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Brisbane Festival expresses its respect for and acknowledgement of the Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of country, including the custodial neighbouring communities on whose land works are created, performed and celebrated by Brisbane Festival. We acknowledge the continuing connection to land, waters, and communities. We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the integral role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to play in the creative and artistic events and celebration spaces. Brisbane Festival and the Indigenous Advisory Group will meaningfully engage, embrace culture, and commit to a progressive future together.

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The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport, Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement

Brisbane is the place to be this September, with Brisbane Festival 2023 set to deliver a big and bold month-long celebration of extraordinary arts and cultural experiences, events and story-telling that showcases the talent of our exceptional artists and arts organisations.

Brisbane Festival 2023 offers a dynamic and inclusive program featuring compelling new works including world premieres, community projects, and creative collaborations between local, national and international artists and organisations.

This year more than 1,000 vibrant performances will be presented during the three weeks of the festival, including more than 19 world premieres and over 230 free productions and events.

The Festival commences with *Jarrah* and the highly anticipated crowd favourite, *Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust*, which will light the skies of Brisbane.

Internationally significant new work *Salamander* - an epic new production by two artistic visionaries, Maxine Doyle and Es Devlin, as well as *Bananaland*, a brand-new uniquely Queensland musical created by Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall, will make their world premiere as part of Brisbane Festival 2023.

Closing out the festival, Townsville's nationally acclaimed Dancenorth will be joining forces with 100 local drummers to make some *NOISE*. The Palaszczuk Government is proud to support Brisbane Festival as a leading cultural event in Australia that showcases our talented home-grown arts sector, highlights the importance of the arts in engaging communities, delivering social outcomes, and attracting diverse audiences.

This year, the Festival will deepen engagement with Queensland's Neighbourhood and Community Centres, through the Common People Dance Eisteddfod. Two new projects are also co-designed with community members, West End Stories and The Neurodivergence Project.

Brisbane Festival continues to create an important pipeline of employment and capacity building opportunities for Queensland artists, arts workers and organisations, with more than 1400 Queensland-based artists and arts workers, 57 arts organisations, and more than 170 First Nations artists, participating in this year's program.

Each year, the festival generates significant economic outcomes for the state, attracting new visitors to Queensland, and generating cultural tourism opportunities to boost the Queensland economy.

Brisbane Festival 2023 strengthens Queensland's reputation as a global cultural tourism destination and helps prepare us to share our unique stories on the world stage at the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympic Games.

We invite you to enjoy every spectacular moment of Brisbane Festival 2023!



The Right Honourable Councillor Adrian Schrinner Lord Mayor of Brisbane

Brisbane Festival returns in 2023 with a program that champions local talent and will surprise and delight audiences of all ages. All eyes will take to the skies of the river city with the annual *Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust* opening the festival.

Precincts across Brisbane will come to life with music, art, performance, and culture galore as visitors and locals flock to see what's on show. From the world premiere of *Bananaland* by Queensland's own Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall, to dance battles in the suburbs and even a 10,000 strong kazoo orchestra, September will be anything but ordinary here in Brisbane.

Our city is a great place to live, work and relax and our creative industries make it even better. I invite you to support our local artists and experience something exciting this Brisbane Festival.



Shannon Ruska (Yuggera, Toorabul) Indigenous Advisory Group Co-Chair



Aunty Bridget Garay (Kemer Kemer Meriam nation) Indigenous Advisory Group Co-Chair

The Indigenous Advisory Group extend an invitation to experience the captivating program of this year's festival, offering a tapestry of First Nations culture through the power of song, ceremony, and celebration.

The festival's grand opening celebration will be marked by *Jarrah* a cleansing and smoking ceremony led by Tribal Experiences. To enhance the experience, we are thrilled to announce a festival first drone show illuminating the opening weekend's evenings with the dreamtime story of *Nieergoo: Spirit of the Whale*.

You can expect to be enthralled by over 170 First Nations performing artists, creatives, and storytellers, as they share their talents and present their artistic expressions over 23 days.

Together with us, Aunty Raelene Rallah-Baker (Yuggera, Birri, Bindal Warrunghu) eagerly anticipates the opportunity to celebrate the profound depth and cultural wealth of the festival with you all.



Anna Reynolds Chair, Brisbane Festival

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Brisbane Festival program, one that paints the city with artistic experiences of every scale, for every audience.

It reflects the times we live in and signals our hopes and aspirations for the future. It allows us to share the thrill of the collective audience experience, while showcasing exceptional talent. Central is celebrating First Nations artists, history, and culture, while reflecting contemporary experiences.

The diversity of offerings is an open invitation for you to get involved. With free and ticketed events, get ready to be entertained, surprised, challenged and delighted.

Finally, thanks to Shareholders, the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council, and our many sponsors, donors, participants, ticket buyers and volunteers. On behalf of the Board and the Brisbane Festival team: Thank you. And enjoy!



Charlie Cush Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane Festival

Experience the pinnacle of creativity and entertainment at Brisbane Festival 2023. We bring you an extraordinary line-up of cultural experiences from the heart of Hamilton's warehouses to the stages of our esteemed theatres, cul-de-sacs of our neighbourhoods and the stunning Brisbane skies. Our program resonates with integrity, diversity, accessibility and quality.

Louise and I are bursting with pride as we unveil this exceptional program to each and every one of you.

None of this would have been possible without the team at Brisbane Festival who have dedicated themselves to bringing this program to life. We extend our gratitude to our Board, interns, volunteers, donors, sponsors, government partners, and our Indigenous Advisory group. This is truly a testament to the power of collaboration and teamwork.

This program is Boldly Brisbane.

The dinner table is where the best conversations take place. Priya Basil has articulated the very essence of this year's Brisbane Festival program in her book *Be My Guest*. She highlights the importance of conversation, mediated through the sharing of food, she talks about hospitality. For us, hospitality is the generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests, an invitation to share time and connection. Through this program, we invite you to consider that what we have in common may depend on what we are willing to share. Artists inherently offer hospitality. Their spirit to share, to be vulnerable and to be open to new possibilities, is a gift.

Our invitation begins with an epic dining table commanding centre stage, brought to life through exquisite movement. Maxine Doyle and Es Devlin's highly anticipated world premiere, *Salamander* is a significant new work that begs us to make change before it is too late. In doing so, humanity sees reason, a last meal is shared, moments of hope and connection.

The opportunity for pure joy and connection across this festival are boundless. Whether shared together in a theatre, a park, a warehouse, a street, a cathedral, or on the banks of the Brisbane River, artists will share with you their stories, open their hearts and challenge your thinking.

Kate Miller Heidke and Keir Nuttal's *Bananaland*, is a fresh and witty new Australian music theatre production, that oozes heart and makes us question how much we are willing to fight for what we believe.

Shannon Ruska and Tribal Experiences break new ground with 400 drones telling a 65,000-year-old story, *Nieergoo: Spirit of the Whale*. Look up to the night sky and listen to the ancient stories of this Country.

The vulnerability of the artists featured is a profound offer of hospitality. Making its Australian debut, *The Making of Pinnochio* by Rosana Cade and Ivor Macaskill is a tender and complex autobiographical tale of love and transition. *Personal* by Jodee Mundy, takes us to her childhood, living as a CODA in a Deaf family.

Thomas E.S. Kelly's world premiere, *Kuramanunya* honours the stories that remain unwritten and unspoken. Local theatre luminaries Shake and Stir present a confronting and honest story of Estee Lee, written by her sister Nelle Lee, with the sparkling new *Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!* And Circa's hymn to transcendence, *Eternity* invites us into the architectural wonder of St John's Cathedral with a show created in the key to rapture.

Hospitality and joy see out the Festival at Victoria Park as we invite Brisbane to come together for 10,000 kozoos by Ciaran Frame and Dancenorth's NOISE in the ultimate celebration of participation and community.

In a world where some have too much and others too little, this Festival has a place in it for us all. Made with love from us all at Brisbane Festival, let's make this Festival your dinner table. See a show, gather, reflect, and celebrate. This is a gathering that everyone is invited to.

LOUISE BEZZINA ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Access and Inclusion Partner



Brisbane Festival is thrilled to partner with CPL – Choice, Passion, Life again in 2023 to further build access and inclusion for artists and patrons. As our Official Access and Inclusion Partner, CPL is helping to develop the Festival's first Disability Inclusion Action Plan which will lay the foundations for a legacy of inclusion for people with disability.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND NORTHSHORE PRESENT

Salamander

CONCEIVED BY MAXINE DOYLE AND ES DEVLIN

"Soon it will be too hot"

JG Ballard: The Drowned World

An emergency, The colour red, Time to go, Time to wake up Time to stand up and hold each other before it is too late Before there is nothing left Do we fight and stay? Do we make a change? Or do we adapt?

Two artistic visionaries Maxine Doyle and Es Devlin combine forces for an epic new work.

Salamander is a promenade, dance-theatre work which transforms a Northshore warehouse through light, sound, design and movement into a science, climate-fiction dream-like world. Es Devlin's labyrinthian and kinetic sculptures live within a flooded landscape which is inhabited by characters desperate to make a change before it's too late.

Maxine Doyle – together with a dynamic ensemble of international, national and local dancers, including Brisbane's Australasian Dance Collective, with extraordinary Australian composer and singer Rachael Dease – will bring this world to life with visceral dance and haunting melodies. With lighting by Ben Hughes and costumes by Bruce McKinven, *Solamander* is a transformative performance experience set in an epic installation created by the legendary Es Devlin.

"It's a matter of calibrating the role of audience as protagonist, and I've always approached stage design and art as simply sculpture, environment, and installation." "Doyle is an artist whose work has the potential to change people at their core.

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Es Devlin

Fri 1 – Sun 24 Sep



VORLD PREMIERE

L Shed Dock B Northshore, Brisbane \$74 - \$89 80mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 14+ Dance Installation Music Theatre (i 75)

This production contains the use of sound pressure effects (loud noises), haze, and strobe lighting effects.

This project is supported through the Giving Program by Tim Fairfax AC & Gina Fairfax AC, Carolyn Vincent - The Ubuntu Foundation and Cass & Ian George.

This project is supported by the British Council.

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Bananaland





BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE PRESENT

BANANALAND

LYRICS AND MUSIC BY KATE MILLER-HEIDKE & KEIR NUTTALL BOOK BY KEIR NUTTALL DIRECTED BY SIMON PHILLIPS

How the WORST rock band becomes the BEST kids band.

