

**19** TO **28** JULY 2024

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# alive!

NOOSA alive! acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land throughout Australia and upon which the Festival is conducted, Gubbi Gubbi Country. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future and to the wonderful waterways, beautiful land and traditions. We respect our young leaders who are working beside our elders to keep cultural industries thriving and recognise the important role story telling plays in the arts and cultural experience.

With funding support from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund





### WUNYA NGULUM - WELCOME TO OUR 22<sup>ND</sup> EXCITING YEAR

WE HAVE ENSURED TICKET PRICING HAS BEEN KEPT AFFORDABLE WITH THIS OUTSTANDING PROGRAM, A GENRE FOR EVERYONE'S TASTE, WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT ARTS AND CULTURE IN NOOSA FOR THE 22ND FESTIVAL.



#### ANDREW STAFFORD PRESIDENT - NOOSA alive!

On behalf of the Committee, our volunteers, patrons, sponsors, foundation partners and local community, for this year's program we have ensured ticket pricing has been kept affordable with some free events including a celebratory closing party on our picturesque Noosa River. Ten days packed with dance, music, theatre, interactive workshops and more. There is a genre for everyone's interest and we are are proud to present this exciting family friendly program with premiere performances in and around Noosa and its hinterland.

#### THE HON, MICHAEL HEALY MP - MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND SPORT

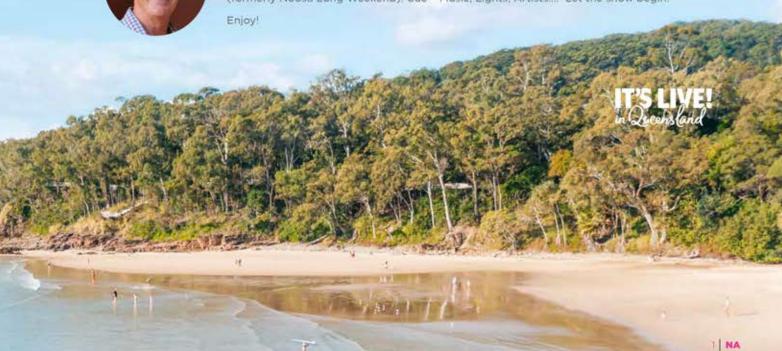


It is my pleasure to welcome you to the NOOSA alive! Festival which highlights the personality and uniqueness of Noosa. NOOSA alive! Is supported by the Queensland Government through Round 26 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Queensland Destination Events Program, which strives to highlight the vital link between the wonderful events we host in our great state and the diverse destinations in which they take place. Events such as NOOSA alive! foster community pride, impart local culture with all who visit and make meaningful contributions to the local economy. Beyond NOOSA alive!, there is so much to see, do and experience in Noosa. I encourage all visitors from far and wide to soak in all the delights of Noosa and make the most of all the experiences unique to this special part of Queensland. Congratulations to the organisers plus all those involved in working tirelessly to stage such a great event and for being part of the Queensland Destination Events Program.

#### IAN MACKELLAR FESTIVAL DIRECTOR - NOOSA alive!



There is always great delight and anticipation in presenting our annual Festival Program. July 2024 offers an exciting and diverse range of performances and events, for all tastes and budgets. We're proud to be standing strong in this our 22nd year of presenting Noosa alive! (formerly Noosa Long Weekend). Cue – Music, Lights, Artists.... Let the show begin.



## QUEENSLAND BALLET

QUEENSLAND BALLET - COLLABORATING WITH NOOSA ALIVE! FOR THE ELEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

PRESENTED BY NOOSA alive! AND QUEENSLAND BALLET PRESENTING PATRONS TREVOR AND JUDITH ST BAKER FAMILY FOUNDATION

In 2024, Queensland Ballet's Jette Parker Young Artists and a number of Company dancers will perform two breathtaking works, including Papillon a world premiere by acclaimed Australian choreographer Jack Lister and Holberg Suite by Greg Horsman.

Holberg Suite is a formal classical ballet in structure, choreographed for Royal New Zealand Ballet in 2009 to Edvard Grieg's Holberg Suite. The work explores the complexities of Grieg's music in a manner that uncovers hidden nuances through speed and precision and showcases the strength and beauty of the dancers.

Queensland Ballet is excited to once again be a part of this highly anticipated festival in 2024.

#### IN CONVERSATION

We are also thrilled to welcome to Noosa alive! Queensland Ballet new Artistic Director - Leanne Benjamin AM OBE.





## Seaside V!BES

DAY 1 : FRIDAY 19 JULY

BRING YOUR DANCE MOVES, AND A WHOLE LOT OF PARTY

#### WESLEY DEAN

#### WINNER OF AUSTRALIAN IDOL - 2008

Last year Wesley Dean embarked on the 'Crazy Hearts Across America' tour where he travelled the US in an RV with his family playing shows off the beaten track and visiting towns steeped in musical history. From Memphis to New Orleans, and Las Vegas to LA, he captured music video footage for his new album, 'Music From Crazy Hearts', and upcoming feature film, 'Crazy Hearts: The Documentary', released early 2025, along the way.

Since relocating to Nashville in 2021 he has written two Country Americana Roots Rock albums, the Grammy considered, critically acclaimed 'Unknown', and 'Music From Crazy Hearts', which was recorded at Nashville's iconic RCA Studio A, and released in April this year. Under his previous moniker, Wes Carr, he was 2008 Australian Idol winner with a platinum selling Aria number 1 single and a gold selling album, 'The Way the World Looks'. His smash hit single, 'Feels like Woah', became the most played song on Australian radio.

