



# DARWIN FESTIVAL E-NEWS

Darwin comes alive for the Darwin Festival...so should you!

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## DARWIN FESTIVAL TO CREATE SPECTACULAR LIVE ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

The Darwin Festival will truly be a sight and experience to be remembered this year, with the transformation of the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens into a lively entertainment hub in a tropical, outdoor setting for 18 days and nights.

The entertainment hub will feature an impressive open-air sound shell, called the **Star Shell**, stages, entertainment areas, food and beverage outlets, and information and ticket booths.

The **Star Shell**, previously used at the Sydney Olympics, Womadelaide and Adelaide's Symphony Under the Stars, will be located in the Botanic Gardens and will be a centre of activity with music, theatre, dance, comedy and cabaret performances from 6.30pm to 9.30pm every night of the Festival, followed by live music and entertainment at the **Festival Club** from 9.30pm until late.

The Darwin Festival venue at the Botanic Gardens will be open over the 18 days and nights of the Festival, from August 12 – 29. Many of the events will be located at the Festival venue, however there will still be events at other venues throughout Darwin.



## PREVIEW OF 2004 PROGRAM

Australia's finest stand-up comedian **Wil Anderson** and one-man-band wonder **Xavier Rudd** will headline the Darwin Festival 2004, along with **Oz Opera's** exciting new production **La Boheme**, and a diverse mix of music, dance, theatre and artistic performances.

The latest events announced to be part of the Darwin Festival this year include:

- Xavier Rudd
- Wil Anderson
- La boheme
- Sing Your Own Opera
- Santos Concert on the Esplanade
- Kultura
- The ACCU Teddy Bears' Picnic; and
- Nutcracker with the Australian Ballet

### XAVIER RUDD

Xavier brings his entourage of instruments and new millennium roots based music to Darwin for the Darwin Festival. Xavier will perform live at the Gardens Amphitheatre on Friday August 27.

Xavier Rudd is a multi-instrumentalist delivering a unique and harmonious combination of lyrics, vocals, instruments and energy that is warm, powerful and emotive. His performances are captivating and his talent unmistakable, which goes some way to explaining the huge level of support that he attracts where ever he tours. Xavier is currently on a sell-out tour of the USA. **Tickets to Xavier Rudd are on sale now.**

**Venue:** Gardens Amphitheatre

**Date:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Ticket Prices:** \$33 (\$27 conc)

**Bookings:** Darwin Entertainment Centre 8980 3333





### WIL ANDERSON – From Triple J and The Glass House.

LICENCE TO WIL comes to Darwin for the Darwin Festival.

Wil Anderson's brand new hour of stand up sees the hardest working comic in the business aiming his sights at new targets including teenage sex, Australia's refugee policy, Paris Hilton, George Bush, supermarket etiquette, the language of war, breast-feeding and censorship.

Don't miss the opportunity to see one of Australia's most innovative and exciting comic minds.

**Tickets on sale now!**

**Venue:** Darwin Entertainment Centre

**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 8pm

**Cost:** \$25 (\$20 Conc)

**Bookings:** Darwin Entertainment Centre 8980 3333

### LA BOHEME

Fall in love with Puccini's romantic tale of passion and heartbreak, as it follows the adventures of a group of talented young friends living, laughing and loving in bohemian Paris.

The romantic music and heart-rending love story of Puccini's *La bohème* are the heart and soul of great opera.

*La bohème* is a powerful experience for anyone who's ever been in love – or wanted to be. OzOpera's exciting new production, sung in English, is sure to win *La bohème* thousands of admirers throughout regional Australia.

**Tickets on sale now.**

**Venue:** Darwin Entertainment Centre

**Date:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 8pm

**Cost:** \$55 adult/\$42 conc/\$30 children

**Bookings:** Darwin Entertainment Centre 8980 3333



### SANTOS CONCERT ON THE ESPLANADE Opening Night

Darwin Festival's free Santos Concert on the Esplanade is on again, and promises to be a fantastic event. Join us

at the Esplanade on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 6 pm for another tremendous night of free live music and entertainment.

