

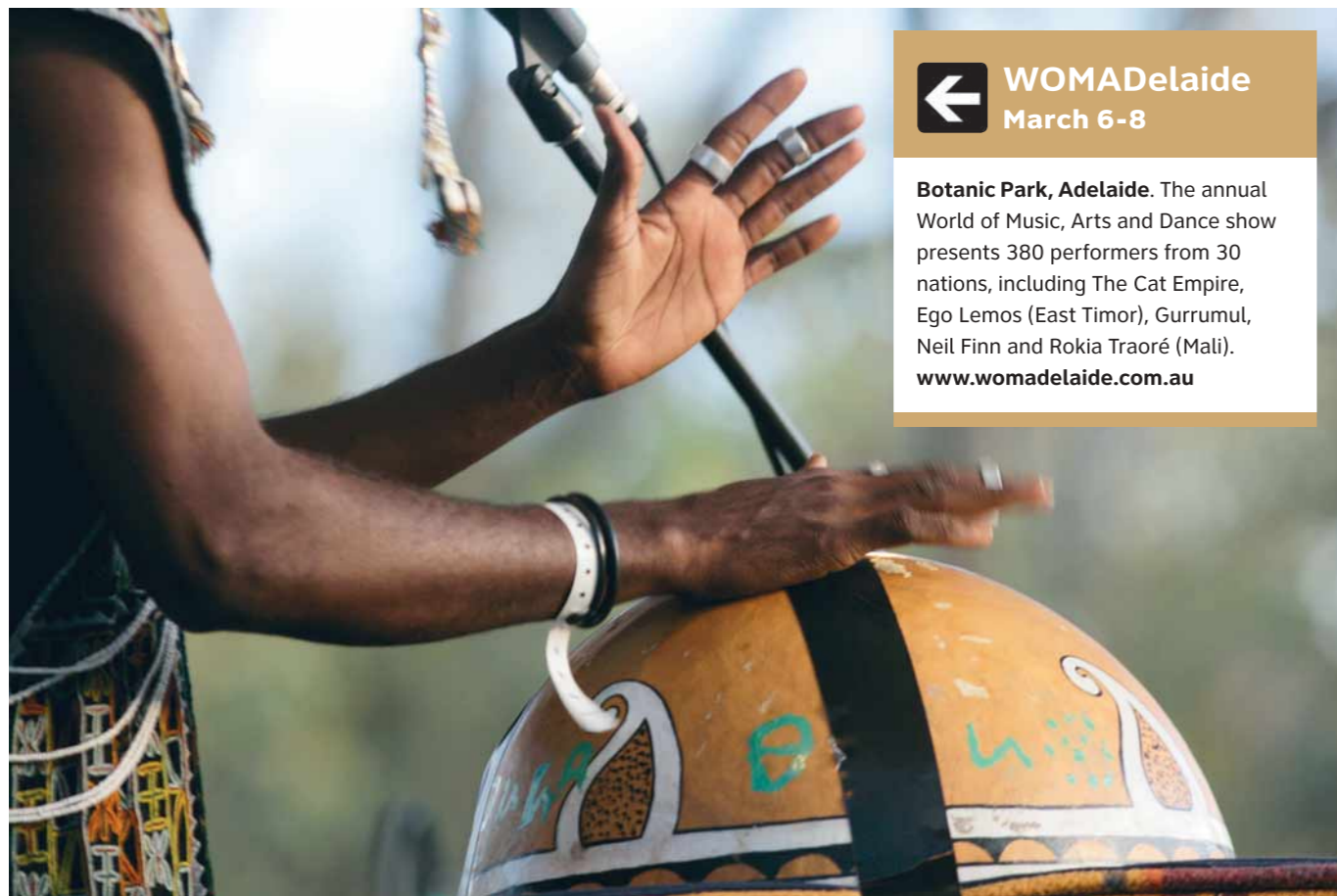


MARCH DIARY COMPILED BY **DAVID LEVELL**

The cups of entertainment runneth over in **Adelaide**, while in **Brisbane** it's laugh time. You'll find Darwin in the **ACT** and a surfers' paradise in **Perth**. Festivals blossom all across **Victoria** and there's plenty to wine about in **Sydney**.

