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Calendar Dates: April 2011

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David Levell

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



Australian Capital Territory

Throughout April

Varilaku: Pacific Arts From The Solomon Islands, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. The style involves black glossy surfaces, iridescent shell, distended faces and fluid limbs, and a fondness for decorating weapons and canoes. www.nga.gov.au

Until April 25

Indecent Exposure, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra. All things Annette Kellerman (1886-1975) – champion swimmer, fitness advocate, entertainer. portrait.gov.au

April 21-25

National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra. The people's music, dancing, stories and masterclasses. www.folkfestival.asn.au

Victoria

From April 16

Eugene von Guérard: Nature Revealed, Ian Potter Centre NGV Australia, Melbourne. Vienna-born artist Eugene von Guérard (1811-1901) was colonial Victoria's most important landscape painter, winning his reputation with meticulous vistas of Gippsland, the Otways, the crater lakes of the volcanic western districts and other locations. Today von Guérard's paintings supply a priceless record of what these environments once looked like, thanks to his care in accurately reproducing geography, geology and vegetation. This retrospective, the first to be mounted in 30 years, presents some 150 of von Guérard's art works, including many a colourful scene he captured in his journeys around Australia, Europe and New Zealand. www.ngv.vic.gov.au

Throughout April

Experimental Gentlemen, Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne University. That's what Cook's sailors called the scientists and artists who made the Endeavour's voyage one of discovery beyond cartography. Colonial art and archival treasures show the awe and wonder that inspired many an early explorer. www.art-museum.unimelb.edu.au

Until April 24

Melbourne International Comedy Festival, various venues. One of the globe's biggest comedy festivals, and that's no joke. But the rest is, with funny types offering laugh measures. comedyfestival.com.au

Until April 26

Dreams Come True: The Art of Disney's Classic Fairy Tales, ACMI, Melbourne. This one's a total "cel" out, with much making-of material behind Disney's beloved animated fairytale films. www.acmi.net.au

From April 7

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April 2011

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Featured Photo Gallery



Plum plumage: Birds of Paradise

Take a look at some of the colourful images on display at Sydney's Australian Museum as part of the Birds of Paradise exhibition. It runs from 9 April – 7 August.

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In The Next Room Or The Vibrator Play, MTC Theatre Sumner, Melbourne. A 19th-century doctor, whose method for treating female hysteria really hits the switch, finds his wife wants the same medicine in a play that set Broadway abuzz. mtc.com.au

From April 8

Tutankhamun & The Golden Age Of The Pharaohs, Melbourne Museum. About 50 artefacts from Tut's tomb, including his golden crown, plus about 80 items from other New (but still pretty old) Kingdom burial sites. www.kingtutmelbourne.com.au

From April 9

Rock Of Ages, Comedy Theatre, Melbourne. Jukebox musical set in late 1980s LA with songs by Foreigner, Poison, REO Speedwagon, Whitesnake, Twisted Sister, Quiet Riot, Quarterflash and Starship (famous for falsely claiming to have built a city). www.rockofages.net.au

From April 12

La Bohème, State Theatre, Arts Centre, Melbourne. Puccini produced anew; this time catch the down-and-out bohós falling in love in Weimar Berlin. US soprano Takesha Meshé Kizart stars as Mimì, while Korean tenor Ji-Min Park takes on Rodolfo. www.opera-australia.org.au

April 14-26

La Mirada Film Festival, ACMI, Melbourne. New and classic Spanish and Latin American cinema, guest curated by Ang Lee, Ken Loach and Guillermo del Toro. Spanish food and wine, too. lamirada.org.au

From April 20

Macbeth, State Theatre, Arts Centre, Melbourne. Verdi's shake-up of Shakespeare's supernatural king-killer thriller presented with grand choruses and a surreal set of abstracted tree roots. www.opera-australia.org.au

Queensland

April 15-17

Dirt & Dust Festival, Julia Creek. Blood-horse, sweat and rears, with racing equines, perspiring triathletes and Australia's Best Butt. www.dirtndust.com

April 22-30

Skysisters Convention, Toogoolwah (Sunshine Coast). It's a plane, it's a bird... or to misquote The Weather Girls – it's raining women. Watch 100 female skydivers do 5000 jumps, a 60-woman formation and, land sakes, a body-painted jump. skysisters.com.au

From April 29

Urban Country Music Festival, Caboolture. Ignore the contradiction in terms while filling your ears with Thirsty Merc, James Reyne and others. Markets, bush balladeers, horseplay. urbancountry.com.au

New South Wales

Until April 9

Our Coral Sea: An Underwater Paradise, Arthouse Hotel, Sydney. Five marine photographers focus on the need to conserve this unprotected tropical wonderworld east of the Barrier Reef. www.protectourcoralsea.org.au

Throughout April

Zebra!, Wharf One, Sydney. Global financial crisis meets midlife crisis as two 50-something guys (Colin Friels and Bryan Brown) meet in a bar. One is the other's daughter's fiancé, and the bar owner is a woman from his past. sydneytheatre.com.au

