WIDE AWAKE A NEW SLEEP

ARTS HOUSE PROGRAM FEBRUARY-JULY 2007 Victoria
The Place To Be ARTS VICTORIA ARTS HOUSE

SEASON OVERVIEW



BE ALERT AND PREPARE TO BE DISARMED

Arts House celebrates the transformative power of art that expands our horizons and challenges cultural boundaries for both audiences and artists alike. It's with great enthusiasm we continue an unflinching commitment to contemporary arts practices which question our values and preconceptions.

In 2007 wide awake - a new sleep pursues a more active and engaged spectatorship as we begin to dismantle orthodox approaches, moving beyond passive observation and conventional audience relationships. Arts House's passion for new ideas remains undiminished with a provocative program of contemporary art across two venues.

CultureLAB is the Arts House tactical initiative in partnership with Arts Victoria through the SCOOP program. In 2007 it continues to go from from strength to strength as we support the development of more than 20 projects at Arts House, Meat Market.

Our 2007 seasons are bound to delight, challenge and inspire you... make sure you are there!

Arts House

Arts House is a City of Melbourne initiative that supports the arts and makes Melbourne a more creative and liveable city.

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WeDon'tDanceForNoReason	Sat 21 + Sun 22 July
Love Me	Wed 25 - Sat 28 July

Arts House acknowledges and respects the customs and traditions of Indigenous Australians and their special relationship with the land. The artists and organisers respectfully acknowledge that this program takes place on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people.



Arts House has made every effort to offer wheelchair and limited mobility access throughout the program. Please contact Arts House on 03 9322 3720 for further information.

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Ursula Martinez and OAP has been generously supported by British Council Australia

small metal objects and Love Me are toured by Performing Lines for Mobile States: Touring Contemporary Performance Australia. Mobile States is a national touring initiative of the Theatre Board of the Australia Council It has received support from the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and through the national performing arts touring program. Playing Australia.

Antje Pfundtner and EigenSinn (The Wilful Child) is presented in partnership with Chunku Move with support from The Goethe Institute, The Studio, Sydney Opera House and Critical Path.

THE TIGER LILLIES



Fri 16 + Sat 17 Feb

7.30pm: 110mins with interval

Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2A | 10

Full \$27 / Conc \$22 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

www.tigerlillies.com

Image by: Andrew Attkinson

'Just brilliant and utterly fantastic!!
You'll never hear more perverse
and twisted as well as haunting and
sorrowful songs. Just get a ticket by
hook or by crook...'

Eccentric, blasphemous and weird, the tales of **The Tiger Lillies** celebrate the obscure *danse macabre* in lavish and unsettling accounts of life's dark side

The Tiger Lillies sing about death, guilt and punishment conjuring up the spirit of Tom Waits transported to the vaudeville halls and cabaret salons of the thirties.

Replete with signature blend of gloomy songs, ghoulish cabaret and lowlife theatre, the narrators of lunacy return to Melbourne for two dark nights.

Direct from their sell out seasons at the Sydney Opera House and the Perth International Festival

Martyn Jacques - Accordion, Uke, Piano, Vocals, Adrian Huge - Drums and Toys Adrian Stout - Contra bass, Saw

Over 18 only. Some material may not contain coarse language and adult themes.

A Tiger Lillies Concert Production







URSULA MARTINEZ OAP

Preview Tues 27 Feb Wed 28 Feb - Sun 4 Mar

7.30pm; Sun 5pm, 65mins no interval

Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street

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Mel Ref: 2A I10

Full \$22 / Conc \$18 / Prev \$15 easutix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

www.ursulamartinez.com

"Tough and vulnerable, adventurous and foolhardy, Martinez treads where few performers dare go." SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Fresh from a worldwide starring role in The Famous Spiegeltent's sell out smash hit La Clique, Olivier Award winner Ursula Martinez brings this Australian premiere to Arts House.

In this, the third in a trilogy of highly original, hilarious, and autobiographical works, Ursula confronts her fear of ageing and becoming a miserable old trout. Turning to those with first hand experience of growing old, she reveals some comforting and illuminating words of wisdom

Based in London, Ursula Martinez has worked with several leading British experimental theatre companies including Forced Entertainment and Duckie, with whom she is an Associate Artist.

