

2026 program

# Knox Community Arts Centre

Comedy Children's shows Music Theatre





# Welcome to the **Knox Community Arts Centre**

Knox City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as Traditional Custodians of the land. The Knox Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community come from a variety of different Nations within Australia and Torres Strait, including the Traditional Custodians and Stolen Generation.

As such we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past and present, who have lived in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history. Particularly their contribution to arts, performance and storytelling.

For over 50 years, Knox City Council is proud to present some of Australia's best performing artists and outstanding local talent at the Knox Community Arts Centre.

The 2026 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 2026.



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# **About the Venue & Bookings**

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 concerns, please contact us for support 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, 10am - 4pm (03) 9729 7287

knox.vic.gov.au/kcac

arts@knox.vic.gov.au

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

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# **Performing Arts at Knox**

#### **Cultural Programming**

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

- Seniors Festival
- Pop-up arts events
- Cultural Diversity Week
- Refugee Week

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



#### **Community Arts Programs**

Knox Community Arts Centre is the proud home to several 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
Cantabile School of Music	cantabileschoolofmusic.com.au
Chath Silva, Classical guitarist	(iii) chath.music
Drumming Circle	thecreativeartssociety.com.au
Foothills Dance Academy	foothillsdanceacademy.com.au
Freedom Music Studios	freedommusicstudios.com
Khelaiya Productions Inc	(f) khelaiyaproductions
Lightbox Productions	lightboxau.com
Melbourne Indian Theatre	MiTheatre - Melbourne Indian Theatre
SLAMS Music Theatre Company	slams.org.au
Vision Australia	visionaustralia.org

Tickets and box office

Tickets can be purchased online, 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 activities to do at Knox!

#### Subscribe to:

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### **Good Vibrations**

FEATURING DREW DOWNING AND HIS BAND

**Tuesday 3 March** 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 **Concession \$22** Group 6+ \$20



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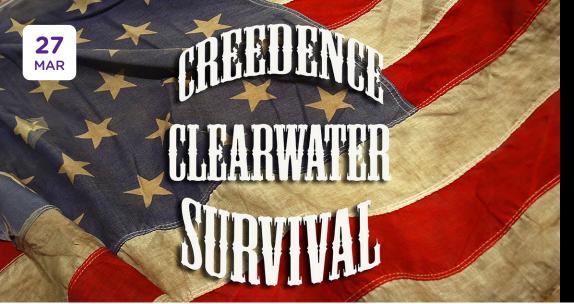
It was the sound of beach parties and summer romance. The Beach Boys created the soundtrack of a generation with their jukebox hits, soaring melodies, glorious harmonies and revolutionary arrangements.

Supported by his band, cabaret star Drew Downing brings their acclaimed and timeless songbook to life.

Sona list includes: Surfer Girl. I Get Around. Surfin' U.S.A., Barbara Ann, Good Vibrations, In My Room, God Only Knows, When I Grow Up (To Be a Man), and many more!

'Downing is a cabaret rock star' **THEATRE PRESS** 

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### **Creedence Clearwater Survival**

Friday 27 March 7:30pm

100 minutes plus interval

Adult \$35 Concession \$32 Group 6+ \$30



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Creedence Clearwater Survival recreate the atmosphere and energy of a real 'live' John Fogerty/CCR concert. Playing all the hits, everybody has come to know and love; 'Green River', 'Born on the Bayou', 'Proud Mary', 'Bad Moon Rising', 'Fortunate Son', 'Old Man Down the Road', just to name a few. Every audience has been amazed at the faithful recreation of Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Creedence Clearwater Revival released an astonishing five top ten albums in 1969 and 1970. These were no frothy pop songs though; these were songs about the working class. They were sung with fire and a passion that resonated with a young population.

With attention to detail, both instrumental and visual, the 4 members of *Creedence Clearwater Survival* put on a powerhouse performance; a show that is energetic, dynamic, and perfect for today's audiences.

# The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Tuesday 7 April

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Music Legends: The Simon & Garfunkel Story celebrates the entire career of Simon & Garfunkel, their years together, their time apart, and their many reunions. Performed live by the Music Legends band, this promises to be an incredibly joyful show, not to be missed!

Simon & Garfunkel are the most well-known and beloved folk/rock duo of all time. The combination of Simon's poetic lyrics and stunning melodies with Garfunkel's soaring tenor, and their perfectly blended, intricate harmonies, provided the perfect platform for some of the most memorable songs of all time.

And yet, while their music was transcendent, their relationship was fractured and complicated and they parted ways in the early 70's. Love of their music never abated.



