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News & Sundries

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of LINQ – North Queensland's Oldest Literary Magazine

March 20th 12.30 – 1.30pm

DA004.253 (Social Sciences Common Room) School of Arts and Social Sciences James Cook University
Please RSVP by March 18th to Lindsay.Simpson@jcu.edu.au

La Luna Youth Arts Seeks Votes for Young Filmmakers 'Doritos' Ad

La Luna Youth Arts would like to congratulate two of its young filmmakers, Angus McDonell and Joshua Sutton-Baker for their entry in the nationwide Doritos competition which saw them script, shoot and produce a 30-second ad for television in just one week during a school holiday workshop.

Voting is now open to the public and you can see how creative these two are by going to:

<http://www.doritos.com.au> and following the links to vote.

La Luna's entry is called 'Protect your bag' and has been entered under the name of its resident film tutor – Ryan. You can vote up to five times per day, per email address so if you have more than one account, keep on voting. You'll go into the draw for a random prize from Doritos if you do!

La Luna Youth Arts could be taking home a cash prize of \$20,000 and have the pleasure of seeing 'Protect your bag' become the new television ad for Doritos.

Here is a chance to support the creativity of La Luna Youth Arts and these two young filmmakers.

For information: 0435 037 006 Nam Enever, Marketing Officer, La Luna Youth Arts

Umbrella Studio Annual General Meeting

March 24th at 6pm

Information and nomination forms are available from Umbrella Studio and on the website:

<http://umbrella.org.au/news/66/22/Nominations-for-the-2009-Board-Open>

PAHST's Call for Memorabilia

Instead of throwing programs or flyers away after you have been to an arts production or performance you can pass them on to PAHST (Performing Arts Historical Society Townsville) who is always interested in receiving such memorabilia.

For information and to make donations of memorabilia: 4775 1565 Gordon Hodgson, 4728 5681 Ellen Read or 4775 3825 D'Esley Smith <mailto:enquiries@pahst.com>

Promotion Opportunities

Promote your event, exhibitions, festivals, major sporting events, and performances free of charge on <http://www.townsvilleholidays.info>, <http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au>, <http://www.australia.com> and up to 50 other websites, through the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW).

Visit <http://www.tg.com.au/atdwevents> and complete the registration form or refer to the events facts sheet for further information.

Events can also be advertised on the CIC's Events Calendar on the Townsville city Council's website:

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/cic>

Arts events in North Queensland can be registered on <http://www.art-in-tropical-australia.com/arts-events.html> This is a free service for not-for-profit groups and individuals – a small charge applies for commercial enterprises.

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Grants & Scholarships

Townsville City Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

Closing date for next round of funding: March 27th

RADF is a partnership between Townsville City Council and the Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, that supports the development and sustainability of Townsville's arts and culture.

Designed as a specific focus for the betterment of our communities through the utilisation of arts and culture, the program offers funding to individuals, community groups, government and non-government agencies and organisations for one-off, short term activities that employ professional artists and arts and cultural workers.

The Townsville City Council's RADF program offers grants in the following categories:

- Developing Regional Skills – specifically for professionals in the creative industries to further their career prospects
- Building Community Cultural Capacity – for community groups to engage industry professionals to work with them on developing their creative interests or to run arts development workshops or community projects
- Interest-free Arts Loan – similar to a financial start up and designed to foster arts and culture entrepreneurship
- Cultural Tourism – for projects and activities of either a professional or community arts nature that promotes the intrinsic worth of the city's arts and culture to Townsville and beyond
- Contemporary Collections/Stories – for professional or community art projects and activities of a specific theme or idea that preserve or documents Townsville's stories or material culture from 1960 onwards
- Concept Development – specifically for the development of arts and culture research, ideas and project proposals only
- Regional Partnerships – for partnerships between service providers and the community to devise innovative products or programmes by utilising creative/artistic talent. Local industry, community arts organisations and non-arts community organisations (government departments and non-government organisations) can use RADF to synergise and enhance existing projects or products or devise new ones where the arts will play an important part. This category requires lateral thinking to maximise the benefit that this particular grant category offers. The possibilities are endless and restricted only to imagination.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Community Cultural Development Officer, Mr Shannon Chadwick, on 4727 9680 to discuss their ideas.

