaf and disabled artists and places the concept of aesthetic access right at the heart of the creative process. It removes barriers to access and creates space for Deaf and disabled artists to explore big ideas and create ambitious works as central to our artistic culture. You know, the way it should be. Radical Access will launch in 2022, and we can't wait.

Radical Access has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.



Leisa Prowd, *Fuck Fabulous*, Melbourne Fringe Festival 2019.
Image by Duncan Jacob.

ETHICS, DIVERSITY & CULTURAL EQUITY

Through a range of programs and initiatives, we continue our commitment to reducing barriers to access, championing ethics and pushing for diversity and cultural equity in the arts.

While we know paperwork isn't the most glamourous parts of the arts, we recognise that actionable, accountable policies are needed to push things forward. That's why we've created three comprehensive documents – our Equity Action Plan, our Deaf and Disability Inclusion Action Plan and our Reconciliation Action Plan – to provide a framework for us to continue strive for equity in the arts. What does that mean? Over the next five years, we'll work hard to improve the representation and the cultural safety of people in our communities of focus – First Nations, Deaf and disabled people, people of colour, women and non-binary people, and the LGBTQIA+ communities.

Community Guidelines

All Melbourne Fringe programs and events are guided by two key principles – Freedom of Expression and Ensuring Community Safety. We believe freedom of artistic expression is vital to our culture, our democracy and our artistic practice, and allowing a diversity of viewpoints opens powerful, difficult and important conversations to take place. But no freedom is absolute nor without consequence, and we may not always get it right, but we are committed to putting in the hard work to create culturally safe spaces for self-expression, in order to champion artistic freedom for all participants.

You can read through our Action Plans and Community Guidelines on our website.

Radical Access Partners



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MONEY

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Making ground-breaking, innovative and brilliant work ain't free.

And after the strain of the last year (we shall not speak its name), we know that for artists, pulling together the pennies they need is still a challenge. At Melbourne Fringe, we are committed to helping artists find money for their art.

Our Money for Art program provides commissioning opportunities, cold hard cash and help with rego fees to ease the financial pressure and keep artists' pockets full.

We work to reduce barriers to access and maximise participation for people facing financial hardship and structural disadvantage, including First Nations peoples, Deaf and disabled people and people who identify as culturally and linguistically diverse.

In 2022, with the support of the Victorian Government we're launching a new artist commissioning program. This will get money direct to artists, create boundary-pushing new work and up the game of Melbourne's independent arts scene. Watch this space.

FOR ART

SHOWSUPPORT

ShowSupport is our match-making service for art. We pair independent artists up with our amazing private donors who are interested in commissioning original work to premiere in the 2021 Festival. Our 2021 ShowSupport recipients and donors are:

- Brodie Murray supported by Craig Semple
- Chi-Uh Neylon supported by Dr Jenepher Martin
- Lyall Brooks supported by Christopher Reed, Rosemary Walls and Pinky Watson (presenting in 2022).
- Maya Kjellstrand supported by Dr Jenepher Martin
- Benjamin Nichol supported by Pinky Watson and Rosemary Walls
- Piaera Lauritz supported by Rosemary Forbes and Ian Hocking

JEWEL BOX GRANTS

We're partnering up once again with Jewel Box Performances to provide a tailored program of support for artists who identify as Indigenous, Black or people of colour. The Jewel Box grants not only commission original works to be presented at the Festival, but offer bespoke marketing support for each recipient, too.

Our 2021 Jewel Box grant recipients are Thomas Fonua, Melody Shotade and Malith Wijayawardhana.

CASH FOR CREATIVES AND RALPH MCLEAN MICROGRANTS

These two pools of funding provide sweet no-strings-attached cash to artists. The Cash for Creatives seed funding, shelled out in \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000 morsels, helps to get a whole suite of new event ideas moving ahead. Our Ralph Mclean Microgrants help artists from our communities of focus, or who are facing financial disadvantage, launch past the barriers society has placed that might have prevented them from participating in the Festival.

Cash for Creatives is supported by the Australian Government RISE Fund. Ralph Mclean Microgrants is supported by significant gifts from a Friend of Fringe and the Persephone Foundation.

DIGITAL DISCOVERY COMMISSIONS

These juicy commissions of \$5,000 look for something special in the digital space. They focus on work that challenges how we think about digital art and performance, where artists embrace the digital form and create something that simply couldn't exist IRL. We're ready to have our digital minds blown.

Our 2021 Digital Discovery Commission recipients are Djovan Caro and Vidyा Rajan.

FESTIVALS MORELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our incredible friends at Moreland City Council have developed a brand-new commission for three lucky artists living and/or working in the Moreland municipality. The commission, including up to \$5,000 went towards artist fees for the development of a compelling new participatory or live artwork at the 2021 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

The 2021 Festivals Moreland recipients are Katrina Gaskell, Rebecca Jensen & Sarah Aiken (Deep Soulful Sweats) and Laura Trenerry.



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MONASH MICROGRANTS

Current Monash students are eligible for a Festival registration fee waiver as part of our partnership with Monash University's Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance. Valued at \$430 for a season of work in 2021, these ten microgrants cover inclusion in the Festival program, support from our artist services and accessibility teams, and artist development opportunities throughout the year.



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HOW TO DONATE

Give us your money. Please.

