# Knox Community Arts Centre

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# Welcome to the Knox Community Arts Centre

Home of performing arts in Knox

Knox City Council is proud to present some of Australia's best performing artists and outstanding local talent within the Knox Community Arts Centre 2024 Program.

The 2024 program showcases a diverse mix of professional evening shows featuring comedy, music, and cabaret performances, along with a daytime program and family school holiday programs. Partnerships with local community groups once again bring an engaging mix of quality home grown theatre, musical productions, and creative workshops to the venue, offering something for everyone!

We wish you an enjoyable year of entertainment at the Knox Community Arts Centre in 2024.

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# About the venue

Knox Community Arts Centre offers a range of services that support performing arts and community activities in Knox.

#### Venue hire

Knox Community Arts Centre has a medium sized theatre and large meeting room available for hire. These spaces are ideal for keynote events, theatre shows, school productions, film screenings, presentations, meetings, workshops and conferences.

For more information and rates, visit knox.vic.gov.au/hirekcac, or contact us to arrange a venue tour, quote or booking.





### Accessibility

Knox Community Arts Centre is accessible to people of all abilities. If you require wheelchair access or have mobility issues, please contact us or refer to our Access Key before visiting the venue.



Scan the QR code or visit knox.vic.gov.au/kcac to view the Access Key online or contact us to request a copy.

### **Contact us & box office**

For ticket purchases, venue hire or other enquiries, please contact us:

#### **Box Office:**

Located in the main foyer of the venue. Open Monday – Friday, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Knox Community Arts Centre Cnr Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road Bayswater, VIC 3153 (03) 9729 7287

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arts@knox.vic.gov.au

Socials: Follow us at Knox Arts and Events on Facebook and Instagram

# Community programs

#### **Partnership events**

We partner with local services to host events throughout the year, such as:

- Immerse
- Seniors Festival
- Pop Up Arts Events

Follow Knox Arts and Events on Facebook and Instagram to find out what's on, or subscribe to our eNew at knox.vic.gov.au/arts



#### **Community arts programs**

Knox Community Arts Centre is the proud home to a number of community organisations who offer musical theatre productions, recitals, classes, social groups, creative workshops and other functions at the venue. Explore their arts programs here:

3D Arts Company	3darts.com.au
Aspect Motion School of Dance	aspectmotiondance.com
ASV Academy	ASV Academy; Singers, Musicians & Performers
Drumming Circle	thecreativeartssociety.com.au
Foothills Dance Academy	foothillsdanceacademy.com.au
Freedom Music Studios	freedommusicstudios.com
Lightbox Productions	lightboxau.com
Lumina Theatre Company	f Lumina Theatre Co.
Melbourne Indian Theatre	MiTheatre - Melbourne Indian Theatre
Saga Productions	f Saga Productions Theatre
SLAMS Music Theatre Company	slams.org.au
Tempo Dance Company	tempodancecompany.com.au

# Community theatres in Knox

Knox is a thriving performing arts community, with so much on offer locally and some other great venues to explore.



## **1812** Theatre

1-3 Rose Street, Upper Ferntree Gully

Built in the 1930s, the 1812 Theatre presents a broad selection of live theatre productions featuring local talents each year, across two performance spaces.

For details on upcoming productions visit 1812theatre.com.au



## The Basin Theatre

Corner Doongalla Rd and Simpsons Rd, The Basin

The multi award-winning Basin Theatre Group has been presenting live community theatre for more than 60 years.

Enjoy free parking, sherries on arrival, light supper, a licenced bar, and affordable ticket pricing.

For details on upcoming productions visit thebasintheatre.org.au or facebook.com/TheBasinTheatre



## **Fab Nobs Theatre Inc**

33 Industry Place, Bayswater

Fab Nobs Theatre Inc is a non-for profit organisation, which produces four theatrical productions a year, including one junior production, one pantomime and two open productions.