Supported by **Waiting For Tom**, **The Froth** and **Gold Creek**, this night is an affordable experience on Noosa's Main Beach.

#### **TICKET PRICES**

GENERAL ADMISSION \$35 Incudes booking fee SEASIDE VIBES PREMIUM \$70 Incudes admission, 2 x Beverages and 1 x Food choice

#### THE DETAILS

 DATE AND TIME
 VENUE
 PRICE

 Friday 19 July
 Noosa
 \$35/General

 3:00PM to 9:00PM
 Main Beach
 \$70/Premium

PLEASE NOTE SEASIDE VIBES IS AN 18+ YEARS OF AGE EVENT



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# ENVIRO BEATS WORKSHOP

NOOSA ALIVE! IN ASSOCIATION WITH JUNKYARD BEATS IS DELIGHTED TO OFFER THIS COMMUNITY WORKSHOP. PARTICIPATION IS FREE, WITH LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE.

We use our creative approach and humour to make the workshop a one-of-a-kind experience for everyone.

Rhythmic Fun: Get ready to explore the world of rhythm! Participants will learn the basics of body percussion and discover how to create mesmerizing rhythms using an array of unconventional tools. From buckets and PVC pipes to broomsticks, plastic bins, and traditional drums, the possibilities are endless.

Recycled Musical Magic: But that's not all! Our workshop also delves into the art of sustainability and creativity.

We guide participants in the transformation of recycled materials into remarkable musical instruments. All the participants get to keep their creations. Experience the joy of making music, fostering creativity, and promoting sustainability – all in one fantastic workshop.

Age: Minimum age 5 years - No maximum age.

ALL applicants must register to participate, this event is open to all ages.

An adult over the age of 18 years of age must accompany any participant/s aged between 5 years to 12 years of age.



#### THE DETAILS

#### **DATES AND TIMES**

Saturday 20 July 10:00AM TO 11:15AM

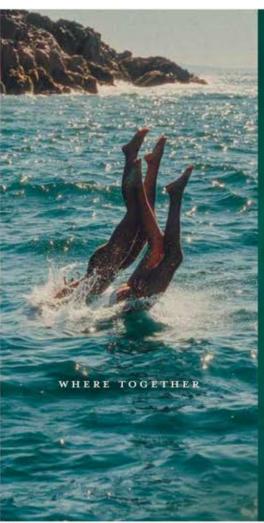
Sunday 21 July 2:00PM TO 3:15PM

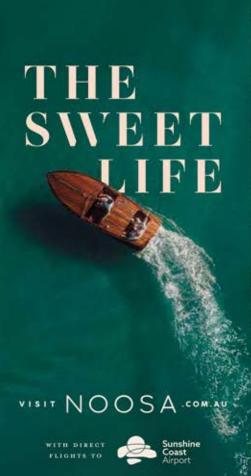
#### VENUE

Tewantin State School OSHC 10 Werin Street Tewantin

PRICE FREE









# Seaside V!BES

DAY 2 : SATURDAY 20 JULY

#### LIFE'S A BEACH!

#### **LUKE MILLION**

There's a Party going on at Seaside Vibes, Noosa Main Beach, Saturday 21 July, with a 'Dope' line-up of crowdpleasing DJ's, keeping the vibe alive!

#### **GUEST DJ'S**

**DE SAINT** 

JOSKIE

**GREG SARA** 

#### **TILLY SAUNDERS**

Luke Million is known for his laid-back grooves, famous synth skills and funky basslines. Known as "The Synth Lord", Luke Million is an artist and producer who turned his love of vintage synthesisers and drum machines into crafting his distinct Disco-Pop style of music. As a Queensland exclusive, Luke performs at Seaside Vibes.

#### TICKET PRICES

GENERAL ADMISSION \$50 Incudes booking fee SEASIDE VIBES PREMIUM \$85 Incudes admission, 2 x Beverages and 1 x Food choice

#### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Saturday 20 July 1:00PM to 8:00PM VENUE

Noosa Main Beach PRICE

\$50/General \$85/Premium

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JUNKYARD BEATS









Luxury Beachfront Accommodation, proudly hosting the stars of Noosa Alive!





# SATU IN THE BEYOND

Formerly ACO UNDEGROUND

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY GAIL SPIRA

FEATURING AN ALL-STAR LINE-UP OF AUSTRALIAN MUSICIANS

#### PRESENTED IN ASSOCATION WITH ACC

Bask in the dangerous realism of electro-acoustic collaboration Satu In The Beyond, featuring an all-star line-up of Australian musicians drawn from the punk, indie and classical soundworlds.

Helmed by virtuoso violinist and vocalist Satu Vänskä, the acclaimed Principal Violin with the Australian Chamber Orchestra armed with a voice that moves from 'woozy serenader to spitballing post-punk' (SMH), Satu In The Beyond brings together ACO Artistic Director Richard Tognetti on electric violin, Midnight Oil's Jim Moginie on guitar, Paul Beard on keyboards, Kiah Gossner on bass and Declan Kelly on drums to perform a uniquely intoxicating blend of genredefying artistry and experimentation.

Featuring music by artists as diverse as Nine Inch Nails, Nick Drake, JS Bach and Richard Tognetti, this show follows sellout gigs across Australia and abroad, from New York's Le Poisoson Rouge to Slovenia's Maribor Festival.

DON'T MISS THIS EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE



### TOM GLEESON

### GEAR

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 audiences around the country 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, live comedy superstar with his first stand up show since 2020-2021's sold out tour of Lighten Up.

