

## +FESTIVALS



### Vivid Sydney – Light, Music and Ideas

SYDNEY

Feast your eyes on Sydney's illuminated iconic architecture during the annual festival of light. Immerse yourself in mesmerising lighting experiences, enjoy live performances and discover inspiring ideas; the event has become a forum for creative industries. This year, Vivid lights up the harbour, decorating cruise vessels and ferries with LED lights that change colour as they enter different parts of the harbour. Don't miss this breathtaking transformation of the city.  
24 May – 10 June, various venues across Sydney  
vivid.com.au



### Sydney Film Festival

SYDNEY

Join film buffs and brush shoulders with the crème de la crème of Australia's film industry when the 60th Sydney Film Festival hits town. Showcasing an array of feature films, documentaries, short films and animation from around the world, the "Official Competition", which awards \$60,000 in cash, celebrates courageous, audacious and cutting-edge cinema.  
4 – 15 June, various venues across Sydney  
sff.org.au

## THE PROGRAM

### THINGS TO SEE AND DO

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### Sydney Writers' Festival

SYDNEY

Suffering from writer's block? Australia's largest celebration of literature and ideas hits town for a week of inspiring talks, panels and performances. Drawing the biggest names in the literary world, and with over 300 events, you're bound to be inspired back into action.  
19 – 25 May, various venues across Sydney  
swf.org.au



### Cairns Airport Adventure Festival

CAIRNS AND PORT DOUGLAS

If you missed out on registering for the gruelling iron-distance triathlon (now full), then try any one of the other competitions on the program: Ironman Cairns, Coral Coast Triathlon, RRR Mountain Bike Challenge, Great Barrier Reef Ocean Challenge or the Quicksilver Reef Swim to Green Island. Set in one of the world's most iconic tropical locations, there's an event to suit everyone.  
1 June – 9 June, Cairns and Port Douglas region  
cairnsadventurefestival.com.au

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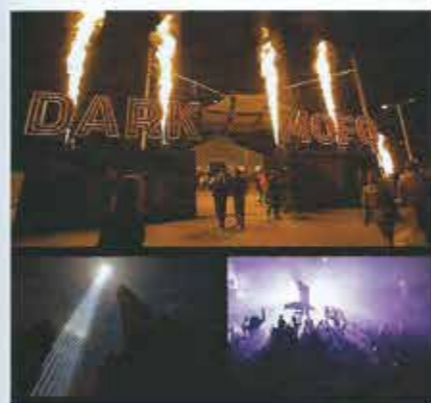
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### Alice Springs Beanie Festival

ALICE SPRINGS

Love outrageous headgear? Then this unique festival is for you! Browse the 6,000 original handmade beanies from around the world and check out art, demonstrations and competitions. There's also genuine bush tucker available! Sign up for a workshop to learn how to knit your own beanie.  
20 June – 23 June, Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs  
beaniefest.org



### Dark Mofo

HOBART

The Museum of Old and New Art's (MONA) winter darkness festival illuminates Hobart through art, food, music and light at the winter solstice. This year's theme is a celebration of both ancient and contemporary mythologies, birth and death, fire and light, culture and community. Hobart's waterfront will feature the Winter Feast, plus plenty of art, films, performances and late night gigs. Don't miss the Nude Solstice Swim and the "Mona til Midnight" opening of MONA's winter exhibition.  
12 – 22 June, various venues across Hobart  
darkmofo.net.au

## +FOOD+DRINK



### The Canberra and Capital Region Truffle Festival

ACT

Join a truffle hunt and watch four-legged friends sniff out these highly prized gems. Learn from celebrity chefs and truffle experts the best way to enjoy the flavours of this exquisite delicacy. Eat truffles with your breakfast, lunch or dinner or maybe try a sumptuous truffle degustation dinner. These beauties are highly seasonal, so events often happen with short notice.  
21 June – 16 August, various venues throughout the ACT  
trufflefestival.com.au



### Hunter Valley Wine and Food

HUNTER VALLEY

Wine and dine with leading Hunter Valley Winemakers and Chefs in a series of intimate and themed dining activities. Create your own magic in the kitchen under the guidance of some of the best in the business using fresh local produce. It's all about indulgence so crack open a premium Hunter Valley wine and bring out the cheese plate.  
1 – 30 June, various venues throughout the Hunter Valley  
winecountry.com.au/events/wine-and-food-month

## +MUSIC



### Melbourne International Jazz Festival

MELBOURNE  
Warm up at one of the 100 hot jazz events held throughout the heart of the city. Check out the late night art parties, intimate

club gigs, masterclasses, film screenings and daily free concerts. Slip on comfy shoes and join an evening Soundwalk to discover the hidden rhythms of the CBD.  
30 May – 8 June, various venues across Melbourne  
melbournejazz.com

## +WINTER



### Sydney Winter Festival

SYDNEY  
The Winter Festival sets up an ice rink at Darling Harbour where you can skate, eat and have lots of fun in the cold. There's an Après Skate Pop-up Bar, an Alpine village, ice sculptures and an inflatable Thredbo snow slide. Brilliant for the kids on the school holidays.  
13 June – 13 July, Darling Harbour, Sydney  
thewinterfestival.com.au

## +PERFORMANCE



### Adelaide Cabaret Festival

ADELAIDE

Dust off your fake furs and sequins, grab a drink and kick back at the largest Cabaret festival in the world. Expect unforgettable performances as it's often here where shows originate and go on to bigger things. Kate Ceberano's three-year tenure as Artistic Director ends in 2014, so the program is bound to have a star-studded lineup.  
6 – 21 June, various venues across Adelaide  
adelaidecabaret.com

## +THEATRE



### Mojo

SYDNEY

This hilariously funny play follows a gang of would-be power-players through the sleazy underworld of the London rock scene in the 1950s. Featuring live music and a cast of snappily dressed, menacing teddy boys and rockers, journey through the halcyon days of Soho. If you like British crime genre films, this is the play that kickstarted it all.  
17 May – 5 July, Wharf Theatre, Sydney  
sydneytheatre.com.au



### The Effect

BRISBANE

Sealed off together from the outside world for the testing of a new anti-depressant, two volunteers find themselves succumbing to mutual attraction. But is it true love or the effects of the drug? Much to the supervisor's annoyance, the natural chemical attraction also threatens to throw the trial off track.  
7 June – 5 July, Bill Browne Studio, QTC, Brisbane  
queenslandtheatre.com.au

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## +MARKETS



### Twilight Markets, Hawthorne

BRISBANE

The Love Your Local Markets, Hawthorne are run at twilight, kicking off at 4pm and finishing at 8pm every first Friday of the month. What an awesome idea, because not all of us have Saturday or Sunday mornings free. Other local markets in other states should follow suit, or at least provide a twilight option. Find the Twilight Markets in Hawthorne Park!  
First Friday of the Month, Hawthorne, Brisbane  
loveyourlocalmarkets.com.au

## +ART



### Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul

SYDNEY

Take a glimpse at thousands of years of Afghanistan's rich cultural history. Found at archaeological sites along the Silk Road, the 230 artefacts in gold, bronze, ivory, plaster and glass are some of the only ones remaining from ancient Afghanistan. Hidden in a secret bank vault in Kabul by museum staff for 14 years until 2003, the treasures have been preserved from the bombing and looting during the war.  
Until 15 June, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney  
artgallery.nsw.gov.au