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WHAT The Australian Ballet's Opening Night of Chroma  
DEETS Northern Foyer, Sydney Opera House

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RSVP Sarah Murdoch, April Rose Pengilly, Akira Isogawa, Edwina McCann, Kerri-Anne Kennerley, Charlotte Holmes a Court, Luke Sales

THE VERDICT A welcome push by the Oz Ballet to give some celebrity-fuelled pizzazz to its opening night was met with applause by those lucky enough to see Chroma. This high-energy, heart-pumping and erotic production has been described as "Mozart meets the White Stripes, classical meets contemporary". The after-party, with a menu by Matt Moran, a candy bar inspired by Chroma and DJ Jamie Whiteside on the decks, didn't disappoint either. It was a far cry from the usually stiff collar-tie and mothball-smelling crowd that can intimidate even the most seasoned of opening-night-goers. In trademark form, KAK was the first to jump into the booth with a bunch of dancers, and bloggeratti Tanja Gacic also had fun taking snaps. Murdoch, an avid ballet-lover and deputy chairwoman of the **company**, acknowledged the Australian Ballet was pushing the boundaries this year with its mix of diverse productions. She said that while "400,000 kids in Australia currently dance", she's keen to see all of Australia up and dancing. Looks like the ballet is set for a revival, and we can't wait. Bring on the razzle-dazzle.

WHAT Ultraceuticals Brightening Event

DEETS The Stables, Surry Hills

RSVP Dr Geoffrey Heber, Sara McLean, Leigh Campbell, Nicky Champ

THE VERDICT A pop-up lab highlighting your skin flaws before breakfast would be enough to put most people off their cereal, but not this crowd of beauty eds and skin aficionados, who were thrilled to experience Ultraceuticals' newest brightening synergistic skincare system pre-coffee. Guests were treated to personalised skin analysis using Ultraceuticals' hyper-pigmentation cameras and then given a treatment, formulated by founder and director Dr Geoffrey Heber and scientist Patrick Stamford, to diminish problem areas. Guests left for the office with The Real Visible Results 90-Day Challenge and a goodie bag full of products to trial.

WHAT Sydney Comedy Festival's Cracker Night

DEETS The Enmore Theatre, Enmore

RSVP Cam Knight, Tom Ballard, Felicity Ward, Ray Badran, Craig Hill

THE VERDICT The city's biggest night of comedy saw a mix of international and local comedy stars take to the stage at the Enmore, the Seymour Centre and the Metro, as well as nights in Chatswood and, for the first time, the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. The much-loved annual extravaganza is one of the

festival's most popular events and each of the five venues were **sold** out. It's the 10th anniversary for the Sydney Comedy Festival, which continues until May 17 across more than 30 venues. Go on. Have a laugh.

WHAT Sky Zone Launch

DEETS Sky Zone Trampoline **Park**, Alexandria

RSVP Georgie Gardner, Kylie Gillies, Rochelle Fox, Ellie Gall, Pip Edwards

THE VERDICT The young and young at heart converged at Sky Zone Alexandria to swap their shoes with trampoline socks and be the first in Sydney to experience anti-gravity. Guests jumped high and learnt to fly, happily leaping into pits full of foam, bouncing off the walls and challenging each other at fast-and-furious games of dodgeball. A Peters Ice-cream Mash Up Station offered sweet treats all night long, much to the thrill of kids on a midweek school-night high.

WHAT The Outnet.com Fifth Birthday Celebration

DEETS Simmer on the Bay, Dawes Point, The Rocks

RSVP Jess Blanch, Alexandra Carlton, Rachel Sharp, Alyssa McClelland, Donny Galella.

THE VERDICT The world's most fashionable online fashion outlet and sister **site** to net-a-porter.com hosted its first Australian event last night in celebration of its fifth birthday. Guests let their hair down as they got carried away by the night's festive atmosphere and unseasonably balmy weather, sipping on iced hibiscus cocktails and prosecco as they swapped tips on bagging the best bargains and bragging about past **purchases**, including including a Marc Jacobs skirt for \$1. Many lamented about the ones that got away (as in, **sold** out in a flash). Note to self: Must get online - who knew what I was missing out on?

WHAT La Fete des Meres at Ananas Bar & Brasserie

DEETS Ananas Bar & Brasserie, The Rocks

RSVP Kylie Gillies, Lizzie and Piper Morrissey, Michelle Bridges, Jane Gazo

THE VERDICT This hatted French restaurant hosted a sophisticated Mother's Day luncheon as an ode to all the mums, with a dash of Mediterranean glamour.

WHAT Sunday Somewhere X Rumi Neely Fashiontoast Launch

DEETS Barrio **Chino**, Potts Point

RSVP Caitlyn Paterson, Pip Edwards, Samantha Wills, Nikki Phillips, Tanja Gacic

THE VERDICT Global blogging sensation (is there any other kind?) Rumi Neely and homegrown high-end eyewear brand Sunday Somewhere came together to create a range. With a Mexican-inspired backdrop, guests sipped margaritas and supped on Mexican street food with indie-rock band I Know Leopard creating a relaxed vibe.

WHAT Samsung Curved Ultra High Definition TV Launch

DEETS Hordern Pavilion, Moore **Park**

RSVP Shelley Craft, Sally Fitzgibbons, Israel Folau, Samantha Jade

THE VERDICT Notorious for making a splash and spending the bucks, this lavish event didn't disappoint, with a performance by Samantha Jade.

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