Written by Ursula Martinez and Mark Whitelaw, Directed by Mark Whitelaw, Performed by Ursula Martinez and Eve Pearce

Presented by Arts House and Arts Projects Australia















BACK TO BACK THEATRE SMALL METAL OBJECTS



Wed 7 - Sun 11 Mar

6.30pm; 2 Shows Sat + Sun 2pm/6.30pm 50mins no interval

Federation Square Cnr Swanston + Flinders Streets Melbourne Mel Ref: 1B N10

Full \$25 / Conc \$18 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

As an outdoor production, audiences are advised to prepare for all weather conditions.

www.backtobacktheatre.com

Image by: Jeff Busby

"Small Metal Objects is a startling and heart-swelling blend of the micro and the momentous in our world."

"...exceptional piece of theatre."

The sell out hit of the 2005 Melbourne International Arts Festival returns to Melbourne before taking on the world.

Back to Back Theatre is driven by an ensemble of five actors considered to have intellectual disabilities. Here, they use their awardwinning ability to explore how respect is withheld from outsiders - the disabled or unemployed - who society deems 'unproductive'.

Set against the shifting backdrop of the CBD at peak hour, **small metal objects** unfolds amid the bustling pedestrian traffic of Melbourne's Federation Square. With individual sets of headphones, the audience is wired in to an intensely personal drama being played out somewhere in the crowd.

Director/Devisor; Bruce Gladwin, Devisors; Simon Laherty, Sonia Teuben, Genevieve Morris, Jim Russell, Hugh Covill.

Produced by Performing Lines for Mobile States

Coarse Language

Presented by Arts House and Mobile States in association with Federation Square small metal objects is toured by Performine Lines for Mobile States. Tourine Contemporary Performance Australia.

















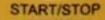








180 SECONDS IN HEAVEN OR HELL



Sat 24 Mar

7.30pm, 180mins with intervals

Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2A | 10

Full \$20 / Conc \$15

Each ticket includes a complimentary drink easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

Straddling the divide between performance and performance art, 180 Seconds assembles an unlikely line-up of Melbourne's extreme, exotic and extraordinary artists for one unruly night of live art variety.

Be it heavenly or hellish, art forms collide in turbulent three-minute episodes; like a speeding burlesque show, part title fight, part sideshow alley, **180 Seconds in Heaven or Hell** presents our best and fairest on stage in the Arts House saloon.

An incomparable celebration of Melbourne's artists, their ideas and their chutzpah (and a fabulous excuse for a party!) 180 seconds heralds a glorious new approach to art - meets - blood - meets - sport.

Featuring the talents of Shannon Barnett, Luke George, Lucy Guerin, Stephanie Lake, David Pledger, Luke Smiles & Ben Cisterne, The Town Bikes, CW Stoneking, Yumi Umiumare and many more

Strobe lighting, smoke effects and over 18 only

Presented by Arts House Curated by Bec Reid









Y SPACE CYRK

Sat 5 + Sun 6 May

7pm, 50mins no interval

Arts House, Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2B A9

Gold coin donation towards the Natimuk Bush Nursing Hospital

www.uspace.com.au

Image bu: Melissa Powell

"... that's the best thing i've seen since the tractor pull..." (letter to the editor)

Public showing of a creative development: working title CYRK

A collaboration between Y Space, Transience and Bambuco. All three companies are based 24 kilometres west of Horsham in a small town called Natimuk.

You can expect...

A bamboo theatre constructed out of 10 metre long bamboo poles.

Aerial performance with interactive animation.

Amazing value: two shows in one, for just one gold coin donation

Performance: Y Space- Direction Jillian Pearce; Animation: Transience- Dave Jones; Design: Bambuco- Simon Barley

















THE BUSINESS THE CONCERT

Preview Tue 22 May **Wed 23 - Sun 27 May**

8pm; 2 Shows Sat + Sun 4pm/8pm 50mins on interval

Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2A | 10

Full \$22/Conc \$15/Prev \$10 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

www.thebusiness.net.au

Image by: James Penlidis

"Constantly surprising, brilliantly absurd...don't miss it" HERALD SUN

"...brilliant purveyors of physical comedy." sydney morning HERALD

"What a brilliant slapstick adventure...
I've not seen better" мсv

The boys have always dreamed of playing with renowned conductor Marcus Schmetterlink and his world famous Helsinki Symphony Orchestra

Tonight's the night!

Experience the hilarity of multiple award winning all female physical comedy ensemble The Business in their hit show *The Concert*.

After successful seasons at the Melbourne Fringe & Comedy Festivals, Edinburgh Fringe, New Zealand Festival of Theatre, winner of the British Council Oz Export Award and nominated for a Barry Award, *The Concert* is back in town... for one week only!!

