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Step into  
the inviting  
world of the  
Clocktower  
Centre!

We're excited to share a spectacular lineup of shows for the first half of the year, with even more in store for the rest of 2024. Immerse yourself in a diverse range of performances where laughter meets drama, and classic tales intertwine with cutting-edge acts, promising an engaging and memorable experience.

We extend a warm and welcoming invitation for you to join our new Clocktower Membership program, crafted to enhance your enjoyment throughout the year.

Enjoy various benefits, including discounted tickets, exclusive offers, and much more.

Moonee Valley City Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land - the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, their spirits, ancestors, elders and community members past and present.

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# A Century of Women in Song

*A Century of Women in Song* is a mesmerizing live music show that pays tribute to the most influential female vocalists of the 20th century. From Bessie Smith to Beyoncé, this extraordinary production celebrates the indomitable spirit and remarkable talent of women in music.

Nina Ferro showcases her amazing vocal prowess through stunning arrangements of well-known songs from various eras. Nina and her exceptional 7-piece band breathe new life into beloved songs, from the timeless classics of the past to the chart-topping hits of today.

**Saturday, 16 March at 7.30pm**  
Duration: 90 minutes with interval



Performed by  
Nina Ferro





*"The Wharf Revue is now a national institution and it just keeps on giving...a sea of hilarity"*

—Limelight Magazine



# The Wharf Revue: Pride in Prejudice

The Wharf Revue is back for another year of sensational value! Satirical content is up by 7%, the average laughter quotient is indexed at 8.3% over the forward estimates but the Wharf Revue defies the cost-of-living pressure by keeping the ticket price at the same level as last year! Take that, Michele Bullock!

With over twenty-three years experience in the political satire space, Australia's most trusted revue-based practitioners continue the tradition with this year's hilarious offering: "Pride in Prejudice"™.

**Wednesday, 24 April at 7.30pm**

**Duration: 90 minutes, no interval**

**Content warning**

May contain strong language and adult themes. Recommended ages: 13+

**Created and written by**

Jonathan Biggins,  
Drew Forsythe  
and Phillip Scott

**Performed by**

Jonathan Biggins,  
Mandy Bishop,  
Drew Forsythe and  
David Whitney with  
Michael Tyack

**Musical Director**

Andrew Worboys

**Lighting Designer**

Matt Cox

**Video Designer**

Todd Decker

**Sound and Video**

**Systems Designer**

Cameron Smith

**Costume Designers**

Hazel and Scott Fisher

**Photographer**

Ashley de Prazer

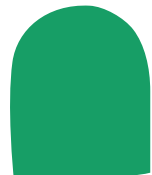
# NEWK: The John Newcombe Story

Written by award-winning Australian playwright Kieran Carroll and performed by three-time Barry Award nominee and star of recent hit film *The Merger*, Damian Callinan, *NEWK* traces the life of the great Australian tennis champion of the 1960s and 70s, John Newcombe.