"Stand up is my specialty. Television is a beautiful distraction but I'm looking forward to getting back to doing what I do best. Poking and provoking a live crowd." - Tom Gleeson.

Tom has performed at every major comedy festival in the world, has been nominated for a Helpmann Award three times, won the Gold Logie for the Most Popular Personality on Australian television and is the host of two smash hit TV shows, Hard Quiz on ABC TV and Taskmaster on Network Ten.

"PREPARE FOR AN HOUR OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER."
TIME OUT

BEST COMEDY PERFORMER AACTA AWARDS 2022

BEST COMEDY ADELAIDE FRINGE 2020

**BEST COMEDY PERTH FRINGE WORLD 2019** 



## **BEACH PARTY**

REPUTATION THE

## ULTIMATE TAYLOR

SWIFT SHOW

Here's your chance to experience an abridged Preview performance of Reputation, The Ultimate Taylor Swift Show, on Noosa Main Beach.

Party on Noosa Beach and witness the incredible EVOLUTION of the greatest artist and songwriter of a generation. From country music's fastest rising star to global pop SUPERSTAR! and the worldwide phenomenon that is TAYLOR SWIFT. ELLA & SIENNA (The Voice 2022), renowned for their signature sibling harmonies and unique pop-country original sound, and their tremendous BAND bring Taylor's STORY to life through her biggest hits and SWIFTIE favourites! This Preview show on Noosa Beach ABSOLUTELY cannot be missed!

Reputation full production will be presented on Tuesday 23 July at The J Theatre.

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### **MUSICAL GARDEN**

# INTERACTIVE - FREE COMMUNITY

### EVENT

"Step into the enchanting world of our Musical Garden, a captivating and innovative installation that transcends the ordinary! This one-of-a-kind masterpiece is born from recycled materials, a testament to our commitment to sustainability and environmental harmony."

Interactive, immersive, engaging, thought provoking, & fun! Come alive as you explore the musical delight that is the Musical Garden.

PRESENTED BY NOOSA ALIVE! IN ASSOCIATION WITH JUNKYARD BEATS

### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Sunday 21 July 11:00AM to 1:00PM VENUE Noosa Lions Park Gympie Terrace Tewantin PRICE FREE



# TWILIGHT CLASSICS

### PROUDLY PRESENTED BY OGILVIE GROUP

#### JOIN US UNDER THE BENDIGO BANK MARQUEE

Twilight Classics Musical repertoire includes:

- TRIO: flute / cello / harp Carisma ABC classics group.
- STRING QUARTET: Bridgerton Strings - Music from the hit period drama on Netflix, Bridgerton, contemporary hits in classical arrangement.
- SUPERB VOCAL ARTISTS: Tarita Botsman, Natasha Veselinovic, and James Shaw - Performing a combination of Operatic Arias, Art Song, Musical Theatre, and popular Contemporary Classics.

#### What you need to know

Ticket includes: Welcome Bubbles and 2 course Dinner (Alternate drop).

- Tickets are general admission with confirmed seating (shared tables).
- There is a bar on site for the purchase of additional nonalcoholic and alcoholic drinks.

#### Tarita Botsman

Returning to Australia, Tarita diversified her career, excelling as a stage director, artistic director, producer, and writer. Her commitment to the arts garnered prestigious accolades, including Young Australian of the Year (Queensland) and Young Queenslander of the Year, along with notable vocal prizes and awards.

#### Natasha Veselinovic

Natasha Veselinovic studied at The Queensland Conservatorium of Music, where she gained a Bachelor of Musical Theatre, and also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Theatre (Griffith University).

Previous theatre credits include, Cover Madame Thenardier, in Cameron Mackintosh's Les Miserables (Asia and Dubai tours), The Owl, in (NSW Tour), The Owl And The Pussycat (NSW Tour), The Happy Prince (David Young, Metro Arts), The Railway Children (Alex Parker Theatre Company, Cadogan Hall, London), The Girls From Oz (London Hippodrome, and Live at Zedel, London), Covent Garden's West End Christmas (London), Woman 2, 35mm: A Musical Exhibition (Australian Premiere), and Killer Queens (Brisbane Powerhouse, & HOTA).

#### James Shaw

James' theatre credits include Chicago (NAMCO), Rent (QPAC/MWE), Little Shop of Horrors (Tivoli Theatre), Cabaret (HOTA), Spring Awakening (Underground Broadway), Bare (Woodward Productions), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (HRTC), the Australian premiere of Titanic at the Theatre Royal Sydney (Seabiscuit Productions), and one of his favourite shows, Jekyll and Hyde (IHP/Arts Centre Gold Coast) opposite the late Rob Guest.

James played The Wizard in Matt Ward Entertainments production of Wicked. Recently he was seen at Metro Arts in the title role of David W.

Young's new musical The Happy Prince, based on Oscar Wilde's short story and is currently playing Billy's Dad in Billy Elliott The Musical.

#### THE DETAILS

#### DATE AND TIME

Sunday 21 July 4:30PM to 8:30PM

#### VENUE

Noosa Main Beach

**PRICE \$170** 



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### YEAH, NAH!

### WILLIAM MCINNES

#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

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William McInnes is one of Australia's most popular writers and actors. His books include the bestselling memoirs A Man's Got to Have a Hobby and That'd Be Right. In 2012 his book Worse Things Happen at Sea, cowritten with his wife, Sarah Watt, was named the best non-fiction title in the ABIA and Indie Awards. Please join William McInnes at The J Theatre in Noosa to hear about his life, career and his latest book "Yeah, Nah! ".