## The Box Show

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FEATURE SHOW





# **Spirit of the ANZACS**

Wednesday 8 April 11am and 2pm

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$22 Concession \$20 Family (4 people) \$68 For ages 6+



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In the hands of Junkyard Beats, ordinary household items are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and unwanted junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways! *The Box Show* excites the imagination of children and adults alike. Tag along for a day in the life of a bunch of musical misfits as they reinvigorate the junk that the world has forgotten. The contents of an abandoned kitchen and wheelie bins become the greatest drum set in the world; plastic bags are an amazing musical instrument, and the human body becomes a unique sound machine.

Learn about sustainability with this energetic, imaginative music-in-education performance combining drumming, dance, theatre and comedy. With a language of gibberish and rhythm, this show is accessible to any age and nationality.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

Wednesday 22 April 7:30pm

100 minutes plus interval

Adult \$35 Concession \$32 Group 6+ \$30



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This production is the only fully sanctioned production permitted to use the word ANZACS by the Australian Government's Department of Veterans Affairs.

This production from Promac will commemorate the spirit of the ANZACS and Vietnam Veterans.

With wonderful songs, stories and letters from the 40s to 60s, join tenor Roy Best, international soprano Alison Jones and narrator/compere Christopher McKenna with virtuoso William Schmidt at the piano, to remember those who gave of their lives in service of our country.

Enjoy great music made famous by The Andrews Sisters, Vera Lynn, Bob Dylan, John Denver, Tom Jones and more – with a few lighthearted moments along the way.

Promac Productions dedicates this show to those *brave* men and women who gave of their lives in service or our country.



# Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Thursday 23 April 7:30pm

120 minutes plus interval

Adult \$42 Concession \$40 Group 6+ \$38



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'A seamless and ultrahilarious evening'

'We were laughing from the moment the lights went down, to well into the drive home.' Australia's most iconic comedy tour is hitting the road for a huge 28th year! Bringing together the brightest stars from the 2026 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're delivering top-tier humour straight to your town!

Featuring a dynamic line-up of comedy legends and fresh faces, this year's roadshow promises nation-wide happiness. So, grab your friends, lock in your tickets and prepare for a much-needed dose of laughter as the 2026 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into Bayswater!

Show warning: Performances often contain coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend some people. It is recommended for mature audiences aged 15 years or older.







## **The Australian Barbra Streisand Show**

Tuesday 5 May 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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'How do you cover six decades of song? Just like Rachael Grace did. With style!' Rachael Grace describes this production as her "Love letter to Barbra, for unknowingly shaping the singer and performer I am today". Performing songs from the sensational catalogue of Streisand's classic films, musicals and hit records, *The Australian Barbra Streisand Show* honours the endless talent and legacy of this iconic diva.

Musical arrangements, direction and piano accompaniment by the incredible John Thorn, backing vocals by the beautiful songbird Kara Ciezki, as well as a stellar line up band. Audiences are transported through Streisand's decades of platinum selling records and many musical genres. From the big hits to the B-sides, while of course incorporating classics from hit films The Way We Were, Funny Girl, A Star is Born and Yentl, *The Australian Barbra Streisand Show* keeps audiences captivated with haunting ballads, serenaded by beautiful duets and dancing to her daggy disco era.

12 Vital style:



# **Music of Broadway**

Tuesday 2 June 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Join Claire Lyon, internationally renowned soprano and star of The Phantom of the Opera, as she brings the music of Broadway to Australian audiences.

Experience the enchanting world of Broadway's timeless melodies with songs such as Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again (The Phantom of the Opera), Climb Every Mountain (The Sound of Music), Memory (Cats), I Feel Pretty (West Side Story) and more.

This unforgettable show promises to transport theatregoers to the heart of Broadway magic!

# **Camper Van Go**



Friday 5 June 7:30pm

50 minutes, no interval

Adult \$35 Concession \$32 Group 6+ \$30



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'Lehmo is effortlessly funny; his delivery, his sense of humour and the way he keeps firing jokes is impeccable.' THE CLOTHESLINE Lehmo's all-new show *Camper Van Go* is a hilarious tale all about a disastrous National Lampoon-like holiday from hell! There will also be some jokes about marriage, parenting, dogs and the Titanic. *Camper Van Go* played to sold out audiences across the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Adelaide Fringe.

Lehmo is one of Australia's most experienced and well-travelled comedians. He has headlined comedy clubs across the country for well over 15 years and worked in all corners of the globe including USA, UK, Ireland, South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Thailand.

As a regular on the festival circuit Lehmo has written and performed solo shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Adelaide Fringe Festival and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for over 2 decades.

Suitable for 16+, a perfect show for families with teenagers, gen-Xers, boomers or a night out with the girls.