For details on upcoming productions visit fabnobstheatre.com.au or facebook.com/fabnobs.theatreinc

## Kings of Swing Featuring Craig Schneider

"If jazz is ever to gain another resurgence among the public in this country it will be through musicians such as the talented Craig Schneider. He's an entertainer" The Australian

Step back in time to the music and style of the 1940s. Swing was king, and Craig Schneider's Kings of Swing revive the memories of those glorious nights spent dancing to big bands. Think spats, hats and pinstripes, or elegant black tie and cocktails. With a repertoire ranging from the classic swing of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, through the jump jive and R'n'B sounds of Louis Jordan and Louis Prima plus a healthy dose of the Rat Pack, Nat

"King" Cole and Bobby Darin, Craig Schneider's *Kings of Swing* take the audience on a journey from the 40s to today.

Led by award-winning pianist and vocalist Craig Schneider, the band features the cream of Melbourne's musicians, providing a big, bright sound that immediately gets your toes tapping. The arrangements are all Craig's, lending a new and fresh sound to the classic repertoire.



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Tue 6 Feb \_\_\_ 11am 70 minutes \_\_\_ no interval

# I Love Paris

## Famous Music Inspired by the Most Magical City in the World



Renowned and award winning Concert pianist, William Schmidt and International soprano, Alison Jones transport vou to Paris, France in a show brimming with famous music inspired by the most magical city in the world. From Chopin to Gershwin. the Eiffel Tower to the Moulin Rouge, compere Christopher McKenna will guide you through a romantic, dramatic and fun musical vacation.

With Hits from Les Miserables and An American in Paris to the rousing sounds of a French Can Can, this new show from Promac will delight all lovers of theatre and fine music, all performed in front of beautiful slides depicting the true French lifestyle and incredible music. Paris, France in a show brimming with famous music inspired by the most magical city in the world

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Tue 5 Mar \_\_\_ 11am 75 minutes \_\_\_ no interval

# Silvie Paladino



Spend some time with the inimitable Silvie Paladino, as she performs her favourite songs.

Silvie is one of Australia's most versatile and talented entertainers. She is a popular concert performer, recording artist and has starred in musicals such as Mamma Mia, Cats and Les Misérables in Australia and on London's West End. She is also well known to Australian audiences as a regular on Carols by Candlelight.



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Tue 9 Apr \_\_\_ 11am & 2pm 70 minutes \_\_\_ no interval

# **Trash Test Dummies Circus**

**School Holiday Feature Show** 



Everyone put your bins out, tonight's bin night and the Trash Test Dummies are on duty! This award winning, sidesplitting, slapstick comedy, circus routine takes the household wheelie bin to new heights, and delivers a dump-truck full of hilarity!

Dummies Corp are the Australian leaders in circus-comedy, recognised globally for creations of quality that are intelligent, theatrical and inventive. Since 2012 they have delighted audiences in thirteen countries and continue to create treasured experiences for families around the world.





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Thu 11 Apr\_\_\_ 11am & 2pm 60 minutes \_\_\_ no interval For ages: 6+

\$18 \_\_\_ Adult \$15 \_\_\_ Child \$52 \_\_\_ Family/4

# Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

"we were laughing from the moment the lights went down, to well into the drive home" Scenestr

Australia's biggest and best comedy spectacular is setting off on its 26th annual road trip around the country! Showcasing the finest talents from the 2024 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're delivering a dose of laughter right to your doorstep!

Featuring a line-up of beloved comedy royalty alongside the freshest sensations from the Festival, all in one hilarious show that guarantees nationwide laughs. Gather your pals, secure your tickets, and get ready for a well-deserved blast of comedy when the 2024 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow graces the stage in your neighbourhood! Show warning: Performances often contain course language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend some people. It is recommended for mature audiences aged 15 years or older.





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Thu 2 May \_\_\_ 7:30pm 115 min \_\_\_ + interval

\$42 \_\_\_ Adult \$39 \_\_\_ Conc \$37 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# **Practically Perfect**

The Music of Julie Andrews



*Practically Perfect* celebrates the life and music of the legendary Dame Julie Andrews.