Also an award-winning actor and best known for his leading roles in Blue Heelers, SeaChange, Total Control and The Newsreader, William has won two Logies and two AFI/AACTA Awards for Best Actor in the film Unfinished Sky and Best Supporting Actor in The Newsreader.

"Yeah, Nah!" is a collection of hilarious memories and moments inspired

by Australia's way with words. Join bestselling Australian storyteller William McInnes as he reflects on Australia's way of life and gives us his own take on our colourful and colloquial way with words. Whether we are bunging it on or behaving like a drongo, Australians have a turn of phrase for every situation that helps us.

Our lingo helps us through life's landmark occasions. It's there in our fatalistic humour at moments of drama or heartbreak. It's there when we cut through the media hype, call out selfimportant BS or reflect on the ways our sporting heroes behave both on and off the field. And it's also there in the quiet conversations we have with ourselves.

We use it to mark the ups and downs of our friendships and to navigate our relationships with our kids and families.

Our love of plain speaking, of calling a spade a bloody shovel, communicates the essence of the thing to our mates, to those in the know - and to those at the top who should know better.

Part memoir, part manifesto, this warm, witty, poignant and laugh-out-loud funny collection will have you thinking about what you say, how you say it and what that really says about us as a nation.

#### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Monday 22 July

9:30AM to 11:00AM

PRICE \$20 to \$25

#### VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

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#### SPECIALLY CREATED PERFORMANCE FOR NOOSA ALIVE! 2024

Tim is known worldwide as 'the face of Australian magic' and described by MagicSeen Magazine as "one of the hottest magicians in the world."

2023 was the 50th anniversary of Tim Ellis as a performing magician. This extraordinary Australian performer has been wowing audiences all around the world, including Hollywood's Magic Castle, Le Double Fond in Paris and New York's world-famous Monday Night Magic.

He's been recognised internationally including two FISM World Championship Awards (1991 & 1994), The New York 4F MVP Award (2001), nominated The Magic Castle Lecturer of the Year (2006), and Guinness Record Holder for The World's Longest Magic Show at 85 hours non-stop. Tim is a member of the FISM Jury, President of the Australian Institute of Magic, founder and Director of the Melbourne Magic Festival, past owner of Bernard's Magic Shop and current owner of The Laneway Theatre.

#### THE DETAILS

### DATE AND TIME

Monday 22 July 6:00PM to 7:15PM

PRICE

\$34 to \$39

#### VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

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MARAVISTA FARM

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### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

### WITH HARRY MILAS

#### PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!

Close Encounters is a rare and intimate experience, as audiences experience the secrets of card cheating, as Harry reveals the secrets behind his skills as a sought-after security weapon for the world's top casinos. "Close Encounters" offers an intimate and captivating theatrical experience unlike any other. This unique event promises to astound. Harry, renowned for his mastery of illusion, will unveil the secrets behind his incredible skills. With 5 show times, all family friendly this performance is a crowd favourite.

Join Australia's leading sleight of hand specialist, Harry Milas, for an unforgettable journey into the world of magic.

Prepare to be amazed as Harry showcases his best tricks and illusions, from mesmerising card play to thrilling anecdotes of his adventures. With just

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40 attendees per show, you'll enjoy this intimate experience as Harry Milas takes audiences on a journey of deception, into a world that very few have experienced and even fewer talk about.

Before participating in the experience, audiences will be asked to sign an agreement of confidentiality. Harry explains, "Audience members will join me around a small table, as I reveal - step by step - how magicians, card cheaters and mentalists fool the world.

#### ABOUT HARRY MILAS

Australia's most experienced Sleight of Hand Artist, and Magician, Harry Milas.

Milas has been performing sleight of hand since he was four; he would sit with magic books propped open for hours trying to master new tricks. Now, at 32, Harry has mastered the arts of sleight of hand, and mentalism, with a unique ability to entertain and shock audiences through his masterful skill.



#### THE DETAILS

#### DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday 23 July 5:00PM to 6:00PM AND

6:45PM to 7:45PM

Thursday 24 July 5:00PM to 6:00PM AND 6:45PM to 7:45PM

Friday 25 July 5:00PM to 6:00PM

#### VENUE

The Lorikeet Room The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

PRICE \$49



### **CRIME FORUM**

#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE RIVER READ

#### MICHAEL ROBOTHAM - CANDICE FOX - JP POMARE

Delve into the shadows with three of Australia's most beloved crime fiction writers in Michael Robotham, Candice Fox and JP Pomare, as they share their insights into the craft of crime fiction, offering glimpses into their creative process and the secrets behind their twisted plots.



#### MICHAEL ROBOTHAM

Michael Robotham is a former feature writer and investigative reporter, who has worked in Britain, Australia and America. His debut thriller, The Suspect, introduced clinical psychologist Joe O'Loughlin and sold over one million copies worldwide, launching a nine-book series. It has been adapted into an ITV series starring Aidan Turner.



#### CANDICE FOX

Candice Fox is the author of nine solo novels, three of which have one Australia's prestigious Ned Kelly Award. All of her novels have been shortlisted for the award. She has multiple tv and film adaptations currently in production, with the adaptation of her bestselling Crimson Lake hitting screens as Troppo starring Thomas Jane and Nicole Chamoun in 2022.



#### JP POMARE

J.P. POMARE is an award-winning author whose debut novel, Call Me Evie (2018), won the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best First Novel. In the Clearing (2019) was made into a Disney+ Original Series, The Clearing, while Tell Me Lies (2020) was a #1 Audible bestseller and was shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Novel and the Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction. The Last Guests (2021) was critically acclaimed, as was his fifth book, the top-ten bestseller The Wrong Woman (2022).