Meet Ruby Semblance, a 21-year-old idealist. She believes in art, music and angry choreography. Ruby is the lead singer of Kitty Litter. Ruby insists Kitty Litter is NOT a band but an "Onstage Conceptual Art / Music Oriented Happening." If that sounds unappealing, you are right. Kitty Litter have been together for four years, played five hundred shows, and have *one* fan.

One fateful day Kitty Litter take the stage to be greeted by a sold-out audience... of small children. It turns out their furious protest song *BANANALAND* has accidentally become a runaway kids hit.

Is Kitty Litter destined to become the next Wiggles? (Spoiler: yes!). Their journey is a rollercoaster romp full of heart, music, pathos and loveable characters.

BANANALAND is a celebration of the glorious absurdity of following an impossible dream, featuring a knockout score by Kate Miller-Heidke and her collaborator Keir Nuttall - the award winning songwriting team behind Muriel's Wedding the Musical and multiple platinum selling albums.

BANANALAND is directed by industry giant Simon Phillips, internationally renowned for his work on large-scale musicals including *Priscilla Queen* of the Desert, and Ladies in Black and famed for his stunning visual style and innovative staging.

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WORLD PREMIERE

Playhouse, QPAC \$69 – \$99 + booking fee

2hrs 30mins (incl. interval) Recommended for ages 15+

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This production contains strong language and sexual references. It also contains sound pressure effects (loud noises), strobe and haze.

Brisbane Festival is supported by the Queensland Government, through Tourism and Events Queensland, and is featured on the *It's Live!* in Queensland events calendar.

This project is supported by the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund – an Australian Government Initiative.









Fri 1 & Sat 2 Sep Whale Spirit of

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENT

Nieergoo: Spirit of the Whale

BY TRIBAL EXPERIENCES AND SKYSHOWS

400 drones take to the sky to light up a 65,000 year old story.

Brisbane's night sky has never looked so spectacular. Join us for a Festival first, as 400 drones dazzle over Brisbane's iconic skyline celebrating our ancient stories of culture and place with a show directed by Traditional Owner and storyteller, Shannon Ruska and Tribal Experiences. An invitation to gather at the Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank, this new three-dimensional multicolour drone show will highlight Brisbane's Neville Bonner Bridge and Queen's Wharf animating the dreamtime Yuggera and Toorabul story of *Nieergoo: Spirit of the Whale*. Journey through Meanjin-Brisbane's 65,000 year old past as this creation story of the Islands in Moreton Bay is brought to life with stunning visuals and an original score by Guy Webster. An opening of BrisFest like no other, this new show kicks us off with a bright and bold celebration of our city.

Fri 1 & Sat 2 Sep

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QUEENSLAND PREMIERE

Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank



This project is supported through the Giving Program by Philip Bacon AO.













Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust

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September skies light up!

Brisbane's night of the year kicks off three weeks of festive celebrations. *Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust* is back to mark the opening weekend of Brisbane Festival 2023.

Ignite your senses at the most anticipated event of the year, *Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust*. An unforgettable night of community celebrations and vibrant lights that paint Brisbane's skies. Experience Foti Fireworks' stunning pyrotechnic spectacle, synchronised to a mesmerizing soundtrack curated by Brisbane's own Kate Miller-Heidke and Keir Nuttall.

Sat 2 Sep Entertainment from 4pm Fireworks from 7pm



*ADF is planning to conduct flying activities which will be announced on the festival website.

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Jarrah

BY TRIBAL EXPERIENCES

The gathering of Nations.

Jarrah (Mother Earth) is a gathering of the nations in South East Queensland to cleanse the path for us all as we open the 2023 Brisbane Festival.

Through stories, song and dance, journey to the ancient world of Australia as we honour and pay respect to the Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities. This opening celebration will be performed by the First People of Brisbane, who have occupied this country for more than 65,000 years.

Under the creative direction and Custodianship of Tribal Experiences Managing Director and Yuggera and Toorabul man Shannon Ruska, this smoking ceremony is a cleansing and connection to country to lead us peacefully into September.

Fri 1 Sep 5:30pm

Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank

45mins (no interval)

Dance	Music
Family	Free

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Image by Atmosphere Photography











Dedicated to a better Brisbane

BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT

Lightscape

An after-dark oasis of botanical brilliance.

The global hit finally lights up Brisbane.

Following extraordinary success in the UK and US, the internationally acclaimed, multi-sensory immersive experience *Lightscape* comes to Brisbane's City Botanic Gardens.

This uniquely created immersive experience takes you on a journey of the senses through light, colour and sounds, showcasing the gardens as never seen before.

Journey beneath glowing tree canopies filled with colour. Stroll alongside larger-than-life flowers and neon roots bursting from the undergrowth and amble through sparkling tunnels of light or under giant poppies suspended high in the night sky.

These breathtaking lightworks follow a two kilometre path to create an after-dark oasis of botanical brilliance.

"An engaging feast for the senses... a superbly orchestrated cornucopia of creativity."

Thu 31 Aug – Sun 8 Oct

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Brisbane City Botanic Gardens

\$28 – \$55 + booking fee Session times from 5:45pm Allow 90mins for your journey





This project is supported through the Giving Program by Philip Bacon AO.

SONY









Brisbane Festival's favourite playground returns, proudly sponsored by Australian Retirement Trust

There is nothing more quintessentially Brisbane than Festival Garden. An inner-city wonderland nestled amongst the lush parklands along the river, Festival Garden is where friends mingle with strangers, and pre and post show conversations abound.

Festival Garden returns as your grand entry to Brisbane Festival. With bars, delectable eats, captivating installations, inspiring artists and free performances, there is always something for everyone, day or night across the Festival.

Opening hours							
Mon			Closed				
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Brisbane City Council proudly supports the Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank.

IMB Sip and Science

Last year's popular Sip and Science returns to Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank. The University of Queensland's Institute for Molecular Bioscience presents a series of panel conversations that spotlight the intersection of art and science in our world. Grab your drink on entry and enjoy a guided conversation between IMB researchers and Festival artists.

Sun 3, 10 & 17 Sep 3pm – 4pm See website for details



Australian Retirement Trust













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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR BIOSCIENCE PRESENT

Hiromi Hotel: YU KA 夢花

BY HIROMI TANGO

Like the chrysalis, We might appear with new life, Never imagined.

Internationally renowned artist, Hiromi Tango, transforms our garden into a work of rainbow coloured giant peony flowers.

YU KA 夢花 (Dream Flower) explores the ideas of transformation.

Inspired by a poem by Chinese philosopher and father of Daoism Zhuang Zi (late 4th century BC), this stunning installation invites audiences to imagine their own transformation – like the peony flower, which holds special symbolism across many Asian cultures. In Japan, the Peony appears frequently in Buddhist imagery, representing gentleness and compassion. Nature holds so many inspiring examples of transformation. Hiromi's hope is that YU KA 夢花 (*Dream Flower*) will create space for everyone to imagine their own transformation.

"Hiromi Tango is an artist who defies categorisation. With a practice that spans ritual, magic, photography, installation and performance, she bridges an invisible and often polarised gap between Art and Science in works deeply informed by neuroplasticity and epigenetics."

Art World Women







Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank



This project is supported through the Giving Program by Paul, Susan and Kate Taylor.



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BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, AND VICTORIA PARK PRESENTS

Closing Concert

Unite for a Festival Finale like no other.

Stand up, make noise and join the fun.

Join us for a grand gathering in Victoria Park as we bid farewell to another spectacular festival. The stage is set for the people of Brisbane to come together for a mass participation event, as we invite the whole city to sing, dance and kazoo to their heart's content.

Bring friends and family to share in the joy of an afternoon of free music and dance from around the world that will have you immersed in the celebration of music, rhythm, dance, and sound.

Join in on a high energy celebration of Pasifika culture in *Siva Mai Club*, a Flamenco family fiesta with Flamenco House, be one of the thousands of kazoos playing in unison; and feel the full force of one hundred local drummers banging out a glorious dance beat as Dancenorth Australia takes the stage to close out Brisbane Festival 2023. You'll be swept away by this wonderful celebration of some of the multicultural creatives who call Brisbane home.

Sat 23 Sep Doors 3.30pm

Victoria Park

See website for more details.







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BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING QUEENSLAND PRESENT

10,000 Kazoos By CIARAN FRAME

It's uncomplicated. It's powerful. It's kazoo-tiful!

Take a deep breath, join as one and release an almighty chorus of kazoos! Come and join the world's biggest, kazaniest orchestra ever – 10,000 kazoos-strong.

Have no musical ability or training? No problem. Simply stick a kazoo in your mouth, with the pointy end at the world, and send some do-do-dos down that tube! We'll even supply the kazoo free of charge upon entry!

BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL, AND QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK PRESENT

NOISE BY DANCENORTH AUSTRALIA

Surrender to the raw energy of 100 drums!

Keeping those riotous rhythms going, the acclaimed Dancenorth Ensemble joins forces with 100 local drummers who will thump out a scintillating live score in this dynamic community driven performance.

Noise is a gathering, a united force of percussive energy and dance... a powerful reminder of our primal connection to rhythm.









BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Eternity

CREATED BY YARON LIFSCHITZ AND THE CIRCA ENSEMBLE

Circa's hymn to transcendence.

Eternity is a new site-specific commission by internationally renowned local performance company Circa.

Step into a cathedral, surrounded by the magical music of Arvo Pärt, recorded by the extraordinary Australian Chamber Orchestra. This sets the stage for an hour-long circus performance like no other, created by the visionary Yaron Lifschitz and performed by members of the globally renowned Circa ensemble.

In *Eternity*, these talented circus artists explore powerful emotions and delve into profound themes such as love, death, loss, hope and wonder. Through their breath taking acrobatics and awe-inspiring feats, they express the human experience in a way that will touch your heart.

This show goes beyond the physical capabilities of the human body, pushing the boundaries of what we can see and understand. It poses the question: can circus grapple with the mysteries that lie outside the visible realm?

Eternity is a show that immerses you in a state of rapture, featuring two monumental works of contemporary spiritual music by Arvo Pärt: Tabula Rasa and Fratres. As these captivating melodies fill the air, you'll be surrounded by stunning architecture, creating an atmosphere that transports you to another world.

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St John's Cathedral

\$54 – \$59 70mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 10+



This project is supported through the Giving Program by Philip Bacon AO and Cass & Ian George.

Eternity is co-commissioned by Brisbane Festival and City of Newcastle's New Annual festival.

