

WHAT IS... WANDER OUR SKY

HORSHAM

APRIL 1-9, 2011

**EVENTS
GUIDE**



A decade and a half ago Horsham's arts fraternity posed a question to the community: "What is Art?" It was a thought-provoking, and indeed open-ended, conversation starter.

And so began a

continuing conversation about the role of art in the community, a quest to connect the community to and through the arts, and a great annual celebration.

Horsham's Art is... Festival is an exemplar of how festivals are shaped by and can shape our communities. It's a festival about and for the community, one that explores the interests and concerns of its region. But it's also about fabulous art.

So what is Art? Art is inspiring, Art is reflective, Art is transformative, and Art is... about to take over Horsham. Have a great Festival!

Ted Baillieu MP
Premier and Minister for the Arts

Welcome to the 2011 the Art is... under our sky festival!

A total of 22 events over 10 days, including 10 exhibitions running throughout the Festival. This year we're celebrating by bringing all streams of Horsham's cultural life to the table to stage our 16th Festival.

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This year's program presents a range of events across music, photography, comedy, film, forums and theatre, all inspired by the theme Art is... Under Our Sky.

And with premiere performances by Victoria's internationally-renowned, high-flying aerialists Strange Fruit (just one of the festival highlights) the sky truly is the limit.

Congratulations to the Festival team for putting together yet another exciting program for the whole community, and for visitors to this vibrant region.

on us or what the sky shines on us. The theme allows great room for artistic expression.

We invite you to select from a quality program that is unique, challenging and inspirational while celebrating the excellence, value and diversity of local arts, our environment, our community and our heritage in Horsham.

Arlene McDonald
Festival Manager

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OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 1ST APRIL FOOLS

Cult Cinema Comes to Wesley

Horsham Arts Council will provide pre-flight entertainment commencing with a meal - airline food of course! **Cinema Fiasco** is a hilarious DVD style commentary provided live, by bad-movie buffs Geoff Wallis (Theatresports) and Janet McLeod (ABC local radio, Local Laughs). Dressed in their splendor as airline captain and hostess, Geoff and Janet pull apart Skyjacked, a gloriously ill-advised disaster movie starring actors who should have known better; i.e.. Charlton Heston! Cinema Fiasco is an outrageous comedy night with a difference.

Where: Wesley Performing Arts Centre **When:** 7pm
Cost: \$40 adults, \$36 concession **Bookings:** All tickets unreserved seating.
Book at wesleypac.com.au or at Harvey World Travel 38 Firebrace St.
Horsham Ph: 5382 6699 **Contact:** Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



SATURDAY
2ND APRIL



Looking up - 2011 Photo Muster

Attention all photographers! Enter the Art is... under our sky Photo Muster. Receive a list of secret locations to photograph. Present the judges with a selection of your best 'under our sky' photos to win fantastic prizes.

Where: Begin at Art is... festival office level 1/43 Firebrace St. **When:** 10am - 2pm **Cost:** \$10 adults, \$5 under 18yo **Contact:** Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



Celebrate the opening of The sky is the Limit

Local artist, Carla Rose, explores the emotions that make up modern women from the wise sage to the innocent child. Carla's quirky paintings of girls and their creature friends delight and entice the viewer with whimsical imagery.

Where: Oasis of Wellbeing Café, 48 Wilson St... Horsham **When:** Meet the Artist 2pm. **Cost:** FREE
Contact: Oasis of Wellbeing Café Ph: 5382 0068

Nicola by Carla Rose

PREMIER PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL



Strange Fruit performance



Strange Fruit at the Singapore Grand Prix



Corella puppet by Nina Gould

Flock - Free arena spectacular for the whole family

Come and experience the unique and spectacular aerial pole theatre of internationally acclaimed Strange Fruit and local performers when they meet a flock of over 150 huge crazy corella puppets from across the Wimmera/Mallee.

The Corellas: How do we live with these noisy neighbours? The swooping, deafening swarm. A consuming nuisance. Driving us insane... or surviving together; a fractured collective of voices.

An expression of ourselves and our world...

This magical performance brings together local school children, writers, artists and performers.

Where: Sawyer Park **When:** Gates open at 7.30pm for 8pm performance **Cost:** FREE
Contact: Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

Celebrate local textile artists with the launch of *Starry Starry Night*

Wartook Studio Gallery presents a textiles exhibition inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's haunting painting, *Starry Night* (1889). Local artists have produced work in response to Van Gogh's painting and by reflecting the festival theme, Under our Sky.

Where: Wartook Studio Gallery, Northern Grampians Rd, Wartook
When: Opening 11am. Showing until Monday 2 May. **Cost:** FREE
Contact: Wartook Studio Gallery Ph: 03 5383 6243



Grey Matters - Funny Weather We've Been Having... A Debate

Local primary producers, weather professionals and enthusiasts discuss the unusual weather we have been having and try to provide some insight into what it all means. Panel members Keith Fischer - A cropper who works with the weather; Lance Netherway - The Wimmera's last dairy farmer; Chris O'Brien - 'The almost-weather doctor' currently studying his PhD and Chris Sounness - DPI Climate specialist.