#### THE DETAILS

### DATE AND TIME

Wednesday 23 July 9:30AM to 11:00AM

#### VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

#### PRICE

\$25 Adult \$20 Concession (card holders)

### **FILM WITH FOOD**

NOOSA ALIVE FESTIVAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH NOOSA SLOW FOOD PRESENT 'THE TASTE OF THINGS' A DELICIOUS FILMIC FEAST!

A three course French dinner, inspired by the film and created by three gourmet chefs, led by celebrated Matt Golinski, will be served throughout the evening.

The Taste of Things is a romantic historical drama, set in late 19th century France, about the pleasures of preparing food and consuming it. A beautiful love story of Eugenie (Juliette Binoche), an esteemed cook, and Dodin (Benoit Magimel), a fine gourmet she has worked with for over 20 years. They used food as a connection and their romance gave rise to dishes that impressed the world's most illustrious chefs. Adapted from Marcel Rouf's novel 'The Passionate Epicure' and directed by Cannes awarded director Tran Anh Hung.

This gournet romance will be shown at the Majestic Theatre, located in the historic town of Pomona. The Majestic is a heritage listed theatre with an old-world charm and still shows silent movies.

Free return transport from Noosa to the theatre will be available, leaving from the J at Noosa Junction at 5:15pm (sharp).



#### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Wednesday 23 July 6:00PM to 10:30PM VENUE Majestic Theatre 3 Factory Street PRICE \$145 + booking fee includes free bus transport

## REPUTATION: THE

ULTIMATE TAYLOR

### SWIFT SHOW

A spectacular family event, witness the incredible EVOLUTION of the greatest artist and songwriter of a generation from country music's fastest rising star to global pop SUPERSTAR! This high-energy full production extravaganza features a stunning 34 songs through every iconic ERA and re-invention of the worldwide phenomenon that is TAYLOR SWIFT.

The show's captivating SOLD OUT debut at the 2023 Adelaide Fringe Festival was a massive triumph, earning full-audience singalongs, standing ovations and rave reviews.

ELLA & SIENNA (The Voice 2022), renowned for their signature sibling harmonies and unique pop-country original sound, and their tremendous BAND bring every era of Taylor's STORY to life through her biggest hits and SWIFTIE favourites!

#### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Tuesday 23 July 6:00PM to 8:00PM

**PRICE** \$49 to \$59 VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction



## **JODI RODGERS MORNING TEA**

### I CONVERSATION

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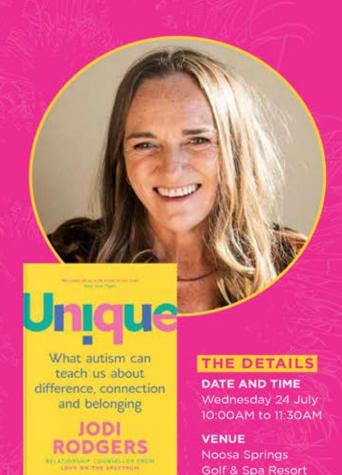
#### JODI RODGERS

Jodi Rodgers is a qualified sexologist, counsellor and special education teacher. She has worked within the education and community sectors in both Australia and internationally and has extensive experience working with people with disability and diverse neurology across the life span. Jodi established her private practice, Birds and Bees, after thirty years of working within the education, disability and sexuality fields. Birds and Bees specialises in delivering counselling services and workshops for people with a disability, with a focus on relationships, sexuality and sexual health. Jodi was featured on Love on the Spectrum, which was released on the ABC and globally on Netflix.

#### UNIQUE

Beloved star of ABC TV's award-winning Love on the Spectrum and disability rights advocate Jodi Rodgers shares stories from her three-decade career working with the autistic community and calls for a more inclusive and accepting society where we are more empathetic and curious about all the relationships in our lives.

Jodi explores the powerful impact of embracing neurodiversity and forming meaningful connections with those around us.



PRICE \$35





### THE BOX SHOW

### EXPERIENCE

### THE MAGIC!

YOU'LL NEVER LOOK AT A CARDBOARD BOX THE SAME WAY AGAIN!

WINNER: CRITIC'S PICK, SYDNEY FRINGE FESTIVAL 2018

Dive into the enchanting world of The Box Show, where imagination knows no bounds. This critically acclaimed performance is a captivating journey that transcends age, following four characters navigating their daily adventures in a realm crafted from cardboard boxes and forgotten treasures. Witness the transformation of discarded items into the world's greatest drum set, plastic bags as extraordinary musical instruments, and the human body as a one-of-a-kind sound machine.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- · 2 show times for family convenience.
- An abandoned kitchen and wheelie bins evolve into a musical masterpiece.
- Plastic bags take center stage as an unexpected but incredible musical instrument.
- The human body becomes a canvas for a unique and mesmerizing sound experience.

#### JOURNEY TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

Embark on a day in the life of musical misfits who breathe

new life into forgotten junk. The Box Show isn't just entertainment; it's a musical-in-education performance that teaches the importance of sustainability. The high-energy blend of drumming, dance, theatre, and comedy creates an immersive experience that resonates with audiences of all ages and nationalities.

#### LANGUAGE OF GIBBERISH AND RHYTHM

With a universal language of gibberish and rhythm, The Box Show transcends cultural barriers, making it accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Join us for an unforgettable adventure!

Experience the Magic: The Box Show Resonates with All Ages!

