

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

In 2015-17 MAV is offering a fresh, new approach to programming at the Ampitheatre that will highlight, celebrate and promote the **diversity of Yarra's creative community**. With a focus on local artists and favourite acts **that frequent Yarra's** live music and performing arts venues, this program will deliver a non stop, smorgasboard of circus, comedy, music, dance and spoken word. This interactive program will not only entertain but will also offer a range of participatory elements for audiences of all ages. **Whilst being 'family friendly' the program will also attract Yarra's** youth, students and young arts lovers from all cultural backgrounds. With our passion for creating great events, our programming expertise and extensive links to the artists, communities and organisations in Yarra and beyond, we will create a very special, very exciting and very contemporary program in the City of Yarra within the allocated budget. MAV would welcome working together with the Arts and Culture Department to **artistically frame a series that builds on strengths of the City's past 18 years of free programming at the Ampitheatre.**

For each concert MAV will provide an opportunity for a City of Yarra Councillor to speak and to acknowledge traditional custodians. MAV will engage Yarra restaurant Charcoal Lane to provide catering throughout the series. Charcoal Lane is a Mission Australia social enterprise restaurant that provides guidance and opportunity to young people, many of whom are Aboriginal.

WEEK 1: 'Yarra's Girls Next Door' – Sunday 1st Feb, 2015

Be entertained by raunchy circus tricks and comedy, get your hips happening for the hula hoop workshops and contest, and then **dance your feet off to Abby Cardwell's rockabilly and vintage Mexican boleros.**

MC – Kylie Belling Kylie Belling, a Yorta Yorta/Wiradjuri/South Sea Islander woman born and raised in Melbourne. She is a renowned Aboriginal actor and director who has worked extensively across theatre, film and television.

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/stage/blak-cabaret-indigenous-artists-take-the-stage-for-the-indigenous-arts-festival-20140203-31x71.html>

5 – 5.30pm Act 1: Circus Trick Tease is a raunchy, raucous & entertaining collection of misfits including a maladjusted strongman, his neurotic female compatriot & their international star who perform dazzling displays of acrobatics, precarious balances & gratuitous headstands. <http://www.circustricktease.com/about/performers/malia-walsh/>

5.40 – 6.20pm Act 2: Hoop workshop with Malia Walsh and hoop contest (most hoops, stay up longest etc) Malia trained at The Royal Academy of Dance before becoming one of the most sought after fire performers both in Australia and Internationally. She has risen to dizzying heights as an acrobat and accompanied by her acerbic tongue, sharp wit and zest for the melodramatic, she is an exemplary performer. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxr2assLvfl>

6.30 – 7.30pm Act 3: Abby Cardwell Armed with her banjo, guitar, ukulele, harmonica and voice Abbie Cardwell is a multi-award winning artist with a truly versatile approach to her craft and artistic expression. Abbie loves creating music from acoustic roots, Americana, rockabilly to vintage Mariachi rock, spaghetti western and haunting Mexican boleros.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOqCG3DFjbU>

WEEK 2: 'Yarra's Tenderfoot Tribe' – Sunday 8th Feb, 2015

Be amazed by some of Yarra's youngest talents from Atherton Gardens, create some street art, hear local poets battle it out as they transform papered confessions into spoken word, and get down to the sounds of up and coming young act Cactus Channel!

MC: Michelle Dabrowski is the founder of Melbourne's monthly poetry slam, Slamalamadingdong. She is a published writer and frequently facilitates poetry workshops, encouraging the next generation of budding poets.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L4YKJ7EI-k>

5 – 5.30pm Act 1: Guerilla Tactics - will feature emcee Birdz, who lyrically spits truths about Australia's true history and the pride of his Aboriginal ancestry over smooth, soulful beats. Birdz will perform alongside Yarra Youth Services' Rising High studios crew, with live skateboard art, stencils and paste ups.