WHEN YOU GIVE TO FRINGE, YOU HELP US GIVE ARTISTS A LEG UP.

Let us paint you a picture: the independent arts are like a human pyramid, full of heads packed with ideas and bodies that take to the stages. And there Fringe is at the bottom – providing a strong platform for artists to make magic up above. But, as the saying goes, money doesn't grow on trees (or hide in the back of sofas, no matter how many times we go hunting for it).

OK GREAT, GOOD ANALOGY. BUT WHERE WILL MY CASH ACTUALLY GO?

Thanks for asking.

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24 Moons
2 Arthurton Rd, Northcote
303
303 High St, Northcote
5th Brunswick Scout Hall
213A Weston St, Brunswick East
7th Floor Hub
Shop 1, 499 Victoria St, Brunswick West
A Venue @ Circus Oz
35B Johnston St, Collingwood
Abbotsford Convent
1-3 St Heliers St, Abbotsford
Arts Project Australia
35 Johnston St, Collingwood
Bar Open
317 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
Base!
22 Allenby St, Coburg North
BIGBANG studio
1/177 Beavers Rd, Northcote

Brunswick Artists' Bar
314-316 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
Brunswick Mechanics Institute
270 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
BSIDE Gallery
1/121 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
CAFE GUMMO
711 High St, Thornbury
Caz Reitops Dirty Secrets
80 Smith St, Collingwood
Church of All Nations, Carlton
180 Palmerston St, Carlton
Coburg Court House
1A Main St, Coburg
Coburg RSL
323 Sydney Rd, Coburg
Dancehouse
150 Princes St, Carlton North
Feminista Vinyl
134 Nicholson St, Coburg

Fitzroy Town Hall
201 Napier St, Fitzroy
Hare Hole (Hares & Hyenas)
63 Johnston St, Fitzroy
La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St, Carlton
Long Play
318 St Georges Rd, North Fitzroy
Maneki Neko Cat Rescue
120-126 Regent St, Preston
Nighthawks
136 Johnston St, Collingwood
Northcote Town Hall
189 High St, Northcote
Ok-Topia
754R High St, Thornbury
Pontian Community of Melbourne and Victoria
345 Victoria St, Brunswick

Schoolhouse Studios
81 Rupert St, Collingwood
Some Velvet Morning
123 Queens Pde, Clifton Hill
The Brunswick Green
313 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
The Dax Centre Gallery
30 Royal Pde, Parkville
The Motley Bauhaus
118 Elgin St, Carlton
The Provincial Hotel
Cnr Johnston & Brunswick Sts, Fitzroy
The Rainbow House Club
125 Smith St, Fitzroy
The Xhaust Pipe
9 Argyle St, Fitzroy
Vau d'vile
62-70 Johnston St, Fitzroy

CENTRAL

ACMI
Federation Square,
Flinders St, Melbourne
ArtPlay
Birrarung Marr, Melbourne
Arts House
521 Queensberry St,
North Melbourne
Ballers Clubhouse
2 Coverlid Pl, Melbourne
Club Voltaire
14 Raglan St, North Melbourne
Comedy Republic
231 Bourke St, Melbourne
Donkey Wheel House
673 Bourke St, Melbourne
Fad Gallery
14 Corrs Ln, Melbourne
Fed Square (Skyline Terrace)
Car Park Level 3, Flinders &
Swanston Sts, Melbourne

Festival Hub: Trades Hall
Cnr Lygon & Victoria Sts, Carlton
Koorie Heritage Trust
Yarra Building, Fed Square
Loop Project Space & Bar
19-23 Meyers Pl, Melbourne
Malthouse Theatre
113 Sturt St, Southbank
Meat Market
3 Blackwood St, North
Melbourne
Metro Tunnel Hoardings
Trades Hall to Melbourne
City Baths, 420 Swanston St,
Melbourne
MKA | Pavilion
Fitzroy Gardens, East Melbourne
Museum of Chinese Australian History (Chinese Museum)
22 Cohen Pl, Melbourne

Queen Victoria Women's Centre
210 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Queensbridge Square
3 Queensbridge St, Southbank
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
25 Collins St, Melbourne
Speakeasy HQ
522 Flinders St, Melbourne
StoryVille
185 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
The Butterfly Club
5 Carson Pl, Melbourne
The Improv Conspiracy Theatre
Lvl 1, 19 Meyers Pl, Melbourne
The Toff in Town
252 Swanston St, Melbourne
The Wheeler Centre
176 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne
TIC: Swanston
502/37 Swanston St, Melbourne

EAST

Alexander Theatre
48 Exhibition Walk,
Monash University, Clayton
Bar Pigalle
48-50 Bridge Rd, Richmond
Palace of Magnificent Experiences (POME)
267 Swan St, Richmond
Reunion Park
Cnr Yarra Blvd & Swan St,
Burnley

WEST

Bluestone Church Arts Space
8A Hyde St, Footscray
C&H Gallery
3/387 Old Geelong Rd,
Hoppers Crossing
Footscray Community Arts Centre
45 Moreland St, Footscray
Wyndham Art Gallery
177 Watton St, Werribee
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Ballarat St, Yarraville

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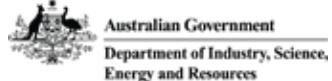
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