

Darwin Festival

8 – 25 August 2024

2024 Program

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Darwin Festival takes place on what has always been Larrakia land. We wish to pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of this Country and to their ancestors. As the Festival welcomes contemporary artists and art from Australia and around the world, we also celebrate the continuing culture of the Larrakia people.

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WELCOME TO DARWIN FESTIVAL 2024

DR BILAWARA LEE OAM

Larrakia Honorary Elder

Welcome to Gulumirgin, Larrakia Land. The Larrakia are the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region and although our borders extend up to 50kms inland, we are Saltwater People. Darwin Festival is a virtual feast for the senses – not just for everyone’s sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell but also for our souls and spirit. I look forward to seeing you at the Festival.

HON. KON VATSKALIS

Lord Mayor of Darwin

Our city truly comes alive at Darwin Festival time. This annual celebration of art and culture brings the community together for events in parks, theatres, galleries and bars. There are free events, family friendly experiences and a huge range of shows you can enjoy with friends. Our diverse culture is reflected in not only the artistic program but the delicious food on offer in Festival Park. I invite you to indulge in this fabulous festival feast.

HON. EVA LAWLER, MLA

Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Darwin is the place to be in August! Each year during Darwin Festival we welcome visitors from all over the country to join us lucky locals for 18 days of celebrating the diverse talent of the Territory alongside some of the best Australian and international artists. Darwin Festival is a highlight of the Top End events calendar and helps to keep our travel, tourism and hospitality industries thriving.

CHRIS OSBORNE

Darwin Festival Chair

It's nearly Festival time again and that gives us all, locals and visitors alike, a chance to play! We're inviting some of the best artists and creative minds to come together in our Top End city to entertain, enlighten, challenge and wow us. None of this would be possible without the financial support of our many partners (especially the Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin), the generosity of our donors, the contribution of our Friends of the Festival, the dedication of our staff and volunteers and you for your attendance. I hope to see you around the Park!

JAMES GOUGH

Darwin Festival
Chief Executive Officer

KATE FELL

Darwin Festival
Artistic Director

Darwin Festival 2024 is infused with awe, wonder and the power of the arts to connect us. This magical festival is full of art that is awe-inspiring, heart-warming, joy-inducing and breathtaking. Taking place on Larrakia Country, the Festival makes the most of the tropical winter and celebrates the beautiful environment of this unique part of the world.

The city comes alive with non-stop entertainment in Festival Park and Sitzler Festival Lawn with shows each night in the INPEX Sunset Stage and The Spiegeltent, and a huge range of free festive fun for all ages. Across Darwin you can experience Festival events in theatres, galleries, restaurants, bars, cinemas, parks and music venues.

Our opening weekend sees the return of three huge shows at Darwin Amphitheatre, along with an incredible program of First Nations arts and culture. The middle weekend features a special new event in Palmerston packed with performances, food, comedy and family-friendly fun. We close the Festival at the iconic Darwin Ski Club with the setting sun as our backdrop for three stunning concerts over the closing weekend.

Many performances and exhibitions are inspired by this beautiful place we call home, and we shine a light on the richness and diversity of arts and culture in the Northern Territory. We invite artists from across Australia and the world to come to Darwin for a jam-packed program of music, comedy, theatre, dance, visual arts, cabaret, family shows and more.

We deeply thank all of our partners, friends, donors, staff, volunteers and Board members – this festival could not happen without your incredible support.

Darwin Festival 2024 is full of magical moments – moments to dance, moments to laugh, moments to play, moments to feel and moments to be transported. We hope you have a magical moment that stays with you for years to come.

Special Events

ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY

BIG NAME, NO BLANKETS

By Andrea James with Anyupa Butcher & Sammy Tjapanangka Butcher

Crank up the amps and plug into the heart of Papunya (Warumpi) in a rock 'n' roll theatre extravaganza

Big Name, No Blankets celebrates the phenomenal journey and impact of Warumpi Band, inspired by stories from one of the founding members, Sammy Tjapanangka Butcher. From their humble beginnings in Papunya to taking on main stages around the world, these Australian music icons made history as the first rock 'n' roll band to sing in Aboriginal language. Feel the thrill of a live concert as you rock out to blak anthems like 'Jailanguru Pakarnu', 'My Island Home' and the legendary 'Blackfella/Whitefella'.

Packed with rockstar performances, iconic songs and humour, Big Name, No Blankets is an uplifting show about how music can influence massive change. Settle in before it starts to enjoy a live performance from Maningrida band Wildfire Manwurrk, keeping the First Nations rock tradition alive.

Proudly supported by Charles Darwin University Australia

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government's Major Festivals Initiative, managed by Creative Australia, its arts funding and advisory body, in association with the Confederation of Australian International Arts Festivals Inc., commissioned by Darwin Festival, Sydney Festival, RISING, Brisbane Festival, Perth Festival and Adelaide Festival.

Supported by Festivals Australia and Community Benefit Event Fund.

Genre: Music // Theatre

Venue: Darwin Amphitheatre

Dates & Times: Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 August, 6pm (gates open 5pm)

Duration: 3 hours

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80, Children under 12 **FREE** bookings required.

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Suitable for all ages. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences are advised that this performance contains images and voices of deceased people. No BYO alcohol. Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted. Food stalls and bar onsite.

This event is wheelchair accessible.

Special Events

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MUSIC AWARDS

Shining a spotlight on two decades of First Nations musical brilliance

Held annually on the traditional lands of the Larrakia people, the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs) celebrate the rich diversity of Indigenous music from across Australia – from emerging talents to international sensations like Gurrumul and Jessica Mauboy.

Join us under the stars at Darwin’s historic Amphitheatre as we applaud the winners, soak up the ambience and look back at 20 deadly years of Indigenous music at this star-studded event.

Presented by MusicNT

Proudly supported by Northern Territory Government

Genre: Music

Venue: Darwin Amphitheatre

Dates & Times: Saturday 10 August, 7pm (gates open 6pm)

Duration: 4 hours

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80, Children under 12

FREE bookings required.

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE This is an alcohol-free event. Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted.

This event is wheelchair accessible.

Special Events

MISSY HIGGINS

THE SECOND ACT TOUR 2024

Celebrating The Sound of White 20th Anniversary

Missy Higgins is one of Australia's most beloved singer/ songwriters. For Darwin Festival she performs a very special two-act show celebrating 20 years since her trailblazing debut, THE SOUND OF WHITE.

Her first set includes some brand-new songs, plus a few fan favourites from early in her career, all played in stripped back, acoustic mode. After an intermission Missy returns with her full band to perform THE SOUND OF WHITE in its entirety plus a host of other hits. Sing along to all your favourites including 'Scar', 'Ten Days' and 'The Special Two'.

Prayer Corby, with her voice like an angel, and the extraordinary Leah Flanagan are our special guest supports at this opening weekend concert event under the stars.

Genre: Music

Venue: Darwin Amphitheatre

Dates & Times: Sunday 11 August, 5.15pm (gates open 4.30pm)

Duration: 4 hours including interval

Tickets: Full \$90, Concession \$86, Friends \$76.50, Children under 12

FREE booking required.

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE No BYO alcohol. Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted. Food stalls and bar onsite.

This event is wheelchair accessible.

Special Events

FESTIVAL PARK

Visit the heart of the Festival – your space to play!

Thursday 8 to Sunday 25 August

5pm until late (Closed Monday 12 and 19 August)

Our dazzling Festival hub is where you'll find all the action under the twinkling lights and the stunning bamboo designs by Techy Masero. Every night of the Festival (except Mondays) we're turning the city's Civic Park into a hive of artistic adventure – and everyone's invited!

There's free fun aplenty. Chill out or get up and groove to music from a diverse range of Territory talent on the Darwin Port Bandstand. Get acquainted with a pack of giant illuminated furry friends at Lost Dogs' Disco and discover roving performers on select nights throughout the Park. You might bump into a giant seagull or find yourself caught up in a SILENT DISCO.

Make a night of it by indulging in tasty treats from around the world, made with love by Darwin foodie favourites. Refresh yourself at one of our bars and enjoy the Festival Gin 2024 Edition created especially by Willing Distillery.

Buy a ticket to experience some of the best circus, music, family, comedy and cabaret acts going around, all performing on the INPEX Sunset Stage. Check out the walls of the venue, which will be given a dazzling new look by Larrakia artists Trent and Jason Lee.

Stay out late on a Friday or Saturday night and dance the night away to a diverse line-up of DJs at Club Awi.

Festival Park is the perfect place to start or end your night. Drop by before or after a show or settle in and soak up the atmosphere.