Featuring some of her best known songs from shows such as Mary Poppins, My Fair Lady, The Sound of Music, Victor Victoria and more, interwoven with stories of her life both on and off the stage, be taken on an all singing, all dancing journey from the West End to Broadway and onto Hollywood. With beautiful costumes, extraordinary dancing together with some of the most memorable music ever written and sung, this is an exquisite musical tribute to a living legend which will thrill and delight audiences of all ages. this is an exquisite musical tribute to a living legend

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Tue 7 May\_\_\_ 11am 80 min \_\_\_ no interval

# SOS

A Tribute to the Songs of Abba



SOS is a high energy ABBA show. Performing greatest hits from the Swedish supergroup mixed with a selection of the hottest disco tracks from the 70s, SOS creates a show that takes audiences on a wild ride back to the party decade where ABBA ruled the dance floor!

Armed with fantastic costumes, incredible vocal talents, animated ABBA dance moves and crazy Swedish accents, SOS create a show that is both exciting to watch and even more exciting to be part of.

For years the members of SOS have been leading a double life. Mild mannered musicians by day, and crazy ABBA fans by night. With a healthy love of all things Swedish and an obsession with 70s disco music, they banded together to obsessively re-create the sound, music and look of the Swedish pop sensation ABBA. Walking out on stage, they leave behind their everyday lives and transform into the rock superstars - Bjorn, Benny, Agnetha and Freda.



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Fri 31 May \_\_\_ 8pm 100 min \_\_\_ + interval

\$33 \_\_\_ Adult \$30 \_\_\_ Conc \$28 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# The Songs of Shirley Bassey

**Featuring Danielle Matthews** 



Award winning songstress, Danielle Matthews sings the hit songs of the legendry Shirley Bassey.

Iconic songs that have made her one of the most famous performers of our time, including *Goldfinger, This is My Life, Big Spender, Diamonds Are Forever and Where Do I Begin.*  Join Danielle for this wonderful celebration of the music and life of the one and only Dame Shirley Bassey.



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Tue 4 Jun \_\_ 11am 70 min \_\_ no interval

## **Get Rhythm**

## The Johnny Cash & June Carter Tribute



Husband and wife duo Mark and Joanne Caligiuri lead a fantastic ensemble as country music's favourite couple, Johnny Cash and June Carter. Don't miss your chance to relive the magic of country's most famous couple.

They'll be performing your favourite hits including I Walk the Line, Ring of *Fire, Folsom Prison Blues, Jackson, Long-Legged Guitar Pickin' Man* and many more! The Caligiuri's have toured countless sold out shows to rave reviews all over Australia for fifteen years.

Get Rhythm is a highenergy show with a few laughs along the way. Their on-stage chemistry and authentic performance as the famous country couple has won them great praise including multiple newspaper articles and TV performances. So step back in time with Get Rhythm as they take you on a musical journey you will never forget!

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Fri 28 Jun <u> 8pm</u> 100 min <u> +</u> interval

\$33 \_\_\_ Adult \$30 \_\_\_ Conc \$28 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# Women of the 60s

Featuring Gina Hogan



This high class show will take you back in time to the fabulous music of the 60s, featuring songs by artists such as Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick, Shirley Bassey, The Supremes, Petula Clarke, Lulu and more.

The show features the amazingly versatile talents of Gina Hogan who has a string of music theatre credits to her name, including Cats, Mamma Mia! and Beauty and the Beast. Gina was a regular artist on Good Morning Australia, has written, produced and performed in her one-woman cabaret shows around the country and has been performing in corporate bands for the past 10 years.

So come along and enjoy being taken back in time as Gina, backed by her slick 4 piece band, captures the essence of this exciting era, one of the most memorable decades of our time. "One of the best shows ever!!" Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds

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Tue 2 Jul \_\_\_ 11am 70 min \_\_\_ no interval

# A Little Bit of Blue

**School Holiday Feature Show** 



A Little Bit of Blue is an interactive detective show for families, told with puppetry. As well as helping to unravel a mystery, the audience will learn about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Satin Bowerbird, and why they are so fascinated by the colour blue.

The story begins with strange disappearances from Mrs Mavis Hooley's home. Little things go missing: clothes pegs; a tea cup; a ball of wool. But then the thief takes it just one step too far. Mavis calls in a Detective to investigate. A stake out is required. In the dead of night, the Detective indeed finds something peculiar. The children's role is to help him solve the case.