Classic slapstick, ridiculous rivalry, absurd rehearsals, wild dancing, and secret cake eating from four very funny women...don't miss it!

Performed & created by Glynis Angell, Penny Baron, Clare Bartholomew & Kate Kantor.
Directed & created by Merophie Carr







E PIRATE



SALLY SMART THE EXQUISITE PIRATE



Fri 25 - Sun 27 May

Opening Fri 6 - 8pm Sat + Sun 12 - 5pm

Arts House, Meat Market - Studio B 7 Blackwood Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2B A9

FREE

www.sallysmart.com

Image by: Sally Smart

Sally Smart's current series is titled *The Exquisite Pirate*, widely exhibited in 2006 including: a solo exhibition in New York with Postmasters Gallery; in 2006 Contemporary Commonwealth at the NGV, Melbourne; in Dangerous Waters, Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY; and in El Pirata Esquisito, Jacob Karpio Galeria, San Jose, Costa Rica.

The *The Exquisite Pirate* work has developed from *Sally Smart*'s interest in representations of feminine identity. It brings forth the woman pirate as a metaphor for contemporary global issues of personal and social identity, cultural instability, immigration and hybridity. Smart reflects on the symbolism of the ship and its relevance to postcolonial discourse.

Her work places a practical and theoretical emphasis on the installation space, on mutable forms and methodologies of deconstruction and reconstruction. The choice of materials is integral to the conceptual unfolding of her work: the process of cutting, collage, photo-montage, staining, sewing and stitching.







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ANTJE PFUNDTNER EIGENSINN (THE WILFUL CHILD)



Fri 22 - Sun 24 June

7.30pm; Sun 5pm, 55mins, no interval Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2A | 10

Full \$20 / Conc \$15 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

www.antjepfundtner.de

Illustration by: Melanie Bedford

With her first full-length evening solo **eigenSinn** - the title, a pun on "wilfulness" and "one's own sense/sensuality" - the young dancer and choreographer **Antje Pfundtner** has graduated from Hamburg, Germany to the international scene.

The Grimm brothers' tale of *The Wilful Child*, in which a little girl pays bitterly for insisting on having her own way, provides the point of departure for **Antje Pfundtner**'s solo. *eigenSinn* becomes a metaphor for the desire to experience oneself sensually and to have one's own identity accepted by others.

Antje Pfundtner's dance proffers a surprising theatrical expressiveness which speaks directly to her public. The simple, clear images crystallize the various motifs of the artist's self-interrogation on the themes of self-perception and the perception of the Other.

Dance/Choreography: Antje Pfundtner, Sound Design: Dayton Allemann Stage/Costume: Sabine Kohlstedt Lighting: H.W. Ahrens, Technical: Christian Sellin, Management: Ursula Teich

Adult Concepts

Presented by Arts House and Chunky Move

















SURVIVAL TACTICS DIRECTED BY MORGANICS

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Wed 18 - Sat 21 July

8pm; 2 Shows Sat 4pm/8pm 70mins no interval

Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2A J10

Full \$20 / Conc \$15 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096 www.morganics.info

"Survival tactics in a musical form, hear the DJ transform, transform the norm, life, be in it, Hip Hop is born, 45 or 33, keep the beat strong" An all star cast of Australian Hip Hop combines in *Survival Tactics*, a powerful, theatrical journey through the struggles of the urban metropolis.

From the streets and clubs to the jails and bedrooms; songlines and beatbox, Bboying and body percussion, salsa and scratching all mix in a flick of the DJ's crossfader.

Rhyme, spoken word, graffiti and physical theatre combine to tell gritty, uplifting stories of survival.

Produced and Directed by Morganics, Associate Director/Production Manager Melinda Collie-Holmes, Choreographic Dramaturg Gerard Veltre, Created and performed by Bboy Rely, Blacker Conteh, Maya Jupiter, Morganics, SistaNative, Wire MC and Bboy Jay (Wickid Force). Graffiti set and costume design by DMOTE, Cruel, Jesta and more.

Presented by Invisible Forces in association with Arts House















WE DON'T DANCE FOR NO REASON

AARON CHOULAI, VADA & TATANA VILLAGE CHOIR (PAPUA NEW GUINEA)

Sat 21 + Sun 22 July

7.30pm, 75mins no interval Arts House, Meat Market 5Blackwood Street North Melbourne Mel Ref: 2B A9

Full \$22 / Conc \$18 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096 www.aaronchoulai.com Inspired by the stunning Papuan choral tradition of *Perovetta Anedia* (Prophet Songs), pianist and composer **Aaron Choulai** undertakes an extraordinary cross-cultural musical journey with the 16 voice **Tatana Village Choir** (PNG) and Melbourne's hottest young jazz ensemble **VADA**.