FREE

Welcome to Country - FREE Thursday 8 August 5.15pm

Kolsen Twilight Playground - FREE installation 5pm to 9pm

INPEX Sunset Stage - Nightly ticketed performances

Darwin Port Bandstand - FREE music from 6.30pm

Airnorth Moonlight Lounge - Festival hospitality space

Festival Food and Bars - Nightly from 5pm

Box Office - Open 5pm until late

See individual event pages for full program details.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

SITZLER

FESTIVAL LAWN

Follow the twinkling lights from Festival Park across to Sitzler Festival Lawn. Meet up with mates in this magical hub and sip on a cocktail before being wowed by cheeky cabaret at The Spiegel tent or taking on a DARKFIELD immersive sound experience in a shipping container

Proudly supported by Sitzler

Special Events

DARKFIELD FLIGHT & SÉANCE

Step inside, take a seat but don't get comfortable. Strange worlds unfold in shipping containers.

DARKFIELD is a collection of experiences that use striking sets, binaural 360-degree sound, complete darkness and sensory manipulation to place you at the centre of an unsettling narrative. Put on a set of headphones and join us for FLIGHT, an unnerving journey through two worlds and two realities. There are many worlds in which the plane lands safely. Or enter a shipping container transformed into a Victorian parlour room for SÉANCE, an intense sonic performance that challenges your sense of what is real and what is imagined to spine-tingling effect.

Thrillseeker? Book both SÉANCE and FLIGHT.

Produced by Realscape Productions

Genre: Special Event

Venue: Sitzler Festival Lawn, in front of Parliament House

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Sunday 25 August (no shows Monday)

Various times, see darwinfestival.org.au for details

Duration: 20 minutes

All Tickets: \$25 (per experience). \$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Not suitable for those who are pregnant, suffering from back injuries or heart conditions. If you are claustrophobic, sensitive to flashing light, suffer from PTSD or could be triggered by the content themes, these may not be the shows for you. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

THE PARTY

“THE BEST TWO HOURS OF YOUR LIFE, FLAWLESS ACROBATICS & SHARPWITTED HUMOUR.” WEEKEND NOTES

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

Calling all social climbers, rich kids, gate crashers and hangers-on. The lavish stage is set for THE PARTY of the century – so make sure you’re on the invite list. This evening is destined to be one for the history books.

From the makers of BLANC DE BLANC ENCORE and LIMBO comes THE PARTY, an evening of the upmost sophistication with absolutely no rules... what could possibly go wrong? It’s the perfect Festival celebration featuring unbelievably talented international circus artists, great music, extravagant costumes and an escalating energy within a theatre set unlike anything you’ve seen before in The Spiegeltent!

Presented by Strut & Fret in association with Darwin Festival

Genre: Cabaret // Circus

Venue: The Spiegeltent, Sitzler Festival Lawn, in front of Parliament House

Dates & Times: Tuesday 6 to Sunday 25 August

Various times, see darwinfestival.org.au for details

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes including interval

All Tickets: \$59 - \$145

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains nudity, strobe lighting, haze effects and sexual references. Strictly for ages 18+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Special Events

DARWIN FESTIVAL IN PALMERSTON

Join us for a packed weekend of family-friendly fun, entertaining performances, roving artists, market stalls, food, music, laughs and more

Proudly supported by City of Palmerston

FAMILY FIESTA

Non-stop fun and adventure for the whole family

Our FAMILY FIESTA guarantees a feast of free Friday night entertainment. Be entranced by the cheeky and charismatic Sean Choolburra with his DIDJ & DANCE show. Sing along at the ultimate live gig for young families from ARIA Award winners The Teeny Tiny Stevies.

Marvel (and laugh) at the antics in Lisa Pellegrino's KIDS CLUB SPECTACULAR and get your fill of food and goodies from the market stalls – but look out for the giant seagulls ready to swoop the crowd.

The 18-piece Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band will give the party a blast of brass and DJ Guru Dudu will keep you moving and grooving in a SILENT DISCO walking tour.

Genre: Comedy // Music

Venue: Goyder Square, Palmerston

Dates & Times: Friday 16 August, 5pm to 9pm

All Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

PALMERSTON LAUGH OUT LOUD

An unmissable night of laughs in one huge comedy showcase

The name says it all – get ready to laugh out loud at a line-up of side-splitting comedy all-stars that will have you in stitches. Grab a drink or a bite to eat before the show and settle in for an uproarious night of Festival fun.

Comedy legend, Merrick Watts, will bring the house down as MC, guiding you through a comedy gala night like no other. Dilruk Jayasinha is without question one of Australia's most in-demand funny guys. Don't miss this Darwin favourite when he returns to the Top End with his trademark brand of positive and upbeat laughs.

Joining him as headliner is one of a kind, force of nature Nikki Britton. With her physical hilarity and lightning wit, she'll spin tales from her chaotic life that will make your face hurt.

Local legend Kelly Gulliver puts her hilarious Darwin spin on this night of fun, which includes a full-power, soul-fuel live music experience from beloved band The Neo.

Genre: Comedy // Music

Venue: Goyder Square, Palmerston

Dates & Times: Saturday 17 August, 5.30pm and 8pm

Duration: 2 hours

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

ENDEAVOUR GROUP

CLOSING WEEKEND AT THE SKI CLUB

Join us at the iconic Darwin Ski Club for a closing weekend of musical moments to remember. The setting sun provides a stunning backdrop for three incredible concerts performed by some of our favourite artists.

Proudly supported by Endeavour Group

Genre: Music, Special Events

Venue: Darwin Ski Club

Dates & Times: Friday 23 & Saturday 24 August (doors open 4pm)
Sunday 25 August (doors open 5.30pm)

Duration: 2 hours 45 minutes

Tickets: \$65 (per show), Friends \$55.25 (per show), Children under 12 **FREE** booking required.

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

Ticket price includes one 12-month Social Membership to Darwin Ski Club

NOTE Marlon Williams & Kate Miller-Heidke are seated performances. The Cat Empire is a standing show with limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Ski Club

MARLON WILLIAMS

A once-in-a-generation talent with a voice that crosses continents

New Zealand's Marlon Williams' effortlessly distinctive tone and heartstring-plucking vibrato have garnered widespread love around the world. Performing solo for this captivating show, Marlon will sing his most loved songs, new material, and both original and traditional Māori Waiata.

Friday 23 August Supported by David Garnham

KATE MILLER-HEIDKE

A celebration of voice, storytelling, emotion, humour and music

Kate Miller-Hedike is joined by long-term collaborator Keir Nuttall for an intimate performance of her greatest hits and most beloved pop songs. Hear tracks from her original musicals Muriel's Wedding the Musical and Bananaland, some unexpected covers, requests and stories from across her varied career.

Saturday 24 August Supported by Sally Balfour

THE CAT EMPIRE

Get ready to shimmy, shake and sing your way through an evening of crowd faves and new tunes

The Cat Empire are bringing their new line-up and new live show to close out Darwin Festival with a bang. Fans can expect fresh interpretations of Cat Empire classics and a host of new songs in a massive night of music that celebrates movement, vibrancy and playfulness.

Sunday 25 August Supported by Katanga Junior

ROSEALEE PEARSON

SONG SPIRALS

Uncover ancient Yolŋu song spirals brought to life through stunning movement

A feast for the senses, SONG SPIRALS is a world premiere dance event that invites you to experience the language, culture and Country of creator Rosealee Pearson.

The rhythm and songs of the Milkarri (Yolŋu song spirals) are transformed in contemporary compositions by Andrew Grimes, as dancers become the canvas for stunning projections created by Naina Sen.

Inspired by the 2020 award-winning book written by the Gay'wu group of women, SONG SPIRALS transports you to the heart of Yolŋu country for a sensory experience that combines age old tradition with contemporary creativity.

Genre: WORLD PREMIERE // DANCE

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Preview Tuesday 6 August, 6pm

Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 August, 6pm & 8pm

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August, 1pm, 3pm, 6pm & 8pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

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SHAKE & STIR THEATRE CO

FOURTEEN

By Shannon Molloy

“UTTERLY CAPTIVATING, HEART WRENCHING, AND WITTY.” THEATRE TRAVELS

Press play on your discman, lose yourself in a pumping ‘90s pop remix and take a technicoloured trip back to your teens

Shannon Molloy is a year 9 student at a rugby-mad all-boys Catholic school in coastal regional Queensland. The year is 1999 and Shannon has a secret that no one can ever find out. Shannon is gay.

Based on the best-selling memoir by award-winning journalist Shannon Molloy, *Fourteen* is an inspirational coming-of-age story about adversity and tragedy. But it’s also a moving tale of resilience, hope and hilarity. Set to a nostalgic mixtape of ‘90s bangers from all your faves – from Shania Twain to The Spice Girls – *Fourteen* tackles the trials and tribulations of growing up with honesty, humour and heart.

