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FESTIVAL GUIDE

Festivals to attend this month

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ST KILDA FESTIVAL

St Kilda Festival has been a landmark summertime community festival for decades and this month it's back. On February 17 and 18 the festival will take over the St Kilda foreshore featuring a stacked lineup fronted by headliners Bag Raiders, Mallrat, Mo'Ju and a plethora more local talent. Journey south in mid-Feb for a weekend full of fun and live music.

ST KILDA FORESHORE **17-18 FEB**

PORT FAIRY JAZZ FESTIVAL

Port Fairy is a town renowned for its festivals and in February the coast-side spot will host its annual jazz festival. Featuring a wealth of performances encompassing traditional, mainstream and contemporary jazz, Port Fairy Jazz Festival has it all for jazz enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds.

PORT FAIRY **9-11 FEB**



LANEWAY FESTIVAL

Laneway has relocated to Flemington Racecourse, but it has kept its unique charm in its 2024 iteration. With a jaw-dropping lineup featuring the likes of Steve Lacy, Dominic Fike, AJ Tracey, Dope Lemon as well as Angie McMahon, Confidence Man, D4VD, Eyedress, Nia Archives and Paris Texas this year's Laneway Festival will be as hot as it has ever been.

FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE **10 FEB**

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL

Midsumma Festival is one of Melbourne's premier celebrations of LGBTQIA+ communities, and its back in 2024 spread across three lively weekends. You can expect visual arts, theatre, film, cabaret and many other artistic expressions from a swelling pool of talented queer artists. Expect glitz and glam in droves.

MULTIPLE VENUES **UNTIL 11 FEB**

BEST BIGGEST IMAX FESTIVAL

IMAX is famous for its amazing surround sound system and pristine visuals that are presented via its ginormous screen. This February it has pieced together a film festival of blockbusters that are best viewed on the big screen. From screenings of Blade Runner and Blade Runner 2049, Tron: Legacy 3D, Avatar: The Way of Water 3D, The Dark Knight Trilogy, Top Gun and Top Gun Maverick, Moonage Daydream, 2001: A Space Odyssey, and The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, this festival will be the biggest ever.

IMAX **UNTIL 17 FEB**



RIVERBOATS MUSIC FESTIVAL

A festival stacked with incredibly talented Australian musicians set on the banks of the Murray River in Yorta Yorta country seems almost too good to be true, but this is Riverboats Music Festival. With the likes of Folk Bitch Trio, Kasey Chambers, Missy Higgins, Peter Garrett & The Alter Egos, The Public Opinion Afro Orchestra and Tim Rogers & The Twin Set this festival will be an extraordinary and tranquil experience.

ECHUCA/MOAMA **16-18 FEB**

ANTIPODES FESTIVAL

Antipodes Festival brings together the most festive elements of Greek culture over two days in February. Spanning from Saturday February 24 to Sunday February 25, the festival will bring together a conglomeration of performers, artists, stall holders and surprises that will have you dancing and smiling from ear to ear. Ignite a passion for Greek culture and grab your nearest and dearest for a festive weekend.

LONSDALE STREET **24-25 FEB**



MELBOURNE ART FAIR

Melbourne Art Fair is Australasia's most significant and progressive forum for contemporary art and ideas. Trail blazing art will be in dialogue as this year's fair hones in on solo shows and works of scale and significance. Grab your pens and notebooks and come to experience an expo that will be pivotal in shaping the future of art in the region.

MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE **22-25 FEB**

HELLO SUNSHINE

Taking over Caribbean Gardens on March 2, music will be rounded out by sisterly pop icons The Veronicas, veteran rockers Grinspoon, The Wiggles, and hip hop staple Bliss N Eso. There'll also be sets from The Temper Trap, Pete Murray, local country star Brad Cox, and many more.

CARIBBEAN GARDENS **2 MAR**

CHI WOW WAH TOWN

Since 2013, electronic music festival Chi Wow Wah Town has been held in Victoria in the stunning surrounds of Winton Wetlands, offering one of the best intimate festivals on the Australian calendar. Stavroz and Robag Wruhme lead this year's lineup.

WINTON WETLANDS **23-25 FEB**

GAYTIMES

Gaytimes - Australia's queer camping music and arts festival will celebrate its eighth anniversary with an eclectic lineup of music, performers, visual arts, food trucks, yoga, workshops. This year's will feature Total Giovanni, Miss Kaninna, Mo'Ju and more.

GEMBROOK **23-25 FEB**

OK MOTELS

The Peep Tempel are joining a banger lineup, featuring The Slingers, Nice Biscuit, Watty Thompson, The Belair Lip Bombs, Polly and The Pockets, Comets, DJs Queenie and Brat Paisley. The feminist water ballet team The Clams will also be performing.

CHARLTON **23-25 FEB**