Application forms are available from Community Planning and Services Department – Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall and at <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/services/departments/cip/grants/cultural/index>

Townsville City Council's Community Grants & Sponsorships

For information: 4727 9680 Community Development Section Townsville City Council

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) – see details above

Closing dates for 2009 funding rounds:

March 27th (for activities/projects commencing on or after June 1st)

July 31st (for activities/projects commencing on or after October 1st)

October 30th (for activities/projects commencing on or after January 1st)

Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development

Grants may be provided to assist with the costs of participating in cultural development activities such as officially recognised conferences, festivals, workshops, touring, seminars, performances and exhibitions. Grants up to \$1,000 for individuals and up to \$2,000 for organisations.

Community Heritage Grants Program

Closing date: last Friday of October each year

This program aims to assist organisations that play an active role in preserving Townsville's history and heritage with one-off grants up to \$5000..

Partnerships & Sponsorships Program

Ongoing

Recurrent and one-off funds of varying amounts

This program aims to assist Townsville organisations to provide community services, community development, cultural development and sport and recreation development activities in Townsville by contributing funds for capital costs, events, programs or operational expenses.

Community Organisations Grant Program

Three Rounds: March, July and October

One-off grants up to \$5000

These grants are available to cover costs involved in providing facilities/equipment, social services or community development activities and programs. Please note that arts organisations can apply under this program for activities that encourage participation by disadvantaged groups.

Community Micro-Grants Program

Ongoing

One-off grants up to \$1000

This program aims to assist Townsville community organisations with quick response funding so that they

can make a positive contribution to the quality of life for Townsville residents through the provision of social services and community development activities, projects and programs.

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund Trust

Closing date: April 30th; October 31st

The Breakwater Trust provides grants to community organisations that provide facilities and services to the community. Funds distributed are mainly for equipment, contributions to building costs and extensions.

For information and application packages: 4721 1453

<http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/BICCBF/index.shtml>

The William Thomas Williams Scholarships/Bursary

Closing date: last Friday of November annually

Honours Bursary

To be eligible students must intend to be enrolled at James Cook University in a program of study leading to the award of a Bachelor of Music (Hons). A bursary of \$5,000 is available to a student who can demonstrate academic merit and a passion for their chosen field of music.

Postgraduate Studies Scholarship

The scholarship is available on the condition that the scholar is admitted to and continues to pursue the full-time program leading to the award of the degree of PhD, Master of Music, or Master of Creative Arts with Music as their specialist area of study. A scholarship of \$10,000 will be available for each of the two years of study for Masters and for each of the three years of study for PhD.

Applications can be submitted at any time for special consideration if applicants believe they have a strong case for consideration.

For information: http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/idc/groups/public/documents/brochure_flyer/jcuprd_031283.pdf

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State, National

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Closing dates: May 31st; August 31st; November 30th

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provides grants to Queensland based not-for-profit community groups to deliver services and activities to Queensland communities. One-off grants of up to \$30,000 are allocated to non-profit organisations to help them provide services or activities that benefit the community. These grants are not intended to replace existing sources of support for organisations.

For information and application package: 3247 4284 <http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au>

Write in Your Face – Call for Proposals

Closing date: April 24th

Grants of up to \$5000 available for projects supporting writing practices by young people.

Write in Your Face is a program devolved to Express Media by the Literature Board of the Australia Council for the Arts. *Write in Your Face* supports emerging forms of writing practice by young writers, or organisations working with young writers. Proposals are invited from people who are using language in innovative ways. This may involve writing for zines, e-zines, comics, multimedia, multi-artforms or cross-media works, websites, live performances and spoken word.

For information and application form: <http://www.expressmedia.org.au/projects.php>

Australia Council for the Arts Grants

Australia Council grants are available in the following areas: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts (ATSIA), Community Partnerships, Inter-Arts, Dance, Literature, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts.

Closing dates vary according to the grant on offer.

For information: <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/>

Young Indigenous Writers Initiative

Ongoing

This is a mentoring program run by FATSIL (Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages) that helps young Indigenous writers to develop writing skills and get work published. The aim of the program is to foster and promote the next generation of Indigenous writers in Australia.

Open to Indigenous people aged between 16 and 25 who have a passion for writing and an interest in language and culture.

For information: 03 9602 4700 Chris Patterson Magazine Editor

<http://www.fatsil.org.au/Get-Involved-/Chris-Patterson.html>

Ian Potter Foundation

A private philanthropic foundation for charitable purposes in Australia including support for the arts.