Genre: THEATRE

Venue: The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour 40 minutes

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains strong coarse language, mature themes, simulated violence and depictions of self-harm, suicide ideation and sexual abuse. It also contains strobe lighting, smoke effects and stage cigarettes. Suitable for ages 14+

Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Entertainment Centre

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

INDIAN INK THEATRE COMPANY

PARADISE OR THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM

“FUNNY AND DELIGHTFUL... ONE OF THE BEST ONE-MAN PERFORMANCES YOU WILL SEE.” TIMEOUT

Take a wild ride to paradise to explore the impermanence – of life, love... and ice cream

Indian Ink Theatre Company returns to Darwin with a glorious new production infused with serious laughter, exquisite puppetry and inspired sound design. Kutisar is dead and lost between paradise and hell. A cantankerous vulture keeps harassing him and a lover from his past holds the key to his salvation.

Jacob Rajan delivers a dazzling solo performance as he channels seven characters, weaving the afterlife and a dash of Bollywood disco into the real-life mystery of India’s vanishing vultures. Inspired by Ernest Becker’s Pulitzer Prize winning Denial of Death and the vibrant, life-filled chaos of India’s most cosmopolitan city, Mumbai, PARADISE OR THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM will blow your mind and melt your heart.

Genre: THEATRE

Venue: Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August, 7pm

Saturday 24 August, 2pm & 7pm

Sunday 25 August, 2pm

Duration: 1 hour 25 minutes

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Latecomers not admitted. Suitable for ages 12+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

DANCENORTH AUSTRALIA

WAYFINDER

“THRILLINGLY INSPIRED... GRAVITY-DEFYING DANCE.”

THE GUARDIAN

Physical exuberance, sonic resonance and collective exhilaration explode in a kaleidoscopic fusion of dance, music and art

Wayfinder brings together the gravity-defying movement of Dancenorth Australia with a soaring composition from three-time Grammy-nominated Australian band Hiatus Kaiyote and sound artist Byron J. Scullin that evokes pleasure and possibility. Joyful, heart-expanding design from Japanese-Australian visual artist Hiromi Tango adds to this high-intensity dance work, for an experience that is truly captivating.

With collective playful energy, awe and wonder, Wayfinder recognises connection as the central axis of the universe. By the stars, the waves and the sun, we find our way.

Genre: DANCE

Venue: Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Friday 9 August, 8pm and Saturday 10 August, 5pm

Duration: 55 minutes

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains strobe lighting, haze effects and loud, startling noise. Suitable for all ages.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

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Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Entertainment Centre

AAKASH ODEDRA & LEWIS MAJOR

LITTLE MURMUR

“PACKED WITH VISUAL MOMENTS OF BREATHTAKING BRILLIANCE... WOW!” FRINGEREVIEW (UK)

Bodies and words fly like flocks of birds in a stunning visual treat

Diagnosed with dyslexia at a young age, Aakash Odedra found school a challenge. He spelt his name wrong until he was 21 and it wasn't until he “found the missing ‘A’” that he felt he belonged. Defined by his learning difficulties, not his abilities, dance became his mode of expression.

See his story brought to life in LITTLE MURMUR, an exquisite dance theatre show that combines groundbreaking visual projection, an extraordinary soundscape and a blizzard of paper and confetti into one heartwarming story.

Genre: FAMILY // DANCE

Venue: Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Saturday 17 August, 5pm and Sunday 18 August, 1pm

Duration: 40 minutes

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40
\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains loud music and strong visual stimuli. Suitable for ages 7+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

PATCH THEATRE IN COLLABORATION WITH GRAVITY & OTHER MYTHS

I WISH...

Enter a world of colour and creativity in an acrobatic adventure exploring all the things we could be

From an astronaut to a unicorn, and everything in between, performers from leaders in children's performance Patch Theatre and boundary-pushing circus company Gravity & Other Myths take you on a journey exploring the magic of individuality. I Wish... is an unforgettable live performance experience featuring gravity-defying acrobatics, stunning visuals and playful humour.

People are made of stuff – good stuff and bad stuff, happy and sad stuff, stinky, odd, boring, dangerous, funny, sparkling potions of stuff. People also have secret ingredients – what could your secret ingredient be?

Genre: FAMILY // CIRCUS

Venue: The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Tuesday 13 August, 6pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: Full \$34, Concession \$30, Friends \$28.90, Children under 12 \$25. \$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains haze and lighting effects. Suitable for ages 4 – 8

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

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LUMINOUS PRODUCTIONS

POD

Follow a seed pod on an immersive journey through the Top End seasons

Together with a nature guardian, POD battles fire, flood, wind and monsoonal rains on a journey through its lifecycle and out to sea. Cocoons burst into life, grass trees dance, storm clouds morph into horses as they cross the sky and POD befriends birds, animals and insects who help it battle all the elements of a year.

Created on Larrakia country and honouring the traditional Larrakia seasons, POD is a magical adventure for all ages. The story and our natural world are brought to life through puppets, projection, live improvised music and an interactive set that the audience is invited to explore.

Genre: WORLD PREMIERE // VISUAL THEATRE

Venue: Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 August, 6.30pm

Friday 9 August, 5pm & 7.30pm

Saturday 10 August, 11am & 6.30pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full \$34, Concession \$30, Friends \$28.90

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Suitable for all ages

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

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DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

VITAL FORCES

Senior Larrakia Elder Dr Aunty Bilawara Lee and NT composer Netanela Mizrahi come together for the world premiere of a stunning new musical work. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the devastating Cyclone Tracy that changed Darwin forever, VITAL FORCES is a breathtaking musical testament to the strength and resilience of the human spirit performed by Darwin's own symphony orchestra.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Dates & Times: Saturday 17 August, 7.30pm

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes including interval

Tickets: Full \$65, Concession \$55, Under 30 \$35, Under 18 \$22,
Family of 4 \$152, Friends \$55.25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Presented by Darwin Symphony Orchestra

TRACKS DANCE STUDIO

CLOUD SPLIT

Through choreography by Jess Devereux that embodies changeable cloud-like motion and inexplicable natural phenomena, two dancers explore the moody sky of the Top End, encompassed by a formidable musical score by James Mangohig.

Genre: WORLD PREMIERE // DANCE

Venue: Tracks Dance Studio

Dates & Times: Friday 16 August, 7pm

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 August, 3pm & 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$30, Concession \$25, Friends \$25.20

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Suitable for all ages

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

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Presented by Tracks Dance

MELANIE MUNUNGGURR & JURAN TIMU ADAMS

MANIFESTO OF SALTWATER WOMEN

Join Djapu writer, poet and performer Melanie Mununggurr and Te Aitanga A Hauiti singer, songwriter and performer Juran Timu Adams for an evening of stories woven through spoken word, song and music. MANIFESTO OF SALTWATER WOMEN is a powerful and beautiful collaboration inspired by two First Nations cultures connected through saltwater and the journey of womanhood.

Genre: MUSIC // THEATRE

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 August 8pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

BIG DOG SALAD LIVE

Darwin's own Big Dog Salad bring their absurd and wacky sketch show to the Festival! Expect a unique blend of theatre and comedy, with some mime and puppetry thrown in as well. It's 100% pure silly goodness!

Genre: COMEDY // THEATRE

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Thursday 15 August, 8pm

Friday 16 August, 6pm

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

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MICHAEL GRIFFITHS

IN VOGUE: SONGS BY MADONNA

Helpmann award-winner Michael Griffiths is Madonna. No accent, costume or wig. Just Her Madgesty, the Queen of Pop leading you on a journey through her tough life and tender songs. Strike a pose, get into the groove and express yourself as Madonna opens her heart.

Genre: CABARET

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Saturday 17 August, 8pm

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70
\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

PARTY GHOST

Spooky silliness meets jaw-dropping circus spectacle in the award-winning ghoulish journey that is PARTY GHOST! This tongue-in-cheek Death Day celebration is refreshing, hauntingly hilarious and just perfect for fans of high-level circus and dark comedy. PARTY GHOST is not for the faint of heart – so expect a little bit of boo and a whole lot of bang for your buck!

Genre: CIRCUS // THEATRE

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 August, 8pm

Saturday 24 August, 4pm & 8pm

Sunday 25 August, 8pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains strobe and haze effects and potentially triggering adult themes. Suitable for ages 14+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

This event contains minimal language and is suitable for audiences who speak English as a second language.

Produced by Cluster Arts

NICCI WILKS

RODEO CLOWN

Saddle up for the ride of your life with Nicci Wilks' Squirt, the only female rodeo clown on the circuit. This dark one-woman physical comedy explores one of the most dangerous jobs on earth with all the humour, skills and thrills of the job. Life is like a rodeo – the trick is to ride and make it to the bell.

