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SPRING GALLERY

Mildura Arts Centre presents a touring exhibition by Arts Centre Melbourne

KYLIE ON STAGE

EXHIBITION: Until Sunday 29 October

Kylie on Stage is a major exhibition celebrating magical moments from Kylie Minogue's highly successful concert tours.



Kylie on Stage is a touring exhibition proudly presented by Arts Centre Melbourne and supported by Creative Victoria.

Drawn from Kylie's spectacular stage wardrobe held at Arts Centre Melbourne's Performing Arts Collection the exhibition features costumes from tours dating back to 1989 as well as more recent tours such as Kylie Aphrodite Les Folies in 2011. Featured designers within the world-first exhibition include Dolce and Gabbana, John Galliano, Julien Macdonald, Karl Lagerfeld and Jean Paul Gaultier as well as local designers including Peter Morrissey and Mark Burnett.

Kylie on Stage also features a selection of designs, working drawings, photographs and footage that explore the creative process behind each costume and provide rare glimpses into the world backstage.

"Touring and live performance has been such a big part of my life and my development as an artist, so I'm thrilled that Arts Centre Melbourne are staging this free national exhibition" Kylie Minogue.

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Left: Costume designed by Jean Paul Gaultier, *KylieX2008* tour, 2008. Gift of Kylie Minogue, 2015. Arts Centre Melbourne, Performing Arts Collection. Top left: Kylie Minogue, *KylieX2008* tour, 2008. Photograph by William Baker. Reproduced courtesy of Darenote Ltd.

Bottom left: Kylie Minogue, Kylie Showgirl: The Greatest Hits tour, 2005. Photograph by Ken McKay. Reproduced courtesy of Darenote Ltd. Left: Costume designed by John Galliano, Kylie Showgirl: The Greatest Hits tour, 2005. Gift of Kylie Minogue, 2006. Arts Centre Melbourne, Performing Arts Collection.







30 YEARS OF MUSIC: A COLLECTION

Private Collection

EXHIBITION:

Until Sunday 29 October

Step into the world of a devoted music fan and explore a glittering collection of all things Kylie. Exclusive to Mildura Arts Centre, this exhibition brings together original performance photographs, concert memorabilia, and limited edition vinyl records, cassettes and CDs.

Image: PWL Mushroom, Shocked (remix), Kylie featuring DNA. Cassette single, 1991. Image supplied.









BADGER BATES: PAAKA AND RINTU

Mildura Arts Centre Collection and collection of the artist

EXHIBITION OPENING: 6pm, Thursday 31 August

EXHIBITION:

Thursday 31 August – Sunday 10 December

View the collection works created by artist and culture consultant Badger Bates, renowned for various public art commissions including Memories, 2016 at the Mildura Riverfront.

Image: *Nhatji Yarilana* (detail), 1997. William Brian 'Badger' Bates. Mildura Arts Centre Collection.

2 BROTHERS: VISION FROM THE BUSH

Brian Harris and Eddy Harris

EXHIBITION OPENING:

6pm, Thursday 31 August

EXHIBITION:

Thursday 31 August – Sunday 22 October

Two brothers' exploration of their family and the cultural tradition of creating art. Passionate about teaching and learning, they hope to inspire young Indigenous people to learn the traditions and build bridges with non-Indigenous persons through art.

Image: Ghost Lizard, 2017. Brian Harris, acrylic on bark. Right image: Camp Fire Gathering, 2015. Eddy Harris, acrylic on canvas.

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Image: Sir Thomas Gainsborough, Cottage with Peasants, c.1770s. Black chalk and stump on paper. JR Bow Memorial Collection, Mildura Arts Centre 1975.

COLLECTOR FATHER; ARTIST SON

Mildura Arts Centre Collection

EXHIBITION:

Thursday 26 October 2017 – Sunday 28 January 2018

JR Bow, an engineer who worked alongside the notable Australian architect Harold Desbrowe Annear, was a strong advocate for the arts and their capacity to advance Victoria's post-WWI economic and social prosperity.

This exhibition includes significant European works by Gainsborough and Dürer, selected from the JR Bow Memorial Collection, and modernist artworks by Australian sculptor, painter and printmaker lan Bow (1914–1989).

Collector father; Artist son is complemented by a new Mildura Arts Centre publication which provides a researched biography of the late lan Bow.



Image: Group work, 2017. Kylie Banyard. Oil and acrylic on canvas.