For information: <http://www.ianpotter.org.au>

Australian Visual Artists' Benevolent Fund

Applications can be made at any time.

This fund provides limited financial assistance to visual arts practitioners faced with financial difficulty as a result of serious illness, accident or some other unexpected catastrophe. It is not intended that the fund should be used merely as a means of coping with financial hardship.

For information: <http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/australianvisualartistsbenevolentfund>

Australian Government – GrantsLINK

Find suitable and relevant grants for your community projects from the many Australian government grants that are available at <http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>

Australian Film Commission Funding

Grants available for film development; practitioner support (drama, documentary, animation, digital media, television, workshops and other initiatives such as *SPARK (Script Development Program)*; co-productions (advice on official international co-productions); marketing; industry & cultural development (support for events and activities, national touring projects, new projects and interactive media); Indigenous branch; film development, travel grants, attachments and workshops for Indigenous filmmakers.

For information: <http://www.afc.gov.au/funding/default.aspx> and follow the links.

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Clubs & Groups

For a detailed list of cultural groups and clubs in Townsville visit

http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/apps/community_directory

Click on *Browse by Category* and then click on *Arts/Cultural*

Citylibraries Book Clubs

Citylibraries host five book clubs open to members of the libraries. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and run for about an hour over different times and days. Members are required to have read the allocated book before attending meetings and to be prepared to be involved in a lively discussion on it.

The libraries currently hold fifty four sets of book club titles with each set having twelve copies.

Titles include fiction, biographies, auto-biographies, collections of short stories, books translated from languages other than English and books by local authors.

Some of the titles available for book club members are: *Atonement, Romulus My Father, Wuthering Heights, Mao's Last Dancer, The Lovely Bones, The Lucy Family Alphabet, The Kite Runner* and *Theft*.

For information on joining a Citylibraries book club: 4727 8325 Jodie Salisbury (Aitkenvale Branch)

<mailto:jodie.salisbury@townsville.qld.gov.au>

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Competitions & Awards

Dance Competition

March 14th

North Queensland's finest ballroom and Latin dancers will perform in this competition.

Ignatius Park Hall

Spectator admission: \$20/\$18 (at the door)

\$18/\$16 (In advance from Dancetime Studios, 16 Ross River Road, Rising Sun)

For information: 0414 688 590 <http://www.dancetimestudios.com/>

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition – Call for Entries

Closing date: May 20th (no late entries will be accepted)

The *Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition* will be held in Townsville from July 18th to 24th.

It offers over \$18,000 in prize money.

Solo Sections include:

Open, Australian (Australian composers), Vocal, Instrumental and Piano, and School Age.

Ensembles include:

School (3 – 8 performers) and Open (3 – 8 performers)

Please note: The *Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition* will hold its *Sunday at Southbank Fundraiser* on May 31st

For information: 4728 9223 <mailto:concertovocal@hotmail.com> <http://www.nqconcerto.org>

State, National

2009 Grant McLennan Fellowship (Music)

Closing date: March 31st

The \$20,000 Grant McLennan Fellowship, administered by Arts Queensland, was established in 2007 by the former Premier Peter Beattie in honour of the late Queensland singer-songwriter Grant McLennan of the *Go-Betweens*.

The Fellowship offers the recipient an opportunity to travel to New York, London or Berlin and use the experience of being immersed in a foreign and vibrant musical cultural to further develop their own artistic skills.

For information and entry forms: <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/grant-mclennan.html>

Billy Thorpe Scholarship (Music)

Closing date: March 31st

The annual \$10,000 Billy Thorpe Scholarship, administered by Arts Queensland, provides a structured range of support for an emerging musician to establish a professional career through career planning and the opportunity to record with a local producer. The scholarship was named in honour of the late, great Australian musician Billy Thorpe. Billy Thorpe spent his formative years in Brisbane and made an enormous contribution to the Australian and global music industry over five decades of performing, writing and producing.

For information and entry guidelines: 3224 4896 or 1800 175 531 <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/billy-thorpe.html>.

Australian Artists' Opportunities

For information on competitions, prizes, awards and residencies.

http://www.solutionsindata.com/artist_opportunities/australian_artist_opportunities.htm

AbaF Awards

Closing date: May 15th

Australia's top awards for business-arts partnerships, sponsorships, volunteering and giving.