Genre: CIRCUS // THEATRE

Venue: Brown's Mart Theatre

Dates & Times: Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 August 6pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$42, Concession \$38, Friends \$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Contains coarse language. Suitable for ages 12+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Produced by Cluster Arts

GRAVITY & OTHER MYTHS

THE MIRROR

“CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS IN ITS PUREST FORM. A GREAT DELIGHT.”
BERLINER MORGENPOST

Prepare to be dazzled by a totally entertaining, unique circus experience

Gravity & Other Myths return to Darwin with a spectacular show that combines live music, dance, circus, cabaret, video and – of course – heart-pumping acrobatics.

With humour, playful storytelling and amazing circus leaps and bounds, THE MIRROR explores what entertainment is in a world where we’re all content creators and what we make lasts forever. High impact acrobatics spill off the stage, accompanied by a pulsing lighting and video design and immersed in richly layered electronic compositions and pop mash-ups performed live by Ekrem Eli Phoenix.

Genre: CIRCUS

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 August, 7pm

Sunday 11 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Seated performance. Contains haze effects. Suitable for ages 8+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

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who speak English as a second language.

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THE TAP PACK

“SHAMELESSLY ENTERTAINING.” THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Slick humour and world-class tap dancing combine for a night of high-energy entertainment

The Tap Pack bring cool classics with a fresh new twist. Inspired by the infamous ‘Rat Pack’, they perform dazzling renditions of songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr right through to Ed Sheeran, Michael Bublé and Beyoncé.

They sing. They joke. They tap up a storm. They bring a new, invigorating energy to a timeless style and you won’t be able to keep your feet still!

Genre: CABARET // DANCE

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for all ages

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

ANNE EDMONDS

WHY IS MY BAG ALL WET?

“SIMPLY A FANTASTIC PERFORMER.” THE AGE

With stand up that is fearless and hilarious, Anne Edmonds takes aim at any worthy target, no matter how close to home it is.

Anne floods her bag at least twice a week and becoming a mother hasn't helped this. Where once there was water, now there is milk. It's time to screw your water bottle lids on tight, kick back and for god's sake laugh at her latest stand-up show.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Wednesday 21 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

TOM GLEESON

GEAR

“RAPID-FIRE DELIVERY, RAZOR-SHARP WIT.” HERALD SUN

HARD QUIZ Overlord, Master of Tasks and Gold Logie winner Tom Gleeson has taken the Brass Mug on the road for the past two years with HARD QUIZ LIVE. Now he’s giving Darwin fans an opportunity to see a master stand-up at work with his brand-new live show, Gear.

Don’t miss the chance to watch this gold-plated, comedy superstar live!

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Tuesday 13 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

TOMMY LITTLE HAS A REGULAR SIZE DECK

Brace yourself for a tidal wave of laughter as Australia's reigning deckhead of comedy takes on the Top End.

Tommy Little is one of the country's most popular performers who has built a rock star reputation with his signature wit, wild stories and infectious energy. Loved for pushing it just a bit further over the edge than expected and keeping audiences on the edge of their seats, this new show is a laugh-a-minute ride that spares no one – not even himself.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Saturday 24 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

NINA OYAMA IS COMING

Meet Nina, a 30-year-old fast, funny and unflinchingly honest comedian who doesn't really know what she's doing or where she's going. One thing is for certain – NINA OYAMA IS COMING :)

If you've turned on the TV over the last year, you've seen Nina in starring roles on Prime's DEADLOCH, Network 10's TASKMASTER AUSTRALIA or ABC TV's UTOPIA. Now, Australia's 'it girl' of comedy returns to her first love – stand up – and Darwin has the chance to see what all the fuss is about.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Tuesday 20 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

MYF WARHURST & ZAN ROWE

BANG ON LIVE

“A JAM-PACKED 60 MINUTES OF BEAUTIFULLY CONTROLLED CHAOS.” ARTSHUB

Myf Warhurst and Zan Rowe bring their smash-hit Double J podcast to the stage.

Bang On brings together two of Australia’s most respected and loved music journalists and presenters – who are also great friends – for a one-stop shop for music, art, life and stuff. It’s all the conversations you need to be across each week (but don’t have the time to read a think-piece about).

Join Myf and Zan for BANG ON LIVE – they promise it’ll be a hoot!

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Tuesday 20 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

AMY HETHERINGTON

TERRITORY PROUD

Darwin's very own Amy Hetherington brings a brand-new hour of hilarious high-energy comedy to Darwin Festival... and it'll make you TERRITORY PROUD!

What do small towns, parents of toddlers and Territorians have in common? They're all proud of really weird things. From iced coffee to poos on the big toilet, Amy explores what makes us proud and learns just how much that can change.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Tuesday 13 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

HE HUANG

TIGER DAUGHTER VS THE WORLD

“EMPOWERED, SASSY AND FEARLESS.” BEAT MAGAZINE

Get ready to travel as Chinese comedy superstar He Huang takes you on one hilarious trip around the globe. Whether she’s getting lost in translation at exotic bazaars or navigating ancient ruins with an absurdly inappropriate guidebook, He’s adventures will have you laughing out loud. Forget your Lonely Planet guide, because if you want to survive international cuisine, unexpected transportation mishaps and staying alive in a foreign land, the only guide you need is...TIGER DAUGHTER.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Sunday 25 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

GILLIAN COSGRIFF

ACTUALLY, GOOD

Gillian Cosgriff won Most Outstanding Show at the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival and sold out her Edinburgh Fringe Festival season with this brilliant hour of hilarious original songs, killer stand-up and a big book of things that are actually good.

ACTUALLY, GOOD is a joyous, funny and life-affirming show about the little things that make the big, hard things manageable, and pointing at the bits of the world that make you yell, “Wow! Isn’t this great?”. Don’t miss it!

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 August, 9pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. See 4 shows and save 10%

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 15+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

CARLOTTA

THE PARTY'S OVER

Political activist, living legend and Australia's most beloved showgirl Carlotta has led an extraordinary life. Now in her 80th year, she bids Darwin a fabulous feather and sequined farewell with a show of Peter Allen, Sondheim, Kander and Ebb and Barry Manilow hits all backed by a three-piece band led by Michael Griffiths.

Genre: CABARET

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Sunday 18 August, 9pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 12+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

QUEENIE VAN DE ZANDT

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Take a seat, whip out your smartphone and get ready to take control of how the night unfolds as musical theatre maverick and comedic cabaret queen, Queenie van de Zandt, offers up a buffet of entertainment on a Lazy Susan.

Genre: CABARET // COMEDY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Thursday 22 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

QUEER POWERPOINT

Powerpoint meets LGBTQIA+ as the corporate world's snooziest presentation software gets a joyous queer makeover in this cult hit experimental performance.

See Darwin creatives share their passions and nerdiest obsessions in an alternately playful, hilarious and totally serious exploration of pop culture as seen through the staid lens of everyone's favourite archaic slide show.

Genre: WORDS & IDEAS

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August, 5.15pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$34, Concession \$30, Friends \$28.90

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

TINA – A TROPICAL LOVE STORY

Embrace the transformative power of music and love in this heartfelt tribute to the indomitable spirit of Tina Turner. Miss Ellaneous (AKA Ben Graetz) shares deeply personal tales of growing up in Darwin and the profound impact Tina had on his life through captivating storytelling cabaret and dazzling drag performances, featuring guest artists including Crystal Love, Donnie Piccolo, Karibu Collective and more.

Genre: CABARET

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Thursday 15 August, 8.45pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for ages 16+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY LATE NIGHT MUSIC

Some of the hottest acts in the country are heading to the INPEX Sunset Stage for three weeks of Friday and Saturday night music good times. Catch a gig from 9pm, then stick around after the show for CLUB AWI. Your show ticket gets you free entry to our hot spot for fresh sounds and late-night party vibes.

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

MUSIC GIGS

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

Your ticket gets you entry to Club Awi after the show

CLUB AWI

All Tickets: \$15 at the door, Friends **FREE**

NOTE All events are standing only. Club Awi entry subject to availability and strictly for ages 18+

CLUB AWI

We're bringing out the true meaning of Club Awi – the Tiwi word for everyone – with a mix of locally-based tastemakers alongside some friends from WA, Timor Leste and beyond.

Expect a line-up of heavies, whose Boiler Room sets have inspired a new generation of genre-defying magic around the globe, paired up with homegrown heroes and some killer surprise acts. The decks will be sizzling with a delicious melting pot – from afro grooves to jersey club, synth wave to disco, classic R 'n' B to new school hip hop.

Visit darwinfestival.com.au for full line-up details.