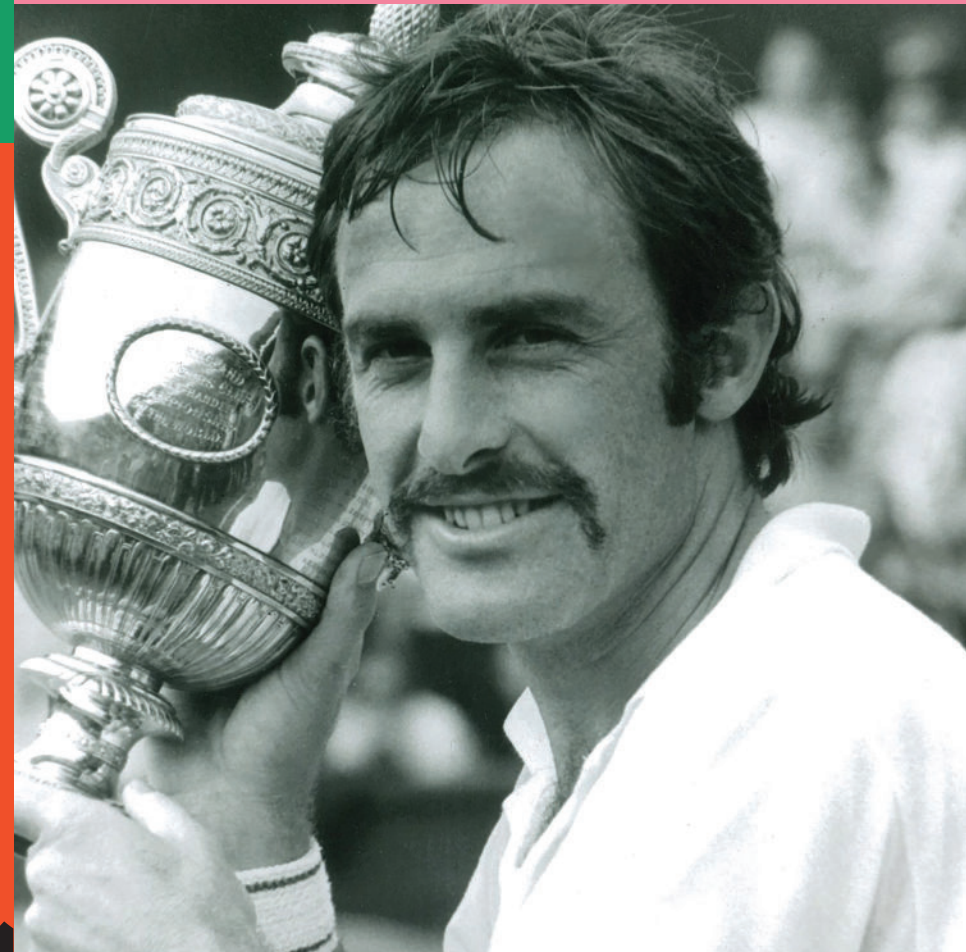
**Saturday, 4 May at 7.30pm**

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes,  
no interval

Performed by  
Damian Callinan



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*"A wonderful show...a rollicking journey  
through John Newcombe's life!"*

—Toorak Times

*“People who’ve seen Kay Proudlove play her songs know she’s whip-smart, hilarious and with the voice of an angel...” —ABC Illawarra*



# Dear Diary

## A Play with Songs

*Dear Diary* takes us on a journey into Kay Proudlove’s teenage diaries through a collection of intimate and vulnerable stories and songs.

From first kisses, girl power, spice world, and Elijah Wood fan fiction to lost gigs, found memories and frayed friendships, *Dear Diary* is a hilarious, nostalgic and sometimes painful revisiting of our teenage years, delving into the pressures and expectations of growing up.

**Friday, May 24 at 7.30pm**

**Duration: 85 minutes, no interval**

**Content warning**

Adult themes, strong language.

Recommended age: 14+

**Writer/Performer**  
Kay Proudlove

**Director**  
Leland Kean

**Dramaturg/  
Creative Consultant**  
Phil Spencer

**Costume Designer**  
Katja Handt

**Photographer**  
Ashleigh Bateman





# Andrew De Silva's Dedication to Prince

ARIA Award winner and leading member of R&B group CDB, Andrew De Silva and his incredible band of touring musicians pay respect to the artist and music.

Hailed by hard core Prince fans as the best in Australia!

Delivering all the SUPER HITS as well as the B-sides and LIVE versions for a funk-filled, electrifying concert.

**Friday, June 7 at 7.30pm**

Duration: 100 minutes, 20 minute interval



Believe Entertainment

100% Prince

100% Prince

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*“Vika and Linda Bull have enchanted Australian music fans for the past three decades with their effervescent performance and effortless harmonies.”*

—Daily Telegraph



# An Evening with Vika & Linda

Vika & Linda are the most loved vocal duo of their generation – admired and respected by fans and fellow artists, they’ve been singing together their entire lives. It all began in a church and from church to the charts Vika & Linda have enjoyed a remarkable musical journey.