Image by Chris Taylor and Damien Bredberg



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13 – 16 Sep

The Making of Pinocchio



screen queensland BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE POWERHOUSE AND SCREEN QUEENSLAND PRESENT

The Making of Pinocchio

BY ROSANA CADE, IVOR MACASKILL (UK)

What does it take to tell your truth?

A true tale of love and transition told through the story of Pinocchio. Set in a fictional film studio, you are invited to go behind the scenes of Cade and MacAskill's creative process and their relationship, and question what it takes to tell your truth. Artists and lovers Rosana Cade and Ivor MacAskill have been creating *The Making of Pinocchio* since 2018, alongside and in response to Ivor's gender transition.

In this "funny, clever and thoughtful two-hander, rich in playful imagery" (The Guardian) their tender and complex autobiographical experience meets the magical story of the lying puppet who wants to be a 'real boy'. With an ingenious scenography designed by Tim Spooner, layered with sound by Yas Clarke, lights by Jo Palmer and cinematography from Kirstin McMahon and Jo Hellier, the show constantly shifts between fantasy and authenticity, humour and intimacy, on stage and on screen.

This show is for anyone seeking to explore the sheer joy and limitless potential of queer imagination. After it's successful world premiere at the London International Festival of Theatre, audiences called it "unmissable", "breath-taking", "phenomenal", "showstopping" and "the queer love story of the year".

"Ravishingly beautiful"

The Arts Desk

Wed 13 – Sat 16 Sep

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Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse

\$49 – \$55 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 16+.

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This production contains adult themes, nudity, coarse language, sexual references, and discussions of lived trans experiences, and contains the use of sound pressure effects (loud noises). This production does not contain strobe effects, flashing lights or haze.

Image by Tiu Makkonen

This project is supported by the British Council.



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Tracker

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND BRISBANE POWERHOUSE PRESENT

Tracker

BY AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY

Culturally rich and ambitiously original.

Wiradjuri choreographer and Australian Dance Theatre Artistic Director, Daniel Riley evokes an immensely powerful and personal story of his Great-Great Uncle, Alec "Tracker" Riley.

Alec, a Wiradjuri Elder and Tracker, served the New South Wales Police Force for 40 years, leading numerous high-profile cases. As an Elder of his community he forged a path between the enforced colonial system in which he worked and his Wiradjuri lore. Tracker takes inspiration from his legacy and examines the battles First Nations people have shared for generations.

Weaving together dance, music and text, *Tracker* invites the audience into an open and transformative ceremonial space. This remarkable story is brought to life by a team of celebrated First Nations creatives, including award-winning playwright Ursula Yovich, co-director Rachael Maza AM, composers James Henry and Gary Watling, visual artist Jonathan Jones, lighting designer Chloe Ogilvie, co-writer and co-dramaturge, Amy Sole and an all-First Nations Cast.

Culturally rich and ambitiously original, this multidisciplinary work rethinks how we engage with and experience First Nations storytelling.

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Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse

\$35 – \$45 + booking fee 60mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 13+ Dance Theatre Mus

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patrons are advised this production contains the names of people that are deceased.

This production contains adult themes, coarse language, and the use of smoke, haze and sound pressure effects (loud noises). This production has a lockout.

This project is supported through the Giving Program by the Siganto Foundation and Jodie Siganto.

Image by Jonathan VDK













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BRISBANE FESTIVAL, SHAKE & STIR THEATRE CO AND QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH CPL - CHOICE, PASSION, LIFE PRESENT

Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!

BY SHAKE & STIR THEATRE CO

Who needs glass slippers when you have wheels of steel?

From the creators of the 2022 smash-hit *Fourteen* comes *Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!*, a sparkling new tragi-comedy by shake & stir theatre co.

Inspired by the true story of Estee Lee and written by her sister Nelle Lee, *Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!* is a confronting, honest, heart-warming retelling of Tae's journey from heartbreaking loss to a life top full of adventure, success and love. All bolstered by the support of a phenomenal family and a loving community – and a fabulously flawed Drag Queen, played by Maxi Shield (*RuPaul's Drag Race*).

Together, they embark on a glittery adventure that challenges outdated notions of happily ever after and proves that true joy and fulfilment can be found in the most unexpected – and FABULOUS – of places.

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WORLD PREMIERE

Cremorne Theatre QPAC \$55 - \$75 + booking fee

90mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 15+.

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This production contains mature themes, coarse language, themes of abuse and simulated violence, and contains smoke, strobe lighting and loud music.

Image by Damien Bredberg











Stunt Double







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Stunt Double

Step inside the filming of a 1970s Aussie action flick and get up close and personal with the actors and their extraordinary stunt doubles. Watch them cycle through

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL WITH STRUT & FRET AND THE COURIER-MAIL PRESENT

The Party

BY STRUT & FRET

If you've ever been to a wilder party – you're under arrest!

This much-anticipated and outrageous new headline production by creative geniuses Strut & Fret bursts onto the Piazza stage for the full length of the Festival. Hot off the heels of their sellout Festival seasons of *Blanc de Blanc* and *LIMBO*, the stage is set for *The Party* of the century – an evening like no other. Featuring an unbelievably talented troupe of international performers, you can expect a dose of debauchery combined with high-octane routines, with an escalating energy unlike anything you've encountered before.

So make sure you're on the invite list for the perfect festival celebration – a wild party with no rules!

★★★★ "The best two hours of your life, flawless acrobatics and sharp-witted humour."

Weekend Notes

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Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

\$55 – \$99 110mins (incl. interval) This is an 18+ event.



This production contains adult themes, sexual references, coarse language and nudity, as well as the use of strobe lighting effects, smoke, haze, and bubble machines.

Image by Jacinta Oaten











There's Something About Music

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND SOUTH BANK CORPORATION PRESENT

There's Something About Music

BY THE LITTLE RED COMPANY

The ultimate romcom movie mixtape.

Their hit show *Skyfall* played to sold-out houses. Now, The Little Red Company returns with another sure-fire hit!

Gather your gal pals, your mums, your gay-best-friends and your latest squeeze for this feel-good festival treat!

From local hit-makers The Little Red Company comes this irresistible homage to romantic comedy soundtracks, brought to life by a dream cast of Australian theatre sweethearts including Naomi Price and Luke Kennedy.

Fall in love all over again with the world's most enduring romcom soundtracks including *Notting Hill, My Best Friend's Wedding, Bridesmaids, When Harry Met Sally, 10 Things I Hate About You, Pretty Woman, Bridget Jones's Diary* and more.

Dripping in nostalgia, 90s fashion, confetti pops and climaxing every night in an audience-voted wedding extravaganza, this romcom movie mixtape is the perfect Brisbane Festival spring fling.

Fri 1 – Sun 10 Sep

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\$40 – \$50 80mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 12+



This production contains occasional coarse language as well as the use of haze, smoke and pyrotechnics.

Image by Dylan Evans. Pictured: original cast members Mat Verevis, Lucy Maunder, Luke Kennedy and Naomi Price, *There's Something About Music* 2021. Line-up is subject to change.











Bite Club: 2nd Serve 19-23 Sep


BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE PRINCESS THEATRE PRESENT

Bite Club: 2nd Serve

BY BRIEFS FACTORY INTERNATIONAL AND SAHARA BECK

Decadent delight of mischief, music and mayhem.

Get ready for the ultimate encore as the award-winning cult-cabaret mischief-makers Briefs Factory, and the celebrated songbird Sahara Beck, join forces again in *Bite Club: 2nd Serve*.

Sahara Beck, hailed as one of Australia's most arresting performers, will unleash her soaring vocals, while the ferociously fierce talents of the beloved BRIEFS boys sweep the stage.

Brace yourself for a decadent extravaganza packed with awe-inspiring talent, serving up a reimagining of signature acts blending circus, drag and burlesque, and pushing The Princess Theatre to its limits.

Get ready for more boys, more musicians and more mayhem, accompanied by Sahara Beck's unforgettable original music. Don't miss out on this genius and generous serving of internationally acclaimed burlesque royalty.

"If I could give Briefs: Bite Club 6 stars, I would... a sensory overload in the best possible way"

Fringefeed

"If you are looking to finish off your...night right then this is definitely the late-night party you want to be at".

Fringeworld

"Briefs: Bite Club is full of fabulous energy, tongue-in-cheek camp, and clever circus. It's a traditional burlesque offering from consummate entertainers"

Fourth Wall Media

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The Princess Theatre \$69 - \$119 + booking fee 120mins (incl. interval) Suitable for 18+

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This production contains adult themes, nudity, coarse language and sexual references, as well as the use of a haze machine.

Image by Joel Devereux

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND METRO ARTS PRESENT

Kuramanunya

BY KARUL PROJECTS

A ceremony for those who didn't get their ceremony.

"My feet walk on land that is red blood soaked. Black burnt, yellow sun-drenched country. Stories from thousands of years. Songs eternally kept on the wind and water. I honour lines that have been cut. Poisoned, shot and led to the cliff's edge. Those who passed to the spirit world before their kin could arrive from the dreaming to continue a physical lineage."

Minist

Remembering the stories that remain unwritten and unspoken, returned to the earth and stars that they arrived from. Acknowledging that First Nations people are descendants of those who fought for land, family and identity. Not everyone continued to walk this physical world, many returned to the spirit world.

Kuramanunya honours them. Kuramanunya. The story is told.

Thomas E.S.Kelly's (Minjungbal - Yugambeh/ Wiradjuri/ Ni-Vanuatu) new solo dance theatre work pays homage to the thousands of First Nation lives that were lost during colonisation. Don't miss this world premiere from the makers of Festival hits *SILENCE* and *Weredingo*.

NORLD PREMIERE

Wed 13 – Sat 16 Sep



New Benner Theatre Metro Arts

\$30 – \$45 + booking fee 50mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 15+



This production contains adult themes, themes of violence, genocide, and themes of death and suicide. BANGARRA, QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE AND BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENT

Yuldea

BY BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

From the incomparable storytellers of Bangarra Dance Theatre comes a major new work.

We are memory.

Glimpsed through shimmering light on water. A story place where black oaks stand watch. Carved into trees and painted on rocks. North – South – East – West. A brittle landscape of life and loss.

Yuldea awakens the earth and sky worlds to tell the story of the Anangu people of the Great Victorian Desert.

This major new work explores the moment traditional life collided with the industrial ambition of a growing nation. In 1917, the two halves of the Transcontinental Railway met at the precious water soak on the edge of the Nullarbor, Yuldi Kapi.