Created by: Junkyard Beats - Oded Prior

Written By: Oded Prior & Nigel Turner-Carroll

Directed By: Nigel Turner-Carroll

The Box Show isn't just entertainment; it's a musical-ineducation performance that teaches the importance of sustainability.Perfectly suited for Families, Children (particularly 5–12-year-olds) who like music, physical imaginative play, and performance. Parents interested in encouraging imaginative non screen or technology-based play.

### THE DETAILS

#### DATE AND TIMES

Wednesday 24 July 4:15PM to 5:15PM AND

6:15PM to 7:15PM

#### VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

#### PRICE

\$49 to \$59



## SENSATIONAL

### **SEAFOOD**

SPEND A GLORIOUS AFTERNOON AT RICKYS RIVER BAR & RESTAURANT AND ENJOY A MOUTH-WATERING LUNCH, WHERE THE 'STAR' OF THE DAY IS SEAFOOD.

### **ENJOY THE EXCITING SOUNDS OF ESTAMPA**

Treat yourself to a wonderful lunch with entertainment amidst the perfect setting of Rickys River Bar & Restaurant.

#### YOUR TICKET INCLUDES

3 course Lunch menu, glass of bubbles and entertainment.

#### MENU

Welcome glass of Sparkling Wine

#### BREAD

'Tanglewood' organic sourdough, butter, smoked salt

#### ENTRÉE

Roasted Mooloolaba prawns, harissa butter, charred leek, macadamia crumb

Scallop crudo, yellow chilli emulsion, sea herbs, pickled shallots Heirloom tomatoes, fried brioche, macadamia feta

#### MAIN

Local white fish fillet, celeriac puree, parsley veloute, spinach & sea herbs, dill oil

Moreton Bay bug tagliatelle, saffron cream, chervil, zucchini Pan seared spatzle, rocket pesto, mushroom, squash, Persian feta

#### DESSERT

Dark chocolate mousse, dulce de leche & coconut Artisan cheese selection, lavosh cracker, muscatels

#### THE STORY OF ESTAMPA

Estampa- is a world folk jazz band based in Brisbane, Australia. The band consists of Rebecca Karlen on violin and voice, Paul Henderson on guitar John Reeves on accordion and Samuel Vincent on double bass.

Evoking visions of Parisian laneways, South American sensuality and the unbridled joy of jazz, Estampa is a group of diverse musicians delivering energetic, internationally-inspired performances. Rooted in the traditions of French jazz and Brazilian Bossa Novas, Estampa provides a unique musical experience that will leave you feeling like you've entered a 1930's Parisian jazz club or the streets of São Paulo.

#### THE DETAILS

### DATES AND TIMES

Thursday 25 July 12:00PM to 3:00PM

#### VENUE

Rickys River Bar & Restaurant

PRICE \$175

# WORDS

#### AN EVENING WITH JOHN BELL AO -**OBE AND SIMON TEDESCHI**

'Words and Music' brings together, two icons of Australia's theatre and concert stages, the inimitable John Bell AO - OBE and extraordinary pianist Simon Tedeschi, in a sneak peek into life 'behind the curtain'.

Enjoying decades of celebrated performances between them, John and Simon take the audience into their confidence and share some wicked backstage stories from the Opera House to the Concert Hall, alongside some of their favourite pieces of poetry and music from recent years and their shows together, such as Bright Star, Enoch Arden and Echoes of the Jazz Age.

With notes (both literary and musical) from Mozart and Beethoven, Schubert, Keats, and Scott Fitzgerald, topped off with some sizzling jazz, don't miss the promise of a delightful and entertaining afternoon with two of Australia's best-loved artists.

'Words and Music' is a surprise package with something for everyone!

#### ABOUT JOHN BELL

John Bell AO OBE is one of Australia's most acclaimed actors and directors, and founder of the Bell Shakespeare Company, John has achieved several honours including, numerous Helpmann Awards and Sydney Theatre Awards and nominations, plus a number of prestigious Lifetime Achievement awards, including a National Trust Living National Treasure award.

#### ABOUT SIMON TEDESCHI

Simon Tedeschi is one of Australia's most renowned classical pianists, recipient of the Young Performer of the Year Award and a Centenary Medal (Australia), the Creativity Foundation's Legacy Award (USA) and a first prize in the Royal Overseas League Competition (UK).

Remarkably versatile across genres, Simon performs as soloist with major orchestras, from Sydney Opera House, children's theatre to shows with John Bell, from regional towns and conservatoriums to Abu Dhabi, Shanghai and New York's Carnegie Hall.



#### THE DETAILS

DATES AND TIMES Thursday 25 July 6:00PM to 7:15PM

#### VENUE

The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive Noosa Junction

PRICE \$50 to \$55





### **CHRIS MASTERS**

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FLAWED HERO: TRUTH, LIES AND WAR CRIMES BY CHRIS **MASTERS** 

'After 40 years of producing landmark journalism, Masters is still doing it. And he's still obsessive about the truth, relentless and fearless.' Nick McKenzie

CHRIS MASTERS DESERVES TO RECEIVE IT! PHILLIP ADAMS

#### ABOUT - FLAWED HERO: TRUTH, LIES AND WAR CRIMES BY **CHRIS MASTERS**

Australia's foremost investigative journalist is the definitive account of the extraordinary Ben Roberts-Smith story and the defamation trial of the century.