Vika & Linda present a very special show, accompanied by their close collaborator and producer Cameron Bruce on grand piano, in a concert that will truly showcase the rich beauty of their voices together.

**Friday, 14 June at 8.00pm**

**Duration: Approximately 100 minutes including interval**

**Performed by**  
Vika and Linda Bull



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# The Smeds and The Smoos

Soar into space with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler (also seen in the TV animation on ABC Kids).

On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back?

Music, laughs and interplanetary adventures for everyone aged 3 and up, from the team that brought you The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom live on stage.

**Friday, 12 April at 12.30pm and 2.30pm**

**Duration: Approximately 55 minutes, no interval**

The Smeds and The Smoos © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2019, published by Scholastic.

**Director**  
Toby Mitchell

**Associate Director (Australia)**  
Nicole Pingon

**Set & Costumes Designer**  
Barney George

**Music & Lyrics**  
Jon Fiber & Andy Shaw  
for Jollygoodtunes

**Puppet Designer**  
Yvonne Stone

**Lighting Designer**  
Peter Harrison

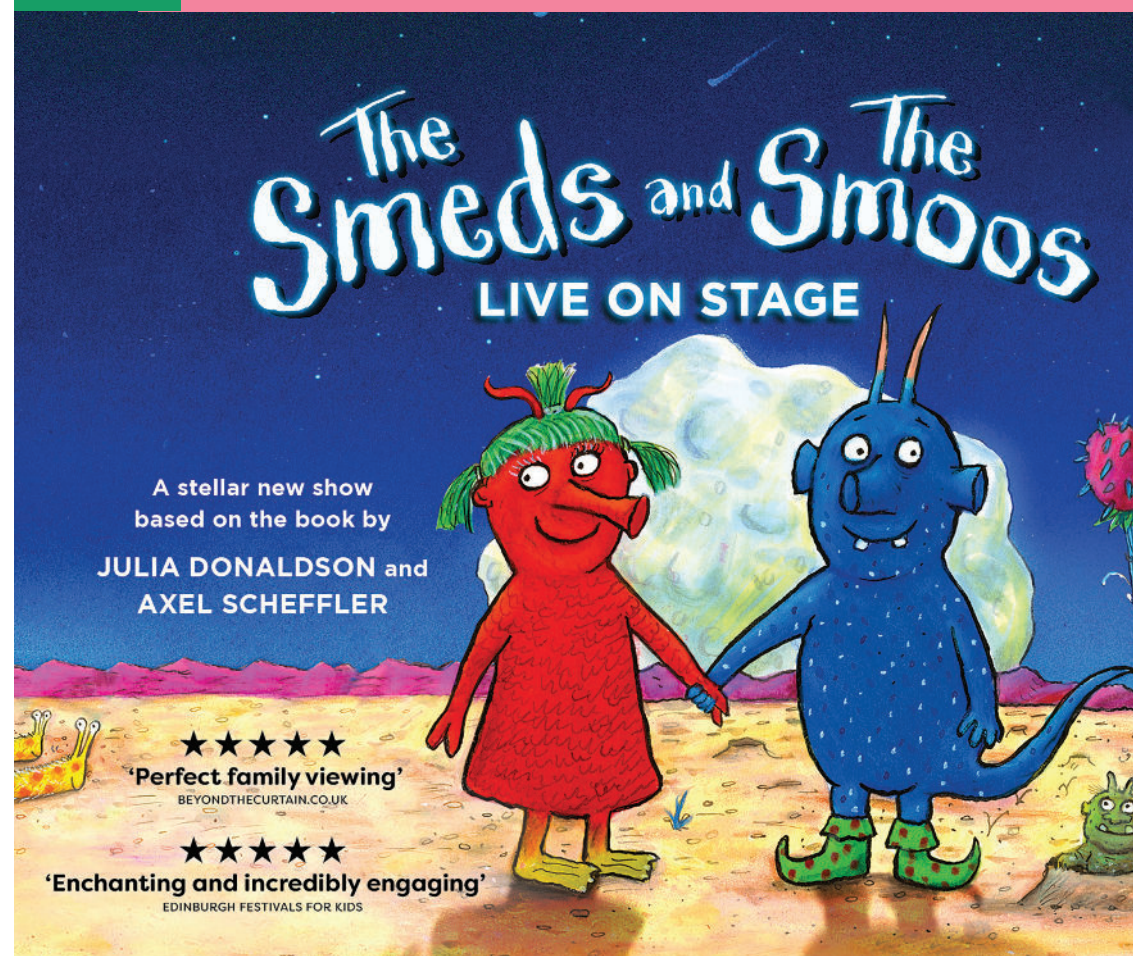
**Choreographer**  
Julia Cave

**Costume Supervisor**  
Martin Rodges

**Production Manager**  
Nick May

**Collaborator**  
Zhaolin Zhou

**R&D Co-Director**  
Olivia Jacobs



*"If your kids have never been to the theatre before, do them a favour and make this their first experience. It's something they will never forget."*

—The Scotsman



# The Listies – Make Some Noise!

It's a party for your ears and both of them are invited.

As seen on ABC Kids *The Listies Work For Peanuts* and *Art Blast*. Join Australia's favourite kids comedians Rich and Matt, as they belt out songs with the LOLs turned up to 11. Hilarious, fabulous fun for the whole family. A comedy concert for humans aged 4-400.

**Saturday, 18 May at 11am and 1pm**

**Duration: 60 minutes, no interval**

**Content warning**

Some sudden loud noises, lasers, smoke effects and Dad's dancing.

**Writers/Performers**

Matt Kelly and  
Rich Higgins

**Music and Lyrics**

The Listies and  
Ryan Ritchie

**Lighting Designer**

El Edie