Genre: LATE NIGHT // MUSIC

Dates & Times: Friday 9 to Saturday 24 August, Friday and Saturday 10pm to 2am

All Tickets: \$15 at the door, Friends **FREE**

NOTE All events are standing only. Club Awi entry subject to availability and strictly for ages 18+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

TEEN JESUS AND THE JEAN TEASERS

The band with one of the best names in the biz delivers passionate punk rock packed with emotion and wit in an exhilarating combo of energy and musicianship.

Demonstrating their evolution across an impressive string of releases and performances around the country since their 2019 debut, the band embraced 2023 with the release of their highly anticipated debut studio record, I LOVE YOU. But Teen Jesus and The Jean Teasers are more than the Australian music industry buzz has hinted towards. They are pure joy, rage and euphoria, delivered with precision and heart.

After the show Club Awi features the genre-bending blend of global electronic sounds from Ayebatonye as well as the Ambassador of International Roots and Culture – Voodoo Dred.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 9 August, 9.15pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

JAZZPARTY

Let's get one thing straight. No one goes to see JAZZPARTY to have their expectations met. They go to have them completely, dutifully, willingly blown away.

It's difficult to describe what this eight-piece band do musically – because they do a lot! With eclectic influences from Fats Waller to Rosalia, Prince to Patsy Cline and David Lynch to Ennio Morricone, JAZZPARTY have stretched out from their early R 'n' B and New Orleans style revelry, to explore soul, rock 'n' roll, gospel, calypso, '70s cult folk and pop for a party with punk attitude.

Stick around after the show as DJ Ageng Winston & DJ Dora from Timor Leste take over the Club Awi decks, infusing the air with a vibrant mix of traditional rhythms and contemporary floor fillers.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Saturday 10 August, 9.15pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

DARWIN WORLD MIX

Darwin World Mix bring a unique blend of international sounds to the INPEX Sunset Stage. This is a fun fusion Friday night you won't experience anywhere else!

Featuring principal singers from Madagascar to Jamaica, Manila to Japan, with traditional Arnhem Land vocals backed by strong rhythms and drums, this eclectic group promises high-energy sounds from around the world, delivered by virtuoso musicians who all call Darwin home. With a Jamaican DJ on board this is one explosive live show.

Club Awi features a high-energy bass and beats set from Monchiichi, a bubbling DJ bursting with flava, plus locals Spellfish, DemiRep and Rhele.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 16 August, 9pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

KAIIT

Get set to be captivated by the honeyed vocals, fierce, contemporary rhymes and shimmery feel-good vibes of Kaiit.

With a passion for jazz and soul that is evident in her music, Kaiit was personally claimed by neo-soul queens Jill Scott and Erykah Badu as their 'musical love child from Down Under'. She draws musical inspiration from her idols Amy Winehouse and Lauryn Hill, as well as contemporary peers Noname and SZA.

Join this Naarm-based, ARIA award-winning artist and luminary of the neo-soul scene as she performs songs from her highly anticipated new album in a show not to be missed.

Kick on at the Peachy Party Club Awi takeover designed for the community to come together, dance, connect and have a peachy keen time.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Saturday 17 August, 9pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

BARKAA X KOBIE DEE

Get hyped for a deadly hip-hop double bill featuring the combined musical and storytelling talents of BARKAA and Kobie Dee.

In a short period of time BARKAA “the new matriarch of Australian rap” (GQ) has become one of the most exciting new hip-hop artists on the scene, with a voice that balances unbridled passion with fierce aggression. With an innate gift for storytelling and connecting with young people, Kobie Dee is one of the exciting new voices in Australian hip-hop.

An eclectic Club Awi night stars multidisciplinary, queer WA DJ Agapantha, the King of the North DJ Run it and Rookie of the Year DJ Smithy

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 23 August, 9pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

HARVEY SUTHERLAND LIVE

Hit the dancefloor as producer, DJ and funk synthesist Harvey Sutherland brings his impeccable groove to INPEX Sunset Stage.

After making a name amongst Melbourne's electronic underground scene, Harvey Sutherland's broad array of crate-digging influences and bubbling, neurotic machine funk have made international waves. Now he's headed for the Top End bringing material from his debut album BOY alongside favourites from his distinctive catalogue of synth explorations. Harvey Sutherland and his live ensemble invite you to a true celebration of dance music.

Club Awi goes out with a bang when Fly Waves and DJ Wrong Banana have you working up a sweat with their big dance floor energy.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Saturday 24 August, 9pm

Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

MZAZA

THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF STARS

“A MAGIC CARPET RIDE SPANNING MUSICAL AND POETIC TRADITIONS.” WEEKEND NOTES

Music knows no borders in this mesmerising collaboration that contemplates our place in the universe.

World music favourites MZAZA draw inspiration from history’s philosophers and astronomers to lead us on a surreal voyage between music and theatre that is powerfully poetic, moving and humorous.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Sunday 18 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

ENSEMBLE OFFSPRING & ARAFURA MUSIC COLLECTIVE STORIES OF WATER AND EARTH

North meets south and freshwater meets saltwater when Darwin based Arafura Music Collective and Sydney mavericks Ensemble Offspring collaborate for the first time. Yuwaalaraay woman Nardi Simpson and Djapa woman Melanie Mununggurr feature as special guests in a performance that weaves instrumental chamber music, beat poetry and Dreaming stories.

Stories of Water and Earth is both a story and a musical journey of language, culture and singing.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Saturday 10 August, 5.15pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

ARRKULA YINBAYARRA

Featuring Dr Shellie Morris AO

Dr Shellie Morris returns to Festival Park with Arrkula Yinbayarra (Together We Sing) in a heartfelt musical tribute to their heritage and the rich tapestry of Borroloola languages.

This group of women from the remote Gulf of Carpentaria have rallied for their critically endangered languages and are helping to preserve them through an album of new songs.

Enjoy music from WARALUNGKU in a concert honouring community, family, Country, the old ways and life in Borroloola today.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Sunday 11 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

CUSTARD

Wacky Brisbane juggernaut Custard are returning to the NT for the first time in 30 years and they're bringing new music and old faves in one energetic live show. Sure, with a collective age of 429 this could possibly be the beginning of the end, or at the very least the end of the beginning. But all you need to know is Custard are one damn fine pop band and this will be one super fun gig!

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Wednesday 14 August, 9pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$44, Concession \$40, Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Standing event. Limited seating available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

CIRQUE BON BON

“A CIRQUE EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER.” THEATRE HAUS

Beauty and bravery ignite for 60 minutes of electrifying action

An all-star cast of contortionists, acrobats and dancers will get hearts racing as they set the INPEX Sunset Stage alight, transforming it into a cauldron of excitement, drama and hilarity.

CIRQUE BON BON is an all-ages show that is bound to have everyone up on their feet, clapping and cheering for more! Be wowed by an extravaganza of light, mindbending contortion, sensational dancers, death-defying feats of acrobatics and more than a few laughs.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Wednesday 14 – Saturday 17 August, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: Full \$48, Concession \$44, Friends \$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Seated performance. Suitable for all ages.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

PROUDFOOT & FRIENDS

Get ready for the foot-stomping, rib-tickling, toe-tapping time of your life at the Proudfoot & Friends stage show spectacular! This groundbreaking comedy-musical features choreographed animated projections that delight and captivate little ones (and big ones!) as award-winning children's performer Lucas Proudfoot leads them on a hilarious interactive sing-along adventure.

Genre: FAMILY // MUSIC

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 23 & Saturday 24 August, 5.30pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: Full \$34, Concession \$30, Friends \$28.80, Children under 12 \$25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Suitable for ages 3 – 7

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

KIDS CLUB SPECTACULAR

OK kids – it's showtime! Join this colourful pack of funmakers for an awesome array of kids' entertainment that celebrates everything we love about Darwin!

Hosted by Lisa Pellegrino, KIDS CLUB SPECTACULAR features diverse and spectacular music and performances – from Balinese dance to hip-hop, kids songs and more, all in one fun and inclusive show.

Genre: FAMILY

Venue: INPEX Sunset Stage

Dates & Times: Friday 9 August, 5.15pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets: Full \$30, Concession \$26, Friends \$25.50, Children under 12 \$20

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Suitable for all ages.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Proudly supported by Power & Water

ENESS

LOST DOGS' DISCO

Calling all dog lovers! A pack of giant inflatable dogs is moving into Festival Park

Welcome to the LOST DOGS' DISCO, a place where every stray is welcome and ready to dance the afternoon (or night) away.

Everyone's invited to our play space on the Council forecourt where an illuminated immersive installation of dogs is hanging out. See their coats light up as you pass by and be greeted with a chorus of barks, growls and howls in a custom sound design that captures the beauty and pathos of a doggo's life.

