



SEPTEMBER DIARY ✦ Fine focus on the final frontier in **Melbourne** ✦ Floral notes abound in **Canberra** and **Perth**
✦ Asian performance in **Adelaide** ✦ **Sydney** hosts "degenerate" art ✦ **Brisbane** sets phasers to festival EDITED BY DAVID LEVELL



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



Earth and moon
from Apollo 11, 1969

FROM SEPTEMBER 22

✦ **Star Voyager: Exploring Space On Screen**, ACMI, Melbourne. Conquer the cosmos via a century of film – science and space-race footage, drama (*Alien*, *Apollo 13*, *Moon*) and video art. Also, costumes and models from *2001: A Space Odyssey*, a camera that flew to the moon with Apollo 12 in 1969, and 3-D Mars exploration. www.acmi.net.au



VICTORIA

www.visitvictoria.com

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **The White Wedding Dress: 200 Years Of Wedding Fashions**, Bendigo Art Gallery. London's V&A Museum sends in the gowns. www.bendigoartgallery.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Tutankhamun & The Golden Age Of The Pharaohs**, Melbourne Museum. Treasures from Tut's tomb and other New (but still pretty old) Kingdom sites. Haven't seen it yet? Tut, tut. kingtutmelbourne.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Vienna: Art & Design**, NGV International, Melbourne. Loos yourself in Vienna's bravest new world of modernist art, not forgetting Klimt, Schiele and Hoffmann. ngv.vic.gov.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Rock of Ages**, Comedy Theatre, Melbourne. Jukebox musical set in 1980s Los Angeles with songs by the likes of Foreigner, Twisted Sister, Poison and Starship (famous for falsely claiming to have built a city). www.rockofagesaustralia.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Casts & Copies: Ancient & Classical Reproductions**, Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne. Plaster casts of

ancient treasures from museums with big booty – Louvre, British Museum, V&A and others. www.art-museum.unimelb.edu.au

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4

❖ **Melbourne Writers Festival**, Federation Square and other venues. Should be all write. www.mwf.com.au

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18

❖ **Ballarat International Foto Biennale**, various venues, Ballarat. Photographic wizards of Australia and overseas: Alfred Gregory, Heather Dinas, Tony Whincup (NZ), Jan Saudek (Czech) and more. ballaratfoto.org

SEPTEMBER 5-11

❖ **Melbourne Spring Fashion Week**, various venues. Just say dress. www.msfw.com.au

SEPTEMBER 15-18

❖ **Taste of Melbourne**, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne. Golden gastronomy from acclaimed eateries and growers. www.tastefestivals.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 17

❖ **Clybourne Park**, MTC Sumner Theatre, Melbourne. Australian premiere of this year's Pulitzer winner, a comedic collision of race and real estate. In 1959, neighbours object to a couple selling their house to non-whites and, 50 years on, gentrifying whites wish to demolish it. www.mtc.com.au



**Ginger Wikilyiri,
Kunumata, 2009**

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Desert Country: Indigenous Australian Art From South Australia, Western Australia & The Northern Territory**, MPRG, Mornington. Joins the dots of Australia's desert painting movement from 1971. mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 21

❖ **Melbourne Fringe Festival**, various venues. Music, comedy, theatre; visual arts, design, circus. melbournefringe.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 24

❖ **Royal Melbourne Show**, Royal Melbourne Showgrounds. Livestock and fruitcakes sport their ribbons, while ghost trains run a timetable to put public transport to shame. www.royalshow.com.au

QUEENSLAND

www.queenslandholidays.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Surrealism: The Poetry Of Dreams**, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane. From Paris, 189 surrealist masterworks by 56 artists

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such as Dali, Ernst, Magritte, Brauner, Miro and Duchamp. www.qag.qld.gov.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **The Torres Strait Islands: A Celebration**, Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane. Torres Strait art and culture, exhibitions and events. Go Strait there. www.tsi.org.au

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4

❖ **Cairns Festival**, Cairns. A refreshingly Cairns-do attitude to the arts, with Seaman Dan, The Medics, Circus Oz, Renee Geyer and an Indigenous art fair. festivalcairns.com.au

SEPTEMBER 3-18

❖ **Tastes Of Gold Coast**, various venues, Gold Coast. Plenty to digest: beer, wine, seafood, cheese. tastesofgoldcoast.com.au

SEPTEMBER 3-24

❖ **Brisbane Festival**, various venues. See story page 67. www.brisbanefestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 7-11

❖ **Brisbane Writers Festival**, various venues. Reading between the lions (and the Broncos). Jonathan Franzen has the write stuff to top the bill. brisbanewritersfestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 10

❖ **Reggaetown World Music Festival**, Cairns. It's Club Dread, with acts including Third World, Jah Mason and the Black Seeds. www.reggaetown.com.au

SEPTEMBER 10-11

❖ **Real Food Festival**, Sunshine Coast hinterland. Farm tours, bush-food classes and cob-oven building should build your appetite, which you can then whet. www.realfoodfestival.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 15

