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Welcome to Hello Feasters!

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In this weeks BUMPER edition you can read about the 2010 Feast Program Launch which blasted off last Friday and check out a selection of some of the great events happening at this year's festival... Plus much, much more..

upcoming events...

2010 Program for a New Era launched

150 sponsors, supporters, Feast 500 members and guests joined the Feast team @ Garage Bar for the unveiling of this year's festival program celebrating the 14th annual Feast Festival – Our Place.



Feast, one of the largest queer arts and cultural festivals staged in Australia, will run from 13 - 28 November and for the first time will operate from its own purpose-built Hub, in Light Square in the city. Feast becomes the first queer festival in Australia to run its very own hub, centralising and showcasing most of the festival's key acts and activities in one location. The Hub will host Feast's Opening Night Party and Picnic After Party as well as up to nine shows per evening, in 3 purpose-built venues, plus the Emerging Artists and Busking Stage over fifteen days.

The theme for Feast 2010 is OUR Place, which ties into the Festival's new Hub and also asks what and where is the place for the queer community in the modern day. Feast is unique in Australia in that it receives support from all levels of government.

Warm, humorous and personal speeches were provided by guest speakers Chloe Fox MP, attending her second Feast program launch, representing the Premier and Minister for the Arts, Hon Mike Rann and the Minister Assisting the Premier in the Arts, Hon John Hill and, Michael Henningsen Deputy Lord Mayor, representing the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide Michael Harbison.



Feast General Manager, David Waylen encouraged everyone present to take up the baton and become unofficial ambassadors for Feast at every opportunity.

The 2010 Feast Festival marks the first time Feast has created a home-base for the Festival and produced anything of this scale. And for the first time Feast will also operate its own box-office FEASTiX at <http://tix.feast.org.au>.

The opening night Pride March on 13 November takes a new route this year from Victoria Square, down Gouger St and Morphett St to our Light Square Hub and be followed by the Feast 2010 Opening Night Party. Feast continues to be at the forefront of queer culture in Australia and in 2010 we present some of the leading queer artists from the UK, Canada and from around Australia.

In all there will be 156 performances from 74 shows with eight Australian premieres and twelve Adelaide premieres and more than 500 participating artists across 29 venues.

Feast's Picnic in the Park will also be held at a new venue for 2010, Pinky Flat, on 28 November with new opening hours from 10.00am to 5.00pm. This is one of South Australia's largest queer community events attracting up to 15,000 people.'

Feast's live performance program 2010 has so many highlights we can't list them all, so here are just a few to wet your appetite:



The internationally acclaimed Anglo-Spanish cult cabaret diva **Ursula Martinez** in the Australian premiere of her latest show **My Stories, Your Emails** from 11 – 13 November for three performances only in the Space Theatre. Presented in conjunction with The Adelaide Festival Centre.

One of Australia's most extraordinary performance artists, the Queen of Cabaret Bizarre, **Moira Finucane** returns to Adelaide with a compelling double-bill: **The Feast of Argentina Gina Catalina** a supper show starring Finucane as the rapacious Spanish diva Argentina

Gina Catalina, will play in the 200-seat Ballroom at the Feast Hub, Light Square from 17 – 21 November for five performances only.

Second on the bill from 17 – 21 November in The Ballroom, following The Feast of Argentina Gina Catalina, Finucane presents the Adelaide premiere of **Salon de Dance**. Set in an intimate and seedy gothic-noir dance hall, the show features a wild array of nine extraordinary dancers and physical artists.

For four performances only in The Ballroom (where else?) from 23 – 26 November a beef-caked & camped-up front line of Brisbane's foremost male circus performers & mischief makers present **Briefs** - a twisted blend of circus, burlesque and theatre for the not so faint hearted.

Feast's cabaret program highlights include:

Mutant cabaret maestros **The Town Bikes** presenting the Adelaide premiere of **Bulk** in the 50 seat Garden Shed at the Feast Hub from 17th – 21st and British diva **Dolly Diamond** and Australian cabaret artist **Luke Gallagher** bring their UK and Melbourne hit **The D&G Experience** to Feast, teaming up with Adelaide trio **The Suits** on 25th and 26th in The Ballroom.



Queer Gifted and Blak 4 returns to Feast for one performance only on the 14th in Feast Hub. The show is the culmination of a groundbreaking community cultural development project spanning 2009 and 2010 exploring family through the eyes of eight performers and artists from South Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander gay and lesbian community.

Sunny Drake's funny and poignant production **Other-wise** returns to Feast from 23rd - 27th after sell-out seasons in the USA. Other-wise is the story of Sunny's transgender journey to become a man told in the form of a letter to her family and brought to life on stage.