Yuldea features original music by Leon Rodgers with featured songs by multi-award-winning duo Electric Fields. Designers Elizabeth Gadsby (Set), Jennifer Irwin (Costume) and Karen Norris (Lighting) create a desert world on stage.

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Recommended for ages 10+



Cirque Bon Bon

BY JACS ENTERTAINMENT

Mind-bending contortion, aerial artistry, sensational dancers, death-defying feats of acrobatics.

Following the runaway hit *Cirque Olio* in 2022, *Cirque Bon Bon* will once again set the South Bank Piazza alight, transforming it into a cauldron of excitement, drama and hilarity from floor to ceiling!

An all-star cast of contortionists, acrobats and dancers will present an extravaganza of light, acrobatics, dance and comedy in an all-ages presentation that is bound to have the audience on their feet screaming for more!

The brainchild of former Cirque Du Soleil Assistant Creative Director Ash Jacks (McCready) and Choreographer Julieann Nugent — both from Brisbane – *Cirque Bon Bon* blends beauty with bravery into 70 minutes of electrifying action.

In the words of Jacks (McCready)..."I've taken shows like this all over the world for the last 10 years and we're using every last trick in the book to make this show something you just can't look away from."

Wed 20 – Sat 23 Sep

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Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

\$35 – \$50 70mins (no interval) This is an all ages event.



This production contains the use of smoke and haze effects.



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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND CHANNEL NINE PRESENT

Siva Mai Club

BY DISTRICT41 & OCEANIK VILLAGE

One Big Island Social!

Hold onto your seats, as the *Siva Mai Club* brings a tsunami of Pasifika excellence to light up the stage! Get set for a splashy fusion of traditional, cultural, pop-contemporary live music and dance accompanied by suave moves, sprinkled with a dash of island humour and a whole lot of surprises! It's a recipe for a lot of fun island style!

Siva Mai meaning "come dance", transforms the South Bank Piazza into an oceanic village, where all are invited to gather and party under one hut. Get ready for one big island social, packed with a bit of drama, a lot of competition, and an influx of outright pandemonium!

You don't want to miss being at Siva Mai Club.

WORLD PREMIERE

Wed 13 - Sat 16 Sep

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Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

\$30 – \$45 75mins (no interval) This is an all ages event.



This production contains smoke, haze, and smoking on stage.

Image by Dan Molloy, Hosanna Alo Aloalii and Seán Dowling





BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE PRESENT

Hide the Dog

BY NATHAN MAYNARD AND JAMIE MCCASKILL

True friendship, big adventure and the power of First Nations' cultures.

Besties Niarra and Te Umuroa are out playing in the bush. Just another day in paradise - until they glimpse what can only be the world's last Tasmanian Tiger.

Dodging hunters, Niarra and Te Umuroa set sail for Aotearoa to hide their new friend. But hunters aren't the only ones on this Tiger's tail. They'll have to outwit Māori gods and palawa spirits to save their furry friend.

Co-written by Tasmanian playwright Nathan Maynard (pakana) and Aotearoa writer Jamie McCaskill (Māori), Hide the Dog is a truly trans-Tasman creation. This world premiere production from Performing Lines TAS is directed by Isaac Drandic (Noongar) on a rich sound design by Maaka McGregor and stunning costumes by Sabio Evans.

Intrepid explorers of all ages will delight in this heart-warming, family-friendly celebration of true friendship, big adventure and the power of First Nations' cultures.

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This production contains the use of smoke, haze, and sound pressure effects (loud noises).

This project is supported through the Giving Program by Tim Fairfax AC & Gina Fairfax AC.

Image by Pat Stevenson and Seán Dowling











BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE POWERHOUSE AND PLAYLAB THEATRE PRESENT

Unconditional

BY SEÁN DOWLING AND CAMERON HURRY

Love never dies, it just transforms.

Two men. They flirt. They dance. They fall in love. House. Dog. Coffee machine. Joint bank accounts. Work. Routine. Drift. Crisis.

Intimate, poetic and de-centering, *Unconditional* weaves a compelling tapestry of a queer relationship between a man who identifies as gay and a person whose identity evolves during their marriage... starting as "he", but now transitioning to "she", which destablises their union, their belief systems, and their politics.

Each playwright writes for one character in subjective monologue, duelling monologue and dialogue. Told with humour, insight and absolute honesty, *Unconditional* re-examines and re-defines the nature of love and what we tell ourselves we would accept. Is love really unconditional? Or does it have conditions like everything else?







WORLD PREMIERE

Wed 30 Aug – Sat 9 Sep

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Underground Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse

\$35 – \$40 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 18+



This production contains adult themes, coarse language, sexual references, and mentions of suicide, as well as the use of haze.

Image by Justine Walpole and Seán Dowling



BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND METRO ARTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH CPL - CHOICE, PASSION, LIFE PRESENT

Personal

BY JODEE MUNDY COLLABORATIONS & CRITICAL STAGES TOURING

A smart, touching and deeply personal work.

It wasn't until Jodee Mundy was five years old and lost at Kmart that she realised the rest of her family was Deaf. She didn't see 'disability' – only the love and protection of those closest to her.

In *Personal*, she conveys her experience as the only hearing person in a Deaf family, through a captivating blend of performance, storytelling, multimedia and animation. Mundy delves into the contradictions of inhabiting two worlds: living in a Deaf family, where using sign language is natural; and living in a society that sees only the family's disability with voyeuristic curiosity.

The role children of Deaf adults (CODA) play in paving the way for their family – as interpreter, authority, conduit – is central to this very intimate story. Created with a talented team of collaborators and presented in two languages via a virtual interpreter, *Personal* is a smart, touching and deeply personal work exploring disability and how we perceive one another.

QUEENSLAND PREMIERE

Wed 6 – Sat 9 Sep

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New Benner Theatre Metro Arts

\$39 – \$45 + booking fee 50mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 10+





This project is supported through the Giving Program by the Dalwood-Wylie Charitable Foundation.

Image by Bryony Jackson











Artist Festival

Bend the rules, push artistic boundaries and be entertained in a way you didn't know possible!

Australia's premier disability-led performing arts festival is back for 2023!

Headlining only artists with disability, Undercover Artist Festival will bring the boldest and brightest national and local performing artists to the stage 20 to 23 September at Queensland Theatre. Immerse yourself in unique experiences across comedy, theatre, cabaret, dance, music, poetry and more as our artists take the stage showcasing their power. With 17 performances scheduled across four astonishing days, there's something for everyone at the Undercover Artist Festival 2023.

View the full program at undercoverartistfest.com

Undercover Artist Festival Hero Image by Tommy Daenguthai Mix the Arts Studio

Program highlights include



Sleep and the City

Get set for a wild ride exploring the parallels of dating and pursuing a narcolepsy diagnosis. Perfect for musical theatre goers, cabaret lovers, and fans of the hit TV show bearing a similar name, this world premiere show is sure to have audiences laughing, thinking, and reflecting on their own relationship with sleep.



Betsy and I

Betsy and I is an exciting, innovative theatre performance exploring the friendship of Ivy, a 30-year-old disabled woman, and her wheelie walker, Betsy. Through Ivy and Betsy's relationship, audiences will go on a journey through disability identity, shame, internalised ableism, pride, and acceptance.

Wed 20 Sep 6:00pm Bille Brown Theatre (i, log AD)) CO Thur 21 Sep 5:30pm Diane Cilento Studio (5 **\$9 AD**)) **CO**

WunderSounds

A sonic experience like no other, *WunderSounds* brings powerful storytelling and incredible musicianship together for two jam-packed hours of spectacular music! *WunderSounds* is a musical wonderland filled with sensational sounds and unbreakable energy that you won't want to miss.

Sat 23 Sep 6:30pm Bille Brown Theatre ز الم عنه المربقية (شكل

Brisbane Festival and Undercover Artist Festival Conversations Gold Med

On Our Terms

Thur 7 Sept 8.30pm Metro Arts, New Benner Theatre

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Disabled artists take the lead on discussions of authentic representation and disability cultural safety in the arts sector. *On Our Terms* will highlight the panelist's arts practices, explore collaborative tools, and share insight about artists with disability taking agency in their work. This panel is available to patrons attending the performance of *Personal* at 7:30pm.

Gold Medal Arts: To 2032 Paralympics and Beyond

Sat 9 Sept 3:30pm

Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

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Setting the 2032 Brisbane world stage for
diverse, world-class artistry, this panel invites
Australian Paralympians, artists with disability,
and key stakeholders to share their visions of
an accessible, inclusive arts program. With all
eyes on Brisbane, now is the time to envision
an inspiring, accessible program that defines
Brisbane's cultural legacy.
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ON HEAT

BY LEAH SHELTON

Sexual politics in the age of all-you-can-eat.

Love latex and hate the patriarchy? Come revel in this steamy takedown of the backlash that's changing how we live and love and fight and f*ck.

Absurdist lip-synch meets high-camp performance art in this pop-fuelled critique of sexual politics in the age of cynicism.

Nothing is sacred as psycho-siren Leah Shelton trawls through a Pandora's box of ancient myths, porn, pop-culture, the manosphere, instructional records, and revenge movie heroines. The heat is on.

Created by Leah Shelton (*BATSHIT*, Polytoxic) and directed by UK performance art royalty Ursula Martinez.

⁶A transfixing combination of fierce intellect, intense presence, and bold physical comedy"

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New Benner Theatre Metro Arts

\$30 – \$49 + booking fee 55mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 18+

Theatre Cabaret 🤖 🔊 🍂

This production contains adult themes, sexual references, coarse language and nudity, as well as the use of smoke, haze and strobe effects.

Image by Joel Devereux

BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND METRO ARTS PRESENT

Party Ghost

BY DOUBLE TAKE AND CLUSTER ARTS

Witness the award-winning ghoulish journey that is *Party Ghost*.

Cirque, theatre, death and drag come together in this exquisite macabre production starring Jarred Dewey and Oliva Porter, directed by Nicci Wilks. Expect to see a wild mix of dismembered limbs, ghosts and all sorts of outrageous and disturbing shenanigans. Fans of high-level circus and dark comedy will find *Party Ghost* refreshing, jaw-dropping and hauntingly hilarious. It's not for the faint of heart – so come prepared for a little bit of boo and a whole lot of bang for your buck! Winner Overall Best Circus and Physical Theatre, Adelaide Fringe 2023.