Awards are presented in thirteen categories under four headings:

- Partnering Awards
- Volunteering Award
- Giving Award
- Leadership Awards

For information on awards and past winners and nomination forms:

<http://www.abaf.org.au/index.php?sectionID=1350&pageID=1365>

Cancer Council Victoria Arts Awards

Closing date: April 3rd

Cancer Council Victoria is calling on all Australians touched by cancer to share their experiences creatively by entering these *Awards*. A community event open to both professional and budding artists, the Cancer Council accepts entries in visual art, short story, film, poetry, Indigenous art, and children's writing and art.

For information: <http://www.cancervic.org.au/artsawards>

National Youth Self-Portrait Competition

Closing date: April 30th

The National Portrait Gallery invites all young Australians aged between 18 and 25 to enter this competition. A selection of entries, including the prize-winning work, will be displayed at the National Portrait Gallery and as an online exhibition in September 2009.

<http://www.portrait.gov.au/site/nyspp.php>

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Metro Screen Tell Your Story Competition

Closing date: May 1st

Tell your story in three minutes to win one of three Network Production Grants, providing screen makers equipment and facilities hire to the total value of \$7,500.

For information and application guidelines: <http://www.metroscreen.org.au/>

AHWA (Australian Horror Writers Association) Flash & Short Story Competition

Closing date: May 31st

Horror stories, tales that frighten, yarns that unsettle – all themes in this genre will be accepted.

There are two categories for submission: (1) Flash Fiction – stories up to 1000 words in length. The winning author will receive paid publication in the final issue of Shadowed Realms and an engraved plaque. (2) Short Story – stories with 1001 to 8000 words. The winning author will receive paid publication in Midnight Echo and an engraved plaque. Entry is limited to one story per author per category.

For information and entry details: <http://www.australianhorror.com/index.php?view=57>

Brunswick Poets and Writers Workshop Literary Contest

Closing date: June 4th

Brunswick Poets and Writers Workshop is celebrating its 36th anniversary. They are holding a poetry and short-story competition, any theme, any style.

<http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au/c-Community-activities-hobbies-Short-Story-Poetry-Competition-W0QQAdIdZ81941490>

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Employment/Expressions of Interest/Opportunities

Local

Palm Creek Folk Festival – Applications Open

Closing date March 14th

Applications for Palm Creek Folk Festival 2009 are now available online at:

http://www.tsvfolkclub.org/index.php?option=com_rsform&Itemid=37

As this is now an online application, including a link to a myspace/website would be appreciated. There is also a facility for you to include music and images with your application.

If you prefer you may still post a CD and further bios of yourself and your music to PO Box 1639 Townsville 4810.

Townsville Little Theatre Auditions

March 21st 10am at Castle Hill PCYC

Auditions will be held for TLT's second major production for 2009 – *Boeing! Boeing!* written by Marc Camelotti and directed by Marc Weston.

Cast requirements:

Janet, Jacqueline and Judith (20 – 35 years of age)

Bernard, Robert (25 – 45 years of age)

Bertha (older).

All ages are subject to change provided they are appropriate to the characters.

It is the early 1960s. Bernard, an architect and confirmed bachelor, lives a life of luxury. He is young, successful and engaged to three beautiful air hostesses who don't know about each other because they are all on different airlines and different timetables. Everything runs smoothly with the aid of the tireless Bertha (the house keeper) who rearranges Bernard's apartment, changes the photos and the menu to suit each of the girl's requirements when Bernard is entertaining them. Enter into the mix, Robert, an old school friend of Bernard's, who comes to visit on the same day all the airlines upgrade to the new super Boeing. All the flights and all the hostesses land on the same day. Then things start to get interesting.

For information: 0427 793 098 Marc Weston

150 Sounds of Queensland – Re-imagining the State’s Cultural and Natural Diversity through Sound – Call for Nominations

Closing date: March 31st

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Queensland’s Statehood (2009), *Project 150 Sounds* will compile ‘150 important sounds of Queensland’, asking Queenslanders to nominate a sound unique and important to a local place and the community. The project is funded by Queensland’s 150th Celebrations 2009 (Q150) Department of the Premier and Cabinet (<http://www.q150.qld.gov.au>)

The sounds should have social, cultural, historic or environmental meaning. Selected sounds will be professionally recorded and will become part of the national sound archive. Nominate your sound and be part of the Queensland Soundscape.