Diary

The best of what's on in Australia, state by state.



WOMADelaide
March 6-8

Botanic Park, Adelaide. The annual World of Music, Arts and Dance show presents 380 performers from 30 nations, including The Cat Empire, Ego Lemos (East Timor), Gurrumul, Neil Finn and Rokia Traoré (Mali). www.womadelaide.com.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.southaustralia.com

UNTIL MARCH 21

Garden Of Unearthly Delights, Rundle Park, Adelaide. A cavalcade of food stalls, carnival rides and sideshows in the Spiegeltent – Renée Geyer, Diesel and others. Circus meets Shakespeare in *Storm In A Teacup*, based on *The Tempest*. www.gardenofunearthlydelights.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 22

Adelaide Fringe, various venues, Adelaide. The main festival isn't on until next year, but the Fringe will hang around regardless. A multitude of arty pleasures awaits. www.adelaidefringe.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 27

Captured On Canvas: John Giles' Port Adelaide 1930-1960, SA Maritime Museum, Adelaide. A unique record of a working port's heyday. www.history.sa.gov.au

FROM MARCH 18

Busting Out!, Her Majesty's Theatre, Adelaide. Bev Killick and Emma Powell say thanks for the mammaries in a bravura comic tribute that will surely have its knockers. www.busting-out.com

MARCH 25

Dhafer Youssef, Festival Theatre, Adelaide. Tunisian oud virtuoso combines his traditional music with new European jazz. www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

NEW SOUTH WALES

www.visitnsw.com.au

THROUGHOUT MARCH

Charles Nicholson: Man And Museum, Nicholson Museum, University of Sydney. Meet Mr Multifaceted – Sydney Uni co-founder Nicholson (1808-1903) was an obstetrician, politician, philanthropist, arts patron, pastoralist, spiritualist, Egyptologist and kick-starter of the largest collection of antiquities below the equator (this very museum). www.usyd.edu.au/museums

THROUGHOUT MARCH

Abundant, Object Gallery, Sydney. From last year's biennial International Architecture in Venice, 100 models by



Left: *Portuguese Visitors*, Monoyama period, circa 1590; Below: *Juichimen Kannon*, Kamakura period, circa 1250



The Golden Age: Japanese Art From Australian Collections

From March 6

Art Gallery of South Australia. Buddhist sculptures, Floating World imagery, painted screens, costumes, masks, armour – nearly 300 exquisite objects in this overview of Japanese art, which ranges from prehistory until the Meiji period (1868-1912). www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

JUICHIMEN KANNON (BEQUEST OF SIR SAMUEL WAY 1916) & PORTUGUESE VISITORS (THE GWINNETT COLLECTION) COURTESY: ART GALLERY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Green Void Throughout March

Customs House, Sydney.

Inspired by the natural geometries of plants, corals, spider webs and soap bubbles, this green lycra, 20m architectural installation uses the latest digital fabrication and engineering techniques. Is it a glimpse of future building design?

www.sydneycustomshouse.com.au



Australian architects showcase the cutting edge down-under. The theme is “out there: architecture beyond building”.

www.object.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 7

Mozart Requiem, City Recital Hall Angel Place, Sydney. The Brandenburg Orchestra & Choir perform Mozart’s last, unfinished masterpiece with period instruments – an Australian first, apparently. Mozart’s *Linz Symphony* (No.36) is also on the program.

www.brandenburg.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 15

Viet Nam Voices, Casula Powerhouse, Casula (Sydney). Photographs and art created by Australian and Vietnamese war veterans – and antiwar protesters – tell personal and unofficial war stories from both sides of the controversial conflict.

www.casulapowerhouse.com

UNTIL MARCH 22

Baghdad Wedding, Belvoir Street Theatre, Sydney. A bisexual, middle-class, expatriate Iraqi doctor-cum-author returns to his homeland for a wedding and finds out first-hand how unfriendly friendly fire can be. www.belvoir.com.au

MARCH 3-25

Lady Macbeth Of Mtsensk, Sydney Opera House. Stalin hated Shostakovich’s tuneful take on adultery and murder. Denounced for “tickling the perverted tastes of the bourgeoisie”, it was banned in Russia for decades. Also from Opera Australia this month: *Werther* (March 12-26) sings of a young poet’s unrequited love; Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* (until March 19) features acrobatics by Legs On The Wall; and until March 23, Puccini’s *Madama Butterfly* sets the emotions aflutter.

www.opera-australia.com.au

FROM MARCH 5

Korean Dreams, Art Gallery Of NSW, Sydney. Decorative paintings and screens from the 17th-19th centuries (Joseon dynasty) reveal staple traditional Korean artistic themes such as shamanism, empathy with nature, Confucianism and Daoism. www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au.