**Video Graphics**

Emma Valente

**Sound Design**

Iva Lottagas

**Photographer**

Andrew Wuttke



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## Monday Mornings at the Clocktower Centre

Musical Minds is back again for another year offering group classes and instrumental lessons for every step of your child's journey!

Whether you have a newborn child and are looking to explore their sense of sound, a toddler who's full of energy and wants to express themselves, a kinder child who is keen to experiment with music or a primary school student who wants to be the next Beethoven, we can fulfill all their needs in a supportive and creative environment.

**9.30am and 10.30am**

**Duration: 45-minute sessions**

Be sure to book a Musical Minds package to save on every session and secure your spot in this very popular program.



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## Kong's Clocktower Takeover

Your favourite drag king and drag thing collective, Kong's Kings, are taking over the Clocktower for an evening of subversive drag artistry and debauchery, hosted by the charming surrealist painting come to life, Randy Roy.

Presented as part of Midsumma Festival.

**Friday, 9 February  
at 7:30pm**

**Duration:  
120 minutes**



## The Umbilical Brothers: The Distraction

The Umbilicals take the energy of live performance and the spectacle of cinema and smashes them together into a new show performed simultaneously on stage and on the big screen.

**Thursday, 4 April at 8pm**

**Duration: Approximately 80 minutes,  
no interval**

Presented as part of Melbourne International Comedy Festival.







## David Hobson & Colin Lane 'In Tails'

A comedian and an opera singer's world's collide.

David Hobson and Colin Lane have been friends for 25 years. From vastly different backgrounds, they have observed one another's worlds and always thought, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice to have a go at what that other guy does?" So here's their chance to see whether the grass is a little greener.

**Saturday 20 April, 7.30pm**

Duration: 100 minutes,  
20 minute interval

## Essendon Symphony Orchestra

Moonee Valley community orchestra, The Essendon Symphony Orchestra will perform three concerts at the Clocktower Centre in 2024.