Genre: SPECIAL EVENT // FAMILY

Venue: Kolsen Twilight Playground, Festival Park

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Sunday 25 August, Tuesday to Sunday 5pm – 9pm (Not open Mondays)

Tickets: FREE

NOTE Suitable for all ages.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

This event contains minimal language and is suitable for audiences who speak English as a second language.

Proudly supported by Kolsen

DARWIN PORT BANDSTAND

Festival Park is your hub venue for free Festival fun. And if it's music you're after then Darwin Port Bandstand is the place to be. Every night the Park is open we'll feature guest Darwin artists whose music shines a light on some of the many cultures of this city.

Drop in after work and see a band over dinner or kick back after you've enjoyed a ticketed show and hear eclectic tunes from across the globe.

You might find yourself trying out some new mambo moves to Latin Street Fiesta, jumping aboard the Gravy Train's percussive fingerstyle guitaring or being swept away by the sounds of Africa with the divine voices of Sayuni Choir.

Genre: MUSIC

Venue: Darwin Port Bandstand, Festival Park

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Sunday 25 August (no show Mondays)

See darwinfestival.org.au for line-up and set times

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Proudly supported by Darwin Port

FESTIVAL FOOD

MADE WITH LOVE

Take your tastebuds on a culinary journey around Darwin's diverse food culture every night in Festival Park. Meet some of Darwin's favourites and enjoy the delicious food they're creating just for you.

BAMBOO LOUNGE

Experience the vibrant flavours of Southeast Asian-inspired cuisine at Bamboo Lounge, where Romal and Madhu's authentic culinary artistry shines through in every bite. With roots in Nepal and a deep love for the warmth of Darwin's people and produce, they create food with love, prepared with the freshest local ingredients.

ELLA BY MINOLI

Discover the heart and soul of Sri Lankan cuisine, where each dish is a tribute to Minoli's family heritage. Using seasonal local produce, modern cooking techniques and balanced flavours, Ella by Minoli creates heavenly cuisine to activate your senses. Try their OG Sri Lankan curries – truly tantalising to the tastebuds!

CUCINA SOTTO LE STELLE

Benjamin is back this Dry Season with his authentic Italian wood fired pizza, a Nightcliff foreshore favourite for many years. Catch him under the festoon lights in his iconic pizza-making pants and listen out for the Cucina sotto le stelle catchcry – the call of your pizza number echoing through the crowd.

THREE MUM'S KITCHEN

The team from Three Mum's Kitchen are back with their delicious Vietnamese food. Using fresh, local ingredients from farms and markets around the Top End, this is authentic, tasty food made with mum's magic touch.

TRAMPOLINE

One of our longest standing food vendors Trampoline Gelato is back and we can't wait for you to taste this year's exclusive Darwin Festival flavour. With a minimum of 12 flavours on offer each night, Festival Park will be full of smiling faces. And that's Trampoline owner John's favourite part of his job!

MR MINUCCI

Alessio's irresistible Mr Minucci burgers made such a splash last year that they're back at Festival Park. From beef to buffalo, vegetarian and seafood delights, they're a fresh festival feast designed to satisfy every craving. Freshly made-to-order, satisfaction is guaranteed every time you visit.

CHRISTINE'S EXOTIC EATS

Delight your senses with Christine's Exotic Eats, a culinary journey into the heart of East African flavours. From handcrafted Kenyan samosas, to mahamri and aromatic pilau rice bowls, each dish is a celebration of healthy ingredients and vibrant flavours made with love.

HUGS PANIM

Indulge in the soulful tastes of Thailand at Hugs Panim, where Nim and her daughters craft dishes brimming with love, flavour and freshness. You can't go past crowd-favourites Pad Thai, Paw Paw salad, or try Nim's Thai beef salad – it'll melt in your mouth with a tangy spice hit.

PORKIN'

August brings the perfect weather for Porkin's paella and charcuterie plates in the Park! Back by popular demand for their second year, Ryan, Manfred and the team bring European flavour to Festival Park.

MERRICK WATTS

AN IDIOT'S GUIDE TO WINE: VOLUME 2

"A WINNING NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT." GLAMADELAIDE

New wines. New jokes. Same idiot.

After the runaway sell-out success of his wine tasting comedy at last year's Festival, Merrick Watts is back. And he's bringing a brand-new show, showcasing different grape varietals from awesome wine makers with new jokes and stories to match.

Get a group together and join Australia's favourite comedian wine expert for an evening where you'll sample six wines and accidentally learn something along the way.

Genre: COMEDY

Venue: Beachside Pavilion, Mindil Beach Casino Resort

Dates & Times: Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 August, 6.45pm
Thursday 22 August 6pm & 8.30pm

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

Tickets: All Tickets \$75, Table of 8 \$560

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Ticket price includes six wine tastings. Contains coarse language and adult themes. Strictly for ages 18+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Proudly supported by Mindil Beach Casino Resort

INFINITY BEATS POOL PARTY

Club Awi DJs are taking over Mindil Beach Casino Resort's Infinity Beats Pool Party during the Festival.

If you love the whole cocktail-sipping, sun-soaking beach club experience, then this is the ultimate Sunday session Pop the sunnies on and pamper yourself with a day blissfully lounging on a sunbed, swimming in the glistening infinity pool and grazing on beachy bites while taking in the amazing panoramic beach sunset.

Genre: MUSIC // SPECIAL EVENT

Venue: Infinity, Mindil Beach Casino Resort

Dates & Times: 11, 18 & 25 August, 4pm – 7pm

Tickets: FREE, food and drinks available to purchase

NOTE BYO bathers. Strictly for ages 18+

Proudly supported by Mindil Beach Casino Resort

ABC RADIO DARWIN'S HAPPY HOUR IN THE SPIEGELTENT

ABC Radio Darwin Drive host Liz Trevaskis is your host for your dose of Festival fun. Stars from this year's program will join Liz live on The Spiegel tent stage for exclusive performances and behind-the-scenes stories. Get the lowdown on must-see shows and enjoy this special event filled with conversations, music, laughter and Festival hijinks.

Book your place in the audience or listen live on your radio or online.

Genre: SPECIAL EVENT

Venue: The Spiegel tent, Sitzler Festival Lawn

Dates & Times: Thursday 15 August, 4pm to 6pm

Tickets: FREE, bookings essential

Proudly supported by ABC Radio Darwin

A TASTE OF DARWIN

Join us for three very different events showcasing the incredible food and beverage culture we enjoy here in Darwin. Neville Pantazis, Darwin food and wine connoisseur and director of Parap Fine Foods, has curated these unique hospitality experiences for your eating and drinking pleasure.

Proudly supported by Hospitality NT

URBAN COCKTAIL TRAIL

Take to the streets for a unique guided walking tour of some of Darwin's favourite bars. At each stop you'll enjoy a signature cocktail crafted with a Top End twist. Hear from each drink's creator as you sip and share a platter of snacks. With the tour taking in Stone House, Poco, Babylon Bar, Baraki, Charlie's, Bar Kokomo and Hanky Panky you know you're in for a very special cocktail selection as you are Pied Pipered through the street with a musical surprise.

Venue: Meet at Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen

Dates & Times: Thursday 15 August, 6.30 & 7.30pm

Duration: 3 hours

All Tickets: \$150

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

FOODIES BAR ADVENTURE

Sample the best in food and drink that Darwin city and surrounds have to offer, as we take you on a tasting adventure by bus. Starting at The Trader Bar, we'll drop into Parap Fine Foods, Porkin' and Dom's Bar. At each iconic venue you'll enjoy a drink that has been matched with a delicious food offering especially for this event. Hit the road for a tour that truly showcases the versatility of Darwin's hospitality scene.

Venue: Meet at The Trader Bar

Dates & Times: Wednesday 21 August, 6pm and 7pm

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

All Tickets: \$130

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

ITALIAN FEAST

Darwin food lovers are invited to an exclusive fine dining pasta evening to remember. Enjoy a delicious contemporary Italian meal accompanied by a selection of wines as you're serenaded by musicians from Darwin Symphony Orchestra. This exclusive, one-night only dinner date takes place in the intimate surrounds of Parap Fine Foods.

Venue: Parap Fine Foods

Dates & Times: Wednesday 14 August, 7pm

Duration: 2 hours

All Tickets: \$150

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

CITY OF DARWIN

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

The big day out for our littlest arts lovers is back!

Bring a sense of adventure, your favourite teddy bear and the whole family to The Esplanade for a free fun day like no other. CITY OF DARWIN TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC is an annual institution and this year we've planned a morning with the lot!

Parents, you're used to taking pics of the kids. Well acclaimed interactive art experience I SEE YOU LIKE THIS turns the camera around and invites children to art direct a creative portrait directly on your face!

