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SPECTACULAR *DELIGHTFUL DAYS & MATINEES* PROGRAM RETURNS TO GEELONG ARTS CENTRE IN 2024

Geelong Arts Centre is thrilled to announce the return of treasured daytime performance program, *Delightful Days & Matinees* in 2024; bringing some of Australia's best-loved performers to Geelong to create memorable, engaging and delightful daytime experiences.

Off the back of today's finale performance of the 2023 *Delightful Days & Matinees* series, *Becoming Eliza,* Geelong Arts Centre has wasted no time in announcing the exceptional new 2024 program.

Consisting of six exceptional performances scheduled from February to December, the ever-popular *Delightful Days & Matinees* program promises to continue its reign as the region's premiere daytime entertainment offering.

An essential part of Geelong's daytime entertainment calendar, *Delightful Days & Matinees* is committed to engaging and connecting with audiences of all ages who prefer to visit Geelong Arts Centre during the day.

Delightful Days & Matinees will continue to foster opportunities for social connection and high-quality theatre experiences.

Kicking off on 14 February, acclaimed Australian jazz vocalist, Tamara Kuldin, and an ensemble of the country's finest jazz musicians, will take audiences on an intimate and sentimental journey through Doris Day's most iconic and treasured songs with *Dear Doris.*

Then, on 17 April, acclaimed entertainers Amelia Ryan, Michaela Burger and Michael Griffith shine in *Simply Brill*; a joyous, triumphant and awe-inspiring celebration of the songwriters who transformed 1960s rock 'n' roll forever. Theatrically presented, Simply Brill takes audiences on a thrilling ride with its dynamic blend of history, humour and heart.

Having received an Olivier Awards nomination for *Songs for Nobodies* in 2019, Bernadette Robinson takes the stage on 5 June with *The Songs of Judy Garland*; a special concert sharing the classic tunes, and hilarious and heartbreaking anecdotes from the extraordinary life of this legendary artist.

Come 31 July, long-time Australian jazz favourites, The Syncopators return to Geelong Arts Centre with a very special concert to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Since 1984, the award-winning band has released almost 20 albums, toured internationally as cultural ambassadors, and drawn standing ovations worldwide. Expect superb musicianship, stage presence and a keen sense of humour.

9 October will see *The Dancin Man* hit The Play House stage; Luke Alleva's all singing ad dancing one man show

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celebrating the men of song and dance that graced us on stage and screen – from Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire to The Nicholas Brothers and Sammy Davis Jnr. Accompanied by a 3 piece band, *The Dancin Man* takes you through the classic decades when music and dance had style, grace, and charisma.

Finally, as we approach the festive season, join Australian star of stage and screen, Lucy Durack for *A Merry Little Christmas with Lucy Durack!* Full of much-loved Christmas classics for the whole family to sing along to, ring in the holiday season with all-time favourites like *Silent Night, All I Want for Christmas,* and *O Holy Night.*

Tickets are on sale now at geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/delightful-days-matinees-2024

Geelong Arts Centre's *Delightful Days & Matinees* program is proudly supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, Major Artistic Partner, Deakin University, and Innovation Partner, Costa Asset Management.

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"We are thrilled to launch our Delightful Days & Matinees program for 2024. We're rolling out the red carpet to welcome back our daytime audiences to experience high calibre acts in our brand new arts centre."

Quote attributable to Geelong Arts Centre Head of Programming, Penny McCabe

BOOKINGS AND VENUES

All 2024 Delightful Days & Matinees performances will take place at 11:00am in Geelong Arts Centre's iconic proscenium arch theatre, The Play House.

Theatre-lovers are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and morning tea treats – the perfect prelude to a morning of socialising and entertainment.

Bookings can be made via the website, or by phoning the Box Office on 1300 251 200 between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

With Geelong Arts Centre's *SEASON 2024* due to be announced very soon, there's never been a better time to sign up to Geelong Arts Centre's What's On e-newsletter. To sign up and keep up to date with the latest Geelong Arts Centre announcements, visit geelongartscentre.org.au.

NOTE TO EDITOR

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