Masters spent three months embedded with Australian soldiers and special forces personnel in Afghanistan over the course of five years. He was the first to investigate the spectacular rise and stunning fall of Ben Roberts-Smith, and this is his authoritative and complete account. With a Victoria Cross and Medal for Gallantry, Ben Roberts-Smith was the most highly decorated Australian soldier, the best of the best. When he returned to civilian life, he became the poster boy for a nation hungry for warrior heroes. He embodied the myth of the classic Anzac, seven-foot-tall and bulletproof. But as his public reputation continued to grow, rumours were circulating inside the army.



DATE AND TIME Friday 26 July 8:30AM to 10:30AM

#### VENUE

The Plantation Room Noosa Springs Golf & Spa Resort

PRICE \$49.50

### **MEOW MEOW**

#### **MEOW MEOW RETURNS...**

"DIRECT FROM HER SOLD OUT CARNEGIE HALL NY DEBUT!"
"HOW WONDERFULLY DIVINE AND UTTERLY DECADENT" BROADWAY NEWS

International Cabaret Diva MEOW MEOW returns to Noosa by popular demand for One-night only. Meow's Noosa show promises an intimate evening with the stellar performer.

#### NOOSA! STRAP YOURSELF IN FOR A 'SENSATIONAL RIDE'.

Meow-Meow's unique brand of subversive and sublime entertainment has hypnotised inspired and seduced audiences worldwide from London's Royal Albert Hall to Lincoln Centre New York, to the Hollywood Bowl, to the Sydney Opera House.

Named 'cabaret diva of the highest order' (New York Post), the 'Queen of Chanson' (Berliner Zeitung), 'Sensational' (The Times) and 'A phenomenon' by the Australian press, the spectacular crowd-surfing tragi-comedienne has "a voice to break the most unwilling heart and a feeling for words that smashes through cynicism" (The Times UK).

Multi-award winning Meow's original music theatre works have been commissioned by David Bowie, Pina Bausch and Baryshnikov amongst others, and her theatre credits include Titania in A Midsummer Night's Dream at Shakespeare's Globe in London, and a critically acclaimed Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls at Royal Albert Hall. She's recently performed her "orchestrated chaos" with The London Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony at the Sydney Opera House and Seattle Symphony, and her latest album "Hotel Amour" with Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale was ranked in the Times UK top 100 albums of 2019.



### **CHRIS HAMMER**

### LITERARY BREAKFAST

#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE RIVER READ

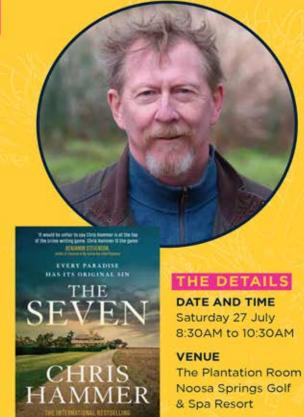
THE SEVEN - LITERARY BREAKFAST WHAT ARE THE SECRETS THE SEVEN ARE SO DESPERATE TO KEEP HIDDEN?

Join Chris Hammer for Breakfast and 'In Conversation' surrounding his new book The Seven. Yuwonderie's seven founding families have lorded it over their district for a century, growing ever more rich and powerful. But now – in startling circumstances—one of their own is found dead in a ditch and homicide detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan are sent to investigate.

Could the murder be connected to the execution of the victim's friend thirty years ago—another member of The Seven—or even to the long-forgotten story of a servant girl on the brink of the Great War? What are the secrets The Seven are so desperate to keep hidden?

With the killer still on the loose and events spiralling out of control, the closer Ivan and Nell get to discovering the truth, the more dangerous their investigation becomes. Can they crack the case before more people die?

The Seven is a compelling thriller filled with intrigue, emotional depth and an evocative sense of place—where nothing is ever quite what it seems. Chris Hammer, the acclaimed and bestselling author of the international bestsellers Scrublands, Treasure & Dirt and The Tilt, can take his place among the world's finest crime writers.



**PRICE \$49.50** 

## **PRIMARY & SECONDARY** WORKSHOPS

#### **ABOUT THIS EVENT**

PRIMARY THEATRE - WORKSHOP: 8-11 Years

Noosa alive! in association with Little Seed Theatre Company is delighted to offer this Community Workshop. Participation is FREE, with limited spaces available.

#### WORKSHOP DETAILS

- · Theatre games, vocal and scene work
- Little Seed Theatre Company has been offering actor training for the past 15 years and has a strong reputation in the Noosa Community for presenting high quality productions.
- Little Seed is excited to be a part of NOOSA alive! and to offer an acting workshop to primary aged students.
- · Students are invited to come for a morning of theatre games, vocal and scene work as we explore together what it takes to create interesting characters for the stage.

Open to all levels of experience, please bring a water bottle and come in clothes that are easy to move in.



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### **MURDER VILLAGE**

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### WHODUNNIT

#### IT'S AGATHA CHRISTIE, IMPROVISED!

Following sell-out runs around the country, the award-winning improvised whodunnit, Murder Village is playing Noosa for the first time. Two show times for your convenience, immerse yourself in the cozy world of a 1950s Agatha Christie-style novel as the country's funniest improvisers craft eccentric characters and perplexing mysteries from your suggestions.

In fact, it's your secret ballot votes that determines who lives, who dies and who will be unmasked as the culprit. In Murder Village, the local police inspector may be incompetent but thankfully there is a man of the cloth - and part-time amateur sleuth - on hand to sort the red herrings from the tell-tale clues.

See if you can solve the crime first...

DATE AND TIME Saturday 27 July 1:00PM to 2:00PM AND 3:00PM to 4:00PM VENUE The J Theatre 60 Noosa Drive

Noosa Junction

PRICE \$30 to \$35



PRICE

FREE

# SCSC-SHOWDOWN SHOWCASE

#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY BENDIGO BANK

The Sunshine Coast Screen Collective's Showdown Showcase is a night of amazing, locally produced short films.