"If Edward Scissorhands were a circus show, it would be *Party Ghost*. An outstanding production from a boldly original new circus company" <u>Richard Watts</u>, ArtsHub

QUEENSLAND PREMIERE

Wed 20 - Sat 23 Sep



\$30 – \$45 + booking fee 55mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 14+

Circus Comedy 🤖 🔊

This production contains strobe effects, haze machine, and potentially triggering adult themes such themes of violence.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND LA BOITE THEATRE PRESENT

Cut Chilli

BY CHENTURAN ARAN

A feast of intrigue, truth, and love.

Serving up a feast of family drama, *Cut Chilli* is a sharp-witted new comedy packing as much emotional and intellectual heat as its namesake suggests.

This captivating world premiere work from playwright, journalist and filmmaker Chenturan Aran lulls us into a familiar setting – a dinner table at a family home – before plating up course after course of intrigue, revelation, big laughs and high drama.

Jamie was abandoned as a baby in Sri Lanka – at least that's what his adoptive mother Katherine told him. Over one eventful family dinner, his story unfolds and unravels, dishing up themes of identity, love, truth, forgiveness and honouring the past. With more than onequarter of Aussies born overseas and almost half with a parent born overseas, *Cut Chilli*, directed by Ari Palani, will spice up our appetite for new and culturally diverse stories.

WORLD PREMIERE

Thu 14 Sep – Sat 7 Oct



Roundhouse Theatre La Boite

\$29.50 - \$55 + booking fee 90mins (no interval, subject to change) Recommended for ages 15+



This production contains coarse language, sexual references, and potentially triggering themes of racism.

Image by David Kelly







QUEENSLAND THEATRE PRESENTS

don't ask what the bird look like

BY HANNAH BELANSZKY DIRECTED BY ROXANNE MCDONALD AND LEE LEWIS

An intimate work from an exciting new First Nations voice.

Joan needs her father. She hasn't seen him since he left her and her Mum when she was just a little girl. She wants answers, she wants history, she wants to know more about who she is.

Uncover family secrets and unravel long-hidden mysteries in *don't ask what the bird look like*, a new play by exciting new First Nations voice, Hannah Belanszky and directed by Roxanne McDonald and Lee Lewis. Travel into remote country, amidst the heat and stillness, where secrets will be revealed over cups of tea and scrabble.

Mon 28 Aug – Sat 9 Sep Bille Brown Theatre Queensland Theatre

\$35 – \$97 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 15+





This production contains coarse language and references to death. Image by Brett Boardman BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND INSTITUTE OF MODERN ART PRESENT

Rainbow Serpent (Version)

BY DANIEL BOYD

An invitation to reconsider the spaces and places we inhabit.

Dive into Daniel Boyd's *Rainbow Serpent (Version)* – an immersive art and performance exhibition that challenges the legacy of imperialism. Boyd's first major Queensland exhibition has been curated by Liz Nowell and developed in partnership with Gropius Bau, Berlin. With his distinctive lens motif, Boyd transforms the Institute of Modern Art into a dazzling mirrored floor, which becomes a stage for performances and presentations by First Nations scholars, artists, and activists. During Brisbane Festival, Digi Youth Arts present performances showcasing a new generation of First Nations artists.

Sat 9 Sep – Sat 16 Dec Institute of Modern Art See website for more details. This is an all ages event.



Image by Michael Waite

QUEENSLAND THEATRE





BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND BRISBANE POWERHOUSE PRESENT Double Vision:

Max Cooper (UK)

Opening *Double Vision*, London-based scientist, electronic musician and artist Max Cooper brings his legendary AV show to Brisbane for the first time following performances worldwide.

With a science PhD and an international reputation as a leading electronic musician, Max Cooper has carved a unique space as an audio-visual artist – exploring the connection between nature, technology, and human emotion.

Thu 31 Aug Doors 7pm Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhoue

\$44 - \$59 + booking fee (single show) \$79 + booking fee (double show pass)

120mins (no interval)

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE





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The Kite String Tangle

Award winning electronic producer, vocalist & instrumentalist The Kite String Tangle, aka Danny Harley, will bring the worldpremiere of his new show to Brisbane Powerhouse. Collaborating with leading audiovisual artists (including Vienna's MONOCOLOR), Harley will debut new material from his forthcoming release along with much loved works from his expansive catalogue.

Fri 1 Sep Doors 7pm Powerhouse Theatre

Brisbane Powerhoue

\$44 - \$59 + booking fee (single show)\$79 + booking fee (double show pass)75mins (no interval)





Time: Paul Kelly

A melodious master story-teller.

This September, Paul Kelly comes to The Princess Theatre to share live performances of his 2022 themed compilation *Time*.

Over a two year period, Australia's favourite troubadour has released a series of themed compilations. *Time* is the first. These albums see him draw from his vast catalogue and trove of unreleased recordings.

Paul Kelly's songs dig deep into Australia: how it feels, looks, tastes, sounds.

"We kill time, we waste time, we do time, we use time, we find time, we lose time, we race time, we hate time. Time keeps ticking - a heartbeat, a bomb, a spur. Time doesn't wait, nor does it hurry. It moves too slow for lovers apart, for lovers together too fast...we play songs in praise of, in spite of and in the shadow of time." Paul Kelly

Wed 6 & Thu 7 Sep Doors 7pm



The Princess Theatre

\$94 - \$104 + booking fee This is a licensed all ages event.





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BY FRED LEONE AND SAMUEL PANKHURST

A striking merging of the ancient and the modern.

The striking debut album by Butchulla Songman Fred Leone, and musical innovator Samuel Pankhurst — *Yirinda* combines ancient Aboriginal language with sublime modern production to invoke the sounds of thousands of generations of story and culture whilst emerging as something entirely new.

Join Fred and Samuel along with strings and percussion, as they launch their debut single, and perform a full album preview, live at The Princess. Often described as 'holographic' and 'visceral', *Yirinda*'s sound is a result of their willingness to be guided by the ancient stories of Fred's old people. *Yirinda* means 'Now' in Butchulla language. Butchulla country is in the Fraser Coast region including K'gari.

Tue 12 Sep Doors 7pm

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The Princess Theatre

\$39 – \$45 + booking fee 70mins (no interval)

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

Songs From the Book of Life

BY DEBORAH CONWAY & WILLY ZYGIER

A story of youth, rebellion, falling in love, aging, money and music.

Embark on a musical journey with *Songs From The Book of Life*, a unique theatrical experience by Deborah Conway & Willy Zygier, based on Deborah's highly anticipated memoir set to be released this October. Traverse their four-decade-long careers, exploring their story of youth, rebellion, love, aging, and the world of music. This bold tour-de-force features original music, theatrical storytelling, and the gritty details of an iconic woman who transformed the Australian music industry. Dive into this tale of honesty, humour, and revelation.

QUEENSLAND PREMIERE

Sun 17 Sep 6pm

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Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

\$45 – \$55 80mins (no interval)



This production contains adult themes and references to drug usage.

Image by Hector Clark











BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

I Left My Heart In Highgate Hill

"The Ultimate Romantic Ode to Brisbane." Weekend Edition.

I Left My Heart In Highgate Hill deals with three big themes: love, unrequited love and the city itself, Brisbane. A song cycle conceived by Sean Sennett, I Left My Heart In Highgate Hill features some of Queensland's most formidable female singers including Lucinda Shaw, Roz Pappalardo, Rachael Dixon, Sue Ray, Megan Cooper and Charlotte Emily among them.

Featuring all original songs, the show is augmented by a series of songs written by Sennett with Kate Ceberano and Steve Kilbey from the acclaimed work, *The Dangerous Age*.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

TYRONE NOONAN, WILLIAM BARTON AND ANTHONY GARCIA

Embark on a musical odyssey.

Soniclines features acclaimed vocalist Tyrone Noonan, didgeridoo legend William Barton and virtuoso guitarist Anthony Garcia.

A rare synthesis of contemporary rock, pop, indie, folk and electronica, the group weaves a tapestry of intricate guitar lines through cascading vocal melodies and masterful didgeridoo.

Soniclines will lead you on a musical journey through the gamut of human emotion as they present music from their debut self-titled album (available on all formats), supported by a full band including Brendan Watterson on bass, Aaron Jansz on drums and Nick O'Brien on banjo/guitars.

Sun 3 Sep 3pm

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Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza

\$30 – \$45 75mins (no interval)









\$30 - \$45

Sat 23 Sep 1pm

South Bank Piazza

60mins (no interval)

Australian Retirement

Trust Festival Garden,



This production contains use of haze. Image by Ron Cottee



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Camerata Cinematheque

BY CAMERATA - QUEENSLAND'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

A riveting cross-genre performance destined to become a cult classic.

Building on Camerata's hugely successful 2015 series *Things that Go Bump in the Night*, this spooky and surreal family-friendly concert features specially commissioned short films by the Oscar-nominated and Brisbane-born filmmaker Anthony Lucas, with a live orchestra score performed by Camerata.

These bespoke films by Anthony Lucas traverse the impossible to the surreal, with lots of humour and a hint of the fantastic. Accompanied by a soundtrack of the suspenseful and dramatic, from works such as Bernard Hermann's *Psycho* and Camille Saint–Saens' *Danse Macabre*, this spooky and mysterious evening will keep you on the edge of your seat.

From gripping moments to laugh-out-loud comedy, Camerata perfectly complements the on-screen elements through music that will spook and delight.

Fri 15 Sep 7:00pm



Concert Hall, QPAC

\$89 – \$99 + booking fee 80mins (no interval)



This production contains themes of surrealism. Recommended for ages 10+

This project is supported through the Giving Program by the Mather Foundation

Image by Morgan Roberts and Seán Dowling





Brisbane Serenades

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Brisbane Serenades

The beating heart of Brisbane Festival!

The much-loved *Brisbane Serenades* returns in 2023 with both beloved programs and new surprises. Traversing the city from north, south, east and west, over 23 suburbs will take centre-stage for a celebration of music and community like no other and it is all FREE.

Following a standout success last year, the *Moorooka Block Party* returns bigger and better than ever! Mosaic Multicultural Festival is back and Victoria Park becomes Brisbane residents' stage for the Closing Concert with a new event, *All Together Now*.

Brisbane Festival is dusting off and tuning up its mobile stages to once again bring the joy of music into the suburbs of Brisbane with a series of exquisite classical music concerts, presented by six of Queensland's best classical, choral and world-fusion ensembles.

Celebrate with family, friends and neighbours and join us as we serenade you.

Brisbane Serenades is proudly supported by Airbnb, and hosted by the local community.







Our gift to Brisbane is back. Coming to a park, street or much loved gathering place every Saturday and Sunday of the Festival, featuring some of Queensland's best.