ART DIRECTIONS 2017

Art Educators

EXHIBITION OPENING:

6pm, Thursday 9 November

EXHIBITION:

Thursday 9 November – Sunday 3 December

Many of us have a story or two about our art teachers or arts education. They inspired us to see the world from new perspectives, they challenged us to consider what we see and how we feel, they nurtured a skill or passion deep within us.

Maybe we take that for granted or maybe they will always hold a special place in our hearts. Through this exhibition we celebrate the practice of arts educators in the region from primary, secondary and tertiary institutions.

SPRING GALLERY



SPECIAL FOREVER: VOICES OF THE CHILDREN

Presented by Rosemarie Zalec and Sunraysia Primary Schools

EXHIBITION OPENING:

6pm, Thursday 9 November

EXHIBITION:

Thursday 9 November – Sunday 3 December

Coordinated by local teacher Rosemarie Zalec, Special Forever: voices of the children is an environmental awareness and writing project. Students from local schools are invited to write and produce works of art about where they live, the local environment, local, national or global issues.

Photo: Special Forever: voices of the children, 2016 exhibition.

SPRING WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ARTISTS

PASTEL WORKSHOP WITH GLENDA PARKER

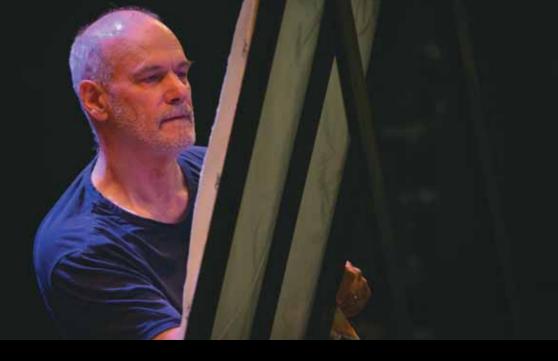
10am – 4pm, Saturday 2 September Accomplished South-Australian based artist, and President of Pastel Artists of South Australia, Glenda Parker, will lead an art workshop focusing on still life, utilising pastel as the art medium for this professional development workshop for artists.

Ages 16+

ENTRY FREE

Bookings essential, limited spaces.

Image: Bright Flowers, 2017. Glenda Parker. Pastels.



WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH GRAEME DRENDEL

The Roxy, Ouyen

10am – 3pm, Saturday 16 September

Acclaimed artist Graeme Drendel will lead a watercolour workshop focusing on urban landscape.

Paper supplied. Participants are asked to bring along their own watercolours, brushes, rags and photographic reference material.

Ages 16+

ENTRY FREE

Bookings essential, limited spaces.

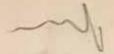
Image: Graeme Drendel, 2017. Photo by Robert Klarich.







2pm, Saturday 16 September, 21 October and 18 November.



Looking for ways to be creative and connect with others? A Social Drawing Afternoon is a must for people who love to draw.

DURATION 120 minutes **ENTRY FREE**

Image: Sketch of the hand of a statue taken from The Victorian Sketch Book. Artist and date unknown. Mildura Arts Centre Collection.



ARTS OF THE UNDERGROUND

Where Creativity, Culture and People Collide

7pm, Friday 22 September

DURATION 180 minutes **ENTRY FREE**

Ages 18+

Tag #AOTU

Collide on a Friday night and enjoy trivia, live music, art and good food.

Check the website for more details.

Images: Arts of the Underground. Photos by Robert Klarich.

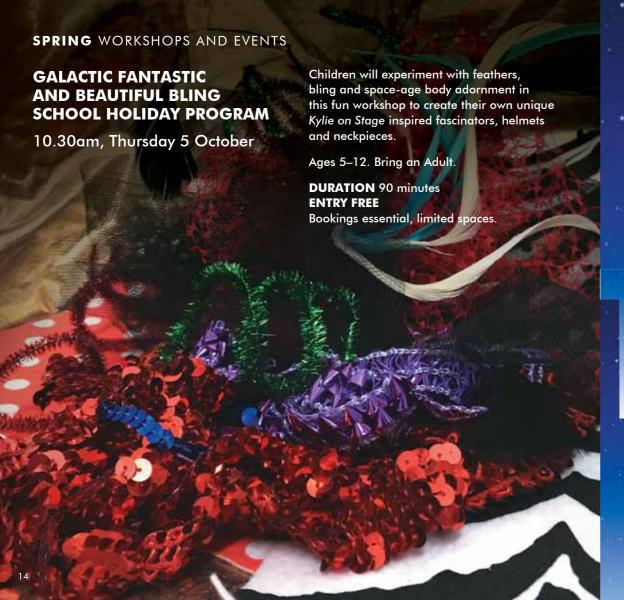
Arts of the Underground is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria.