Other groundbreaking theatrical performances include Dance Theatre production **Asylum** from 23rd – 27th in The Garden Shed, which traces the story of a young man fleeing same-sex persecution in his homeland, only to find persecution in another form based on his skin colour.

A new production of **Stephen House's** acclaimed play **Go by Night** performed by **James O'Connell** will be held in The Garden Shed from 17th – 21st.

Feast's comedy line-up for 2010 features Triple J breakfast co-host **Tom Ballard** in **Tom Ballard is What He Is** on 19 and 20 November. Seen on The 7.00pm Project and Good News Week Tom has performed across the globe and won Best Newcomer 2009 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.



Canada's **De-Anne Smith** returns to Feast with her new show **Sexy Feelings**, from 17th – 21st, and will also take part in Feast's renowned **Comedy Gayla** on the 16th, along with **Moira Finucane, Lori Bell, Catherine Fitzgerald and Joel Creasey**.

From Western Australia **Joel Creasey** is one of Australia's youngest and brightest stand-up comedians. Joel brings his quick wit, bitching attitude and unique brand of comedy to The Lounge on 23rd – 25th. And **Lori Bell** is back by popular demand in **Granny Flaps Opens Up**, her Adelaide Fringe Award winning show on 23rd and 24th.

In the music department Feast 2010 features **Bluehouse**: - a little bit country - a little bit rock n roll, with special guest **Catherine Britt** on 14 November; newcomer **Kelly Menhennett** who wowed audiences at Feast in 2009 is returning to perform and launch her debut album on 21st; and Bryon Bay four piece band **The Lucky Wonders** present their folksy, indie-pop and quirky appeal on 14th.

Feast's main Visual Arts Exhibition for 2010, entitled **Our Canvas**, features work by eight of South Australia's leading queer visual artists and will be housed in The Halls at the Feast Hub. Works by **Leith Semmens** will also be hung in the foyer of The Ballroom.

An off-shoot of Feast encouraging patrons to ride their bikes to and from the Hub is **Easyriding: A Green Interactive Arts Exhibition** in which cycling Feast patrons are invited to photograph themselves at the Hub with their bikes. The images go online and on the Hub's screens, and participants can go into the draw for daily and weekly prizes with a grand final prize of \$200 cash.



Free events for 2010 include what is believed to be the one of the biggest queer shows in the world – **The Feast Show**, a celebration of home-grown queer creativity from cakes and jams to queer collections, fruit, flowers and craftwork. If it can be made, baked or bottled it's in The Feast Show on 28th.

On 14th, 20th, 21st and 27th Feast presents the **Maker's Market** at the Hub offering the chance for patrons to learn knitting, sewing, stencilling and more from leading exponents of the trades. Meanwhile The Patio at the Hub will be the new free open-air platform for emerging artists and buskers.

The **WordFeast Day** literature program on 27th at the Hub includes readings by poets **Kimberley Mann, Andy Quan, Miriel Lenore, Jill Jones and Ray Tyndale** and writers **Sophie Cunningham, Robert Moore, Mij Tanith, Ben Chandler and Roxy Bent**. The **Feast Literary Soiree at Home** will be held on 16th in The Lounge with readings around the theme of Home by **Lori Bell, Phil Kavanagh, Ian Purcell, Dr Gertrude Glossop, Adam Cook, Penny McAuley and Helen Bock**.

Quench: to satisfy a thirst is a presentation of thirty three forums at the Hub, bringing together more than fifty activists, artists, researchers, writers, filmmakers, performers, idealists, realists, dreamers, radicals and visionaries over two days on 20 and 21 November. **Quench** is a weekend of queer thinking offering 36 presentations across topics such as culture/community/activism; performance/ writing/ art/ digital media; sexuality/ gender; health/family and spirituality.

Feast's Creative Producer, Kerry Ireland encourages everyone to get along and see a few of these fabulous shows, there is something in the program for everyone and all shows are very affordable.

To obtain a copy of the Festival Guide drop into the Feast office or go to the Feast website - www.feast.org.au - to either download the guide or find a list of guide distribution points such as Adelaide City Council, Rundle Mall Information Booth, Imprints Booksellers, Phat Café, SA Visitor Information and Travel Centre on King William Street, regional tourism centres, just to name a few... or alternately email feast@feast.org.au

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Program Launch After Party – A Huge Hit



Once the formalities had concluded, 400+ people kicked back on Friday night celebrating the 2010 Program launch in style, with DJ's thumping out the music and our amazing MC Sarah Connor it was a fab night had by all.

Fantastic to see this turnout and the excitement that Feast is already starting to generate.