Where: Conference room, Department of Primary Industries, Horsham **When:** 2pm
Cost: Gold coin donation **Contact:** Simone Dalton Ph: 03 5362 0762

Shady Yarns from the South

Former Horsham Regional Art Gallery Curator, Trevor Smith, returns to open an exhibition of his quirky and colourful crochet work which includes tea cozies, lidded boxes and handbags. Inspired by his mother who was a talented craftswoman Trevor's passion for working with textiles began in high school. No pattern was used in creating Trevor's crochet work.

Where: Café Baghdad, in Safeway Horsham
When: Opening 3.30pm. Nibbles and drinks provided. **Cost:** FREE **Contact:** Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



Crochet work by Trevor Smith

Galleries on the Side

View artists' works relating to the theme 'under our sky' in shop-front windows of local business in the Horsham CBD. Take a stroll through the Horsham's CBD to see great art work by local artists interpreting our theme.

Where: Various locations within the Horsham CBD
When: On display 28 March – 11 April. Winners announced at 65 Firebrace St 5pm Sunday 3 April. **Cost:** FREE
Contact: Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



The Launch of Our Wet Wimmera

From Halls Gap to Hindmarsh the 'one in 200 year' flood presented budding photographers with the opportunity to capture unforgettable snaps of "history in the making". This exhibition is presented by Art is... festival in conjunction with the Wimmera Mail Times and Horsham Camera House. Come to the launch as the judges announce the prize winners, then judge for yourself by voting in the people's choice award.

Where: 65 Firebrace St (formerly Orchard Lane) and Horsham Camera House **When:** 1 - 9 April. Launch 5pm Sunday 3rd April **Cost:** Free
Contact: Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



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TUESDAY
5TH APRIL



The Horsham Regional Art Gallery presents Harry Nankin: Syzygy

Lake Tyrrell in the Victorian Mallee reputedly once served as an indigenous celestial observatory. Harry Nankin has used the now usually dry lake bed to make photographs by directly exposing photographic paper to the ambient light of the moonless night sky. This exhibition is presented with an accompanying documentary film and soundscape produced at Lake Tyrrell.

Where: Horsham Regional Art Gallery, 21 Roberts Ave **When:** Meet the Artist 6pm **Cost:** FREE **Contact:** Horsham Regional Art Gallery www.horshamartgallery.com.au or Ph: 03 5362 2888



Wesley comes alive with the sounds of the Australian Chamber Orchestra

Popular Canadian violinist, Lara St John, leads emerging artists of the Australian Chamber Orchestra to perform classical favorites from Baroque Italy, Romantic Russia, contemporary Australia and sultry Argentina. Proudly presented by the Art is... festival in partnership with the Wesley Performing Arts Centre.

Where: Wesley Performing Arts Centre **When:** 7.30pm **Cost:** \$35 adult, \$33 concession, \$10 student, \$5 children (school age) **Bookings:** Tickets available online at wesleypac.com.au or at Harvey World Travel 38 Firebrace St Horsham Ph: 03 5382 6699 **Contact:** Venue Manager Ph: 03 5382 6578



The Bennet sisters, *Pride and Prejudice*

Horsham Regional Library presents... An Evening with Jane Austen

Have you ever wondered what Elizabeth Bennet wore under her dress? Who made her clothes and what fabrics did they use? Delve into the world of Georgian clothing and share Jane Austen's love of fashion by spending an hour or so "Getting dressed with Jane". Join presenter Lise Rodgers for a champagne supper. Period dress optional.

Where: Horsham Library, 28 McLachlan St. **When:** 7pm **Cost:** \$10 per person **Bookings:** Horsham Library Ph: 03 5382 5707

WEDNESDAY
5TH APRIL



THURSDAY
FOR THE KIDS

Up in the sky - Cha Cha Sam

A seriously fun concert of songs for young kids encouraging creative communication and community connection using simple sign language as its choreography. Suitable for pre-primary and primary school aged children.

Where: Wesley Performing Arts Centre **When:** 11am **Cost & Bookings:** \$10 each for group bookings through festival office. \$15 from Harvey World Travel or www.wesleypac.com.au **Contact:** Festival office Ph: 03 5381 0297



Images above:
Left: Zodiac 10 by Harry Nankin
Right: AC02 © Gary Heery

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL

Horsham Regional Library presents... The 3 "Rs" according to Jane

Where did Jane Austen find the inspiration for her novels – the locations, plots and characters? Using selections from her novels and letters, let's learn about Jane's views of reading, writing and romance presented by Lise Rodgers.



Jane Austin's House, Chawton Cottage, Hampshire

Where: Horsham Library, 28 McLachlan St. **When:** 10.30am
Cost: Free **Bookings:** Horsham Library Ph: 03 5382 5707



Melissa Powell ©

ART IS... A NIGHT OUT IN NATIMUK



The Launch of Melissa Powell's Photographic Exhibition - Flooded

Following her successful exhibition, "Grounded" in 2010, Melissa's been up in the local skies again and brings new abstract aerial images to her aptly titled 'Flooded' exhibition.