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5pm, Friday 20 October and Friday 10 November

Outdoor Event | Live Music and Entertainment | Kids Activities

Food and Drinks (No BYO alcohol)

DURATION 210 minutes

ENTRY FREE

Photo by Robert Klarich.

SPRING THEATRE

Mildura Arts Centre presents **Australian Dance Theatre BE YOUR SELF REDUX** By Garry Stewart

7.30pm, Tuesday 12 September

In Garry Stewart's Be Your Self Redux the phenomenal dancers of ADT prove why this is one of the world's most physical dance companies.

When we refer to our 'selves' what are we really talking about? Are we our bodies, our minds, our emotions? Exploring these questions Be Your Self Redux promises, and delivers, extraordinary choreography, emotion, humour and an intimate perspective into notion of the 'self'.

Whether you are new to contemporary dance, or a longstanding fan of the artform, you will be blown away by this extraordinary work. Featuring a physicality that must be seen to be believed, Be Your Self Redux is an unforgettable experience.

A distilled version of the original production Be Your Self, Be Your Self Redux is not to be missed.

DURATION 60 minutes (no interval) TICKETS Full Price \$35 | Concession \$30 Child 1–16 \$20 | Group 4+ \$22.50pp

For school bookings, contact the Box Office.

Image: Be Your Self Redux. Photo by Chris Herzfeld Camlight Productions.





























MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL TRAVELLING SHOWCASE

Mildura Arts Centre and Melbourne International Film Festival present THE SONG KEEPERS

2pm, Saturday 23 September

Central Australia's answer to The Buena Vista Social Club, The Song Keepers tells the uplifting story of women from the world's oldest culture preserving some of the world's oldest sacred songs, connecting Germany to Indigenous history in the process.

In the Central Desert Region around Hermannsburg, west of Alice Springs, a hidden 140-year musical legacy of ancient Aboriginal languages and German baroque hymns is being preserved by four generations of song women who form the Central Australian Aboriginal Women's Choir.

Image: Courtesy of Melbourne International Film Festival

Singing 14th-century Lutheran hymns – brought to the area by missionaries – in their own western Arrarnta and Pitjantjatjara tongues, the choir's efforts to save these sacred songs are boosted by the arrival from Melbourne of a charismatic conductor who orchestrates a historic tour of Germany to bring the hymns back to their homeland.

With support from the MIFF Premiere Fund, award-winning filmmaker Naina Sen documented that tour and its preparations, capturing the highs and lows as these remarkable women share their music and stories of cultural survival, identity and inclusive cross-cultural collaboration with the world.

DURATION 84 minutes (no interval) TICKETS \$10











THE BUTTERFLY TREE

7pm, Saturday 23 September

Melissa George returns to Australia to star alongside Ewen Leslie and Ed Oxenbould in a visually sumptuous coming-of-age tale of love and loss tinged with magical realism.

When 13-year-old Fin meets Evelyn, a florist with a penchant for 1940s fashion and a radiant appetite for life, he is drawn into her spellbinding world of plants and insects: it seems the perfect place to escape his ongoing grief over the death of his mother. But as Fin's feelings for Evelyn bloom into a confusing mix of teenage desire and misplaced maternal love, it sets the stage for a showdown with his equally struggling father, Al – especially when it becomes clear that Al is also falling for Evelyn.

Working from her Australian Writers' Guild award-winning script and with the support of the MIFF Premiere Fund, first-time filmmaker Priscilla Cameron crafts an intimate, occasionally hyper-real story about the sometimes rocky path it takes to learn the true meaning of love, and its intricate connections with loss.

Oxenbould shatters any lingering memories of the boy he was in 2014's MIFF Premiere Fund-supported Paper Planes as he embraces a role of complex emotional flux, subtly underscored by Jason Hargreaves' resplendently lush cinematography – The Butterfly Tree is a treat on the big screen.

"I just fell in love with [this] love story between a young boy trying to find himself and his father losing himself and both of them attracted to the same woman."