Special thanks to our raffle ticket sellers, the Nuns of Perpetual Indulgence and to the prize sponsors – Mantra on Frome, Casella Wines, Breakfree on Hindley, Costumeland, Manhunt and Add Value Promotion and to Tanya, Wayne at the Team at Garage Bar for hosting the

night.

Ticket Giveaway – Win a double pass to see Like a Virgin

Mercury Cinema have a film screening on Friday, 24th Sept called LIKE A VIRGIN, directed by LEE Hae-joon and LEE Ha-young. It's hilarious and heartwarming about a boy against the odds but filled with overwhelming optimism, it's one of the favourites in the KOREA ON SCREEN programme, part of the OzAsia Festival.

Thanks to Mercury Cinema, Feast has 15 double passes to give away.

Oh Dong-gu dreams of being a pop singer like Madonna but there are obstacles... He has an alcoholic father, is chubby, unfit and suffers unrequited love for his Japanese teacher, yet the belief in his dreams drives him to find a solution to the biggest problem he faces, the five million won cost of a sex change. Like most in his situation would do, he enters the Incheon High School wrestling competition that has prize money of exactly that amount. To become Madonna, he must first become a wrestling champion. An upbeat and fun story certain to inspire secret dreams.

Email TICKETWIN to gm@feast.org.au by 4pm today to go in to the running to win.

Positions Vacant – FEASTiX Ticketing and Box Office Staff

Feast is looking for up to 10 Casual Box Office/Ticketing Staff for this year's festival. Hourly rate is \$22 – 25 per hour, hours are predominantly weekends (day and evenings) and weekday evenings 5.30pm onwards, minimum shift time is three hours.

Experience in working with on-line ticketing programs a distinct advantage and a Police Clearance, not more than 6 months old is required.

A copy of the position description is available from the office. **Applications close: 5pm Wednesday 29th September** and a short application letter, detailing experience and interest as well as a copy of your resume should be emailed to gm@feast.org.au

Tight Arse Tuesday Ticketing Specials

During the festival, some of the shows will be offering ticketing specials to assist patrons get along to see shows, check out the website for those shows offering these ticket specials. BUT, get in quick as they are bound to be snapped up quickly.

ClubFeast Membership Offer



It's tight arse Tuesday and today's offer - register and pay for ClubFeast before 5pm today, either in person or via the phone, and get 2-4-1, so you and a friend can join for the one low price of \$20.

Membership benefits include ticket savings for just about all shows, official Feast merchandise discounts, happy hour prices at Hub bars on presentation of your ClubFeast card, invites to special events throughout the year and free entry to not only Picnic in the Park, but also the Picnic After Party.

Great value @ \$20, and ABSOLUTELY SENSATIONAL VALUE at 2-4-1. Join today!

Feast's Next Wine Tour heads to the Adelaide Hills Wineries

Adelaide Hills Gourmet Food and Wine **09.10.2010**

\$105 fully inclusive

Depart Adelaide at 9.15 am and cruise along the scenic route into the gorgeous Adelaide Hills.

Our first winery this morning is at Bird in Hand, where you join over the old mine to taste olives, oils and wines.

Sample to-die-for handmade cheeses at Woodside Cheese Wrights.

Indulge a german lunch in Hahndorf before we discover another award-winning winery such as Nepenthe. Experience premium wines while enjoying stunning views of the Mt. Lofty Ranges.

Our day ends at The Lane where you taste the beauty of their vineyard in every drop.

Stocked up on wine and home-made cheese we arrive back in Adelaide by 5 pm .

Ascension – Mr Leather 2010



*Saturday 2nd October, starting at 8.30pm
Queens Arms Hotel - 88 Wright Street, Adelaide*

Once in a blue moon is the synchronicity to be part of something greater than the day to day. Individuals are called on to stand up and let us hear your ideas or passions as contenders for Mr Leather SA 2010. Be part of something sexy, sensual, and uplifting – Ascension is for you!

Contenders call Garry – 0421 708 707 or 0410 660 623

Not competing, that's cool, get along on the night for a great evening's entertainment

Sixty Minutes Out and Proud Gay Youth Special



Congratulations to Channel 9's 60 Minutes on such a positive story about being young, gay and proud. Thank you to positive young role models such as Ruby Rose and Matthew Mitcham, you lead the way in making our young people feel proud and comfortable with who they are.

To all our local gay, lesbian and queer young people congratulations on your courage and conviction, I hope society treats you as you deserve to be treated. If you missed it, check it out by [clicking here](#).

Well that is it from us for this week. Remember, if you have an event planned over the next 12 months, let us know so we can add it to the Community Calendar of Events in the [Upcoming Events](#) section.

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Thanks for reading, All the best until next week - The Feast Team!



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