## The World of Musicals In Concert

From the best of 'The Phantom of the Opera' and 'Les Miserables' to 'Guys & Dolls' and 'South Pacific' and many, many more, the World of Musicals delivers a stirring musical concert theatre experience that will leave you spellbound – from the opening song to the final medley of classics.

**Wednesday, 22 May at 7.30pm**

Duration: 100 minutes,  
20 minute interval

**Be sure to keep an eye on the website with more fantastic shows to come in 2024!**

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**Silvie Paladino, one of Australia's must-see entertainers, kicks off the season with a performance set to mesmerize.**

Following suit, Danielle Matthews will grace the stage, paying tribute to the iconic Shirley Bassey. Luke Alleva brings *The Dancin' Man*, a show that traverses the classic decades with style and charisma. *I Love Paris* promises a delightful fusion of hits from *Les Misérables*, *An American In Paris*, and the exuberant French Can Can. Concluding the season, Laura Davidson will recreate The Carpenters' classics in *Superstar – The Carpenters' Songbook*.

**Receive a FREE 12-month Membership when you book all five Morning Music shows**

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## Club Clocktower

In search of the best local entertainment?

Look no further than Club Clocktower!  
This year we have added two new events  
Trivia and Comedy alongside our much-loved  
Open Mic nights.

More events, more often.

**Sundays fortnightly from 6 - 8pm.**

Visit our website or call (03) 9243 9191  
to learn more and book a table.

### Trivia

21 January  
3 March  
21 April  
2 June

### Comedy

4 February  
17 March  
5 May  
16 June

### Open Mic

18 February  
7 April  
19 May  
30 June



## Creatives Spaces

The Clocktower Centre is home  
to inspiring spaces to explore,  
hire and enjoy.

Our Creative Spaces provide an  
opportunity for the community to come  
together to create, share and perform.

Interested in booking a room?  
Get in contact with us today!  
[clocktowerevents@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:clocktowerevents@mvcc.vic.gov.au)

Moonee Valley City Council's new strategy,  
*Igniting Creativity in Moonee Valley 23-27*,  
is dedicated to making arts and culture a  
'must-have,' fostering collaboration, and  
supporting creative potential.

Read more about this initiative at  
[mvcc.vic.gov.au/igniting-creativity-mv](http://mvcc.vic.gov.au/igniting-creativity-mv)

### Our spaces include

Podcast Room  
Meeting Rooms  
Studio Residency  
program  
Writing Room  
Children's Space





## Become a Clocktower Member

### Elevate your experience!

Join the Clocktower Centre's New Membership Program and unlock a range of exclusive benefits, including:

- Exclusive Discounts
- Pre-sale Access
- No Transaction Fees
- Ticket Exchange Options
- VIP Event Access

Become a member and enjoy the benefits today.

Terms and Conditions apply.

Buy a 12-month Membership for \$25, or book four or more eligible Clocktower shows in one transaction and automatically become a Clocktower member for FREE.

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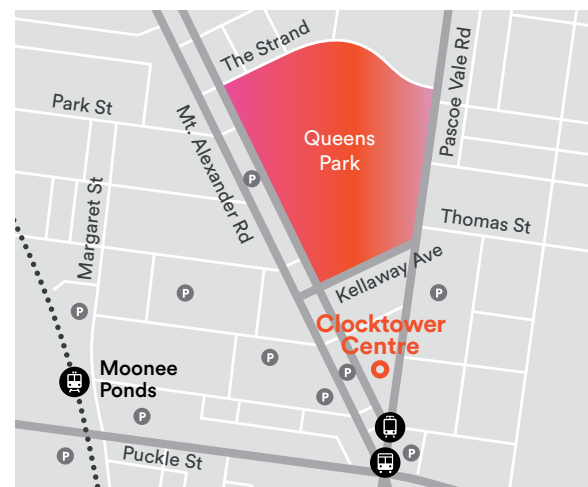


## More Information

### Plan Your Visit

#### Transport and parking

The Clocktower Centre is accessible by tram, train and numerous buses. There is parking available in surrounding areas but restrictions do apply. Plan your trip at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)



#### Clocktower Bar

With a fully licenced bar, enjoy all your favourite pre-show snack and beverages. The Clocktower Bar is open one hour prior to all Clocktower performances, as well as during interval.