Melissa George

DURATION 97 minutes (no interval) **TICKETS** \$15







Mildura Arts Centre presents a State Theatre Company South Australia production

THE POPULAR MECHANICALS

By Keith Robinson, William Shakespeare and Tony Taylor Original direction by Geoffrey Rush

7.30pm, Thursday 28 September

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the theatre this evening.

Shakespeare's greatest clowns – the rude mechanicals from A Midsummer Night's Dream – take centre stage in this wild reimagining of what might have happened off-stage during the Bard's most loved comedy.

Perhaps the most famous group of amateur thespians of all time, the cast of the play-within-a-play *Pyramus and Thisbe*, bumble their way through rehearsals, misadventures and sheer idiocy in a hysterically funny mix of verse, song and dance.

Using snippets of the existing text of A Midsummer Night's Dream along with a gloriously cod version of Shakespearean English, the play exalts in its own roughness, extravagance of expression and frequent obscenity – in the nicest possible way.

Clowning, vaudeville, slapstick, farce, stand-up comedy and bad puppetry come together with both witty badinage and fart jokes to create an anarchic and thrillingly unhinged carnival that revels in its own theatricality.

First directed by Geoffrey Rush in 1987, The Popular Mechanicals holds a special place in the Australian comedic canon and is ripe for revival with a cast of our best theatrical clowns and directed by former Sydney Theatre Company Resident Director Sarah Giles.

A perfect romp that promises to lift the roof in the silliest ways imaginable.

DURATION 90 minutes (no interval) **TICKETS** Full Price \$45 ▮ Concession \$40

Group 4+ \$35pp ▮ 18 and under \$20

For school bookings, contact the Box Office.

Image: The Popular Mechanicals. State Theatre Company South Australia. Photo by Shane Reid.

This project has been assisted by Australia Council's Playing Australia Program.















Engelbert Humperdinck's

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Presented with Mildurg Arts Centre

10.30am and 1pm, Monday 9 October

An irresistible musical treat.

Nibble, nibble, munch; a gingerbread house with plenty of crunch. Chocolates and treats to tempt every desire, but will the consequences of enjoying them truly be dire?

Experience the wonder and excitement of Victorian Opera's production of the everlasting Grimm fairy tale *Hansel and Gretel*, though beware entering the woods where the Evil One lurks...

Staged with enchanting set and costumes, Victorian Opera brings this treasured story from the page to the stage in a beloved operatic rendition.

This 50-minute production will be sung in its original German language with English scene descriptors, and will feature beautiful singing and a live orchestra.

Hansel and Gretel is ideal for primary students and aligns perfectly with curriculum priorities: drama, theatre, music, languages, creativity, English and storytelling. This production is supported by education resources.

"Hansel and Gretel is a magical opera and the work of a master composer. A delectable story of good and evil, darkness and light that will capture the imaginations of the young and young at heart."

Richard Mills, Victorian Opera Artistic Director

DURATION 50 minutes (no interval) German language with English scene descriptors.

ENTRY FREE bookings essential.

School bookings only, please contact the Box Office.













Supported by Victorian Opera Education Syndicate and the Victorian Government's Major Victorian Regional Touring Program.



Image: Hansel and Gretel. Photos courtesy of Victorian Opera.

Image: Hansel and Gretel. Photo by Hilary Walker.



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HEROES AND VILLAINS

Presented with Mildura Arts Centre

7.30pm, Saturday 7 October

Victorian Opera comes to Mildura for an unforgettable evening with the most recognisable, loved and loathed characters from across opera's stages.

From the villainous Don Giovanni to the tragic Madama Butterfly, hear Puccini, Verdi and Mozart with beloved music from operas including The Magic Flute, Rigoletto, La bohème and Carmen.

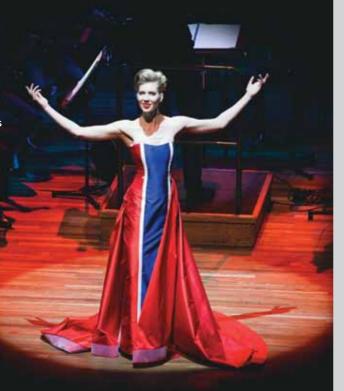
Starring a cast of Australia's most exciting operatic talent, be mesmerised by beautiful voices performing opera's most passionate arias, duets and ensembles alongside a live orchestra.

An unmissable night with opera's favourite Heroes and Villains!