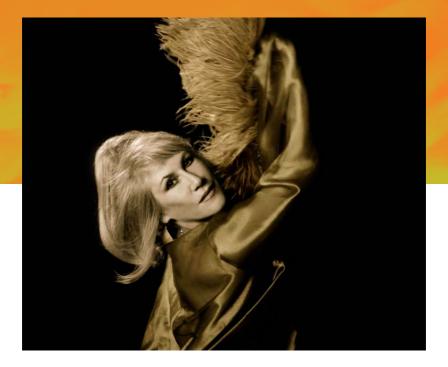
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Thu 11 Jul\_\_\_ 11am 40 minutes \_\_\_ no interval For ages: 3+

\$18 \_\_\_ Adult \$15 \_\_\_ Child \$52 \_\_\_ Family/4

# The Dusty Springfield Show

## **Featuring Wendy Stapleton**



Wendy Stapleton presents the outstanding tribute to the songs and career of Dusty Springfield, Britain's greatest female pop singer.

Dusty Springfield endured a 35 year career in music because of her unique heartbreaking voice, and her unfailing belief in song writers such as Carol King, Gerry Goffin, Randy Newman, John Kander, Burt Bacharach and Hal David just to name of few. Wendy starred as Dusty in the original production of *I Only Want To Be with You* The Dusty Springfield Story and features fabulous musical theatre singer/ dancers and musicians. This show takes you on a colourful journey through all the hits of the 60's 70' 80's and 90's that made Dusty a household name. This show takes you on a colourful journey through all the hits of the 60's 70' 80's and 90's

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## **The Eagles Story**

## Back by popular demand



#### The Eagles Story -

Australia's Premier Eagles Experience is a celebration of the iconic American rock band, The Eagles. With incredible attention to detail, the performers bring the band's legendary music to life in a way that is both authentic and electrifying.

The respect for the original band by members Pete McCarthy, Gary Young, Paul Gales, Norm McNaughton & Steve Wells are the driving force that continues to ensure that each in their own right Take it to the Limit. From Hotel California to Desperado, the show features all of the band's greatest hits, performed with stunning vocals and flawless musicianship. The Eagles Story is a must-see for fans of the band, as well as anyone who loves classic rock music. Whether you're a die-hard fan or simply enjoy great music, this show is an unforgettable experience that will leave you wanting more.

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Fri 16 Aug <u> 8pm</u> 100 min <u> + interval</u>

\$33 \_\_\_ Adult \$30 \_\_\_ Conc \$28 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# The Winner Is...

## The Academy Award Winning Songs from 1935-2020



Starring Australian Music Theatre Star Ian Stenlake and award winning Singer Actress Michelle Fitzmaurice.

This is a brilliant new show from Promac Productions which highlights over 20 Academy award winning songs and the stories behind them. With songs such as Lullaby Of Broadway, Over The Rainbow, Might As Well Be Spring, Can You Feel The Love Tonight, this performance will be packed with hit after hit. Over 20 Academy award winning songs and the stories behind them

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Tue 3 Sep \_\_ 11am 75 min \_\_ no interval

# Dave O'Neil Overweight Lightweight

**Featuring Special Guest Brad Oakes** 



Fat funny man Dave O'Neil is taking brand new stand-up show, Overweight Lightweight on the road after playing to sold out audiences across the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and receiving spectacular reviews.

Dave O'Neil may call himself a lightweight, but with over 30 years of experience, his cheeky brand of humour has made him one of Australia's most loved comedians. With years of breakfast radio on Nova, frequent appearances on Spicks and Specks, a bunch of podcasts (including Somehow Related with Glenn Robbins and The Junkees with Kitty Flanagan) and a reputation for taking any corporate gig he is offered, it takes a lot to throw this comedian off his game!

Dave will be joined by his friend and regular on The Debrief podcast, Brad Oakes (Hey Hey it's Saturday & Comedy Company) for what will be a night of laughs with two of Australia's longest working comedians



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Fri 6 Sep <u> 8pm</u> 100 min <u> +</u> interval

\$24 \_\_\_ Adult \$22 \_\_\_ Conc \$20 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# The Librarian

A Bookish Circus Adventure School Holiday Feature Show



Paul-Émile Dumoulin has been working at his town's library for 25 years. He's serious and nervous, also proud and sometimes so clumsy. Bookshelves must be impeccable, each book in its place.

