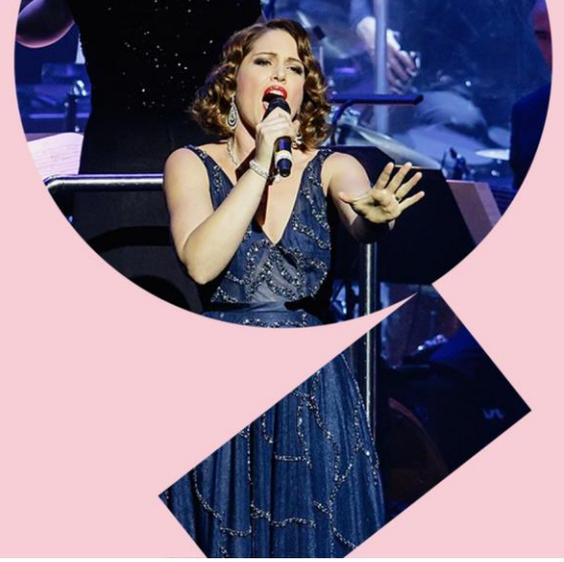


WHERE CREATIVITY MEETS AT HOME



GEELONG ARTS CENTRE ANNOUNCES MAY LIVE-STREAM PROGRAM: #WhereCreativityMeetsAtHome LIVE

Geelong Arts Centre today announced it's May line up of live-stream performances commencing **Friday 1 May 2020**.

The month-long digital programming calendar follows the launch of the centre's **#WhereCreativityMeetsAtHome** initiative, which shares archival performances, behind the scenes moments, content and creative activities to be enjoyed wherever you are and whoever you're with, and has already featured two live-stream takeovers by local folk singer/songwriter *Hassall*, Award-winning comedian/songwriter *Jude Perl*, and cabaret star, *Michaela Burger*.

Joel McGuinness CEO Geelong Arts Centre said,

"The #WhereCreativityMeetsAtHome Live series allows us to keep our lights shining and create ways to connect during these unparalleled times, but most importantly, it enables us to continue to support our community of artists and creatives."

The series features stars of pop, cabaret and musical theatre. While the live-streamed events are free, Geelong Arts Centre is calling for donations, large and small, to enable the regional arts organisation to continue to deliver digital arts experiences to the community.

Audiences are encouraged to share their at-home concert experiences by tagging @GeelongArtsCentre

and using the hashtag #WhereCreativityMeetsAtHome.

Geelong Arts Centre will announce its June live-streamed programming over the coming weeks, while also regularly releasing on-demand education content, family activities and long-form articles through the centre's website for people to enjoy at their leisure.

#WhereCreativityMeetsAtHome-Live LINE UP

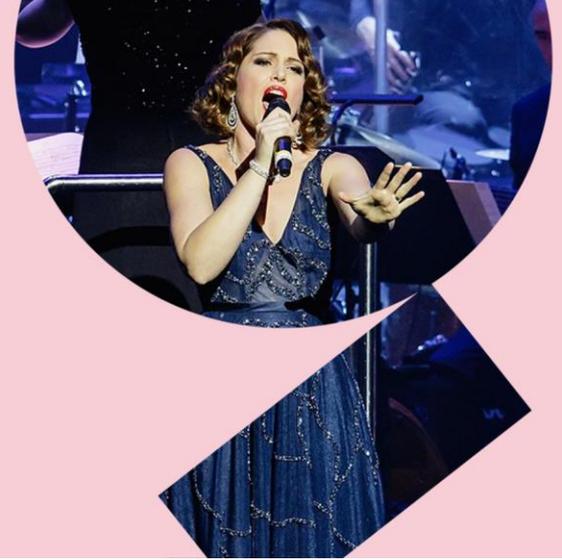
DOLLY DIAMOND'S BIG NIGHT IN FRIDAY 1 MAY, 8PM

Melbourne's Queen of Cabaret, Dolly Diamond, sings an array of classics accompanied by long-time collaborator Cameron Thomas.

Dolly has been a staple of the Australian cabaret, comedy and fringe circuit over the last 10 years, armed with a devilish wit and a voice like honey over gravel.

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BERT AND ROB'S LOVE SONGS AND DEDICATIONS

FRIDAY 8 MAY, 8PM

Two Australian musical theatre leading men, Bert LaBonte and Rob Tripolino, team up for a steamy night of R&B, soul and funky acoustic classics.

Geelong Resident, LaBonte comes fresh from the national tour of The Book of Mormon, with Tripolino only recently returning to Australia after performing the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Jesus Christ Superstar at London's Barbican Centre.

TAYLOR HENDERSON

FRIDAY 15 MAY, 8PM

Home-grown talent, Taylor Henderson returns to Geelong Arts Centre with a selection of original songs from his self-titled debut album and follow-up album Burnt Letters.

Henderson's star rose finishing third on the fourth season Australia's Got Talent and runner-up on X-Factor Australia's fifth cycle. Henderson has since headlined numerous national tours and released two studio albums.

UP CLOSE AND SOCIALLY DISTANT WITH AMANDA HARRISON

FRIDAY 22 MAY, 8PM

A candid evening of popular songs with one of Australia's most prolific Musical Theatre stars, Amanda Harrison, accompanied by composer and performer, Mark Jones

Award-winning actress and singer, Amanda Harrison rose to fame in the iconic role of Elphaba in

Australia's original production of Wicked. Harrison has graced some of the world's most famous stages, from London's Dominion Theatre, to New York's Carnegie Hall and the iconic Sydney Opera House.

THE MISSION SONGS PROJECT

FRIDAY 29 MAY, 8PM

Jessie Lloyd shares her powerful Mission Songs Project in a special Reconciliation Week live-streamed performance, a collection of songs written about the lives of Indigenous Australians on Christian Missions and state-run settlements.

Some of these songs haven't been sung for decades but share emotional insight into an important, and often overlooked, chapter of Australian history.

For more information, visit geelongartscentre.org.au

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