Melding the vibrant *Perovetta Anedia* song form with modernjazz, *We Don't Dance For No Reason* is as unique as **Choulai**'s Papua/Chinese/Polish/Jewish/Australian upbringing.

Under the musical mentorship of Paul Grabowsky, *We Don't Dance For No Reason* [IN NA ASI A MAVARU KAVAMU] explores Aaron's early life in the Tatana Village before completing his jazz training in Melbourne and New York, and recently being named Young Artist of the Year at the 2006 Australian lazz Awards.

Aaron Choulai (Piano), Rory McDougal (Drums), Tom Lee (Bass), Carlo Barbaro (Sax), Shannon Barnett (Trombone), Eamon McNelis (Trumpet), Tatana Village Choir, Kate Ben-Tovim (Producer)

We Don't Dance For No Reason has been commissioned by the 2007 Queensland Music Festival and is produced by Arts House



















Wed 25 - Sat 28 Iulu

7.30pm, 90mins, with interval

Arts House, Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne

Mel Ref: 2B A9

Full \$20 / Conc \$15 easytix.com.au/artshouse or 03 9639 0096

www.lucuguerin.com

Image by: Virginia Cummins

"...unsettling and spellbinding..." TIME MAGAZINE

Three works exploring relationships in projected environments.

Reservoir of Giving I and II explores the relationship between body and screen. Set within a stylised domestic environment, the dancers are lifted straight from a designer lifestyle magazine presenting a less than perfect view of contemporary life.

Melt describes a rise in temperature from freezing to boiling with each degree explored physically and temperamentally.

ON uses light and projection to illuminate fragments of two bodies in motion as they explore the desire to control and the expectations inherent in relationships.

Love Me, choreographed by Lucy Guerin, features some of Australia's best contemporary dancers (Kirstie McCracken, Byron Perry, Kyle Kremerskothen and Kristy Ayre), along with motion graphic designer Michaela French, visual artist David Rosetzky and music by Paul Healy, Franc Tetaz and Darrin Verhagen.

Presented by Arts House and Mobile States

Love Me is toured by Performing Lines for Mobile States: Touring Contemporary Performance Australia.



















CultureLAB is the Arts House tactical initiative in partnership with Arts Victoria's Small Cultural Organisations Opportunities Program (SCOOP) to provide artists and companies with the necessary resources (space, time and money), to boldly conceptualise, explore and develop new artistic work.

Based at Arts House, Meat Market, this joint City of Melbourne and Arts Victoria program is committed to supporting artists, collaborators and communities in developing innovative arts based projects which explore new conceptual and creative directions.

Kulie Stillman

The Project involves the development and creation of a series of large-scale sculptures. These sculptures will pay direct homage to nature and how it is mimicked and presented in domestic and commercial environments The work is a continuing exploration of the relationship that exists between the figurative image represented and the materials used

UNREASONABLE ADULTS

Unreasonable Adults is a hybrid performance/media collective who will be undertaking the third 'audience project' residencu - GIFT/BACK: Melbourne - generating material in response to solicited and unsolicited information/ objects from the public. Please visit the website now for noline and postal submission details: http://unreasonableadults. va com au

CLUBSproject

CLUBSproject activates the possibilities of art and related practices - focusing on the waus art comes about, is made public, experienced and mediated. From here CLUBS will facilitate CLUBSworkshops, a series of events, forums and workshops that centre around sustaining independent practices. Keep in touch with the developments of CLUBSworkshops at: www. clubsproject.ore.au

Yumi Umiumace

EnTrance is a four part creative development bu Yumi Umiumare. Yumi will work separately with four artists: Tony Yap, Moira Finucane, Lucu Guerin and Mutsuko Tanaka to revisit and deeplu explore the keu influences on her work. These are: butoh. cabaret, contemporary dance and trance dance

















Angus Cerini & Kelly Ryall.

Over sa number of weeks Angus Cerini (writer/performer/director) and Kelly Ryall (musician/sound designer/dramaturg) will work together intensively on developing the materials they have used for award winning solo works Puppy Love, This Thousand Years I Shall Not Weep and Detest (this thousand years I shall not weep).