#### Clocktower Café

Sit back and relax in our light filled Cafe. Enjoy a coffee or grab some lunch with friends at the Clocktower Café. Open Monday to Friday, 8am—2pm

#### Special/Access requirements

Wheelchair accessible seats, aisle seats for wheelchair transfer, hearing induction loops and Braille on the button of the lifts are all available. Please call on (03) 9243 9191 to discuss your requirements or if you have any additional access requirements. The Clocktower Centre is pleased to be affiliated with the Companion Card.

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## Tickets and other information

### Exchanges and refunds

Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded, except as stated in the Entertainment Code of Fair Practice. Members may exchange their tickets for eligible performances, subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

### Concessions

Concession Card holders are eligible for the Concession Price, where offered. Eligible cards include Full-Time Student, Pensioner, Health Care and Seniors cards.

### Clocktower Centre e-newsletter

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#### Privacy Statement

The Clocktower Centre is committed to compliance with its obligations under the Privacy and Data Act 2014. Any information collected by us is not shared with any external party, unless required by law.

### Clocktower Centre gift vouchers

Vouchers are available for any amount and can be used for any show at the Clocktower Centre. Purchase by calling (03) 9243 9191.

### Acknowledgements

The Clocktower Centre proudly acknowledges its association with:



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## Booking form

Tickets must be paid for at the time of booking. Telephone bookings require credit card payment.

\*Other prices are available for this show. Please refer to the Clocktower Centre website.

Theatre	Date	Time	Member Price (four or more shows)		Full Price		Concession Price	
			Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity	Price	Quantity
Kong's Clocktower Takeover	Fri 9 Feb	7.30pm	\$25		\$30		n/a	
A Century of Women in Song	Sat 16 Mar	7.30pm	\$45		\$55		\$50	
The Umbilical Brothers - The Distraction *	Thur 4 Apr	8.00pm	\$49.90		\$54.90		\$49.90	
David Hobson & Colin Lane 'In Tails' *	Sat 20 Apr	7.30pm	\$62.95		\$69.95		\$64.95	
The Wharf Revue: Pride in Prejudice	Wed 24 Apr	7.30pm	\$55		\$65		\$60	
NEWK - The John Newcombe Story	Sat 4 May	7.30pm	\$40		\$50		\$45	
The World of Musicals in Concert *	Wed 22 May	7.30pm	\$69.90		\$79.90		\$74.90	
Dear Diary *	Fri 24 May	7.30pm	\$40		\$50		\$45	
Andrew De Silva's Dedication to Prince	Fri 7 June	7.30pm	\$60		\$70		\$65	
An Evening With Vika & Linda	Fri 14 June	8.00pm	\$60		\$70		\$65	
<b>Sub-totals</b>								
<b>For the Kids</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Member Price</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Single Child</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Single Adult</b>	<b>Qty (min 4)</b>
The Smeds and The Smoods	Fri 12 Apr	12.30pm	\$30		\$31		\$35	\$32
The Smeds and The Smoods	Fri 12 Apr	2.30pm	\$30		\$31		\$35	\$32
The Listies - Make Some Noise	Sat 18 May	11am	\$30		\$31		\$35	\$32
The Listies - Make Some Noise	Sat 18 May	1pm	\$30		\$31		\$35	\$32
<b>Sub-totals</b>								
<b>Ticket collection (please select your preference)</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/> Collect at box office <input type="checkbox"/> E-tickets <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed out								
If purchasing less than a four-show package, and you are not a current Member, please include a transaction fee of \$4.00								
<b>Total payment</b>							\$	\$4.00



## Person 1 details

Title	
First name	
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	

## Person 2 Details

Title	
First name	
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	
Email	

If you are booking Membership packages for more than one other person, please attach a separate list with their names and contact details. All patrons booking 4 or more performances each will receive a Clocktower Membership, and we will ensure you are seated together.