But pay attention, because when Paul- Émile begins to read, he enters completely in the story and a taste for adventure shows him in another light. He embodies the book's characters for them to become suddenly very alive and expressing themselves with acrobatics, acrobalance, juggling, break dance and beat box.



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A hilarious show that will make you want to read!

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Mon 23 Sep\_\_\_ 1pm & 3pm 50 minutes \_\_\_ no interval For ages: 5+

\$18 \_\_\_ Adult \$15 \_\_\_ Child \$52 \_\_\_ Family/4

# Life Begins at 50 Featuring Anne Wood



Life really does begin at 50. And Anne Wood would love you to help her celebrate all that is wonderful about 'women of a certain age....'.

Music Theatre star Anne Wood (An American in Paris, Mamma Mia, Crazy for You, Beautiful, The Sound of Music) is no stranger to these sassy, sexy sophisticated ladies! She'll be bringing back 'cool' as she slips on her vintage kitten-heel pumps and counts in her swinging little 4-piece band.

Featuring the songs of Eartha Kitt, Julie London, Mae West, Peggy Lee, Sophie Tucker and other awesome and funny women.



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Tue 1 Oct \_\_\_ 11am 70 min \_\_\_ no interval

# Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Songbook

Back by popular demand



Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Songbook brings Ireland's rich and unique culture to the shores of Australia, with a romantic passion that runs deep in Celtic veins.

Sionnach Rua's Great Irish Song Book is an authentic music and story catalogue from Irish born and raised front man, Gallie.

Interwoven with rich stories from Gallie's Irish upbringing, with tales of Irish traditions and histories, audiences will be transported back to a lively session in a celebration of Celtic music with songs ranging from Planxty to Van Morrison to the Dubliners.

This stage show will make you feel like you are visiting a lively "session" in an Irish bar without having to travel to Dingle. An assured crowd pleaser. Like visiting a lively "session" in an Irish bar without having to travel to Dingle.

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Fri 1 Nov \_\_\_ 7:30pm 90 min \_\_\_ + interval

\$33 \_\_\_ Adult \$30 \_\_\_ Conc \$28 \_\_\_ Grp/6+

# The Golden Years



The Golden Years showcases a carefully curated selection of timeless songs, ranging from the heart-wrenching melodies of Etta James' *At Last* to the irresistible sing-along charm of Neil Diamond's *Sweet Caroline* and the iconic anthem of Frank Sinatra's *My Way*. The show celebrates the beauty and timelessness of these beloved classics, ensuring an evening of nostalgia and delight for every generation. Led by the remarkable Tiana Zaljevic, whose velvety voice effortlessly transports you to a bygone era while Joss Russell's mesmerizing piano skills create a melodic tapestry that weaves seamlessly with Tiana's vocals.

The Golden Years is not just a show; it's a celebration of the enduring power of music and the joy it brings. So, sit back, relax, and let the captivating melodies and enchanting performances of *The Golden Years* transport you to a place where dreams come true, and the spirit of the past shines brightly.

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Tue 12 Nov \_\_\_ 11am 70 min \_\_\_ no interval

# Bublé Christmas Special Featuring Glenn Starr



Get ready for a magical Christmas celebration as Glenn Starr brings the timeless charm of Michael Bublé to life in a heartwarming Christmas tribute.

With his velvety voice and infectious charisma, Starr will transport you to a winter wonderland filled with Bublé's greatest hits and festive classics. Join him for a performance of joy, laughter, and unforgettable music that will leave you feeling merry and bright.



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Tue 3 Dec\_\_\_ 11am 70 minutes \_\_\_ no interval

## **Tickets & Box Office**

9729 7287

Tickets can be purchased on-line, over the phone or in person.



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Cnr Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road Bayswater





#### Location

Knox Community Arts Centre Cnr Mountain Highway and Scoresby Road Bayswater, VIC 3153

#### **Keep in Touch**

Keep up to date with exciting extra shows on offer throughout the year, along with other fun things to do in Knox.

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Knox Community Arts Centre is located on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation.