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MELBOURNE



St Kilda Festival, 4 January – 12 February

St Kilda venues host a variety of local bands, musicians, performers, artists and comedians in a series of one-off and special performances. The event culminates in Festival Sunday, a free event when thousands converge on the streets of St Kilda to see more than 50 bands across the different stages alongside extreme sports competitions, dance performances, children's entertainment and more.

For more information: visit www.stkildafestival.com.au

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NEC Master of the Amateurs, Royal Melbourne Golf Club, 10 - 13 January

Melbourne welcomes the world's top 20 amateur golfers for one of the most prestigious, international, amateur golf tournaments and the highest ranked event of its kind in Australia. This year's competition will be held at the renowned Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

For more information: visit www.masteroftheamateurs.com.au

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Twilights at Melbourne Zoo, January – March

From mid January enjoy one of Melbourne's best-loved summer events, Twilights at Melbourne Zoo. The popular twilight festival features great entertainment including classic pop, contemporary rock, and tribute bands. Weekends throughout summer, 6.30pm until 9.30pm.

For more information: visit www.zoo.org.au

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Midsumma, venues throughout Melbourne and Victoria, 15 January – 5 February

The Midsumma festival is Victoria's premier gay and lesbian arts and culture event, staged in more than 60 venues across Melbourne and Victoria. Midsumma presents a unique and eclectic program including performing arts, visual arts, cabaret, spoken word, film, forums, food and wine and family events, culminating in the colourful Pride March.

For more information: www.midsumma.org.au

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Australian Open, Melbourne Park, 16 - 29 January

Thousands flock to Melbourne Park as the world's greatest tennis players compete in the Australian Open grand slam tournament. The 2012 event promises to deliver the best spectator experience yet with more free entertainment and ground areas, adding to the colour, frivolity and exciting on-court action.

For more information: visit www.australianopen.com

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Australia Day celebrations, various venues throughout Melbourne and Victoria, 26 January

Join in the many, mostly free activities to celebrate Australia Day. The formal Flag Raising takes place at 10:30am outside Melbourne Town Hall and is followed by the People's March. Vintage cars and activities fill the Kings Domain and the Waterfront City Stage offers a range of family and multicultural entertainment throughout the day. Head to Federation Square at 7pm for live music followed by the Australia Day fireworks.

For more information: visit www.australiaday.vic.gov.au

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Festival of Sails, Docklands and Waterfront Geelong, 26 - 29 January

Join in the fun of Victoria's oldest sporting event – now Australia's largest sailing regatta – when more than 400 yachts race from Williamstown to Geelong. A free program of on-shore activities includes live music, roving performers, gourmet food and wine, art and craft markets, free sailing activities and much more.

For more information: visit www.rgyc.com.au

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Tjukurrjtjanu: Origins of Western Art, The Ian Potter Centre, NGV Australia, throughout January until 12 February

This superb exhibition features more than 200 of the first paintings produced at Papunya in 1971 – 72 by the founding artists of the Western Desert art movement. Works by celebrated artists including Uta Uta Tjangala, Shorty Lungkata Tjungurrayi and Johnny Warangkula Tjupurrula display the mastery of colour and style that characterises the work of the founding Papunya Tula painters.

For more information: visit www.ngv.vic.gov.au

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Perception Deception, Scienceworks, throughout January until 12 February

Perception Deception contains interactive exhibits that will challenge your ability to interpret information from your senses. Explore illusions; investigate perceptual tricks used by your brain to edit the information it receives and create your 'reality'. Some of the themes include: audio-language perception, visual perception and social perception.

For more information: visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/scienceworks

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Ancestral Power and the Aesthetic, Melbourne Museum, throughout January until 12 February

This exhibition showcases the extraordinary painted works collected from Arnhem Land during the 1930s and 1940s by Melbourne-based anthropologist, the late Professor Donald Thomson. Highlights of the exhibition include bark paintings and objects decorated with sacred clan designs.

For more information: www.museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum

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The Suzuki Night Market, Queen Victoria market, throughout January until 2 March

Take in the vibe at the Melbourne's most popular night market each Wednesday (except 29 December) from 5.30pm until 10.30pm. The market attracts an eclectic array of stalls offering quality hand-made items, clothing and gifts, as well as world music performances, local bands and international cuisine.

For more information: visit www.qvm.com.au

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The Mad Square: Modernity in German Art 1910 – 37, NGV International, throughout January until 4 March

This major exhibition focuses on German Modernism and highlights the great aesthetic innovations that were made by artists throughout Germany in painting, sculpture, graphic art, photography, film and the decorative arts during the years from 1910 to 1937. It features more than 200 works from leading artists such as Paul Klee, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, George Grosz, Otto Dix, Max Beckmann and Christian Schad. The range of artworks included in the exhibition is the most comprehensive display of European Modernism ever shown in Australia.

For more information: visit www.ngv.vic.gov.au

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I Couldn't Agree With You More, 1999,
audio video installation by Pipilotti Rist
Photo by Pius Tschumi,
Courtesy the artist and Hauser & Wirth

Pipilotti Rist, The Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (ACCA), throughout January until 4 March

ACCA presents the first major exhibition of works, including a new commission, by leading Swiss international artist, Pipilotti Rist – one of the most sought after artists of this century. This summer Rist will saturate ACCA's walls and ceilings with her sensory seasonal narrative through a sequence of immersive video works.

For more information: www.accaonline.org.au

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The Falls Music and Arts Festival, Lorne, 28 December – 1 January

This is one of Australia's great music festivals, offering live entertainment, camping, markets, arts and film as festival-goers welcome in the New Year. Each year the festival attracts a world-class line-up of over 50 local and international bands, DJs and comedians. The year's headline acts include Aloe Blacc, Kimba, Arctic Monkeys, The Kooks, John Butler Trio and many more.

For more information: visit www.fallsfestival.com

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Pyramid Rock Festival, Phillip Island, 29 December – 1 January

See in the New Year with top national and international musical acts performing rock, hip hop, blues, roots, dance and electronic music. Pyramid is held on a private coastal property on Phillip Island with stunning views of Pyramid Rock and Cape Woolamai. It offers three days of camping, market stalls a food village, shuttle buses to nearby surf beaches and temporary car parking. This year's festival will be opened by ROCKWIZ'S Julia Zemiro, Brian Nankervis and The ROCKWINZ Orkestra.

For more information: visit www.thepyramidrockfestival.com

Maryborough Highland Gathering, Goldfields, 2 January

One of the oldest continuous sporting events in Victoria, the 151st Highland Gathering celebrates both Scottish and Australian cultures. Enjoy Highland dancing, Highland pipe bands, brass and concert bands, Highland games, Australian sheaf tossing, a street parade, evening concert, fireworks display, athletics events and the Bendigo Bank Maryborough Gift.

For more information: visit www.maryboroughhighlandsociety.com

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Peninsula Summer Music Festival, various venues throughout the Mornington Peninsula, 2 – 11 January

Delight in eight days of music drawn from five centuries of English, German and French vocal, art song and operatic traditions. Pack a picnic for Twilight Jazz on the lawns of Montalto vineyard and olive grove, or enjoy Cantatas by Candlelight at St Peter's church in Mornington. In 2011 the popular Recital Series presents sonatas from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods.

For more information: visit www.peninsulafestival.com.au

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Lorne Pier to Pub, Great Ocean Road, 7 – 8 January

This annual event warms up with Friday's Lorne Mountain to Surf, an eight kilometre fun run, followed by the main event, the world's largest open water swim where over 4000 swimmers race a one point two kilometre course.

For more information: visit www.lornesurfclub.com.au

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Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields, 13 – 22 January

The annual 10-day music festival offers a full program of classical pipe organ performances, set across Ballarat's historic buildings. In addition to 25 recitals, events include demonstrations on heritage church organs, a festival breakfast, dinner and several picnic lunches.

For more information: visit www.ballarat.com/organs

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Yarra Valley Summer Racing, Yarra Glen, 23 January

Visit the picturesque Yarra Valley and spend a relaxing Sunday at this annual family race day. Spectators can picnic on the lawns or dine in the restaurant while the kids enjoy the free activities. Corporate and marquee packages also available.

For more information: visit www.yarravalleyracing.com.au or call 03 9730 1332

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Murray River International Music Festival, Mildura, 24 January – 29 January

A series of concerts in Mildura and other towns along the Murray River inviting patrons to enjoy music in scenic locations accompanied by regional food and wine. The 2012 festival opens with a performance of the Interpreti Veneziani in one of the most beautiful gardens in regional Australia. The festival continues with performances by Roberto Fabbriani (flute), Massimo Scattolin (guitar), Miwako Abe (violin) and Benaud Trio with Amir Farid (piano, violin, cello).

For more information: visit www.artsmildura.com.au

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International Island Classic, Phillip Island, January 27 – 29

Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit hosts the International Island Classic, regarded as one of the highlights of the 2012 Motorsport shows calendar. It is Australia's biggest domestic motorcycle meeting for historical motorbikes.

For more information: visit www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au

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Audax Alpine Classic, Bright, Victoria's High Country, 29 January

Amateur and experienced cyclists converge on Bright for the start of the Audax Alpine Classic, a world cycling event set among spectacular surroundings. The race starts and finishes in Bright, four hours' drive from Melbourne. The challenging course takes riders through up to 3,600 metres of vertical climbing across alpine peaks and soaring panoramic views of the valleys.

For more information: visit www.alpineclassic.com.au

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