Friday 3 July 11am and 2pm

40 minutes, no interval

Adult \$22 Concession \$20 Family (4 people) \$68 For ages 4+



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'The children thoroughly enjoyed Jenny's performance and left feeling inspired and engaged, asking many questions.' ST LUKES GRAMMAR SCHOOL, NSW. Spike is the story of an echidna who is stolen from his nest by a greedy rat. He hatches from his egg far away from home. A young girl finds him. She is playing alone in the bush because she is being bullied by other children. He has no spikes yet and she doesn't know what kind of creature he is. She tries to work out where he comes from but accidently puts him in dangerous situations – in the nest of a crocodile, an emu and a turtle. He feels frightened, rejected, alone. As the story unfolds, she helps him to discover where he belongs, and he helps her to find her own "spikes" and stand up to the bullies.

Told with shadow theatre, *Spike* is an interactive experience for the audience, with lively original music by Mal Webb. It is entertaining and fun, as well as a catalyst for a discussion about difference and belonging. It's also about the unique biology of Australian animals, especially the egg-laying echidna.



Tuesday 7 July 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Kings of The High Cs — a new production celebrating the lives and songs of the world's greatest tenors. Featuring hits from Pavarotti, Domingo, Carreras, Bocelli and Caruso, this is not a stuffy opera show... it's a whole lot more!

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Led by one of Australia's finest tenors Roy Best of Opera Australia, also guest soloist with the Australian Pops Orchestra and ABC Classics artist, this cast of four features International Soprano Alison Jones, renowned for leading roles on London's West End, narrator Christopher McKenna, and rising piano virtuoso William Schmidt. Packed with hits made famous by the world's greatest tenors and plenty of laughs, the show includes classics like Libiamo from La Traviata, O Sole Mio, Nessun Dorma, and Broadway favourites such as The Impossible Dream, Strangers in Paradise, Loveliest Night of the Year, Some Enchanted Evening, and more.





# **Rosie - The Rosemary Clooney Show**

Tuesday 4 August 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Welcome to *The Rosemary Clooney Show*!

It's the decade of home television and demand for content has never been higher for variety theatre. Tune into the Rosie show with special tributes to her star-studded family of the 1950s including Doris Day, Mitch Miller, Irving Berlin, Nat King Cole and good friend Bing Crosby.

Let your fabulous TV host Rosie take you through all the wonderful classics of the 50s like Come On-A My House, Hey There, Unforgettable and Mambo Italiano. Rosie will have you singing in your lounge and dancing in your curlers to all the hits of the 50s.

Featuring performer Victoria Mantynen from 2025's performance of 'Dame Vera Lynn'!

## **Bon Jovi Forever**

Friday 28 August 7:30pm

100 minutes plus interval

Adult \$35 Concession \$32 Group 6+ \$30



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Bon Jovi Forever is a tribute to one of the most iconic rock bands of all time, Bon Jovi. Formed in 1983, Bon Jovi skyrocketed to fame with their powerful ballads and arena anthems. Since 1992, Bon Jovi Forever has been paying homage to the legendary band with their authentic and high-energy performances. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to experience the spirit of Bon Jovi in an intimate, stripped-back setting.

Get ready to sing along to timeless hits like You Give Love a Bad Name, It's My Life, Bed of Roses, Runaway, and many more. Whether you're a lifelong Bon Jovi fan or just love great rock music, this is a night you'll never forget!



## The Great Rod Stewart Songbook

Tuesday 1 September 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Go on a journey into the illustrious musical career of Rod Stewart. This highly entertaining show features the Atlantic Crossing band which is comprised of 5 incredibly talented musicians including one time Paul McCartney drummer Jimmy McGeachy. Fronted by Melbourne powerhouse vocalist Andy Lutze, this show has delighted audiences across Australia and southeast Asia for over 2 decades as it reaches deep into *The Great Rod Stewart Songbook* that has spanned over 7 decades.

Enjoy your favourite hits including Sailing, Maggie May, Do You Think I'm Sexy, Downtown Train, You Wear It Well, I Don't Wanna Talk About It, You're in My Heart, Tonight's The Night and others, including a few surprises from the vintage "Faces" days. This is a must-see show that is sure to ring back some memorable moments of your yester-years and will certainly leave you wanting more.

## Mission to the Moon

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FEATURE SHOW

Thursday 1 October 11am and 2pm

55 minutes, no interval

Adult \$22 Concession \$20 Family (4 people) \$68 For ages 6+



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Mission to the Moon takes you on a captivating journey with 3 quirky, acrobatic astronauts, blending circus artistry, clowning, and real space science. Inspired by NASA's upcoming Artemis program — which will see humans once again step foot on the moon — this show imagines jugglers defying gravity and tumbling among the stars! With a mix of classic circus skills, laughter, and exciting space facts, Mission to the Moon offers a fresh, imaginative take on our fascination with space. Get ready for a performance that's as entertaining as it is enlightening.

Showcase Victoria proudly supports Mission to the Moon. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its arts funding and advisory body.

