



ARTS FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21-25 2009
HORSHAM VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

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2009 PROGRAM - OUT NOW!

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Journey of Changes - Photographic Exhibition

Andrew Follows a photographer who is blind focusing on ripples and reflections capturing images of Marysville before and after the bushfires. The exhibition comes with glasses that allow you to experience the eyesight of someone living with low vision.
- Cia Amici 2nd – 30th October 2009.

'6' Dis- assemble Dance Project

Is a collaboration of the Regional Academy of Performing Arts, dancers with a disability and professional dancer Victoria Ballard. The dis/assemble dance project uses dance and film as a medium for exploration and expression on the popular theory of 6 degrees of separation created by choreographer Tim Podesta..Thursday 7.30pm Wesley Performing Arts Centre

Melbourne PlayBack Theatre

The Company's highly skilled team of actors and musicians are able to bring any audiences stories to life. Tell your stories of The Awakenings Festival 2009 and beyond and see them transformed onto the stage in a surprising, entertaining and illuminating way. This theatre is truly interactive, exciting, engaging and accessible. Friday 9pm Wesley Performing Arts Centre and Workshop 2-4pm.

Popcorn- rock band from Denmark

All experiencing mental health issues are naturally talented artists who form an awesome covers and originals band with classics such as REM and Oasis.

Popcorn will be performing at Horsham Secondary College, as part of the Music program on Thursday 22nd at Nexus Youth Centre, a talk on Friday 23rd and at The Awakenings Royal Ball on Saturday 24th.

The Awakenings Festival Opening – The Coming Together Project

Opened by the Hon.Lisa Neville MP, including an Indigenous Welcome from traditional owners Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Black Cockatoo Dance from Yarri Actors.

The Coming Together Project is an enchanting artist installation featuring images of the fire affected areas, animation, multimedia and stories of fire affected groups crossing disability, mental health, the community and schools. This work shows the struggles, the strengths, the recovery and regrowth celebrating resilience. A forest of our lives designed by Hannah French Haven Hall 3pm

Get into Art Day featuring A Dog's Life Exhibition>

Dion Beasley, 17 yo Indigenous artists with a disabilities who in a fun and comical way captures stories of camp dogs and

relationships from Canteen Creek.

Poet Sandy Jeffs

Opened by the Hon.Lisa Neville MP, including an Indigenous Welcome from traditional owners Barengi Gadjin Land Council and Black Cockatoo Dance from Yarri Actors.

Poet Sandy Jeffs has just released her 3rd book of poetry. Suffering from schizophrenia for more than half her life her brain creates voices and visions only she experiences. Sandy writes poetry to express her struggle with mental illness. Sandy also featured in Andrew Dentons Angels & Demons

The closing event of the Awakenings Festival 2009 - The Choir of Hope and Inspiration

Sunday 25th October 7pm. Tickets \$22 - \$ 42 available.

Tickets are on sale at the Horsham and Grampians Visitors Information Centre 20 O'Callaghan Parade or at www.bookings.horshamtownhall.com.au.

The Awakenings Festival also has the privilege of Dr Jonathan Welch AM speaking at a breakfast conference to be held Saturday 24th October at the Sports and Community Club. He will share his insights and experiences in work with people of all abilities and managing fame.

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