Birdz: <https://soundcloud.com/birdzeyevisions> Rising High Studios: <https://soundcloud.com/risinghighstudio>

5.40 – 6.20pm Act 2: Slamalamadingdong Poetry Slam - is a true slam-roots style competition where poets at varying levels in their careers have the opportunity to score a feature spot and where new and established voices can be heard in a safe a supportive environment. Following the format of a traditional slam, this would include selected feature poets, plus an open mic section for budding poets in the audience to participate. <http://www.slamalamadingdong.com.au/>

6.30 – 7.30pm Act 4: Cactus Channel are a ten piece soul band, resonating the sounds of James Brown, the Meters and the Dap Kings, from Melbourne, Australia -- all born in the 90s and digital natives! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hb06Ql06J_A

WEEK 3: "Yarra Rocks Romantic" – Sunday 15th Feb, 2015

Be seduced by the irresistible, burlesque Frenchy-ness of Bijou, join in the spirit of the swinging jazz era with a Swing Dance workshop and contest, and then take an Elvis-esque journey from the Balkans to the heart of Australia with Mikelangelo and special guest Black Elvis!

MC – ElIBella Elena has been performing circus for almost ten years, has performed all over Australia and travelled the world with her acts. She is an accomplished performer specializing in acrobalance, pyramids and group juggling acts. <http://ellbella.com/>

5 – 5.30pm Act 1: Bijou the French Jewel (Etoile Marley French Burlesque/ Song) With over a decade in performance and teaching experience Etoile also known by her Burlesque pseudonym of Bijou – The French Jewel, is known for creating a niche of her own teaching styles such as Stepping, Skipping, Booty shaking, original RnB and Diva dance.

<http://www.frequency.com/video/bijou-french-jewel/179808892/-/5-58948>

5.40 – 6.20pm Act 2: Swing Dance workshop/ contest- Swing Patrol Swing Patrol's premier swing dance team perform for gigs all around town and also host weekly classes in Fitzroy. Harlem Shout dancers are stylish and energetic, with routines ranging from 1920s Charleston to big band Lindy hop. <http://mel.swingpatrol.com/workshops/>

6.30 – 7.30pm Act 3: Mikelangelo to include a guest performance by Black Elvis Imagine that Elvis grew up in the Balkans and that his musical instrument of choice was the piano accordion. It may be a strangely different image you are conjuring up, but this is exactly what you will be treated to with Mikelangelo and special guest Black Elvis (aka Gnarnayarrahe Inmurry Waitairie - an Aboriginal elder and artist originally from Roebourne, Western Australia). <http://www.mikelangelo.net.au>
Black Elvis http://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/black-elvis#_VGLPq8mdVUw

WEEK 4 – 'Yarra's Big Brass Heart' – Sunday 22nd Feb, 2015

If late nights out are not your thing then don't worry, we bring the party to you at the Ampitheatre with big brass sounds New Orleans style, classic soul and high impact rhythms!

MC: Mohair Slim Long time presenter at Collingwood based PBS FM and longtime Yarra resident, **Mohair Slim** exhales an unprecedented expert on historic African-American and Afro-Caribbean sounds. <http://pbsfm.org.au/bluejuice>

5 – 5.40pm - Act 1: Horns of Leroy are one of Melbourne's most recognizable street and party brass bands. They built their reputation through their raucous New Orleans inspired street parties blending funk, soul and traditional New Orleans jazz music, drawing influence from artists such as the Rebirth Brass Band, The Hoodangers and Beyoncé. https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=BQPfMt0GUEA

5.50 – 6.20pm - Act 2: D2 Drumline demonstration and staged battle D2Drumline aims to inspire the growth of marching percussion in Australia through professional high impact performances and education focused on developing a sense of community, high quality musicianship and fun! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YT9M7FeP5Iq>

6.30 – 7.30pm Act 3: The Deans are a critically acclaimed original Soul band, winners of The Age Music Victoria Award for Best Indigenous Act 2014 and nominated for "Band of the Year" in the prestigious Deadly Awards in 2007. They bring classic sounds and grooves into the gritty modern metropolis of Melbourne's Rock City <http://www.reverbNation.com/thedeansband>

Indicative Budget for 1 year only	2015
Artist Fees	13000.00
MC's	1600
Sound	6000
Photography	800
Stage Manager	1000
Management	2400
Coordinator	1600
Marketing/Adverts	1,200
Design	500
Printing & Distribution	1500
Water/gaffer/contingency	400
Total	30000.00

Local business will be targeted in a sponsorship campaign that offers sponsorship assets, as approved in consultation with the COY. Sponsorship funds will be used to increase promotion and artist fees and all financial transactions will be disclosed in the acquittal. Examples may include **advertising opportunities on Yarra Trams, linking with local community organisations to provide children's activities such as facepainting, broker discounted equipment/ production hire and printing etc.**