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THEATRE

FROM THE FAINT-OF-HEART TO THE FEARLESS TO THE FUN-LOVING, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WITH PERFORMANCES THAT CONFRONT AND CAJOLE, PLEASE AND PROVOKE.

Kingston Arts presents an engaging program of theatre, drama, cabaret, puppetry and comedy brought to our theatres from the finest local and national theatre companies.

Our venues include a state-of-the-art 167-seat theatre in Shirley Burke Theatre, Parkdale, plus an intimate performance space in our 94-seat theatre in Kingston Arts Centre and a 1000 seat theatre in the Kingston City Hall, Moorabbin.
IF YOU SEEK MUSIC THAT SOOTHE THE SOUL, OR YOU PREFER SOME RAUCOUS ROCK N ROLL – FROM INTIMATE PERFORMANCES TO LARGE SCALE PRODUCTIONS, YOU'LL FIND YOUR GROOVE AT OUR VENUES AND FESTIVALS.

Kingston City Hall (formerly the Moorabbin Town Hall) is remembered for Australian acts such as AC/DCs Bon Scott in 1974. In more recent years, kings of Australian hardcore music, Parkway Drive and British Rockabilly star Si Cranstoun have taken to the Grand Hall stage.
RELIVE THE NOSTALGIA OF A BYGONE ERA OR TAKE IN A CULT CLASSIC WITH KINGSTON ARTS’ DIVERSE PROGRAM OF FILMS TO SUIT ALL TASTES.

Cinema screenings are held all year round with **Moviehouse** running from March-December at Kingston Arts Centre; and **Flix Fix** screening cult films at the Shirley Burke Theatre, originally built in 1928 as the Winter Garden Cinema.

The **International Youth Silent Film Festival** is a competition that challenges young filmmakers to create a modern version of silent film to be shown at Kingston City Hall with live accompaniment on the heritage **Wurlitzer Organ**.
VISUAL ARTS

Kingston Arts presents artistic works across three primary art spaces from traditional and historic exhibitions, to contemporary and cutting edge work.

G1 in Moorabbin is our major exhibition space for community art and G2 is dedicated to emerging artists.

G3 Artspace in Parkdale is our newest and most innovative street-facing gallery presenting compelling contemporary experimentation. Free admission to all Kingston Arts galleries.

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FESTIVALS

Festivals are an important part of Australian life and our major festivals bring the Melbourne community together to enjoy diverse cultures, food and wine, and an exciting range of music and art.

In January, the Globe to Globe Festival presents world music, dance and cuisine from cultures around the globe.

In March, the Mordialloc Food, Wine and Music Festival offers a selection of gourmet food, regionally made wines, boutique beers and a full program of jazz and blues.

In May, the Harvest Festival features a stellar line-up of country and bluegrass music along with sustainable living ideas and cooking demonstrations.
PUBLIC ART

PUBLIC ART ACROSS THE CITY OF KINGSTON REFLECTS AND CELEBRATES OUR HISTORY, STORIES, CULTURES AND SENSE OF PLACE THROUGH EPHEMERAL, TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT PUBLIC ART.

The Public Art Program sets out to improve the environment through the enhancement of places and spaces with public art. The Program encompasses the Civic Art Collection of paintings and artefacts and Art in Public Spaces; Horse, Mentone; Pompeii Boat, Mordialloc; Dingley Village Anzac Memorial; The Art Pass, Chelsea, and Two Acre Village, Cheltenham.
MARKETS

FIND CREATIVE HANDMADE ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN; ENJOY LIVE MUSIC, BOUTIQUE BEER, WORLD FOOD, CRAFT WORKSHOPS AND MORE AT THE MAKERS MARKET.

Kingston’s annual Makers Market takes place in December each year in and around the home of arts and culture at Kingston Arts Centre, Moorabbin. This market showcases the works of some of Melbourne’s most talented artists and designers direct from the maker to you – and just in time for Christmas!

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PUBLIC PROGRAMS

KINGSTON ARTS FOSTERS AN INTERACTIVE ARTS COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGES THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AMONGST ARTS INDUSTRY EXPERTS, ARTISTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

This is realised through Public Programs including Schmooze, a series of free arts forums; Toolbox professional development workshops; Open Studios where artists open their studio doors to the public; NAIDOC Week celebrations; regular artist floor talks in our galleries; and workshops with our Artists in Residence.
COMPETITIONS

Each year, hundreds of visual artists from across Victoria take part in Kingston Arts competitions.

**Lens Mist** Photographic Award offers a rewarding $5,000 for Best Photograph; $2,000 for the People’s Choice Award and other Junior prizes. **Artz Blitz**, a 24-hour visual arts and creative writing competition offers more than $3,500 in prizes. **Curtain Call** for musicians and the **International Youth Silent Film Festival** for aspiring filmmakers provide great exposure and exciting prizes.

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CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Kingston Arts provides a platform for emerging and established artists across all art forms to cultivate and nurture local and Australian works.

Kingston Arts presents New Blood for playwrights developing new works; Curtain Call for musicians waiting to be discovered; and the International Youth Silent Film Festival for aspiring young filmmakers.

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With charming heritage buildings and gardens, and beautiful beaches stretching from Mentone to Carrum, Kingston has a rich history offering an abundance of interesting and memorable places to visit.

Historical Walking Trails in Mentone and Mordialloc will take you back in time to over 40 historical sites from the lovely Mordialloc Rotunda opened in 1925 to the Old Bakery Building in Mentone built in c.1928.

Kingston City Hall is home to the mighty heritage Wurlitzer Theatre Organ. The instrument was originally installed in the State Theatre Melbourne in 1929 and is one of only four of its kind worldwide.
CULTURE

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Kingston Arts Centre / Kingston City Hall / G1 and G2 / Box Office  
979 - 985 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Shirley Burke Theatre / G3 Artspace  
64 Parkers Road, Parkdale

Opening Hours
Box Office, Kingston City Hall: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
G1 and G2: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and Sat 12:30-5:30pm
G3 Artspace: Wed-Fri 9am-5pm and Sat 12-5pm

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