❖ **Le Grand Cirque: Adrenaline**, Lyric Theatre, Brisbane. Extreme circus acts don't clown around – giant catapults, identical twin contortionists, fire-breathers and the Wheel of Destiny, said to be the world's most dangerous circus act. www.qpac.com.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.southaustralia.com

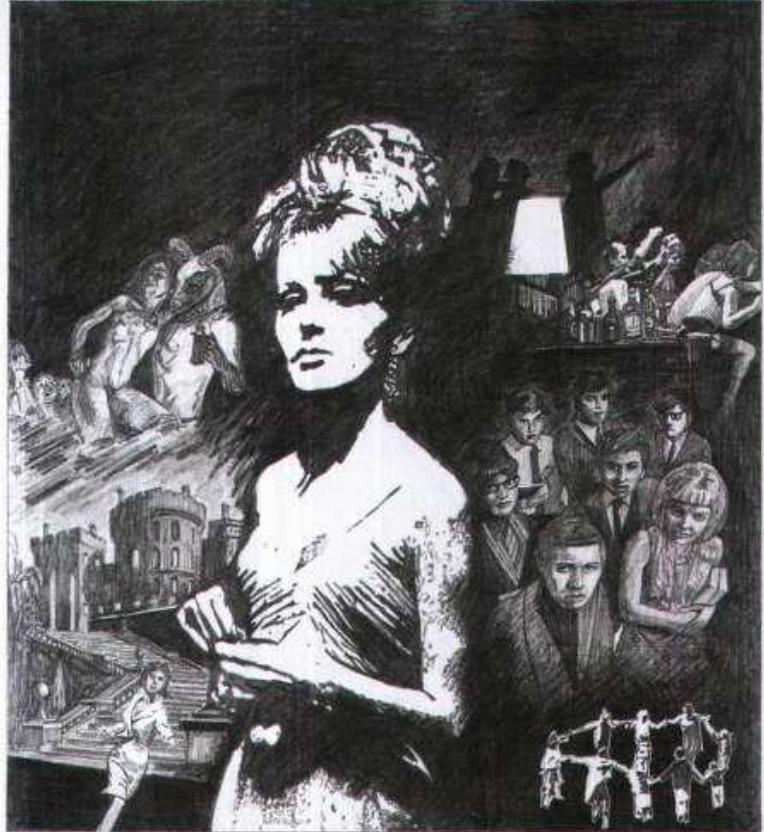
SEPTEMBER 2-10

❖ **Royal Adelaide Show**, Adelaide Showground. The annual hybrid of fun fair, agricultural show, expo and barn. www.adelaideshowground.com.au

SEPTEMBER 2-17

❖ **OzAsia Festival**, Adelaide Festival Centre. Performers from nine Asian nations,

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EVIL GENIUS

AGONY THE SUPREME SUSPENSE...

Olivia Plender, *The Masterpiece Port 4 – A Weekend In The Country*, 2005

headlined by China's wildly popular play *Rhinoceros In Love* (called "the Bible of love for young people") plus Moon Lantern Festival, September 12. ozasiafestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 25

❖ **Bay To Birdwood**, 1000 horseless carriages head for the hills in this vintage (pre-1956) car run, from Adelaide to Birdwood's motor museum. www.baytobirdwood.com.au

NEW SOUTH WALES

www.visitnsw.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **The Etruscans: A Classical Fantasy**, Nicholson Museum, University of Sydney.



THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Saatchi Gallery In Adelaide: British Art Now**, Art Gallery of SA, Adelaide. A quarter-century of contemporary art from the famous UK gallery, plus the controversial, Turner-nominated *My Bed* made (and left unmade) by Tracey Emin. www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

Sculpture, jewellery, pottery and funerary urns from the mostly mysterious ancient Italian civilisation that was absorbed by the Roman Republic in the first century BC. sydney.edu.au/museums



THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **The Mad Square: Modernity in German Art**, 1910-37, Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney. Weimar-era German art – Dada, Bauhaus, Expressionism, Constructivism and New Objectivity – plus works from Hitler's anti-modernist "Degenerate Art" show. Some 200 art works; artists include Kirchner, Grosz, Dix, Beckmann, Sander and Moholy-Nagy. artgallery.nsw.gov.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **La Bohème**, Sydney Opera House. Puccini's bohos find life ain't always a cabaret in this acclaimed new production, while Amelia Farrugia meets her match in *The Merry Widow*. Also: from September 10, a sinister set and living scenery in Verdi's *Macbeth*; from September 24, Teddy Tahu Rhodes does *Don Giovanni*; until September 21, Emma Matthews lights up Delibes' *Lakmé*. opera-australia.org.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Mary Poppins**, Capitol Theatre, Sydney. Simply supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. disney.com.au/marypoppins

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Hairspray**, Lyric Theatre, Sydney. A big girl with big hair and even bigger dreams in this musical set in 1962 Baltimore. www.starcity.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Jersey Boys**, Theatre Royal, Sydney: Frankie Valli is the man for all seasons in this hit jukebox musical. www.jerseyboysaustralia.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 1