FROM MARCH 7

Femme Fatale: The Female Criminal, Justice & Police Museum, Sydney. Squalid mug shots taken at the state reformatory for women at Long Bay Gaol between 1915 and 1930 contrast with the glamorous

sirens of sin depicted in contemporaneous pulp novels and film noir. www.hht.net.au

FROM MARCH 7

Salon des Refusés: The Alternative Archibald & Wynne Prize Selection, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney. Archibald entries not deemed wall-worthy by the selection panel hang here, picked for “quality, diversity, humour and experimentation”.

www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

MARCH 7-15

Sydney Harbour Week, various venues. Sample the life aquatic: swimming, sailing, snorkelling, island-hopping or maybe just waterside strolling. Events include a regatta, Bridge-to-Manly swim, a wooden boat festival and a picnic at Shark Island. But it goes deeper than that.

www.sydneyharbourweek.com.au

FROM MARCH 8

Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney. The venerable portraiture contest is easily the most popular show on the Oz art calendar. It’s your patriotic duty to show your face and bemoan the judges’ choices. But what do you know about art, anyway?

www.thearchibaldprize.com.au



Firebird And Other Legends March 13-24

State Theatre, Arts Centre, Melbourne. Newly interpreted by Graeme Murphy, Stravinsky's *Firebird* is teamed with two other classics based on Eastern European fables: Fokine's versions of *Petrouchka* (1911, also scored by Stravinsky) and *Les Sylphides* (1909, with music by Chopin). www.australianballet.com.au

Firebird And Other Legends

MARCH 12-15

Taste Of Sydney, Centennial Park, Sydney. Outdoor food and wine festival featuring 15 Sydney restaurants, many Australian wineries, a full menu of cooking demos, cocktail bars and live music. www.tastefestivals.com.au

MARCH 13-15

Blue Mountains Music Festival, Katoomba. Have you a mountain ear for music? Paul Kelly, Lior, Archie Roach & Ruby Hunter, Chris While & Julie Matthews, Eric Bogle, Old Man Luedecke and Pat Drummond are among those on (most assuredly not over) the hill. www.bmff.org.au

FROM MARCH 13

Concussion, Wharf 2, Walsh Bay, Sydney. An amnesiac decides to rectify his past – whatever it was. www.griffintheatre.com.au

MARCH 14-15

International Wine Fair, Wharf 8, Darling Harbour, Sydney. New wines hailing from Europe, New Zealand and Australia. Meet the winemakers, quaff the liquid. www.vintagecellars.com.au

MARCH 17-28

Travelling North, Glen Street Theatre, Belrose (Sydney). David Williamson's popular play about a middle-aged love affair, the couple's move to warmer climes and the reactions of their grown children. Stars Terence Donovan and Sandy Gore. www.glenstreet.com.au

FROM MARCH 19

Abigail's Party, Ensemble Theatre, Kirribilli (Sydney). A couple invite their neighbours over for drinks and things go amusingly downhill. Written in 1977 by the now much-awarded film director, Mike Leigh. www.ensemble.com.au

FROM MARCH 25

From Barely There To Wondrous (With Florals & Tulle In Between), MLC Centre, Sydney. Stylish snaps by top Australian fashion photographers, with print sales benefiting the National Breast Cancer Foundation. www.mlccentre.com.au

VICTORIA

www.visitvictoria.com

THROUGHOUT MARCH

John Lennon: Imagine!, Art Gallery of Ballarat. A show determined to let it Beatle. Images of Lennon, well-known and obscure, some from photographers well in with 'imself back in the day. Also other art from the period by Richard Larter, Alun Leach-Jones and others. www.balgal.com

