

Darwin Festival presents
The Drowsy Drivers in

Keating!

"The country soul opera we had to have!"

After sold out seasons in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, The Drowsy Drivers are venturing further afield. Historically accurate* and independently verified by skimming through Don Watson's book, it's the simple and time honoured tale of an Australian political superhero and his battle against assorted mugs, dummies, dimwits, gutless spivs and scumbags. Come share in the heady rise, tempestuous reign and tragic fall of the Placido Domingo of Australian politics.

GASP! as Hawke ignores the Kirribilli agreement! **THRILL!** as Prime Minister Keating sticks it to the drones opposite!
CHEER! as he wins the sweetest victory of all! **HISS!** as the evil Howard betrays his colleagues in his thirst for power! **SCOFF!** at the blatant historical revisionism! Folks of all political persuasions are welcome (though some will feel more welcome than others). You'll have the time of your life!*

*non-core promise

"Keating! is brilliant. Smart, funny and performed with snotty insolence"

Colin Rose, The Sun-Herald, Sydney

"This is a beautiful set of numbers"

Paul Keating



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Music &
Theatre

Keating!

Date: 14 - 15 August
Time: 8pm
Book: 8980 3333
Venue: Star Shell
Botanic Gardens
Price: \$25/\$20 conc.

WINNER Most Outstanding Show, 2005 Melbourne International Comedy Festival
WINNER The Age Critics' Award, 2005
WINNER The Golden Gibbo, 2005
WINNER Best Original Songs, Green Room Awards, 2005

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17 nights of world class entertainment
Darwin Botanic Gardens, the Da

Tripod - Live!

all new show

Scod, Yon and Gatesy are Tripod - one of Australia's most popular and distinctive comedy acts and they're back for **ONE NIGHT ONLY**. Wondering what to expect from a night with Tripod? Well, there will be great songs, with jokes in them. There will be other jokes not set to music. There will be some songs with fewer jokes in them than others and there will definitely be some of your favourite Tripod hits!



"a high energy show full of laughs... funny, intelligent and amazingly talented"

The Adelaide Advertiser,
March 2006



Tripod - Live!

Date: 11 Aug
Time: 6.30pm & 8pm
Book: 8980 3333
Venue: Star Shell Botanic Gardens
Price: \$25/\$20 conc.

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Sean Choolburra

comedy sensation

Fresh from a stand-out series of shows at the Sydney Opera House Sean Choolburra is one of Australia's rising Indigenous stars of comedy. When he appeared as a guest on the Footy Show they laughed so hard they got him back for a second appearance!

Sean Choolburra is a very charming and engaging comic on stage. His ability to share the naivety of the small town aboriginal boy still coming to grips with the big city lights will have you in stitches...

Whatever you do don't miss him!



Star Shell events

Sean Choolburra

Date: 21 Aug
Time: 6.30pm
Book: 8980 3333
Venue: Star Shell Botanic Gardens
Price: \$15/\$10conc

Blurring the boundaries between classical and rock music, FourPlay's repertoire includes arrangements from

a diverse range of artists such as the Beastie Boys, Radiohead, Nina Simone, Jeff Buckley, Charles Mingus, Depeche

Mode and Metallica. Their own compositions are also inspired by a wide array of diverse music.

No matter what your musical bent a FourPlay gig is an affair not to be missed.



FourPlay

Australia's premier rock 'n' roll string quartet

FourPlay

Date: 23 Aug
Time: 8pm
Book: 8980 3333
Venue: Star Shell, Botanic Gardens
Price: \$15/\$10conc

Malam Budaya Indonesia

An Indonesian cultural experience

featuring Sasak

Your chance to experience the cultural diversity of Indonesia. The enchanting rhythms of the Gamelan Orchestra, the dynamic dance Kipah Sikarang from Aceh, plus dynamic dance group Sasak performing dances from across Indonesia from West Papua to North Sumatra.



Malam Budaya Indonesia

Date: 13 Aug
Time: 8pm
Book: 8980 3333
Venue: Star Shell, Botanic Gardens
Price: \$15/\$10conc

Akmal!!!



**Don't miss AKMAL live
for the first time in Darwin.**

Hit of the 2006 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, join AKMAL as he takes you on a hilarious comedy journey. Akmal will deliver his fresh topical stand up comedy and some of his classic routines which have made him a favorite on such TV shows as Rove 'LIVE', The Glasshouse & Thank God Your Here. Akmal will be joined by fellow comedian Joel Ozbourn for this sensational night of guaranteed non-stop laughs.

"At points the capacity audience could have been excused for crying with laughter"

-The Advertiser

The Rehearsal Umbilical Brothers

Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe and the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Umbilicals make a long-awaited return to Darwin with their acclaimed new show 'The Rehearsal.' Attacking the creative process in a way that only they can, it will take you inside their brains to a place beyond description.

**"Australia's hottest
export since Vegemite"**

Time Out New York



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Comedy

Darwin Festival and
A List Entertainment
presents

Akmal!!!

Date: 25 -26 Aug
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Studio Theatre
Darwin
Entertainment
Centre
Book: 8980 3333
Price: \$32.90/\$26.90conc/
groups &
DEC members

**Umbilical
Brothers**
The Rehearsal

Date: 19 Aug
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Playhouse
Theatre
Darwin
Entertainment
Centre
Book: 8980 3333
Price: \$34.90/\$29.90conc/
groups &
DEC members

**"Jaw-droppingly
clever and funny"**

The Scotsman