April 2-17

National Trust Heritage Festival, various venues. Themed Amazing Stories, this year's festival gets in touch with our past via tours, exhibitions, walks, talks, concerts and fairs. www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

April 10

The Church: A Psychedelic Symphony, Sydney Opera House. The George Ellis Orchestra joins the neo-psych, neo-prog Oz band for their 30th anniversary concert, give or take the odd unguarded moment. www.sydneyoperahouse.com

From April 11

Sydney Comedy Festival, various venues. The event that doesn't mind being called a real joke. Rest assured they'll do their best. www.sydneycomedyfest.com.au

April 14-27

Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Showground, Olympic Park. The annual frenzy of farm odours and fairy floss.

www.eastershow.com

From April 16

Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of NSW. The 90-year-old portraiture contest is Australia's most popular art show. It's your patriotic duty to face up and bemoan the judges' choices. But what do you know about art anyway? www.thearchibaldprize.com.au

From April 16

Salon Des Refuses: The Alternative Archibald & Wynne Prize Selection, SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney. Admire Archibald entries not deemed wall-worthy for the official hanging, but damned fine daubs, nonetheless. www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

April 21-26

Byron Bay Bluesfest, Byron Bay. Bob Dylan, Elvis Costello, Jethro Tull, ZZ Top, the Dingoes, Mavis Staples, Wolfmother, CW Stoneking, Kasey Chambers, Gurrumul and many more.

www.bluesfest.com.au

Tasmania

April 24-30

International Mural Fest & Taste Of The North West, Sheffield. Nine artists painting murals. If you don't fancy watching paint dry on the last day, munch local produce at Taste Of The North West.

www.muralfest.com.au and www.tasteofthenorthwest.com.au

Northern Territory

April 9-18

Alice Springs Heritage Festival. Includes Jailhouse Folk (a night of Aussie music), a bus tour of heritage properties, open days at the old gaol, school and the telegraph station.

www.tourism.thealice.com.au

April 10-15

Devil's Claw Festival, Gregory National Park. Volunteer to weed out those noxious devil's claw plants. tourism.thealice.com.au

From April 29

Katherine Country Music Muster, Katherine. Hear ye, hear yee-ha: three days of twang for your buck, plus ute muster, street parade and line dancing. www.kcmm.com.au

South Australia

April 1-9

Tastes Of The Outback, various venues, statewide regional. A tasty diversity of outback food events and other activities.

www.tastesoftheoutback.com.au

April 8-9

Coonawarra After Dark Weekend, Coonawarra wine region. Nocturnal cellar door happenings, behind-the-scenes harvest tours and various tastings. coonawarra.org

April 8-10

Undaleer Festival, Jamestown. If you go down to the woods, you'll hear David Hobson, Silvie Paladino and the Fishbowl Boys barbershop quartet making music in Bundaleer Forest.

bundaleerfestival.com.au

From April 16

Patricia Piccinini: Once Upon A Time, Art Gallery of SA, Adelaide. A showcase of her life's work, in all its compellingly icky glory. Her sculptures often depict weird hybrid creatures, part animal, human and machine. www.artgallery.sa.gov.au

From April 23

Barossa Vintage Festival, Barossa Valley. Celebrate the vintage: food and wine, auctions, parades, markets and the Festival Ball.

www.barossvintagefestival.com.au

Western Australia

From April 21

Saltimbanco, Challenge Stadium, Perth. Cirque du Soleil launch a national tour in Perth, presenting this popular and highly acrobatic show set in an imaginary dreamlike city.

www.cirquedusoleil.com/Saltimbanco

April 23-26

Fremantle Street Arts Festival, Fremantle. Buskers, stand-up

comedy and circus tricks aplenty. www.fremantlefestivals.com

On Tour

From April 27

Walking With Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane. Outselling rival dinosaurs Bon Jovi, AC/DC and U2, this is the planet's biggest touring act in both senses: almost two million tickets sold last year and 200 million years' worth of life-size robot dinosaurs making a Jurassic parking lot of our stadia. www.dinosaurlive.com

Throughout April

Turns, Wagga Wagga, Adelaide, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Taree. Nancye Hayes and Reg Livermore in a show about showbiz, life, the universe and everything, evoking music hall, pantomime and burlesque. www.turnstheshow.com.au

Until April 10

Alliance Française French Film Festival, Brisbane, Canberra, Perth, Adelaide. Vive le subtitle! www.frenchfilmfestival.org

From April 14

Much Ado About Nothing, Sydney, Canberra. No, not a stray Seinfeld episode; John Bell whacks Shakespeare's classic sitcom in 1950s Sicily. www.bellshakespeare.com.au

April 17-27

Bob Dylan, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Wollongong, Byron Bay, Sydney. Singing-songwriting's perennial premier example. Quick quiz: in which song, and why, did he wish he was "on some Australian mountain range"? The answer, my friends, is... www.chuggentertainment.com

April 20-23

Buffy Sainte-Marie, Melbourne, Sydney. Leading Native American singer-songwriter, blacklisted from US radio in the 1960s, hasn't toured Australia since the 1970s. You might know Up Where We Belong and Universal Soldier. www.creative-native.com

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