



PERFORMANCE PROGRAM 2025



We recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and the Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of the lands within the City of Whittlesea.

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Whittlesea is thrilled to announce the 2025 Performance Season.

Our carefully curated lineup of shows spans a variety of genres and performance styles, offering something for everyone. Prepare to dance and sing along with Melbourne's most beloved musicians. Enjoy the playful chaos of trash cans and magical rabbits, the elegance of opera and ballet, and the heartfelt celebration of homegrown talent and local stories.

Creativity is at the heart of what we do, and we're proud to present two exciting new works that showcase local artists and highlight the stories of our community. We hope these performances inspire you to explore your own creativity—whether by picking up a paintbrush, joining a choir, or trying a new hobby at home.

Our mission is to bring people together through shared experiences, creating memories and embracing each other's stories and histories. Alongside PRACC's dynamic program, 2025 will be a year to remember, with thrilling events like the Community Festival and Walking Thomastown, as well as creative workshops, pop-up events, public art installations and more.

Mark your calendars and check our website regularly—2025 is set to be a year full of fun, creativity, and connection. We can't wait to see you there!

VENUE DETAILS AND BOOKING INFORMATION

PRACC is Melbourne's premier arts and event venue in the northern suburbs, ideal for a diverse range of events. Whether it's a performing arts production, community event, or training, PRACC's facilities cater to both intimate gatherings and large-scale productions, ensuring a seamless and impactful experience.

The venue offers two impressive theatres, seating 497 and 175, along with flexible conference and meeting rooms. With professional audio-visual equipment, an experienced technical team, ample on-site parking, and extensive event support, PRACC provides a tailored experience for each event.

Venue details and booking information

For assistance with booking tickets, or general enquiries, please get in contact with us. More details on our ticketing terms and conditions can be found via our website.

35 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang, Box Office Hours: 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday

(03) 9217 2317
 boxoffice@pracc.com.au
 info@pracc.com.au
 pracc.com.au

Accessibility

PRACC is committed to making sure everyone can enjoy our events.

Wheelchair access

To book accessible seats, or spaces for wheelchair users contact the box office directly on (03) 9217 2317. There are accessible toilets, ramps and lifts throughout our venue.

Assisted hearing

Hearing loop devices are available in the Yan Yean Theatre. Ask the box office for details.

Vision impairment

Signage is in Braille, and guide dogs are welcome.

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SILVIE PALADINO

Morning Melodies

Spend a charming morning with the incomparable Silvie Paladino, as she performs some of her favourite songs as she reminisces and reflects on the songs close to her heart.

Silvie is one of Australia's most talented entertainers, recording artist and a regular on Carols by Candlelight. Silvie is a darling of the Australian musical theatre scene. Over the years she has starred in musicals such as *Mamma Mia, Cats* and *Les Misérables* in Australia and on London's West End, and she is currently delighting audiences with her performance as Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*.

We're kicking off the year and season with a performance in style in our series of Morning Melodies. Come early to catch up with old friends over a cup of tea or make new friends in our cosy theatre.

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- ③ 70mins
- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10
- 🕢 pracc.com.au

Recommended for: Seniors and older people.



GLENN STARR Hit Parade, Morning Melodies

Relive the golden age of music as Glenn Starr recreates the stunning sounds and timeless songs of the 50s and 60s in his show *Hit Parade*.

His captivating show brings these unforgettable melodies back into the spotlight, celebrating an era of musical magic. With his smooth and soulful vocal style, Glenn delivers charming renditions of your favourite hits, creating a performance that will have you tapping your toes and singing along.

Covering an amazing array of classics from iconic artists like Bobby Vee, The Monkees, Roy Orbison and many more. A charismatic entertainer, Glenn Starr knows how to captivate an audience. Don't miss this chance to enjoy the catchy lyrics and irresistible tunes that will stay with you long after the show ends.

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- (70mins
- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10
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Recommended for: Seniors and older people.





TRASH TEST DUMMIES School Holiday Event

Everyone put your bins out, tonight's bin night and the Trash Test Dummies are on duty. With side-splitting slapstick comedy, daring acrobatics and dexterous juggling these Dummies are off on an imaginative adventure that is anything but garbage.

With ballet and balloons thrown in for good measure, this fast-paced hour of "adept unadulterated mischief" (The Times) delivers a dump truck full of hilarity!