Where: The Goat Gallery, 87a Main St. Natimuk **When:** Opening 6.30pm. **Cost:** FREE **Contact:** Festival office Ph: 03 5331 0297

Cult Cinema Comes to Natimuk at the Palais de Pixel

Forbidden Planet: the movie, inspired by Shakespeare's Tempest, this 1956 Sci-fi adventure follows the United Planets Cruiser C-57D landing on the distant planet Altair. Only Dr. Morbius and his 19 year old daughter remain of the failed attempt: 20 years earlier to colonise the planet and Dr. Morbius warns the creature that killed the others may still be around. Brought to you by the Arapiles Community Theatre. BYO the comfy chair.

Where: Natimuk Soldier's Memorial Hall
When: 8pm (doors open 7.30pm)
Cost: \$25 membership for 3 films
Contact: Melissa Morris 0437 941 503

FRIDAY
8TH
APRIL

*A Guide of the Night Sky...
A Family Astronomy Night*

Horsham Regional Art Gallery presents cultural historian John Morieson and local astronomy enthusiast Gil Hopkins who will lead an evening of discussion, viewing and interpretation of the night sky of the Boorong clan of the Wergaia people of northwest Victoria, and some comparison with European understandings.

Where: Laharum Hall **When:** 6.30pm for BBQ meal (not included in ticket price) 7.30pm Astronomy presentation
Cost: \$5 Child, \$10 adult, \$20 family (Light BBQ meal available at reasonable price. Please advise when booking tickets) **Contact:** Horsham Regional Art Gallery Ph: 03 5362 2888

Preparing the telescope for star gazing



SATURDAY
9TH APRIL



*At Patchwork Workshop -
Starry, Starry, Stars*

If you love stars then this two-day workshop is for you. Patchwork stars have many variations and can be used in lots of ways. The majority of the stars are template free so it makes the process very quick and simple. Simple star construction, with fool proof techniques! Suitable for beginners and advanced.

Tutor: Marion Matthews **Where:** Haven Hall **When:** 9.30am – 3.30pm Saturday 8 April & Sunday 9 April **Cost:** \$150 early bird by 1 March \$190 thereafter **Contact:** Marion Matthews Ph: 0428 825 971

Patchwork by Marion Matthews



Together Under Our Sky – A Karen Dinner

Join us to celebrate the Karen family's re-settlement in the Wimmera. The Karen community will cook a simple traditional meal and share their stories. This is a fundraiser for Rural Australians for Refugees Wimmera branch. Places strictly limited.

Where: Uniting Church Hall **When:** 6.30pm **Cost:** \$30
Contact: Bookings essential Ph: 03 5382 4380



THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Funny weather we've been having...

An exhibition of photographic images and paintings produced by employees at Horsham's Grains Innovation Park.

Where: Foyer, Department of Primary Industries, Horsham.
When: 3 – 9 April **Cost:** FREE
Contact: Simone Dalton
Ph: 03 5362 0762

A Mean Competition - The Green Warriors

A competition/exhibition of artwork interpreting the environment under our sky produced by students at Horsham West Primary School and Horsham North Primary School. This project has been organised by year 8 Horsham College students Bailey and Jake. Prizes courtesy of Ballarat Books, Horsham Sports and Leisure and Horsham Regional Art Gallery.

Where: Horsham Plaza **When:** 1 - 11 April 2011
Cost: Free **Contact:** Horsham College Ph: 03 5381 7100

Being followers of Christ Under Our Sky... an art exhibition presented by members of Horsham Churches

Members of the Churches in Horsham interpret the theme, "Being Followers of Christ under our Sky" through photographic images and paintings. The Horsham Christian Ministers Association will offer prize(s) for the best art work provided for the display

Where: Jacobs Well **When:** 1 - 9 April
Cost: Free **Contact:** Simon Risson
Ph: 03 5382 3877

OTHER EXHIBITIONS:

The sky is the limit. **Where:** Oasis of Wellbeing Café, 48 Wilson St Horsham **When:** 17 March – 17 May 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 4

Starry Starry Night... a textile spectacular! **Where:** Wartook Studio Gallery, Northern Grampians Rd, Wartook **When:** 3 April - 2 May 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 6

Shady Yarns from the South – quirky and colourful crochet work by Trevor Smith **Where:** Café Baghdad, Safeway carpark Horsham **When:** Exhibited throughout the festival period **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 6

Galleries on the Side – and progressive range of art exhibitions in our own CBD! **Where:** Various locations within the Horsham CBD and industrial precinct **When:** 28 March – 11 April 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 6

Our Wet Wimmera – view images of our recent floods **Where:** 65 Firebrace St (formerly Orchard Lane) and Horsham Camera House **When:** 1 - 9 April 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 6

Horsham Regional Art Gallery Harry Nankin: Syzygy **Where:** Horsham Regional Art Gallery, 21 Roberts Ave Horsham **When:** 12 March - 1 May 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 8

Melissa Powell Photographic Exhibition – aerial images of our flooded Wimmera **Where:** The Goat Gallery, 87a Main St Natimuk **When:** 8 – 30 April 2011 **Info:** more information about this exhibition on page 11

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