UNTIL MARCH 20

Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival, various venues. Featuring a street parade, opera by the lock and Paul Kelly, who has strum-thing to do on March 8. www.artsmildura.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 28

Moonlight And Magnolias, Arts Centre Playhouse, Melbourne. Movie mogul David O Selznick, director Victor Fleming and scriptwriting hot shot Ben Hecht lock themselves away to finish adapting *Gone With The Wind* in this comedy based on the making of the Hollywood classic. www.mtc.com.au

FROM MARCH 4

The Year Of Magical Thinking, Arts Centre Fairfax Studio, Melbourne. Robyn Nevin as writer Joan Didion, facing the demons of grief and anger when her husband and child die. www.mtc.com.au

MARCH 6-9

Moomba Waterfest, various venues, Melbourne. Madness prevails in this grand old Melbourne tradition, featuring the Birdman Rally and the big parade down Swanston Street. www.moombawaterfest.com.au

MARCH 7

Carnivale Wodonga Bizarre, Wodonga. This street festival promises to embrace "all things mysterious, quirky, unusual, weird, wacky and outrageous". Music, stilt-walkers and fire-eaters abound. www.wodonga.vic.gov.au

MARCH 7-9

Ballarat Begonia Festival, Robert Clark Conservatory, Ballarat. Behold 600 begonias in 230 varieties. The Ballarat Antique Fair is in full bloom, too, and check out what's said to be Australia's largest outdoor art show, with more than 500 paintings *en plein air*. www.ballaratbegoniafestival.com

MARCH 7-8 & MARCH 14-15

Tastes Of Rutherglen, Rutherglen wineries. A grape way to see Rutherglen: 20 wineries offer new-release wines and matching meals, plus music from Boom Crash Opera among others, hot-air ballooning, regional produce and glorious autumn leaves. www.rutherglenvic.com

MARCH 7-23

Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, various venues. Much to masticate over – long lunches, masterclasses, wine-tasting and nocturnal alfresco dining, in and on the city's laneways and rooftops. www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au

MARCH 10-15

Australian International Airshow, Avalon Airport. Jet your appetite for amazing aerial manoeuvres. www.airshow.net.au

MARCH 11-15

The Stitches & Craft Show, Melbourne Showgrounds. Take me to your beader. www.stitchesandcraft.com.au

MARCH 13-15

Jailhouse Rock Festival, Ararat. Cell your soul for rock'n'roll – plus hot rods, bikes and dancing. All they are saying is give grease a chance. www.ararat.vic.gov.au



DIARY

MARCH 15-22

Melbourne Fashion Festival, Central Pier, Docklands. New fashions far from plain, though they tend to launch on runways. The latest autumn/winter collections, forums, art, film, parties – just say dress. www.lmff.com.au

MARCH 23 & 25

Opera In The Market, Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne. Two evenings of opera, contemporary and classical music with singers Yvonne Kenny and James Egglestone. www.operainthemarket.com.au

MARCH 26-29

Australian Grand Prix, Albert Park, Melbourne. Zoom with a view. See story, page 101. www.grandprix.com.au

FROM MARCH 27

Castlemaine State Festival, various venues, Castlemaine. Includes DJ Wind-Up playing 78s, live music, gilding and silversmithing demos, poetry readings and Castlemaine's first Visual Arts Biennial. Venues include mines and churches. www.castlemainefestival.com.au

TASMANIA

www.discovertasmania.com.au

MARCH 8-9

A Taste Of The Huon, Ranelagh. Digest the best of the Huon Valley, D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Bruny Island region: seafood, berries, wine and music. www.tasteofthehuon.com

FROM MARCH 26

Metamorphosis, Theatre Royal, Hobart. A West End hit, this British/Icelandic co-production dramatises Kafka's creepy-crawly tale of a man who really bugs his family. Gravity-defying insect moves, to music by Nick Cave and Warren Ellis. www.theatreroyal.com.au

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

www.visitcanberra.com.au

THROUGHOUT MARCH

Misty Moderns: Australian Tonalists 1910-1950, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Haven't the foggiest about Australian tonalist painting? These 80 artworks may cast some light on a moodily atmospheric movement dominated by Max Meldrum. www.nga.gov.au