Play your favourite party games in a bubble-filled children's disco to the backing of a blend of kid-friendly tunes. And help artist Peta Goodrem decorate a hungry papier maché frog and its dragonfly snacks.

That's as well as the stalls you know and love, a huge cast of roving performers and all your favourite artistic activities.

Genre: FAMILY

Venue: The Esplanade

Dates & Times: Sunday 11 August, 9am – 12pm

Tickets: FREE

NOTE Suitable for all ages

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event contains minimal language and is suitable for audiences who speak English as a second language.

Proudly supported by City of Darwin

BORN IN A TAXI

THE WHALE'S TALE

**A beached whale, a confused navigator, a ridiculous doctor...
whatever could be the matter?**

Watch from the shore or submerge yourself in this underwater playground full of surprises. Put on your shrimp helmet, take a deep breath and dive inside the jaws of Manilayo, the humpback whale. Watch out, you could be the whale's next snack... or become the hero of the story and live to tell the tale!

THE WHALE'S TALE is a highly interactive spectacle full of slapstick, clowning and a nine-metre whale puppet that can swallow you whole! It's also an environmental story to warm the heart and inspire you to play your part in caring for the planet and the animals we share it with.

Genre: FAMILY // THEATRE

Venue: Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

Dates & Times: Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 August, 5pm

Saturday 17 August, 10.30am and 5pm

Sunday 18 August, 10.30am and 3pm

Duration: 50 minutes

Tickets: Full \$32, Concession \$28, Friends \$27.20, Children under 12 \$25, \$4.95 transaction fee applies

NOTE Outdoor event. Bring a hat and sunscreen. Suitable for ages 4+

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Presented by Darwin Festival and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

2024 TELSTRA NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART AWARDS

Experience the richness and diversity of contemporary artistic practice

Australia's longest running and most prestigious Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art awards return to MAGNT. This year's exhibition features leading and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across the nation, sharing works that reflect the continuation of cultures, responses to current affairs and unerring connections to Country.

Set up a picnic on the MAGNT lawns from 5.30pm on Friday 9 August and celebrate the incredible exhibiting artists at the official Awards Ceremony.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

Dates & Times: Awards Ceremony Friday 9 August, 7pm

Exhibition Dates: Saturday 22 Jun 2024 to Mon 27 Jan 2025, 10am to 4pm daily

Tickets: FREE

NOTE BYO picnic to Awards Ceremony. Food trucks and licensed bar available.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by Darwin Festival and Museum and Art Gallery of the

Northern Territory

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DARWIN FESTIVAL 2024 EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE WITH CHRIS BLACK OF JILAMARA ARTS

Laundry Gallery is excited to present an exclusive merchandise range for Darwin Festival 2024 in collaboration with Chris Black of Jilamara Arts.

Chris is a Tiwi man from Milikapiti on Melville Island. He is part of the large Miartuwee clan and a long line of ancestors who practice telling stories through Jilamara—Tiwi ochre designs that draw on ceremonial body painting, creation stories, and family totems. Chris' artwork is a unique contemporary celebration of the Tiwi family totems that are important to him, such as Jarranga (buffalo) and Yirrikipayi (crocodile).

Find us at the Festival Park merch stand or shop the collection at:

Laundry Gallery
1/1 Vickers Street, Parap
laundrygallery.com.au

**Proudly presented by Laundry Gallery – Old Stories. New Spin.
and Jilamara Arts & Crafts Association.**

NORTHERN CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

Leading contemporary arts organisation NCCA is a forum for ideas and critical engagement, which connects audiences with social, aesthetic and conceptual concerns relevant to Northern Australia and Asia. During the Festival, the gallery will once again celebrate the diverse work of First Nations artists from around the country.

Genre: VISUAL ARTS

Venue: Northern Centre for Contemporary Art

Dates & Times: Saturday 10 August to Saturday 5 October

Wednesday to Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturday 8am to 2pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art

SALON DES REFUSÉS

For 12 years SALON DES REFUSÉS has celebrated the incredible talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists whose work is not accepted into the NATSIAs. In 2024 this must-see exhibition will be popping up at an exciting new air-conditioned space at Darwin Waterfront.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Darwin Waterfront

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Saturday 24 August

Thursday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

Presented by SALON Art Projects

PUJIMAN WANTI

A celebration of the work of three inspiring matriarchs Nora Nungabar, Bugai Whyoulter and Nora Wompi, all extraordinary Martumili artists.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Paul Johnstone Gallery

Dates & Times: Tuesday 6 to Tuesday 20 August

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 2pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

Presented by SALON Art Projects and Paul Johnstone Gallery in association with Martumili Artists

WENDY HUBERT

NGURRA GOONMARDI

“I am a Yindjibarndi Custodian, old now, but strong in my thinking and my life. My ngurra (country) is beautiful, its goonmardii (plenty of food, good country) and I paint it to show people how to appreciate it and to not rubbish it so ngurra can be there forever.”

Wendy Hubert 2024

Genre: VISUAL ARTS

Venue: Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Saturday 17 August

Wednesday to Saturday 10am to 2pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

Presented by SALON Art Projects in association with Juluwarlu Art Group

WURRANDAN MARAWILI

Looking into Wurrandan's art is like looking into rippling water. The brilliant etched surface on his discarded road signs and the intricate cross hatch of his work in natural ochres on bark and wood mask hidden layers. Initially discovered through Instagram, Wurrandan is now a major artist.

Genre: VISUAL ARTS

Venue: Outstation Gallery

Dates & Times: Saturday 3 to Saturday 17 August

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 2pm

Tickets: FREE

This event is does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

**Presented by SALON Art Projects and Outstation Gallery in
association with Buku-Larrngay Mulka Art Centre**

SPINIFEX ARTS PROJECT

NEW WORKS

Spinifex – a dry and scratchy word that evokes a wide barren landscape of windswept tumbleweed and dust. It may be one of the most inaccessible places on this arid continent, but Spinifex country is rich, diverse and resourceful. Much like its inhabitants and the stunning art they create.

Genre: VISUAL ARTS

Venue: Visitor Centre, George Brown, Darwin Botanic Gardens

Dates & Times: Friday 9 to Sunday 18 August

Friday to Sunday 10am to 4pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

Presented by SALON Art Projects in association with Spinifex Arts Project

MATT SAV

DEEP HEAT

A multidisciplinary exhibition by Matt Sav that questions and disrupts patriarchal ideas of masculinity within and connecting to ecology as portrayed in popular contemporary media.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: UNTITLED gallery+studio

Dates & Times: Friday 2 to Thursday 22 August

Wednesday to Friday 10am to 4pm, Saturday 10am to 12pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially subtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by UNTITLED gallery+studio

PROMPT

Through studio practice, material exploration and collective action CDU Academy of the Arts students explore the questions raised by the prompt: How do we sustain, sustainably?

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Nan Giese Gallery

Dates & Times: Wednesday 14 to Friday 23 August
10am to 2pm daily

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially subtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by Charles Darwin University

KATHRYN DWYER

COLOUR CONFERENCE

Enter artist Kathryn Dwyer's world of light and colour, where magpie geese stroll serene through pink leaves and sky blue streams, and ibis and egrets wade through colour saturated wetlands.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery

Dates & Times: Friday 23 August to Saturday 7 September, Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 2pm

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event does not contain any music, sound or dialogue.

Presented by Tactile Arts

NGINI NGAWULA PIKARYINGINI (OUR STORIES)

The annual exhibition showcasing the latest and very best Tiwi art returns. Don't miss the vibrant opening performance of a traditional 'Yoi' (dance with the Tiwi dancers and singers) on Friday 9 August at 10am.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin

Dates & Times: Friday 9 to Thursday 15 August, 10am to 5pm daily

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by Munupi Arts and Jilamara Arts and Craft Association

RITA & JULIE

With playful brushstrokes and mesmerising pointillism, Alyawarr artists Rita Kemarr Beasley and Julie Pwerl Beasley animate Iytwelepenty (Davenport Ranges) and the surrounding Country.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Venue: Coconut Studios

Exhibition Dates: Thursday 8 August to Saturday 7 September,
Thursday to Saturday 10am to 5pm

Tickets: FREE

This event is partially subtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by Coconut Studios and Barkly Regional Arts

MANANKURRA

“We carry all the history on a song, like a map.” Nancy McDinny.

This exhibition invites you to join in a celebration and love of Country with local artists Isa McDinny, Stewart Hoosan, Nancy McDinny, Selma Hoosan and Julian Brown. Discover the songs and inspiration behind the landscape we share.

Genre: VISUAL ART

Visit darwinfestival.org.au for venue and exhibition details

Tickets: FREE

This event is partially surtitled or includes dialogue/background music/sounds.