Project details and submission forms (on-line or PDF) <http://www.ecco.org.au/150sound>

Townsville Oratorio Choir – Expressions of Interest Invited

Closing date: April 6th

The Townsville Oratorio Choir conducted by Neil Smith is calling for Expressions of Interest from singers interested in performing Handel’s *Messiah*. Rehearsals will commence in May with performances towards the end of August.

For information and to express your interest: 4728 5681 Ellen <mailto:eread@internode.on.net> or 4773 2335 Neil <mailto:neildes@bigpond.net.au>

Bring in Your Memorabilia Event – Understand your war treasures – Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

May 3rd 10am – 2pm

Do you have any war relics? Do you know how to preserve them? And do you know about the part they played in Australia’s military history?

Australian War Memorial personnel will be available to answer these questions as part of this event, which is run in conjunction with the Memorial’s travelling exhibition *Focus: photography & war 1945-2006*.

Bring in your medals, badges, photographs, letters, diaries and other wartime treasures. Please note for safety reasons, however, no firearms or munitions will be allowed.

The *Bring in your memorabilia program* is funded by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs Commemoration Program, which honours the contribution of Australia’s servicemen and women.

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Volunteer Week Opportunity – Volunteer Expo

Volunteering Nth Qld is holding a Volunteer Expo during Volunteer Week on May 17th. The Expo will be the perfect opportunity for organisations to showcase their programs and volunteers and to recruit new volunteers. The event will include the launch of the Community Renewal Project for 2009, interactive activities and a speaker spot where you can book a time slot to talk about your organisation.

Volunteer Week runs from May 11th to 17th

For information and to express your interest: 4725 5990 Nam or Paula Volunteering Nth Qld

Lifedrawing Classes

Lifedrawing classes are available every Saturday from 10am – 12noon at Artspaced, School of Arts Building, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets

Cost: \$10 per class

For information: 0410 516 507 Ric

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Opportunities

The Gallery Shop

The gallery shop is a vehicle to promote North Queensland art in its multifarious forms. Mini-exhibitions of handbags, jewellery, wearable felt art, pottery and miniatures – to name a few, occur in the Gallery’s display cases. Product is sourced from all over North Queensland. If you know of artists seeking an outlet, please pass on this information. By dropping into the Gallery regularly you can indulge your consumer urge to purchase something unique, and simultaneously support a North Queensland artist.

For information: 4727 9672 Jo Terry Administration Officer Perc Tucker Gallery

artabout

artabout is Perc Tucker Regional Gallery’s art-for-hire venture which offers artwork loans to corporate clients at reasonable rates. To discuss borrowing artwork from the Gallery’s extensive collection please contact the Gallery’s *artabout* officer on 4727 9011.

Children’s and Adults Choirs – Enrolments Open

2009 enrolments are now being taken for the following choirs:

Allegretto Petites – Children’s Choir

For boys and girls with unchanged voices in grades 3 – 5 who enjoy singing and have positive, cooperative attitudes.

Allegretto Voices – Youth Choir

For boys and girls in grades 6 – 12 with unchanged, changing or changed voices who enjoy singing and wish to sing at a high standard with others in an atmosphere of support and joy. A reasonable level of in-tune singing is required.

Allegro – Adult Choir

An unauditioned, all-comers choir for men and women who love to sing. A reasonable level of in-tune singing is highly desirable.

For information: 4779 7368 Kerry Rehn <mailto:rehnfamil@bigpond.com>

State, National and International

Consultation on Draft Indigenous Art Code of Conduct

A draft commercial code of conduct for the Indigenous art industry is available for public comment. The code of conduct is designed to strengthen fair and ethical trade in the Indigenous visual art industry. It specifies a set of minimum standards for dealers, agents and artists, and defines terms of trade, rights and responsibilities for the sale and management of artworks.

The implementation of a code of conduct was a key recommendation of the Senate Inquiry report into the Indigenous visual arts and craft sector, which revealed unscrupulous and illegal commercial practices towards Indigenous artists.

The Australia Council for the Arts and Department for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts have developed the draft code of conduct with industry input. It is consistent with Australian Competition and Consumer Commission guidelines for voluntary codes. Comments and submissions are welcome on any aspects of the draft code of conduct through the link below before March 20th. Anyone concerned with fair and ethical trade in the Indigenous visual art industry is invited to take part in the consultations.