The Sunny Coast Showdown presented by Bendigo Bank Community Bank is a not-for-profit initiative that is building a sustainable film industry in the region.

In its third year, the event has proven its worth, having produced 20 short films and documentaries that have won more than 60 film festival awards from around the world.

These films are a testament of what local cast, crew, producers and directors are capable of - all killer and no filler.





### THE DETAILS

#### DATE AND TIME Saturday 27 July 6:00PM to 9:00PM

VENUE
The J Theatre
60 Noosa Drive
Noosa Junction

#### PRICE

\$30 Adult \$25 Concession



# TELL ME ON A SUNDAY

Music Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics Don Black Directed by Simon Denver

A ONE-WOMAN TOUR-DE-FORCE!

A STORY ABOUT LOVE, LOSS, LAUGHTER AND SURVIVING. Emma is looking for the perfect relationship. Trouble is that along the way to Mr Right she finds everything but. From Mr Right-hereand-now to Mr So-Right-but-wrong-timing. "Tell Me on A Sunday" is the story of Emma's journey. A journey that we've all been on - or in fact are still on. It's one of those poignant, cheeky, sad, funny, real journeys. It's one of those hops, skip, stumble, fall, laugh - then get up and do it again journeys. It's a beautifully crafted dance of life.

Tell me on a Sunday is presented in Association with SRT Inc.

### THE DETAILS

DATES AND TIMES Saturday 27 July 7:30PM to 8:30PM

Sunday 28 July 2:00PM to 3:00PM

#### VENUE

Noosa Arts Theatre Weyba Road Noosaville

PRICE \$37 to \$42







### FREE

### COMMUNITY

### FAMILY EVENT

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## ★rs alive!

SHOWCASING YOUNG ARTISTS

Join us for Noosa STARS alive! Finals, hosted by Damien Anthony-Avery Rossi (aka Mr. Hollywood in OZ).

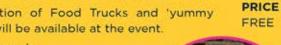
Finalists have been selected via an audition process, and will perform live at the finals, all vying for the title of Noosa STARS alive! WINNER-2024.

#### CLOSING PARTY

Our Closing Party will follow on from 'STARS' finals and will feature some talented local bands and performers. This is a community free event - REGISTER your intended attendance to guarantee entry now!

#### Additional information

- You are encouraged to arrive early (10.30am) to secure your place.
- Noosa STARS alive! finals Showtime 11am
- Entertainment throughout the day until 4pm
- General Admission No seating allocations.
- BYO Picnic Rugs Wrap Folding Chairs -Picnic Baskets - Water etc.
- No (on-site) alcoholic beverage/s at event.
- A selection of Food Trucks and 'yummy treats' will be available at the event.



THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME

SUNDAY 28 July

11:00AM

VENUE

River Stage Lions Park

Gympie Tce

Noosaville



## **ITALIAN LONG** LUNCH

TREAT YOURSELF AND FRIENDS TO A TRADITIONAL ITALIAN LONG LUNCH AT NOOSA WATERFRONT RESTAURANT & BAR.

Inspired by families in Italy who get together to enjoy warm conversation, good wine, and beautifully prepared food.

#### Your ticket includes:

Italian Long Lunch menu, glass of bubbles and entertainment.

- · Glass of Prosecco on arrival
- · Antipasti Share Plate
- Homemade Artisan Bread
- · Selection of House Made Pasta
- Sides
- · Dessert Share Plate
- Entertainment

#### THE DETAILS

DATE AND TIME Sunday 28 July 12:00PM to 3:00PM VENUE

Noosa Waterfront Restaurant & Bar

PRICE

\$125 (Includes Booking Fee)



### THE CURIOUS NOVICE

### EXHIBITION EXPLORING

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#### CURATED BY NICOLE MAGGS

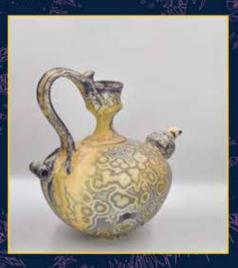
The Curious Novice surveys the continuous creative development of the medium of clay. Probing dual perspectives of creator and user, the exhibition features the works of six emerging and established ceramicists.

Dennis Forshaw, Claudia deSalvo, Angus McDiarmid, Anwen Thomas, Pimparat Tantisukarom, and Lauren Cope invite visitors to join their creative exploration through process and form, in an immersive experience designed to transport visitors into a world of infinite possibilities and wonder.

The Curious Novice examines the artist's connection to their work - the anticipation, wonder, and joy that comes with the firing of each piece - and culminates in the final presentation to the recipient. Through exploring the notion that ceramics represents more than mere objects. The

Curious Novice dives into the metaphysical connection between the artist, the medium, the object, the recipient, and the user.

The curiosity of creation meets the brilliance of transformation in The Curious Novice. Curious?



DATES AND TIMES Wednesday 3 July to Sunday 8 September

#### VENUE

Noosa Regional Gallery Riverside 9 Pelican Street Tewantin

PRICE

FREE

NOOSA REGIONAL GALLERY

### PATRON'S CIRCLE

NOOSA ALIVE! GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE WONDERFULL SUPPORT FROM OUR 2024 PATRON'S CIRCLE.

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### Presenting

Johanne & Dr Ian Wright Gail Spira David & Kristin Williamson

#### Life Members

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#### Special Thanks

Our Festival Volunteers who work tirelessly before and during the Festival





























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