**Venue:** The Esplanade

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 6pm – 10.30pm

**Cost:** Free



**Santos**

### NUTCRACKER

The Dancers Company, the regional touring arm of the Australian Ballet will present the classic tale, *Nutcracker*, a perfect introduction for newcomers to the beauty and energy of ballet... as well as a must for established fans!

Tickets on sale now.



**Venue:** Darwin Entertainment Centre

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 8pm

**Cost:** From \$20

**Bookings:** Darwin Entertainment Centre 8980 3333

### KULTURA – New Location

Experience different cultures of the world, and celebrate Darwin's community spirit and the unique multicultural mix of the Top End at Kultura.



Kultura is a free annual Darwin Festival event offering an afternoon and evening of performances, music, dance, workshops, and displays. Come and lose yourself amongst the colour and excitement of this unique cultural event.

As part of Kultura, Pesona Indonesia, an annual showcase of traditional Indonesian culture, will present a colourful combination of music and dance at the Gardens Amphitheatre from 5pm – 9pm.

**Venue:** New Location – George Brown Botanic Gardens

**Date:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 2pm – 8pm

**Cost:** Free



### E-NEWSLETTER REGISTRATION

If you want to make sure you don't miss out on *anything* to do with the Darwin Festival, register to receive these regular e-newsletters. To register, email [claire@darwinfestival.org.au](mailto:claire@darwinfestival.org.au) with *E-newsletter Registration* as the subject. If you do not wish to receive the Darwin Festival e-newsletter, email [claire@darwinfestival.org.au](mailto:claire@darwinfestival.org.au) with *Unsubscribe* as the subject.

## SING YOUR OWN OPERA

Have you ever dreamed of being a singer? Or being part of a professional on-stage performance? Sing Your Own Opera is everyone's chance to do just that.



You don't need to be able to read music, sing or perform to be part of Sing Your Own Opera, you just need to be prepared to have a great time.

Anyone who buys a ticket to Sing Your Own Opera will rehearse with several hundred others, and then perform with a full orchestra and the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, and soloists from OzOpera's La bohème regional tour. You will have the Darwin Entertainment Centre literally vibrating with excitement.

This will be the largest operatic participation event in the Northern Territory's history, and will be conducted by OzOpera's Artistic Director Richard Gill.

### Tickets on sale now.

**Venue:** Darwin Entertainment Centre  
**Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
**Time:** 3.30pm – 10.30pm  
**Cost:** \$32 adult/\$25 conc/\$15 children  
**Bookings:** Darwin Entertainment Centre 8980 3333

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Darwin Festival wants you to get involved. We are looking for enthusiastic members of the community to assist the Darwin Festival in many areas of this fabulous event.

So if you're up for the challenge and want to offer a hand, please contact Katelyn B or Shannon Miskelly at the Darwin Festival office on **(08) 8981 0083** or email [project@darwinfestival.org.au](mailto:project@darwinfestival.org.au)

## THE ACCU TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

The Teddy Bears are excited to be returning to the Darwin Festival for the ACCU Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Darwin Botanic Gardens.



The Teddy Bears' Picnic is a highlight of every child's year, with great entertainment and roving performers, face painting, play equipment, and lots of hands-on activities for the kids as well as a sausage sizzle.

With plenty of activities and events planned for the kids, this is a day out they won't want to miss.

**Venue:** Darwin Botanic Gardens  
**Date:** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
**Time:** 9am - midday  
**Cost:** Free



## BUY A FESTIVAL CLUB PASS so you can party on every night! VALUE AT ONLY \$33!

The Festival Club, at the Star Shell in the Darwin Botanic Gardens will be the social hub of the Festival with live music and entertainment from **9.30pm every night\***.

Rub shoulders with the celebrities, meet your friends after a show, and party on into the night.

Entry to the Festival Club is **\$5**, or **FREE** if you present your ticket to a Festival event from the same night.

And for those who really love to party, you can save money and buy a Festival Club pass for just **\$33** for entry to all 18 nights. Available in advance from the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

\*Admission to the Festival Club is subject to venue capacity. The Festival Club is open every night from 9.30pm, except Opening Night at 10.30pm, and 11pm, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> August.

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