'Delivered with finesse, flair and, most importantly a sense of joy... A GREAT circus show adults will love that just happens to be appropriate for children.' ADELAIDE ADVERTISER







## A Night in Vegas

Tuesday 6 October 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Step into the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas with Rick Romeo's dazzling cabaret show, *A Night in Vegas*! This highly polished performance celebrates the music of legendary artists such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Elvis, and Freddie Mercury, alongside modern favourites like Michael Bublé and Robbie Williams.

Rick captures the spirit of the Rat Pack era with smooth vocals, witty banter, and charismatic stage presence, delivering timeless hits including 'Fly Me to the Moon,' 'Viva Las Vegas,' 'Moondance,' and 'New York, New York.'

With sharp suits, slick choreography, and dynamic energy, he recreates the charm and sophistication of Vegas' golden days. Perfectly suited to audiences of all ages, this engaging and entertaining show blends nostalgia, humour, and high-quality musicianship.

# **Domesticity**

Friday 9 October 7:30pm

100 minutes plus interval

Adult \$35 Concession \$32 Group 6+ \$30



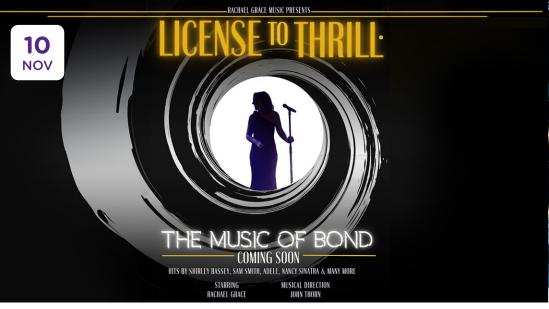
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'A sublime study in tenderness and vulnerability.' SYDNEY MORNING HERALD Domesticity is a beautiful, heartwarming show that will touch you where you live: at home!

It is built around a stunning cycle of deeply personal songs about marriage, babies, love, tolerance, decency and the complexity of modern life. A sublime study in tenderness and vulnerability.

Backed by some of Australia's most sensitive musicians, Fred Smith brings his trademark subtlety, wit and observation to bear on the quiet struggles in our little lives: the houses we live in, the children we raise, and the marriages we might hope to sustain.

Domesticity is a highly relatable song cycle, written with wit and heart that all can appreciate and enjoy. The best songwriting holds a mirror up to our lives and society. These songs will resonate long after the gig has been and gone.





## **License to Thrill**

Tuesday 10 November 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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Get ready for an unforgettable morning of intrigue, excitement, and iconic music with *License to Thrill: The Music of James Bond.*Starring the sensational Rachael Grace and musical direction from the talented John Thorn, this high-energy show takes audiences on a thrilling journey through the unforgettable soundtrack of the world's most famous secret agent.

From the seductive tones of Shirley Bassey's 'Goldfinger' to the sweeping intensity of 'Skyfall,' with a mix of big-band swagger, orchestral elegance, and contemporary flair, this show perfectly blends the timeless appeal of Bond with the electrifying energy of live performance. Whether you're a die-hard Bond fan or a lover of show-stopping music, License to Thrill is your passport to an unforgettable morning of cinematic music, unforgettable vocals, and pure theatrical excitement.

# **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**

Tuesday 1 December 11am

70 minutes, no interval

Adult \$24 Concession \$22 Group 6+ \$20



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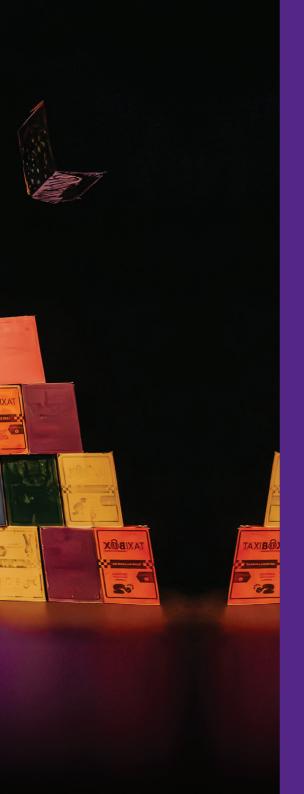
You've never been to a Christmas party quite like this one! Slap on a Santa hat and strap yourself in for a swinging sleigh ride with Australia's favourite cabaret duo!

Melissa Langton and Mark Jones are known for their powerhouse vocals, tight harmonies and quirky humour, but every year when Christmas rolls around, they have to admit there's nothing they love more than a song about chestnuts roasting on an open fire!

There'll be classic carols, Christmas cracker jokes, a Kris Kringle quiz, a Santa sack full of giveaways – and it wouldn't be Christmas without a good old singalong round the Steinway!

Songs include Santa Baby, Away in a Manger, I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus, Silent Night, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and (almost inevitably) Santa Claus is Coming to Town!







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