To discuss the draft code of conduct: 02 9215 9170 or toll free 1800 226 912 Lydia Miller, Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts

All submissions and comments will be published on the Australia Council website following the consultation period.

http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news_items/consultation_on_draft_indigenous_art_code_of_conduc
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Local

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Free Public Lectures

Let's Talk Ceramics – A Skipping Stone by Greg Daly

March 13th 6.30pm

Greg Daly is a ceramic artist resident of Cowra, NSW and is a member of the International Academy of Ceramics, Geneva, a ceramicist of national and international standing with works in national and international galleries/museums.

Greg says 'I have concern for the whole piece – throwing, finishing, glazing, firing, decorating are all important to me in the creation of the work. Images, illusions of surface, and the form they are placed upon, create individual works'.

Millennia Modernity: The Culture of New Media Art & its Discontents by Mitch Goodwin

April 2nd 6pm

This talk will attempt to lay bare some of the zeitgeist moments of new media history by traversing the intersection between science, technology and art. With an emphasis on network culture, the trauma of globalisation and the politics of access Mitch will unpick the semiotics of our collective cultural data. Providing a collision between old and new media, the discussion will attempt to define 'new media + art' within the contemporary landscape of cultural production by unpacking the 'four pillars of ubiquity: the technological, the social, the political and the cultural.

Mitch Goodwin has lectured across a variety of fields including digital film, interactive media, contemporary art and new media theory. He has taught at Griffith University School of Arts, the newly developed Griffith Film School and has recently returned to Queensland after several years lecturing in the UK. As a

practitioner Mitch has won numerous awards for his digital art and film productions and his work has toured major arts and electronic festivals as well as being featured on radio, print and television. Currently he is lecturing in the Bachelor of New Media Arts within the School of Creative Arts at James Cook University.

An Encounter with Contemporary Chinese Art by Associate Professor Anneke Silver

April 8th 6pm

In conjunction with *Frame by Frame Asia Pacific Artists on Tour* this talk will feature a selection of contemporary Chinese artists. After a short general introduction, there will be a slide presentation of their work with commentary about the ideas behind these works (paintings and installation) and a brief outline of the artist's background where appropriate.

Anneke Silver is not only an artist, but the acclaimed founder of visual arts education in Townsville. She began, on her arrival in the city in 1961, with classes under her home, then at the TAFE and then helped establish the visual arts degree at James Cook University in the early 1990s. For more than forty years Anneke has devoted herself to helping aspiring artists fulfill their potential and served as a living example of what can be achieved. Her work covers all genres from painting to sculpture to pottery; she can turn her hand, and her piercingly clear eye, to anything.

For information and RSVP (acceptance only) for all talks: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Creative Writing Course with Vicky Sentana

Wednesdays April 1st to June 3rd

Choice of times: 10.30am – 12.30pm; 7.30 – 9.30pm

Closing date for registration: March 27th

Improve your writing skills, have fun, meet people with the same interest ... and maybe make money!

Vicky Sentana is the author of published books, articles and short stories in both Australia and the UK. She has been a sub-editor on newspapers and magazines for 25 years and is founder/coordinator of *Write On Townsville*, a monthly writers' group.

Please take an A4 notebook and a reliable pen and anything you have written to the first class.

Classes will be held at Townsville West Community Centre, 15 Lonerganne St, Garbutt.

Cost: \$200 for the 10-week course, payable on registration

For information and registration: 4724 3465 Vicky Sentana <mailto:vicksen1@westnet.com.au>

Sweatshops – Public Dance and Fitness Classes with Dancenorth

Dancenorth's public dance and fitness classes which balance teaching techniques with energy and intensive exercise aimed at increasing vitality, balance, stamina and overall fitness commenced in February.

Classes offered are contemporary dance, hip hop/street, jazz/funk, circuit training, latin fitness and samba.

Sweatshops are suitable for people aged over 15 years and will run in 10 week block sessions.

21 month unlimited classes memberships are available now for \$200.

For information: 4772 2549 Dancenorth <mailto:info@dancenorth.com.au>

<http://www.dancenorth.com.au/sweatshops>

Music Centre North Queensland (MCNQ) Workshops

Music & Technology Workshop with Soleluna

March 14th 2 – 5pm

A workshop with Sydney-based multi-instrumentalist Mac Hamilton (flute, soprano sax and guitar), on his use of music technology and improvisation.

Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

Cost: \$10,

For information and bookings: 4721 1771 MCNQ (Music Centre North Queensland)

<http://www.musiccentrenq.net>

Anthony Garcia Guitar Workshops

March 26th and 27th

Anthony Garcia is a highly trained classical musician well versed in styles such as jazz, Latin folk and popular music, who often gives workshops to local guitarists when he travels. Since returning to Australia from Mexico Anthony has been performing and giving workshops throughout regional and metropolitan Australia.