The Australian Voices

Founded by Stephen Leek and Graeme Morton in 1993, this Brisbanebased vocal ensemble was created with the purpose of promoting the new and ever-changing genre of Australian choral music. Since then, the choir has championed an astonishing flourish of new Australian pieces, having commissioned hundreds of works, releasing eleven albums, and touring internationally.

Sat 2 Sep Carindale, Hamilton & Sandgate

Orava Quartet

Brisbane's Orava Quartet will bring their trademark passion, fire and intensity to the Serenades program as they present their concert repertoire of classical music threaded through with folksong.

From dramatic mountain landscapes with rushing rivers and highland band to soul-stirring Nordic melodies, the Oravas will take you on a journey across continents, with the 'Mad Piper' quartet drawing on Scottish, Czech, Bulgarian and Romanian folk music.

Sun 3 Sep Greenslopes, Roachdale & Manly



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Camerata with Nina Korbe



In this special collaboration, proud Koa, Kuku Yalanji, Wakka Wakka woman and international soprano sensation Nina Korbe, joins forces with local virtuosos Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Music in London, Nina weaves her lyrical mastery through Camerata's signature symphonic soundscapes in this innovative and inspiring collaboration between these inspirational artists.

Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sep St Lucia, Pallara, Sunnybank, New Farm, Mt Gravatt & Bardon

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YATRA

Featuring some of Brisbane's finest instrumentalists, Yatra, meaning "journey", is a neoclassical ensemble that blends the traditional with the contemporary. A fusion from which blossoms an orchard of stories, sure to invoke a garden of emotions.

Sat 16 Sep Zillmere, Mitchelton & Chapel Hill



Ensemble Q

An ensemble of nationally renowned musicians who now call Brisbane home, Ensemble Q have garnered an enviable reputation for their brilliant programming and exceptional performance standard.

They bring to Serenades a program of beautiful and brilliantly virtuosic works by Saint-Saens, Mozart, Borodin, Bottesini, Piazzolla and more.

Sun 17 Sep Pinjarra Hills, Kangaroo Point & Camp Hill



Kooralbyn

Kooralbyn are a performance group who are redefining Australian music by drawing on their diverse cultures and unique artforms to reveal songs from their homelands and musical traditions as a shared expression of collective cultural authenticity.

Grammy-nominated Tibetan musician Tenzin Choegyal, is joined by contemporary vocalist Kacey Patrick, Spanish guitarist Andrew Veivers, Mununjali didge player Jarred Fogarty, Swedish violinist Rebecca Karlen and Celtic pianist/accordianist John Reeves.

Sat 23 Sep Graceville, West End & Hawthorne S

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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

Moorooka Block Party

It was a hit last year and it's back again!

Moorooka Block Party descends on Pegg's Park for an afternoon showcasing some of Australia's finest First Nations and World Music musicians and artists.

Headlined by Bustamento, this year's Block Party brings back festival favourites, Al Zayton Palestinian Dabke Troupe and welcomes for the first time to the Moorooka Block Party an array of diverse, funky and soul enriching groups including Jessie Lloyd with Ailan Songs, Dance Masala and Keyim Ba.

So once again, come and join your neighbours for a wonderful, culturally rich, incredibly fun afternoon of pure joy and celebration. All are welcome.







Sat 9 Sep 3pm Pegg's Park Moorooka

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MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA PRESENTS

MOSAIC Multicultural Festival

The MOSAIC Multicultural Festival celebrates the rich cultural contributions all of us bring to our Queensland community through dance, music, spoken word poetry and storytelling, visual arts and crafts, children's and family activities, and food from around the world.

MOSAIC 2023 will open the day with a Welcome from local First Nations Elders. Captivate your senses with a stellar lineup of world music and dance performances by some of South East Queensland's best performers. Indulge your taste buds in the 'Rock Around the Wok' cooking demonstrations, where refugee and migrant communities share their settlement stories through the magic of food. Discover a vibrant youth space, filled with interactive games. And don't miss the cultural marketplace, a hub of food, crafts, and activities that will transport you to different corners of the world. BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PRESENT

West End Stories

WITH JESSIE LLOYD & WEST END COMMUNITY HOUSE

Meanjin Recovered.

Songwriter Jessie Lloyd, Brisbane Blacks Elders Aunty Dawn Daylight, Uncle Adam Hopkins, Uncle Barry Tanner, Auntie Chantay Link and Kylie Deen and the team from West End Community House come together to present *Meanjin Recovered*.

This world-premiere show weaves storytelling and song writing tools to illustrate an historical timeline of Meanjin Brisbane through the lens of First Nations people. *Meanjin Recovered* documents the history of the city as we know it today... but perhaps not in a way you have had the opportunity to hear before.

Join Jessie, the Brisbane Blacks Elders, Kylie and West End Community House as they engage in truth telling practice to share the vital history of these lands.

Sun 17 Sep 10am Roma Street Parklands See website for details.





See website for details.



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Fri 8 Sep 5pm

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Common People Dance Eisteddfod

COMMON PEOPLE DANCE PROJECT

It's the ultimate suburban dance battle

For the fifth year in a row *Common People Dance Eisteddfod* is back and bigger than ever! Eight teams from across South East Queensland will battle it out over two epic nights.

The mighty metro teams of suburban dance-gladiators from the North, South, East and West of Brisbane will battle it out, followed by a competition for South East Queensland. The heat is on and it is the decision of the judges to decide the winner of the 2023 *Common People Dance Eisteddfod* for all of South East Queensland!

It's the ultimate battle of the 'burbs so... slap on some sequins and come join the fun barracking for your favourite team.

BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PRESENT Dance Workshops and Parties

COMMON PEOPLE DANCE PROJECT

Get ready for the time of your life...

You know those scenes in movies where the heroes are at a dance party and everyone just seems to know all the moves? Here's your chance to take your passion, and make it happen!

Common People Dance Project invites you to join their free community dance workshops where you and your friends will learn some big fun dance routines that will then feature in *Common People Dance Party* events across Brisbane Festival. If you can't make the workshops don't fret - the Dance Parties will be full of guided routines so everyone can join in and become the main character in the 80's dance movie of your dreams.

Forty-nine workshops will be held across Brisbane in seven community venues culminating in seven suburban dance parties.

Brisbane Festival proudly works alongside the following eight Neighbourhood Centres to make this happen: Bardon North West Community Centre, Benawarra Community Development Association, Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre, CO.AS.IT Community Centre, Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Incorporated, St. David's Neighbourhood Centre, The Community Place Stafford and the Vietnamese Community in Australia (Darra Community Centre).

Sat 16 & Sun 17 Sep 6:30pm



Image by Joel Devereux

Fri 1 – Sat 23 Sep







BRISBANE FESTIVAL, CHANNEL NINE AND NORTHSHORE PRESENT

Erth's Shark Dive

ERTH VISUAL & PHYSICAL INC.

Take a risk or play it safe. The choice is yours!

Ever wanted to dive with sharks but been too afraid? Don't be!

Come close to the Great White without getting wet at a new shark dive experience, created by world-renowned puppeteers, Erth.

Plunge into the world of sharks and choose your own audio adventure as you dive below the surface and come face-to-face with these majestic creatures. Will your performance soundtrack have you marvel in awe at their serene beauty, or be a high-energy, thrill-filled escapade?

The decision is yours. No diving experience needed, but keep your eyes peeled and your mind open.

"If you get the opportunity to experience any of Erth's work – go! ... a quality offering from one of Australia's most exciting companies."

Theatre Travels 2022



QUEENSLAND PREMIERE

Sun 17 – Fri 29 Sep

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Brisbane Circus Centre

\$29 + booking fee 40mins (no interval) Recommended for ages 5+



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BRISBANE FESTIVAL, ARCHIE BROTHERS CIRQUE ELECTRIQ AND KING ST PRESENT

Esc. With Us

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From screens to streets, let nostalgia take hold and hit your high score on beloved arcade classics!

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Hark back to simpler times... when tech was in its infancy and switched-on kids, with their unbreakable friendship bonds, ruled the streets for all hours on their BMX bikes. *Esc. With Us* is an ode to retro-game play – a time when video games were played standing up – together. We are bringing nostalgia out of our screens, out of arcade darkness and into the streets. A glowing collection of puffy gaming consoles, made from inflatables in 80s-coloured graphics inspired by Tang, Fanta and Lifesavers, call to mind the fun palace of old-school arcade parlours – places where you met your crush, made new friends to give friendship bracelets to, ate pizza and scored big. Join us on King St for a free pop up of nostalgia.

Fri 1 – Sat 23 Sep 10am – 10pm King St, Bowen Hills See website for more details. WORLD PREMIERE

Installation Interactive Visual Art Free

80s Street Party

Dust off your Reeboks and break out the bubble skirt... it's time to party! King St comes alive with a retro party that will see dance comps, rollerskating and retro disco take over for a night that will bring back fond memories for many, and be an eye opener for those younger kids on the block!

Sat 16 Sep 5pm – 9pm King St, Bowen Hills See website for more details.





BRISBANE FESTIVAL, QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE AND QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENT

Clerici Conducts Mahler

BY QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

An epic concert experience.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra and Chief Conductor Umberto Clerici, bring to you Mahler's epic Sixth Symphony - an orchestral work thats grandiosity is evident from the sheer size of the orchestra on stage, numbering over 80 musicians. Across four huge movements, Mahler deals with the idea of fate as something inescapable, from the relentless march that opens the work, to the famous 'hammer blows' in the finale (which have to be seen to be believed!). Despite its nickname as the 'Tragic', the size and scope of this symphony make it a cathartic experience.

Coupled with the world premiere of Justin Williams' First Symphony, this will be one of the most epic concerts of the 2023 season.

Fri 22 & Sat 23 Sep Concert Hall, QPAC



\$90 – \$130 + booking fee 130mins (incl. interval) Image by Jay Patel



BRISBANE FESTIVAL, QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE AND QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENT

Guy Noble's Great Tunes

BY QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A feast of favourite melodies awaits you.

Guy Noble has been hosting Queensland Symphony Orchestra's Music on Sundays series for 18 years, and has conducted everything from great classics through to rare gems and iconic film music.

To celebrate his long-standing history with this great concert series, we asked him to compile some of his favourite melodies to share with you. It's a stunning list - from the mystical beauty of the finale of Sibelius' Fifth Symphony through the sparkle of Nigel Westlake's beloved soundtrack for the movie *Babe*. There's even a special solo from our Section Principal Bassoonist Nicole Tait. This will be a morning of music to make you swoon, smile and applaud.