DURATION 110 minutes (interval) **TICKETS** Full Price \$35 ▮ Concession \$30

18 and under \$20 ▮ Group 4+ \$30pp

Image: Heroes and Villains. Photo by Charlie Kinross.











Supported by the Victorian Government's Major Victorian Regional Touring Program.

MILDURA SENIORS FESTIVAL 2017

Mildura Arts Centre presents LANZA SINGS AGAIN

Promac Productions

2pm, Thursday 12 October

The incredible life story and classic hits of Mario Lanza, one of the greatest tenors of our time... and his most loved Soprano Kathryn Grayson.

Songs include Be My Love, Drink Drink, Granada, Strangers in Paradise, 'O sole mio, The Loveliest Night of the Year and many more.

Star Tenor Roy Best will lead the show singing songs in Lanza's original keys. Joining Roy will be Soprano Alison Jones who will play the role of Kathryn Grayson who was Mario Lanza's preferred Soprano and they starred together in many films. This fascinating story will be narrated by Chris McKenna.

The performers are accompanied on the piano by international concert pianist Len Vorster.

DURATION 85 minutes (no interval) **TICKETS** \$12

(includes afternoon tea after the performance)





Mildura Arts Centre presents A Bethany Simons & Critical Stages Production

RECEPTION: THE MUSICAL

7.30pm, Thursday 19 October Werrimull Town Hall

7.30pm, Friday 20 October The Roxy, Ouyen

7.30pm, Saturday 21 October Mildura Arts Centre

This original cabaret comedy is a must see

— it's the office memo you don't want to miss.

A celebration of all things administration, Reception: The Musical tells the story of a receptionist who finds joy in the manic world of customer service, stationery orders and thinking on your swivel chair. Inspired by true stories from behind the front desk, this original cabaret comedy is a must-see for office workers and theatre lovers everywhere.

Written by award-winning writer/performer Bethany Simons and leading Melbourne composer Peter de Jager, this uplifting and hilarious production features a toe-tapping original score. Songs include My Name is Bethany (Not Stephanie), Do You Have Sticky Tape, I Can't Help But Help, They Ring My Bell and many more.

Written and performed by Bethany Simons and Peter de Jager Director David Wicks Choreographer Joseph Simons

DURATION 60 minutes (no interval) **TICKETS** Full \$30 Concession \$25

Student \$18

For school bookings, please contact the Box Office.

Image: Reception: The Musical. Bethany Simons. Photo by Sarah Eley.





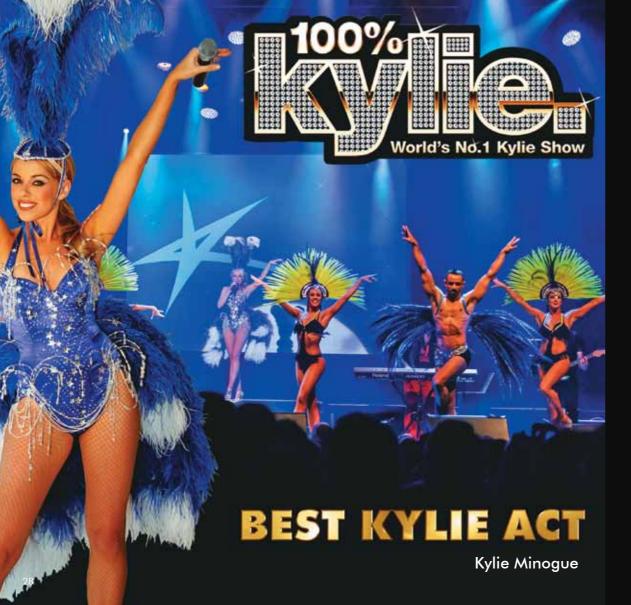












Mildura Arts Centre presents
100% KYLIE
2017 GREATEST HITS TOUR

8pm, Friday 27 October

Join 100% KYLIE as they celebrate Kylie Minogue's greatest hits in a two hour concert spectacular! Starring the world renowned Lucy Holmes, 100% KYLIE has been endorsed by Kylie Minogue herself as the 'Best Kylie Act!'

100% KYLIE has performed 800 concerts in 16 countries over 14 years, astonishing international audiences with its exciting and jaw dropping recreation of the authentic Kylie Minogue concert experience.

Globally, people love Kylie, and audiences love 100% KYLIE.