Presented by Karen Brown Fine Art

UNTOLD DARWIN 2024

ON THE GROUND AND IN THE SEA

Leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, creatives, cultural leaders and academics come together for a weekend of First Nations-led conversation and connection. You're invited to explore a diverse range of topics designed to deepen understanding, demonstrate interconnectedness and broaden awareness.

Genre: WORDS & IDEAS // VISUAL ARTS

Venue: Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery NT Library, Parliament House

Dates & Times: Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 August

See darwinfestival.org.au for session times

Duration: 45minutes each session

Tickets: FREE

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Presented by Agency

DARWIN FESTIVAL @ DECKCHAIR CINEMA

Monday night is movie night during Darwin Festival, and there's no better place to catch a flick than at the iconic Deckchair Cinema. Settle in before the sun goes down and enjoy a bite of local food before you lean back in your deckchair for a guaranteed unique film experience.

Check darwinfestival.org.au for film details.

Genre: FILM

Venue: Deckchair Cinema

Dates & Times: Mon 12 & 19 August, 7pm

Tickets: Full \$19, Concession \$15, Friends \$10
\$4.95 transaction fee applies.

This venue is wheelchair accessible.

Presented by Deckchair Cinema in association with Darwin Festival

INDUSTRY CONNECT

Darwin Festival is committed to investing in the arts in the Northern Territory

Our Industry Connect program offers local artists and arts industry workers a range of opportunities to connect with the Festival, visiting artists and each other.

In 2024 Industry Connect will feature a curated program of free workshops, masterclasses, talks and panel discussions delivered in a spirit of collaboration and exchange. If you're keen to explore ideas, extend your learning and feel part of the wider Australian and international arts network, this is a program for you.

Places for our Industry Connect sessions will be limited so sign up at www.darwinfestival.org.au to be first in the know!

Proudly supported by Power & Water

COMMUNITY TIX

Darwin Festival is committed to fostering inclusivity by ensuring as many members of our community as possible can be involved. We are offering free and low-cost tickets to select events for not-for-profit organisations, charities, First Nations and multicultural organisations, as well as patrons holding a current Pension Card or Health Care Card.

Visit www.darwinfestival.org.au for more details.

Proudly supported by Dementia Australia

ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS

Darwin Festival artists are heading off the stage and into the classroom to bring Festival fun to schools across Darwin. Performers from I WISH..., LITTLE MURMUR and FOURTEEN will engage students in a series of hands on acrobatic, movement and drama workshops.

SCHOOLS PERFORMANCES

Students of all ages can experience the wonder of the theatre at Darwin Festivals schools only performances. Take your class out for the morning and venture into another world.

Visit www.darwinfestival.org.au/schools for all the details and to book for your school.

FOURTEEN Friday 16 August, 11am

I WISH... Tuesday 13 August, 11am

LITTLE MURMUR Monday 19 August, 11am

PARADISE OR THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM Friday 23 August,
11am

SONG SPIRALS Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 August, 11am

THE WHALE'S TALE Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 August, 10.30am

Driven by CDC Northern Territory

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ACCESS

We want as many people as possible to experience the magical moments of Darwin Festival.

We are committed to welcoming and including artists and audiences of all abilities to our events.

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our events and invite you to get touch with us via phone or email if you have any feedback or wish to discuss your access needs.

Phone **08 8943 4222**

Email **access@darwinfestival.org.au**

National Relay Service **1800 555 660** (free from landlines) or relayservice.gov.au

You can make all your access bookings over the phone or via email. Information about the accessibility of individual events can be found in this program guide and at **www.darwinfestival.org.au/accessibility**

Darwin Festival's Access Program is proudly supported by Randazzo Properties

COMPANION CARD

Companion Card holders are entitled to concession-priced tickets and a complimentary ticket for their companion. Please call or email to book.

AUSLAN INTERPRETATION

We have partnered with Deaf Connect and Auslan Stage Left to provide Auslan interpretation for select performances. Visit our

website for details or contact us if there's a show you'd like to see signed.

SENSORY FRIENDLY

Select performances will be adapted to have a relaxed attitude to noise and movement. Small changes may be made to lighting and sound effects and audience members can move about during the show. Visit our website for more information.

DONATE TO YOUR FESTIVAL

Help us make memories together and continue the celebration for generations to come!

Your donations support real outcomes in the Festival.

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These funds will help us create and bring special events and programs to Darwin that wouldn't be possible otherwise.

Territory Stories

Your money will go to NT artists to assist them in creating new work for Darwin Festival stages.

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By contributing to this area, you'll be helping us program more free events for the whole community.

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**Friends of the Festival pre-sale booking period from 9am
Wednesday 29 May.**

General Public on sale from 9am Friday 31 May

HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE

www.darwinfestival.org.au

PHONE

08 8943 4222

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29 to 30 May

Wednesday & Thursday, 10am to 4pm

General Public sales

31 May to 25 August*

Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

*Closed public holidays

IN PERSON

Top End Visitor Information Centre

6 Bennett St, Darwin City

31 May to 25 August

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays, 10am to 2pm

Festival Park Box Office

Cnr Smith St & Harry Chan Ave

8 to 25 August*

Tuesday to Sunday, 5pm until late
Box Office closes 15 minutes after the last performance. Open
15minutes before matinee performances.

*Closed Mondays

EMAIL

boxoffice@darwinfestival.org.au

For tickets bought online or over the phone, you'll receive a confirmation email of your booking – this is your e-ticket for scanning at the venue.

If you have any access requirements please email
access@darwinfestival.org.au or call the box office on **09 8943 4222**.

NOTE

All online, phone and in person sales incur a \$4.95 (including GST) transaction fee.

Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC)

You can buy tickets to events at Darwin Entertainment Centre and Darwin Amphitheatre directly from DEC.

ONLINE

www.yourcentre.com.au

PHONE

08 8980 3333

Monday to Friay, 10am to 4pm

IN PERSON

At the DEC box office (open one hour prior to performances at DEC)

EMAIL

boxoffice@yourcentre.com.au

NOTE

Transaction fees will apply for online, phone and in person sales. Multipack discounts are not available for purchases made through the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

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Friends of the Festival are entitled to 15% off two tickets per eligible event* and a further 15% discount when purchasing a Multipack.

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Festival Multipacks can be purchased online, over the phone or in person at a Darwin Festival Box Office, including Top End Visitor

Information Centre.

Darwin Festival only sells an allocation of tickets for Festival events at Darwin Entertainment Centre. Once this has been exhausted these events will only be sold through DEC and will not qualify for a Multipack discount.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Bring the crew and save! Groups of eight or more receive a discount on tickets to events at the INPEX Sunset Stage and Darwin Amphitheatre. Groups of ten or more receive a discount to Darwin Symphony Orchestra.

SCHOOL GROUPS

For more information about bringing a school group to a Darwin Festival show, visit www.darwinfestival.org.au/schools or contact our box office.

SHOW YOUR LOVE

Whatever the special occasion or whoever the special person, show your love with a Darwin Festival Gift Voucher. Purchase online and we'll email a link straight to your inbox to generate your voucher with a personalised message.

Vouchers are valid for three years from date of purchase and can be used for show tickets or Friends of the Festival memberships (sorry, not redeemable for food and beverage or for merchandise sold at our bars).

Redeem your voucher online, over the phone, or in person at a Darwin Festival Box Office and Top End Visitor Information Centre.

CONCESSIONS

When indicated, concession tickets are available for the following:

- Full-time students
- Children 12 years and under
- Pensioner and Carer Concession Card holders

- Health Care Card holders
- Seniors Card holders
- BasicsCard holders
- Companion Card holders
- Australian Defence Force personnel
- International defence force personnel

Proof of concession must be produced upon request by Box Office or Front of House staff.

Entry is free for children two years and under when they are not using a seat (subject to advertised age restrictions).

Entry is free for 12 years and under to events at Darwin Amphitheatre and Darwin Ski Club (ticket required).

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Darwin Festival ticket sales incur a \$4.95 (including GST) transaction fee for phone, online and in person sales.

No refunds or exchanges permitted except as provided in the Live Performance Australia Ticketing Code of Practice and under Australian Consumer Law. Keep your tickets safe. The right is reserved not to replace lost or stolen tickets where seating is unreserved or general admission. Do not distribute your e-tickets to others as this will void the ticket – no refunds will be entered into.

Patrons are to observe advertised lock-out policies – no refunds will be provided for latecomers. For shows advertising latecomer entry at suitable points in the performance, patrons may be admitted as determined by venue management. However, excessive lateness to such advertised performances may not guarantee entry and no refund will be provided.

For the most up to date information on events, including lock-out policies, content warnings and conditions, please visit our website. See **www.darwinfestival.org.au** for full Ticketing Terms and Conditions.