❖ **The Mousetrap**, Genesis Theatre, Sydney. Agatha Christie's famous whodunnit (playing in London since 1952) comes to this historic (1868) Sydney venue, once a church. genesiantheatre.com.au

SEPTEMBER 1-4

❖ **Just For Laughs**, Sydney Opera House. John Cleese, Dylan Moran and Margaret Cho should prove quality laughing stock. www.sydneyoperahouse.com

FROM SEPTEMBER 3

❖ **Beauty from Nature: Art Of The Scott Sisters**, Australian Museum, Sydney. Lovely lepidoptera in the watercolours of 19th-century scientific illustrators Hattie and Nellie Scott. About time they got out of mothballs. australianmuseum.net.au

SEPTEMBER 3-11

❖ **Eat History**, various venues, Sydney. The repast of the past, with historical menus at colonial venues and foodie walks and talks. historyweek.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 5

❖ **Claws!** Sydney Aquarium. It's Crabzilla versus the Harbour City – giant Japanese spider crabs (claw span 3m) star among big and weird crustaceans, such as Bruce the 10kg Tasmanian. But can he chop wood? www.sydneyaquarium.com.au

SEPTEMBER 8

❖ **Alan Ball: Vampires, Death & The Mundane**, Sydney Opera House. The US writer-director (*American Beauty*, *Six Feet Under*, *Towelhead*, *True Blood*) speaks. sydneyoperahouse.com

SEPTEMBER 9-25

❖ **Mudgee Wine & Food Festival**, Mudgee region. Lunches, writers, jazz – plenty to wine about. See story page 174. www.mudgeewine.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 9

❖ **Sydney Fringe**, various venues, inner-western Sydney. Theatre, comedy, dance, cabaret, music, art, craft, food. www.thesydneyfringe.com.au

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

www.visitcanberra.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Fred Williams: Infinite Horizons**, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Major Australian painter with an original, often abstract take on representing landscape. www.nga.gov.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 17

❖ **Floriade**, Commonwealth Park. Canberra goes heavy petal, with a million bulbs and annuals springing into full blossom, along with a Latin carnival, the TaikOz drummers and outdoor movies. www.floriadeaustralia.com

TASMANIA

www.discovertasmania.com.au

SEPTEMBER 7-10

❖ **Labyrinth**, Annexe Theatre, Launceston. A well-meaning college principal causes chaos by giving power to the students. www.theatrenorth.com.au





SEPTEMBER 16-18

❖ **Love**, Theatre Royal, Hobart. What would you save if you had to flee your home? A theatrical trip through the "king of emotions", plus puppets, songs and visual design. www.theatreroyal.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY

www.travelnt.com

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

❖ **Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award**, Museum & Art Gallery of the NT, Darwin. Australia's biggest Indigenous art prize. www.magnt.nt.gov.au

SEPTEMBER 9-18

❖ **Alice Desert Festival**, Alice Springs. Alice's adventures in the arts wonderland: film, drama, music, bush foods and more. www.alicedesertfestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 10

❖ **Mahbilil Festival**, Jabiru. The festival that really cooks your (magpie) goose. Celebrate Kakadu Aboriginal cultures with music, bush foods and dancing. mahbilil.wordpress.com

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

www.westernaustralia.com

FROM SEPTEMBER 1

❖ **Kings Park Festival**, Kings Park, Perth. Bloom to move, with native wildflowers, tree photography, gardening and art workshops, bush-tucker walk and Wild Fairyland Festival on October 7. www.bgpa.wa.gov.au

SEPTEMBER 21-27

❖ **Perth Fashion Festival**, various venues. Frock and roll! Spring and summer fashions launch west-side. perthfashionfestival.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 24

❖ **Princely Treasures: European Masterpieces 1600-1800 From The Victoria & Albert Museum**, Art Gallery of WA, Perth. Art and crafts once owned by European nobility. www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

ON TOUR

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21

❖ **Russian Resurrection Film Festival**, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra. Russia for reel – hurry along. russianresurrection.com

FROM SEPTEMBER 5

❖ **Icons Of Style**, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane. Costumes from TV's *Mad Men*. See story page 160. www.inseasonat.com.au

SEPTEMBER 8-14

❖ **Tasmania Unbottled**, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne. Cool-climate Tassie wines, all in good taste. Be a devil. winetasmania.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 14

❖ **Italian Film Festival**, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth. Some cinematic dolce vita. www.italianfilmfestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 21-24

❖ **Mötley Crüe**, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney. Spandex, drugs and rock'n'roll (and daringly inappropriate umlauts). Quick now – who pioneered the dodgy umlaut? Marc Bolan in 1965, because "it looked French". www.mcmanusementertainment.com

FROM SEPTEMBER 29

❖ **Vienna Philharmonic**, Perth, Brisbane, Sydney. The world's top orchestra presents music by composers without umlauts. www.wienerphilharmoniker.at