Sun 17 Sep 11:30am Concert Hall, QPAC

\$75 - \$105 + booking fee

80mins (no interval)



Image by Pete Wallace









BRISBANE FESTIVAL, BIRDS OF TOKYO, QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE AND QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENT

Birdsongs

Raw rock meets refined orchestra.

One of Australia's most beloved bands is teaming up with Queensland Symphony Orchestra for this electrifying concert.

Enjoy the soaring melodies and raw energy of classic anthems like *Plans, Lanterns, Good Lord* and *Anchor,* alongside some new works, all reimagined with stunning orchestral arrangements.

Birds of Tokyo have cemented their place as Australia's most successful contemporary rock band, capturing the hearts of music fans with three chart-topping albums and multiple appearances on iconic events like the AFL Grand Final while also winning APRA's 'Rock Work of the Year' an extraordinary seven times. But it's their concerts that truly set them apart - from explosive energy to spine-tingling moments of intimacy, Birds of Tokyo are captivating live performers whose sweeping and dynamic songs are ideally suited to orchestral interpretations.

Benjamin Britten's War Requiem

Five of Brisbane's finest ensembles join forces.

Britten's *War Requiem* is irrefutably one of the most significant symphonic choral works of the 20th Century – a passionate statement of the futility and senselessness of war. The work is scored on the largest imaginable scale employing two separate orchestras, full adult choir, children's choir, and three vocal soloists.

Conducted by Simon Hewett, with soloists Eva Kong, Andrew Goodwin and Hadleigh Adams with Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra, Ensemble Q, Brisbane Chorale, Canticum Chamber Choir and Voices of Birralee.

Presented by QPAC, Brisbane Chorale, Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra and Canticum Chamber Choir in association with Brisbane Festival and Brisbane City Council.

Fri 8 & Sat 9 Sep, 7:30pm Concert Hall, QPAC

\$95 – \$129 + booking fee 125mins (incl. interval)





Image by Kane Hibberd

Sat 16 Sep 7pm Concert Hall, QPAC

\$49 – \$75 + booking fee 90mins (no interval)



Image by Adam Finch

This project is supported by the Australian Government's Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund.





BRISBANE FESTIVAL, ANDREW KAY AND THE PRINCESS THEATRE PRESENT

Soweto Gospel Choir – Hope

The acclaimed Soweto Gospel Choir return.

Immerse yourself in *Hop*e, an uplifting concert by the 3-time Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir. Experience the powerful music from Mandela's South Africa to Martin Luther King's 1950s America, with soulful renditions of legendary artists like James Brown and Aretha Franklin. Their inspirational African Gospel will resonate with your spirit and leave an indelible imprint on your heart. This is more than a concert—it's a testament to the power of music and faith. BRISBANE FESTIVAL, ANDREW KAY, GROOVE EVENTS AND THE PRINCESS THEATRE PRESENT

History of House

BY GROOVE TERMINATOR & SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR

DJ Groove Terminator and Soweto Gospel Choir - a euphoric collaboration.

Get ready for *History of House*, an electrifying voyage through dance music by ARIA-nominated DJ Groove Terminator and the Grammy-winning Soweto Gospel Choir.

Take the world's greatest gospel choir, add in some funky 70s disco, sprinkle in some 80s pop and then strap in to be schooled in house music, from the mid 80s, through the 90s, to the end of the millennium. Celebrated for captivating dancefloors for more than three decades, Groove Terminator is behind the decks.

This high-energy, immersive performance was awarded Best Music Show at Adelaide Fringe 2020 in its debut season. Don't miss it!

Sun 10 Sep Doors 6:30pm The Princess Theatre

\$75 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) This is a licensed all ages event

QUEENSLAND PREMIERE



This production contains flashing lights (no strobe) and haze.

Image by Helen Page

Sun 10 Sep Doors 3pm

The Princess Theatre

\$69 – \$79 + booking fee 75mins (no interval) This is a licensed all ages event







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BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE TIVOLI PRESENT

Bowerytopia: TABOO

BY SHANDY & THE STITCHERY COLLECTIVE

Explore a night of taboo at a glittering, outrageous costume party.

The Stitchery Collective and Shandy Dance Party bring you *Bowerytopia: TABOO*.

Embrace the provocative and celebrate Leigh Bowery's boundary-pushing creativity, where gender, style, and identity are boundless. Dress in your best *TABOO* club attire or support the bold in the Annual Bowery Costume Competition. With top performance artists and DJs from Meanjin and across the continent, prepare to dance, crown the next Queen of Bowery, and let your glamour shine at *Bowerytopia: TABOO*. BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE TIVOLI PRESENT

The Alexander Ball

BY THE HOUSE OF ALEXANDER

Transport into a world where individuality reigns supreme.

Meanjin's trailblazing ballroom house, The House of Alexander returns to The Tivoli once again for one extravagant night of excellence not to be missed.

Carrying on the legacy of ballroom forged by courageous Trans women of colour all the way from Harlem, New York, this night will shine a spotlight on self expression, identity, and exceptional talent.

The Alexander Ball brings eight striking categories that celebrates authenticity and invites you to revel in the magic of self-discovery.

Sat 16 Sep Doors 8pm The Tivoli

\$30 – \$50 + booking fee This is an 18+ event



This production contains adult themes, coarse language, sexual references as well as the use of theatrical effects such as haze, smoke, strobe lighting and sound pressure effects (loud noises).

Image by Bane Tatiya

Sat 2 Sep Doors 6pm The Tivoli

\$45 – \$60 + booking fee This is an 18+ event



Image by Jakob Perrett

TIVOLI





BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND **GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY PRESENT**

AVÉ - Australian **Vocal Ensemble: Tumbling Like Stars**

Championing new Australian work.

Four of Australia's finest vocalists come together in a visionary performance combining heavenly vocals in a chamber setting. Katie Noonan's new project, Australian Vocal Ensemble, will intertwine new Australian compositions by Anne Cawrse, Robert Davidson, Thomas Green, Alice Humphries, Zac Hurren, Stephen Leek, Katie Noonan and Jessica Wells, alongside new arrangements of music by Bach, Handel and Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Don't miss an opportunity to see a truly unique performance of soaring vocals as they celebrate the release of their debut album Tumbling Like Stars.

BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND THE PRINCESS THEATRE PRESENT

Songs From The Canyon

The creation of a musical revolution.

In the 1960s and 70s, the Los Angeles neighbourhood of Laurel Canyon hosted a music revolution unlike any other. The neighbourhood became a nexus for musical collaboration. This night of music from Laurel Canyon, includes the songs of Joni Mitchell, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, The Beach Boys, Carole King, The Doors, The Byrds, The Mamas and the Papas and more. Featuring performances from Husky Gawenda, Dan Kelly, Charm of Finches, Hannah Cameron, Stephen Grady and Dan Challis.

Sun 10 Sep 6:30pm **Conservatorium Theatre** \$40 - \$70



Image by Amanda Starkey

Fri 8 Sep Doors 7pm

The Princess Theatre

\$75 - \$89 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) This is a licensed all ages event



This production contains adult themes.

Image by Maximum Person

85mins (no interval)


BRISBANE FESTIVAL, THE PRINCESS THEATRE, TRIPLE J, SELECT MUSIC AND POWERHOUSE MANAGEMENT PRESENT

Gretta Ray: The Big Pop Show

A journey of emotions through song.

When Gretta Ray hits the stage the crowd immediately feels her energy through her signature storytelling, warm lyrics and songs that take the audience through a journey of emotions.

Nominated for ARIA's 'Breakthrough Artist' and 'Australian Album of the Year' in 2021, Gretta's latest release *Begin to Look* is a thoughtful, crafted, hairbrush-singable body of work that chronicles the journey of a young artist navigating the winding lanes of womanhood, romance, heartbreak, travel and friendship.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL, THE PRINCESS THEATRE AND CRAFT MUSIC PRESENT

Busby Marou

Decade-strong mateship ignites *Blood Red*.

Busby Marou is fast becoming a National Australian Treasure.

Queenslander Tom Busby and Jeremy Marou (from the beautiful Torres Strait Islands) have been playing music together for over a decade since their initial music connection at a pub in Rockhampton.

There's a potent chemistry that drives Busby Marou, and it is that unwritten agenda, a simple intangible understanding between them, that they will continue to drive into the exciting new chapter in their remarkable career.

Busby Marou has recently finished recording their 5th album Blood Red which is scheduled for release in July 2023 and feels like a true realisation of the unlimited potential they have shown until this point.

Fri 15 Sep Doors 7pm

The Princess Theatre

From \$50 + booking fee 90mins (no interval) This is a licensed all ages event



Image by Cybele Malinowski

Sat 9 Sep Doors 7:30pm The Princess Theatre

From \$59 + booking fee This is an 18+ event



This production contains use of a smoke machine.





FilmHarmonic '23

QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Symphonic sensory spectacle.

Experience the dynamic fusion of music and film as the Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra collaborates with Griffith Film School. Immerse yourself in original compositions and iconic film music for a captivating live soundtrack.

Sat 23 Sep 7:30pm Conservatorium Theatre \$25 - \$45





Underworld: An Operatic Journey to Hell and Back

QUEENSLAND CONSERVATORIUM GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

An operatic twist on love, and the afterlife.

Dive into the thrilling *Underworld* fusion of Gluck, Offenbach, and Glass operas. Join Orpheus on a wild journey trapped between life and death in a thrilling love triangle. Underworld is audacious, irreverent, and simply unforgettable.

Sat 9 – Sat 16 Sep Conservatorium Theatre \$35 - \$60



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BRISBANE FESTIVAL, WESLEY ARTS AND THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PRESENT

The Neurodivergence Project

Art work with a fresh perspective

Engage with neurodivergence thinkers and creators in the exhibition opening of *The Neurodivergence Project*. Be the first to experience the extraordinary work of this group of incredible artists. The creative workshop process has been led by a group of artists in residence, including Ehud Joseph, Duane Doyle, Soraya del Castillo, M'ck McKeague and Dr. Lenine Bourke. Supported by The Queensland Government and Wesley Mission Queensland, this is a community arts program by Wesley Arts in partnership with local Neighbourhood Centres and community organisations which invites the audience to understand the artistic practices and lived experiences of a collective of diverse neurodivergent community members. These artists creativity is informed by their Autism, ADHD, mental health experiences and neurological diversities. Together, we envision new possibilities of art making and community engagement.

Sat 16 Sep 2pm Art From the Margins See website for details.