For information and bookings: 4775 1818 Joanne, Print Music

Andrew Winton Workshop

April 5th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Workshop with Andrew Winton in lap slide guitar tunings, picks, slides, amplification, writing for slide, history, practice tips etc.

Court Theatre, Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

Cost: \$10

For information: 4721 1771 Music Centre North Qld <mailto:admin@musiccentre.com>

<http://www.musiccentrenq.net> [Click here](#) for information on the MCNQ *Soleluna* concert

Buddhist Calm Abiding Meditation Course for Beginners.

Learn meditation sitting posture, breathing and mind control.

Discover how to apply Calm Abiding meditation techniques to assist you in everyday situations.

Commences March 24th 6 - 7 pm.

Finishes May 12th

James Cook University Chaplaincy building.

Cost: donation according to means.

For information: 4773 4223 Phil Heang <mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au>

Townsville Little Theatre Acting Workshop Series

March 28th & 29th and April 4th & 5th

These workshops, facilitated by Todd Barty, will begin with voice and movement exercises used by professionals and will then move into the actor preparation techniques developed by such modern masters as Stanislavski, Strasberg (The Method), Sanford Meisner, David Mame, William H Macy (Practical Aesthetics) and Ivava Chobuck. These techniques enable actors to more accurately and clearly interpret and inhabit a character through understanding their motives, what is at stake and where they are emotionally.

Todd is a local theatre practitioner who completed a Bachelor of Theatre (Acting) at JCU and a Graduate Bachelor of Education. He also holds private teaching lessons and has taught acting and speech for many years. He has acted, directed and written extensively through Townsville Little Theatre, Tropic Sun Theatre and Props Youth Theatre.

Cost: \$50 TLT members/\$60 for non-members This fee is for the entire workshop series which includes twelve hours of professional tutoring.

Bookings are essential as workshops are limited to twenty people.

For information and bookings (by March 20th): 4723 9996 Todd Barty

Play Moves – Movement Workshop for Fun and Creativity with Anna Yen

April 4th 1 – 5pm

This workshop is for anyone who wants to rediscover or develop creativity and spontaneity in movement.

The workshop will combine the Feldenkrais Method's 'Awareness through Movement' with ensemble exercises and games.

Suitable for all levels of fitness and physical skills.

Anna Yen is a performer, movement teacher, theatre maker and director based in Australia. Anna taught for QUT, University of Southern Qld, Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts, Vulcana Women's Circus, Circus Minimus and QTC and has directed shows for Vulcana Women's Circus, Backbone Youth Arts, University of Queensland, Amnesty International and Queensland University of Technology. She was Assistant Director on Australian Writers Guild Award winning *Kese Solwata* for the *Out of the Box Festival* and now directs the Women's International League for Peace and freedom's performers for Peace, Brisbane.

Oonoonba Community Hall, 2 Shannon St, Oonoonba Park

Cost: \$30 (\$20 if paid before March 16th)

Please take a snack and drink and a large mat or blanket at least twice the size of a yoga mat.

For information and bookings: 4721 5433 Tropic Sun Theatre <http://www.tropcsun.com.au>

Play Moves – Movement Workshop for Performance with Anna Yen

April 5th 11am – 3pm St Mary's Hall, Ingham Rd

April 6th to 8th 5.15 – 9.15pm Court Theatre Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

This workshop is for performers, directors, movement and drama teachers and students. The focus will be on playfulness, presence and complicity inspired by the work of Monika Pagneux, a renowned European theatre teacher, whose theme is the physical, vocal and personal freedom of the performer.

It includes combining the Feldenkrais Method's *Awareness Through Movement* work with ensemble exercises and games in innovative ways to assist performers expand their creative possibilities, playfulness, pleasure, complicity and ensemble skills. Monika's new physical exercises for creating text will also be explored.

Cost: \$150 (\$100 if paid before March 16th)

Please take a snack and a drink (but do not have dinner before this course) and a large mat or blanket at least twice the size of a yoga mat.