Contributing artists: Jacob Lehrer, Rachel Burke, Darryl Cordell, Gemma Pierce Cooke, Danielle Harrison, Michael Carmody, John Dutton

Julia Gorman

Iulia Gorman is using the Culture LAB residency to produce a major new body of large-scale sculptures and wall drawings extending her ongoing exploration of form and space. From the disparate influences of classical Greek, Assurian and Equotian sculpture and the work of artist Barbara Hepworth on one hand and Warner Bros cartoons and 70s graphics on the other, Julia creates objects and drawings that are simultaneously bold and larger than life, delicate and plauful.

The Hoodangers

The Hoodangers' music is informed by the tradition of the jazz art form and played by gifted and widely experienced musicians who bring a consciousness, skill and sheer energy to their music. For two weeks in May 2007 the Hoodangers will undertake a series of intense repertoire development. The development period will culminate in a rare burst of shows all over Melbourne, including one within the Arts House precinct.

acrobat

Arts House continues its support for internationally acclaimed physical performance company, acrobat prior to there seven month international tour.





interval - Jude Walton

interval: the pause when nothing is happening, the void between events a set of numbers consisting of all the numbers between a pair of given numbers, the difference in pitch between two tones, a gap between two objects. A series of invitations to examine what it is to live and make art in the circumstances of todau: in a state that Badiou describes as between an end and a beginning where something is finished/ finishing and something else is beginning but we don't know what - it's obscure. What is the legacy of our cultural remains that haunt our present and inform, predict our futures? What is it to be out-of-step?

ovi collective

ovi collective are a Perth based arts group who have produced an eclectic body of work ranging from performances, bus tours. radio broadcasts, privacu/ conflict resolution services video rentals and sculptural installations. As part of CultureLAB. pvi will undertake to further develop site specific components of their outdoor performance combined with radio narrowcast Reform. Reform is an intimate sonic and visual journey which unfolds as audiences make their wau on foot thru a selected city street at night.

Lucy Guerin Inc UNTRAINED

Lucy Guerin will spend a week at the Arts House, Meat Market experimenting with a new idea to be included in her next work in development throughout 2007. This workshop involves four men; two are highly skilled dancers and the other two are untrained.

The workshop will be used to explore an approach to moving and dancing that exposes the variations that an untrained body brings to a learned sequence.

An Arts House CultureLAB/ Chunky Move Choreolab initiative. Choreolab is a professional development initiative that allows local dancers and choreographers to gain insights into

choreographic practice from

practitioners. Antje will lead a

notable international dance

Chunky Move/Antje Pfundtner

three day workshop allowing participants an insight into her uniquely theatrical approach to choreography.

Choreolab is aimed at corpositional dancers who are

Choreolab is aimed at professional dancers who are tertiary qualified (or equivalent) and is subject to an application process.







Nat Cursio

AUSTRAL-ASIAN-DUAL-INVASION/HOMELESS DANCE COMPANY

This is a collaborative creative development project that will begin in Melbourne and continue development in Hone Kone and Taiwan. It will explore the meeting of different cultures: cultural identities, cultural activities and cultural symbols. The team consists of local choreographer Natalie Cursio and local visual actist Elizabeth Bouce with five dance artists from four Asian cities: Tokyo [Motoko Ikeda], Taipei [Chan Yu chun] Korea [Jung Young dool and Hong Kong Daniel Yeung and Anna Cheng]. Also supported by Arts Victoria.

Adam Broinowski

Recently returned from five years as a core member of Tokyo-based Gekidan Kaitaisha and researcher at the University of Tokyo, Adam Broinowski will conduct a creative development residency at Culture LAB for the growth of V: nondog, a new one-hour performance in an interdisciplinary landscape for 2007

Adam Broinowski - Performer, Director; Steve Law - Musician, Composer ; Paul Quinn - Images

Y Space

With otherwise limited access to professional peers, regionally-based performance company, Y Space is able to bridge a critical link with the collective arts industry in the development of CYRK, whilst based at the Arts House, Meat Market through CultureLAB.

Aaron Choulai

Melbourne jazz performer Aaron Choulai will commence a Culture LAB residency for the development of We Don't Dance for No Reason (AINA ASI A MAVARU KAVAMU), a musical and cultural collaboration with Melbourne jazz ensemble VADA and artists from the Tatana village in Papua New Guinea. The work will premiere at the 2007 Queensland Music Festival.

Sally Smart

CultureLAB has provided funds for Sally Smart to research the production of a range of technologies for her large project The Exquisite Pirate.