UNTIL MARCH 22

Degas: Master Of French Art, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. His penchant for painting what was once modern daily life is sure to make an impression. www.nga.gov.au



*King Lear,
Chinese
opera-style*



Ten Days On The Island From March 27

Various venues. Tasmania's state-wide biennial arts festival: dance, theatre, music, film, literature and art. Some 730 artists from 20 countries. See story, page 104. www.tendaysontheisland.com

UNTIL MARCH 29

Darwin, National Museum of Australia, Canberra. Not the Top End town, but he who ignited the evolution revolution. Consider a replica of Charles Darwin's study, his actual HMS *Beagle* notebooks and a special display, Darwin & Australia, about his time here. And don't miss the live iguana. www.nma.gov.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY

www.travelnt.com

THROUGHOUT MARCH

Husi Bei Ala Timor Sira Nia Liman: From The Hands Of Our Ancestors, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, Darwin. International exhibition showing the traditional and contemporary art of Timor-Leste (East Timor) – textiles, ceramics, wooden carvings and body adornment. www.magnt.nt.gov.au

MARCH 22

Tiwi Islands Football Grand Final & Art Sale, Bathurst Island. Buy local Aboriginal art at Tiwi Design's annual sale, then kick along to the oval for an offshore sporting highlight. www.tiwiart.com



QUEENSLANDwww.queenslandholidays.com.au**UNTIL MARCH 21**

The Tempest, Toowoomba, Springfield and Hervey Bay. Travelling Shakespeare Festival takes Toowoomba by storm – a bard act to follow when it doth sally forth.

www.usq.edu.au/shakespeare**MARCH 6-28**

Brisbane Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse. Danny Bhoj, Dave Hughes, Stephen K Amos and others to meet you laugh-way. brisbanepowerhouse.org

MARCH 14-28

2009 Watpac Inter Dominion, Parklands, Gold Coast. Whips, leather and horseflesh from both sides of the Tasman collide on the trot in Australia's richest harness race. Pace yourself. www.id09.com.au

MARCH 15-22

Noosa Festival of Surfing, Noosa. All aboard. www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com

FROM MARCH 19

Chicago, Lyric Theatre, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Brisbane. New Australian version of the hit musical. Crimes of passion mingle with showbiz and cellblock razzle-dazzle. www.qpac.com.au

WESTERN AUSTRALIAwww.westernaustralia.com**THROUGHOUT MARCH**

Of Art & Music, John Curtin Gallery, Perth. The confluence of visual art and music. www.johncurtin_gallery.curtin.edu.au

UNTIL MARCH 8

Perth International Arts Festival, various venues. The ballet *Giselle* in an Irish village,

Greek tragedy *Antigone* with torch songs and male nudity, and don't miss "marauding gingerbread men and cross-dressing devils" in *Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea*. www.perthfestival.com.au

MARCH 5-24

Sculpture By The Sea, Cottesloe Beach, Perth. Sculptors erect more than castles in the sand. www.sculpturebythesea.com

MARCH 12-29

Andrew Baines, Stafford Studios of Fine Art, Perth. Paintings based on photos of the WA Symphony playing in the key of sea. www.andrewbaines.com

MARCH 17-22

Aussies 2009, Scarborough Beach, Perth. State against state and all against the elements in the national surf lifesaving championships. www.aussies2009.com

ON TOUR**THROUGHOUT MARCH**

The Alchemist, Brisbane, Sydney. John Bell of Bell Shakespeare directs Ben Jonson's classic about con men who claim to have that elusive, gold-making Philosopher's Stone. www.bellshakespeare.com.au

UNTIL MARCH 15

Complexions, Melbourne, Adelaide. Dwight Rhoden choreographs this US contemporary ballet troupe that will dance to the sounds of U2, Muddy Waters, Son House, Odetta, Handel and John Cage. www.complexionsdance.org

FROM MARCH 4

Alliance Française French Film Festival, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide. Vive le subtitle. www.frenchfilmfestival.org

**Complexions**

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Tina Arena, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, March

The Who, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hunter Valley, March

David Campbell, Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth, March

Chris Isaak, Canberra, Hunter Valley, Melbourne, March