Winners of the best Children's presentation at the Adelaide Fringe Festival, the Trash Test Dummies are as full of laughs as their bins are full of surprises. This "delightfully intelligent, highly entertaining" (Herald Sun) family adventure takes the humble household wheelie bin to new heights.

Dummies Corp are recognised globally for creations of quality and inventive that will delight audiences young and old alike!

TUESDAY 15 APRIL, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

(70mins

- \$20 adult
 \$16 child
 \$54 family of four
 \$15 each for a
 group of 10
- 🕢 pracc.com.au

Recommended for: Suitable for 5 years +

Please note: Loud sounds, flashing lights and interactive elements.







VICTORIA MANTYNEN Playing Second Fiddle, Morning Melodies

Join the incredible Victoria Mantynen as she pays tribute to the unforgettable songs sung by the amazing supporting characters in musical theatre!

These powerhouse performances prove that even the "smaller" roles can leave a lasting impact.

Showcasing songs from *Les Misérables, Chess, Guys and Dolls, Showboat, Oliver* and many more unforgettable musical theatre classics. Who said that playing second fiddle meant you didn't get to leave your mark?

Victoria is an acclaimed and multi-talented performer and singer whose performed in Melbourne Shakespeare Company's productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest*, along with being a trained aerialist and stilt walker. Treat yourself to this dazzling and empowering performance of scene stealing songs that stole the show!

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- 3 70mins
- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10
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Recommended for: Seniors and older people.





MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

Australia's most iconic comedy tour is hitting the road for a huge 27th year! Bringing together the brightest stars from the 2025 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 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into PRACC!

'We were laughing from the moment the lights went down, to well into the drive home.' – Scenestr

'Wiping tears away and wheezing from the sheer joy.' – Australian Stage

THURSDAY 8 MAY, 7.30PM

Yan Yean Theatre

- () 2hrs, plus interval
- \$42 adult
 \$39 concession
 \$37 each for
 group of 10
- 🕢 pracc.com.au

Recommended for: People aged 15 years or older.

Please note: Performances often contain coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend.



RACHEL BECK Both Sides, Morning Melodies

An Australian musical theatre and television star Rachel Beck is delighted to bring her new show *Both Sides* which is touring across Australia in 2025.

Both Sides is a musical exploration of how life can sometimes throw you some curve balls and how we learn and grow from them.

Rachel has an illustrious stage and screen career and is beloved in the Australian entertainment industry. From her early days on television in *Hey Dad*, to playing the leading role of Belle in the original Australian cast of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Rachael will perform songs from many of the productions she has had the pleasure of being the leading lady... *Beauty and The Beast, Cabaret, Les Misérables* and the *Sound of Music* to name just a few.

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- 70 mins
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- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10
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Recommended for: Seniors and older people.

Presented by Promac Productions







CAPOW: MOMENTS OF MAGIC

Join us for an intimate, funky soiree celebrating the rich creative, cultural community in the City of Whittlesea.

Local performers from CAPOW bring their skills and talents to the stage to WOW us with their talents! The showcase will be a mixed bag of performances, music and genres that will be a fun and thought provoking night of entertainment.

CAPOW (Creative Arts Practitioners of Whittlesea) is a network of creative practitioners and artists who meet regularly to share skills, network and develop their creative practice. From performers to visual artists, to musicians, to digital artists and everything in between and beyond.

If you'd like more information on joining the group, please feel free to email the friendly staff at PRACC at (2) info@pracc.com.au

FRIDAY 20 JUNE, 7PM

The Woodstock Theatre

3 2hrs

💲 \$5 each

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Recommended for: 15 years or older (please note there may be mature content)

TENORI Morning Melodies

Tenori employs the talents of three powerhouse singers: David Kidd, Stewart Morris and Andrew Pryor.

With a combined sixty years of international experience, these polished professionals know exactly how to put on a dynamic, uplifting and hugely entertaining show.

The three met while touring internationally with The Ten Tenors. After some time apart working with Opera Australia, Opera Queensland and many of the country's finest orchestras, they are back together doing what they do best.

They bring their sense of fun and sophistication to classics from the worlds of Opera, Musical Theatre, Jazz and everything in between. Individually, they have beautiful voices. Together they sing like the band of brothers they are, with the camaraderie and precision that more than a decade of harmonising together can bring.

WEDNESDAY 2 JULY, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- 3 70mins
- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10

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Recommended for: Seniors and older people.