## Concession type

Please indicate if any member of your group holds a Concession Card (proof must be supplied)

☐ Concession (Full-Time Student, Pension Card, Seniors Card, Health Care Card)

## How to pay

**Online** clocktowercentre.com.au

**By phone** (credit card only) (03) 9243 9191

**In person** (cash/credit/EFTPOS) Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm

**By mail** (see form below) Box Office  
Clocktower Centre  
750 Mt Alexander Road  
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

## Accessibility

Please indicate whether you have access requirements:

☐ Wheelchair access ☐ Aisle seating ☐ Blind or vision impaired

☐ Hearing Loop ☐ Other (please specify):

## Payment method

Credit card type ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Exact name on card

Card number

Expiry date / CVC

Signature

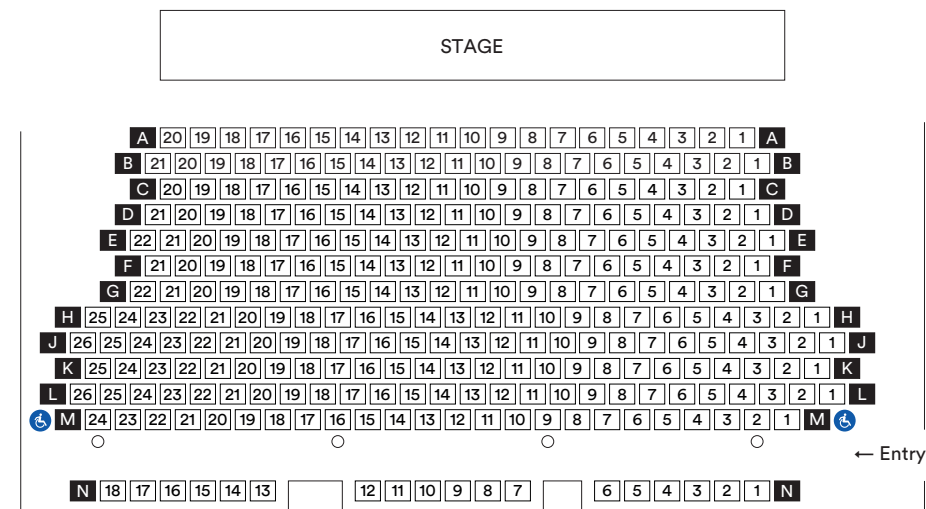
Additional booking forms can be downloaded from: clocktowercentre.com.au or requested by calling the Box Office on (03) 9243 9191. Deliver your booking form in person or post to: Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds, 3039

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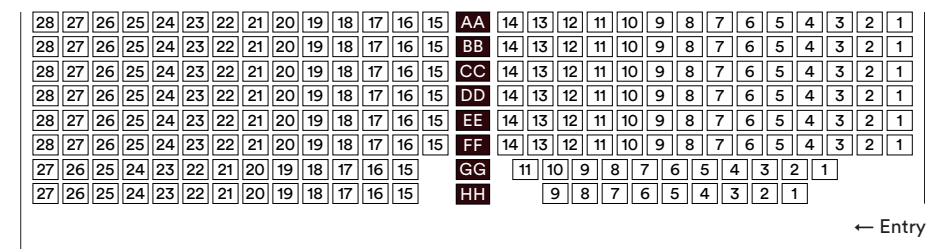


## Seating map



Stalls 291 seats

Wheelchair spaces are placed in row M



Dress Circle 214 seats

## Moonee Valley Language Line

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廣東話	Cantonese	9280 0739	Italiano	Italian	9280 0742	Türkçe	Turkish	9280 0745
Hrvatski	Croatian	9280 0740	Somali	Somali	9280 0743	Viêt-ngu	Vietnamese	9280 0746

All other languages 9280 0747

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