A fantastic night's entertainment for all audiences, this spectacular mix of glitz and glam, incredible replica costumes, phenomenal dancers, live band, multimedia and crowd interaction will have you singing and dancing along to hits such as Spinning Around, On A Night Like This, Can't Get You Out Of My Head and The Locomotion.

She's fantastic! She's a great ambassador for my show. Kylie Minogue

The Minogue's Favourite Kylie Tribute Show. Dannii Minogue

DURATION 120 minutes (interval) **TICKETS** Full \$55 Concession \$50

Under 25 \$35 Group 4+ \$45pp

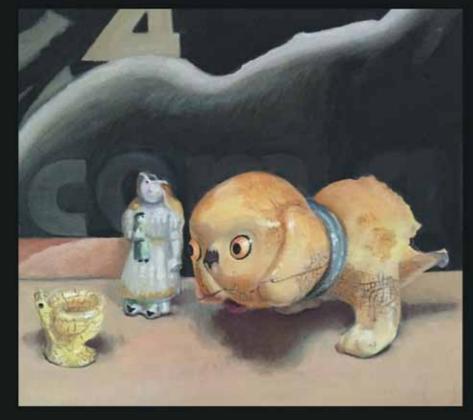


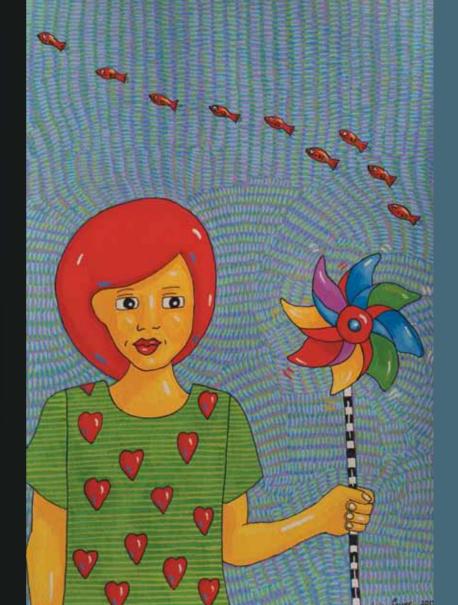
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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

GALLERY

IMPOSSIBLE THINGS AND SELECTED VERSE Anjelie Beyer EXHIBITION:

Thursday 7 December 2017 – Sunday 25 February 2018



child's play Chris Fraser

EXHIBITION: Thursday 14 December 2017 – Sunday 28 January 2018

Image: sweet dreams, 2017. Chris Fraser. Gouache, pen and ink on Arches paper.



VENUE HIRE

Mildura Arts Centre is the region's cultural and creative hub. Owned and operated by Mildura Rural City Council, if you would like to hire the theatre, public foyer, lawns and sculpture park, café or the veranda of Rio Vista Historic House, please contact us.

MILDURA ARTS CENTRE CAFÉ

Our seasonal menu embraces local produce and supports local businesses.

Open 10am – 2pm daily, and for all performances and events.

ABOUT US

Mildura Arts Centre

199 Cureton Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 Open 10am – 5pm daily

BOX OFFICE AND LICENSED CAFÉ

Opens 60 minutes prior to performance times.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Box Office opens 10am – 5pm daily Call Customer Service on (03) 5018 8330 Website: milduraartscentre.com.au

Mildura Visitor Information and Booking Centre Call (03) 5018 8376

REFUNDS POLICY

No refunds are possible once a booking is made.

EXCHANGE POLICY

Customers can exchange seats to a performance up until 30 minutes prior to an event, at a cost of \$3 per transaction.

CONCESSIONS

Mildura Arts Centre may offer concessions to full-time students, pensioners, seniors and healthcare cardholders. Concession cards and ID must be shown when collecting tickets or the full price may be charged.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Available to purchase at the Box Office or online.

ACCESS INFORMATION

Mildura Arts Centre offers a range of services and facilities to make it more accessible.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

The theatre is fitted with a hearing loop which audience members can access direct to their hearing aids or cochlear implants.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Wheelchair access is available from the street or the car park at the rear of Mildura Arts Centre. Entrance to the theatre auditorium is via main doors 1 or 2.

AREAS WITHOUT WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Theatre auditorium doors 3, 4
Galleries 3, 4, and 5
Rio Vista Historic House

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

Accessible seating is available in the theatre, please call the Box Office for more details.

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