FRITZ School Holiday Event

Step into the charming and comical universe of FRITZ, an eccentric and lovable magician rabbit. Witness the unfolding of a 'one-rabbit show' as FRITZ earnestly strives to recreate the mesmerizing magic tricks of their suddenly vanished Magician Master, Fronzo.

Magic, mayhem, and many things gone wrong, can Fritz somehow save the day and the show?

FRITZ is a non stop, high-energy 50-minute roller coaster ride of the ridiculous. Chock full of slapstick comedy, object puppetry and clowning, this heartwarming story is entertainment from start to finish for the whole family.

Created and performed by the imaginative Emilie Bloom and skillfully directed by Clare Bartholomew.

THURSDAY 10 JULY, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- () 50mins
- \$20 adult \$16 child \$54 family of four \$15 each for a group of 10

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Recommended for: Suitable for 5 years +

Please note: Loud sounds and flashing lights.



CRESCENDO A Classical Music Showcase

Experience an unforgettable evening of exceptional musical artistry as local classical musicians take the stage in a breathtaking recital.

Join us and marvel in the brilliance, passion and skill of musicians who will be playing something close to their heart. Experience a variety of repertoire and instruments by musicians that will leave you mesmerised with their talent.

Crescendo is an opportunity for local musicians from across the City of Whittlesea to showcase their talent. Participants will gain invaluable experience performing in a professional theatre, mastering concert etiquette, and refining their stage presence. They will join a supportive network of classical musicians, fostering growth and artistic development.

To participate contact 🖾 info@pracc.com.au

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST, 7PM

Yan Yean Theatre

- (90mins
- \$15 adult\$10 concession
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Recommended for: All ages.

SWAN LAKE by the Victorian State Ballet

With a cast of internationally recognised artists, *Swan Lake* will bring the superb ballet technique of Petipa's original choreography to the stage.

This stunning production is beautifully choreographed and re-staged by Victorian State Ballet's director Michelle Sierra. Don't miss out on the unforgettable White Swan pas de deux, the thrilling 32 fouettés of the Black Swan and the world-famous Act II - Four Cygnets' Dance!

Swan Lake is one of the world's most famous ballets set to the timeless score by Tchaikovsky. An absolute spectacular sight of a beautiful sea of white tutus that is unforgettable! This is the perfect ballet for everyone and a must-see production!

Bring family and friends along to experience the sheer delight and beauty of classical ballet in your local arts center.

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Yan Yean Theatre

- ③ 2.20hrs plus interval
- \$49 adult
 \$44 concession
 \$35 child
 \$160 family of four
- 🕢 pracc.com.au

Recommended for: All ages.





DANIELLE MATTHEWS Morning Melodies

Award winning songstress, Danielle Matthews sings the hit songs of the legendry Shirley Bassey. Enjoy the iconic songs that have made Shirley one of the most famous performers of our time, including *Goldfinger*, *This is My Life*, *Big Spender*, *Diamonds Are Forever* and *Where Do I Begin*.

Danielle Matthews is one of Australia's most talented vocalists and the inaugural winner of the prestigious Rob Guest Endowment Award. Danielle has performed extensively across Australia including shows such as *Street Requiem, Showboat, An Evening with Stephen Sondheim* plus much more! Danielle is the Victorian Ambassador for the Miracle Babies Foundation of Australia and is also a Patron for the School of Hard Knocks.

Join Danielle for this wonderfully powerful celebration of Wales's favourite diva...the one and only Dame Shirley Bassey.

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

③ 70mins

- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10
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Recommended for: Seniors and older people.



REJOICE AND BE **MERRY**

A Christmas Spectacular Morning

Get ready to celebrate the season with a delightful morning of Christmas cheer. Promac Productions brings their acclaimed *Rejoice* & *Be Merry* for the final Morning Melodies performance of the year.

Led by funnyman compere Chris McKenna, the performance will feature star tenor Roy Best who is currently guest soloist with the Australian Pops Orchestra. Joining Roy on stage will be award winning singer and actress Michelle Fitzmaurice. All of this backed beautifully on piano by rising concert pianist virtuoso, William Schmidt.

Packed with your Christmas favourites with a wonderful blend of traditional Christmas Carols mixed with some contemporary songs including *O Holy Night, White Christmas, Silver Bells* and *The Christmas song. Rejoice and Be Merry* will get everyone into the Christmas spirit, full of laughter and singing.

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER, 11AM

Yan Yean Theatre

- (70mins
- \$24 adult
 \$22 concession
 \$20 each for
 group of 10

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