Artwork by Felicity Clarke







BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND METRO ARTS PRESENT

Patterns for Future Living

BY RAE HAYNES

Bringing together DIY (do-it-yourself) aesthetics with a DIT (do-it-together) ethos.

Engage, contemplate, and discover an expansive interconnected future with *Patterns for Future Living*, a dynamic DIY exhibition that stirs collective action for environmental and ecological justice.

Inspired by modernist artist Sonia Delaunay Terk, this space fosters meditation and care through an immersive installation of rhythmic colour, pattern, and sound.

Commissioned by Brisbane Festival and Metro Arts, this visionary body of work explores future living patterns, underscoring the interconnectedness of all living things.



BRISBANE FESTIVAL AND WEST VILLAGE PRESENT

BY DEAD PUPPET SOCIETY

Witness the playful parade & take flight.

A flappy-footed flamboyance of full-size flamingos will take over Brisbane in this outrageous new outdoor performance from festival favourites, Dead Puppet Society.

These brightly-coloured, bendy-necked, leg-balancing birds are universally recognised as nature's most ridiculous thing. Croquet club of choice and heroes of front lawn decor; these absurd animals can't help but create a scene.

A sudden rush of light heralds their arrival, as the obnoxious hot pink flock explore their peculiar new environment, charming passersby with equal parts silliness and sincerity. With their bodies bobbing and feathers flapping to a disco dance beat, these unexpected visitors will be the undisputed life of the party.

Fri 1 – Sat 23 Sep Galleries 1 & 2 Metro Arts

See metroarts.com.au for gallery opening times.



Image by Rae Haynes

Fridays & Saturdays

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This project was commissioned through RISING's A Call to Artists initiative, a program supported by Creative Victoria, City of Melbourne and Besen Family Foundation.

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Salamander

The small maze design used as part of the set in this production of Salamander was originally conceived by Es Devlin for Here not Here, (by Maxine Doyle and Es Devlin) GöteborgsOperans Danskompani 2022.

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There's Something About Music

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Tracker

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Brisbane Serenades	Across Brisbane			See brisbane	festival.com.	au for details.		
Common People Dance Party	Across Brisbane			••••	-		festival.com.au Ietails.	
don't ask what the bird look like	Bille Brown Theatre Queensland Theatre	6:30pm	6:30pm	1pm, 7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm, 7:30pm	
Double Vision	Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse			••••	Max Cooper Doors 7pm	Kite String Tangle Doors 7pm	9	
Esc. With Us	King St				-	10am	10am	10am
Hiromi Hotel: YU KA 夢花	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank					4pm	12pm	12pm
I Left My Heart in Highgate Hill	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza				-	-		3pm
Jarrah (Mother Earth)	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank					5:30pm*		
Lightscape	City Botanic Gardens			See brisbane	festival.com.	au for details.		
Nieergoo - Spirit of the Whale	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank			••••		See brisban	efestival.com.a	u for details
ON HEAT	New Benner Theatre Metro Arts			7:30pm	7:30pm*	7:30pm, 9:30pm	8:30pm	
Riverfire by Australian Retirement Trust	Brisbane River + Surrounds			••••			4pm Entertainr 7pm Fireworks	nent
Salamander	L Shed Dock B Northshore				-	7pm	7pm	7pm
Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!	Cremorne Theatre QPAC		6:30pm	11am, 6:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm, 7:30pm	2pm
The Alexander Ball	The Tivoli				-		Doors 6pm	
The Party	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza			••••		9:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm
There's Something About Music	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza				-	7pm		6pm
Unconditional	Underground Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse			7pm Prev	7pm Prev	7pm	6pm	
Yuldea	Playhouse QPAC	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	

WEEK 2	VENUE	MON 4	TUE 5	WED 6	THUR 7	FRI 8	SAT 9	SUN 10
AVÉ - Tumbling Like Stars	Conservatorium Theatre							6:30pm
Birdsongs	Concert Hall QPAC					7:30pm	7:30pm	
Brisbane Serenades	Across Brisbane			See brisbane	festival.com.a	u for details.		
Busby Marou - Blood Red Tour	The Princess Theatre						Doors 7.30pm	ı
Common People Dance Party	Multiple locations across Brisbane				See brisbane	efestival.com.	au for details.	
don't ask what the bird look like	Bille Brown Theatre Queensland Theatre	6:30pm*	6:30pm	1pm, 7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm, 7:30pm	1
Esc. With Us	King St	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am
Hiromi Hotel: YU KA 夢花	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank		5pm	5pm	5pm	4pm	12pm	12pm
History of House	The Princess Theatre					_		Doors 6:30pm
Lightscape	City Botanic Gardens			See brisbane	festival.com.a	u for details.		
Moorooka Block Party	Pegg's Park Moorooka						3pm	
Personal	New Benner Theatre Metro Arts			7:30pm*	7:30pm* + Q&A*	7:30pm* + Q&A*	3pm*, 7:30pm*	
Salamander	L Shed Dock B Northshore		7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm
Songs From The Canyon	The Princess Theatre					Doors 7pm		
Soweto Gospel Choir - Hope	The Princess Theatre							Doors 3pm
Stunt Double	Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm* 7:30pm	
Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!	Cremorne Theatre - QPAC					7:30pm	2pm	2pm, 6:30pm
The Party	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza		8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:30pm
There's Something About Music	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza		6pm	6pm	6pm	6:30pm	6:30pm*	6pm
TIME - Paul Kelly	The Princess Theatre			Doors 7pm	Doors 7pm			
Unconditional	Underground Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse		7pm	7pm*	7pm	7pm	3pm, 7pm	
Underworld: An Operatic Journey to Hell and Back	Conservatorium Theatre						7:30pm	-
West End Stories Meanjin Recovered	West End Community House			See brisbane	festival.com.a	u for details.		
Yuldea	Playhouse QPAC		6:30pm	12:30pm, 7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	

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WEEK 3	VENUE	MON 11	TUE 12	WED 13	THU 14	FRI 15	SAT 16	SUN 17
80's Street Party	King St						5pm	
Bananaland	Playhouse OPAC			-		-	7pm	•••••••
Benjamin Britten War Requiem	Concert Hall OPAC						7pm	
Bowerytopia: TABOO	The Tivoli			-		-	Doors 8pm	
Brisbane Serenades	Across Brisbane			See brisbane	festival.com.a	u for details		
Camerata Cinematheque	Concert Hall OPAC					7pm		
Common People Dance Eisteddfod	Chandler Theatre			-			6:30pm	6:30pm
Cut Chilli	La Boite				6:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	
Esc. With Us	King St	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am	10am
Eternity	St Johns Cathedral	See brisbanefestival.com.au for details.						
Gretta Ray - The Big Pop Show	The Princess Theatre					Doors 7pm		
Guy Noble's Great Tunes	Concert Hall OPAC			-				11:30am
Hiromi Hotel: YU KA 夢花	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank		5pm	5pm	5pm	4pm	12pm	12pm
Kuramanunya	New Benner Theatre Metro Arts			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm*	7:30pm	
Lightscape	City Botanic Gardens	See brisbanefestival.com.au for details.						
MOSAIC Festival	Roma Street Parkland's Brisbane City							10am
Salamander	L Shed Dock B Northshore		7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	TBC	7pm
Shark Dive	Brisbane Circus Centre			See brisbane	festival.com.a	u for details		
Siva Mai Club	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza			6pm	6pm*	6:30pm	3pm, 6:30pm	
Songs from the Book of Life	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza			-				6pm
Tae Tae in the Land of Yaaas!	Cremorne Theatre OPAC		6:30pm*	6:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm, 7:30pm	2pm
The Making of Pinocchio	Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	2pm, 7:30pm*	
The Neurodivergence Project	Art From The Margins			•			2pm	
The Party	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza		8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	8:30pm
Underworld: An Operatic Journey to Hell and Back	Conservatorium Theatre		6:30pm		7:30pm		2:30pm	
Yirinda	The Princess Theatre		Doors 7pm	-				

WEEK 4	VENUE	MON 18	TUE 19	WED 20	THU 21	FRI 22	SAT 23	SUN 24
All Together Now	Victoria Park Herston						4:30pm*	
Bananaland	Playhouse QPAC	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	1:30pm, 7pm	1pm, 7pm	
Bite Club: 2nd Serve	The Princess Theatre	•	Doors 7pm	Doors 7pm	Doors 7pm	Doors 7pm	Doors 11am, Doors 7pm	
Brisbane Serenades	Across Brisbane	-		See brisbane	festival.com.	au for details.		
Cirque Bon Bon	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza			6pm	6pm	2pm, 6:30pm	6:30pm	
Clerici Conducts Mahler	Concert Hall QPAC			-		7:30pm	1:30pm	
Common People Dance Party	Multiple locations across Brisbane						estival.com.au etails.	
Cut Chilli	Roundhouse Theatre La Boite		6:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	
Esc. With Us	King St		10am	10am	10am	10am	10am	
FilmHarmonic '23	Conservatorium Theatre						7:30pm	
Hide the Dog	Cremorne Theatre QPAC			-	11am, 2pm*	6pm	2pm, 6pm	
Hiromi Hotel: YU KA 夢花	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank		5pm	5pm	5pm	4pm	12pm	
Lightscape	City Botanic Gardens			See brisbane	festival.com.	au for details.		
Lord Mayor's Children's Program - Circus Mixtape by Flipside Circus	Main Auditorium City Hall	-		10am, 1pm				
Party Ghost	New Benner Theatre Metro Arts			7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm, 9:30pm	
Salamander	L Shed Dock B Northshore	•	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm
Shark Dive	Brisbane Circus Centre	See brisbanefestival.com.au for details.						
Soniclines	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza						1pm	
The Party	Australian Retirement Trust Festival Garden, South Bank Piazza		8:30pm	8:30pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	8:45pm	
Tracker	Powerhouse Theatre Brisbane Powerhouse	-		7:30pm	7:30pm	7:30pm*	2pm, 7:30pm	

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Ph 07 3007 8600 Web laboite.com.au In Person 1hr prior to performance start 6 – 8 Musk Avenue Kelvin Grove QLD 4059

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Ph 07 3852 1711 Web thetivoli.com.au In Person at door open time for each performance 52 Costin Street Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

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theprincesstneatre.com.au at door open time for each performance 8 Annerley Road Woolloongabba QLD 4102

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Ph 1800 355 528 Web queenslandtheatre.com.au In Person 1hr prior to performance start 78 Montague Road South Brisbane QLD 4101

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