For information and bookings: 4721 5433 Tropic Sun Theatre <http://www.tropcsun.com.au>

CityLibraries Sir Robert Philp Lecture Series: Archaeology and the Historic Past in Townsville

April 6th 7pm

Presented by Dr Nigel Chang & Dr Shelley Greer

Von Stieglitz Room, Citilibraries – Thuringowa

Cost: free

For information: 4773 8602 Trisha Fielding, CityLibraries Thuringowa

Art Escape School Holiday Program – Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Join the Gallery's Easter School Holiday Program by taking a look at *Frame by Frame: Asia Pacific Artists* on tour a Queensland Art Gallery travelling exhibition and creating your own artwork to take home

Unreal Flowers with Sue Tilley for ages 6 – 13 years

April 14th 10.30am – 1pm

Create flowers which look so real that they could have come from the garden! They even smell real. Learn how to make incredible flowers from tissue, crepe paper, wire and other interesting materials. The perfect gift for Mother's Day.

Cost: \$12 (materials and GST inclusive)

Playing with Pixels with Sue Tilley for ages 6 to 13 years

April 15th 10.30am to 1pm

Discover the magic of pixels! Every picture you see on, or created by a computer, is made of minute squares called pixels. Students will start by investigating the nature of pixels in an image, and then create their own Easter picture using the same principles from paper. This is a great introduction to understanding the basics of digital imaging and computer graphics.

Cost: \$12 (materials and GST inclusive)

Animal-ation with Sue Tilley suitable for ages 5 – 7 years

April 16th 10.30am – 1pm

The incredible computer-generated animations used in children's films today all had their roots in the ancient art of puppetry. Students will create animal puppets with personality from recycled materials and explore ways to make them move and come to life.

Cost: \$12 (materials and GST inclusive)

Sue Tilley is a local artist who enjoys introducing kids to the wonderful world of creativity. Equally at home with 2D or 3D techniques, she finds that children of all ages respond to a fun approach to learning new skills. A mum of three, Sue believes that artistic pursuits develop imagination, self-expression, problem solving skills, self-esteem and teach kids to see the world around them with new eyes.

Frame by Frame: create a still life with Emma Hill

April 17th 10.30am 1pm for ages 6 – 13 years

Design and photograph your own still-life that has been created using recycled materials – then sculpt your own unique eco-friendly frame to put your photograph in.

Cost: \$12 (materials and GST inclusive)

Emma is a visual artist, photographer, musician, gallery assistant and educator. Her core passion is sculpture. Emma's sculpture practice explores material and form, largely working with industrial materials such as discarded 'junk' and metal. She has been involved in six exhibitions to date.

For information and bookings: 4727 9011

Payment with booking appreciated – credit cards accepted.

Places are limited so early bookings are recommended.

What to take: morning tea and a smiling face!

Please note: Children are to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the class and must be signed in/out by parent/guardian/carer at beginning and completion of each class

Other School Holiday Activities

For information:

- Townsville City Council's *April Antics* – check website closer to commencement of holidays
http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/recreation/events/holiday_program/index
- Community Information Centre Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall 4771 4230 – lists of activities available closer to commencement of holidays

Classes Life Drawing

Saturdays from 10am – 12noon at Artspaced School of Arts Building, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets

Cost: \$10 per class

For information: 0410 516 507 Ric

Family History Workshop

May 9th 1 – 3pm

Margaret Picard from the Family History Association of North Queensland will present this workshop on how to use online indexes to research family trees. Participants must be computer literate.

Von Stieglitz Room & Learnspace, Thuringowa Library

Cost: free

For information and to book a place: 4773 8811

Queensland Writers Centre Workshops – Townsville

Freelance Writing with Tiana Templeman

May 24th

Non-fiction writer Tiana Templeman (*Absolutely Faking It*) will share the insider secrets on how to break into the industry as a freelance writer and let you know how you can become a regular name in local, statewide and national presses.

Developing your Writing Practice with Adair Jones

June 20th

During this workshop, Adair Jones (*The Tower of Forgetting*) will cover the discipline of daily writing, touching on different approaches, ways to get started and methods for going the distance.

Introduction to Poetry with Julie Beveridge

November 14th

There are so many genres of poetry, often it's difficult to know where to begin. Join Julie Beveridge (*Home is Where the Heartache is*) as she takes you through some fundamental exercises and techniques to get your poetic tongues wagging. Whether you would like to write poetry for recreation or publication, this introduction will set you up with the basics you need to get started.

For information: 3839 1243 or <mailto:qldwriters@qwc.asn.au> or book online at QWC's website

<http://www.qwc.asn.au/ProgramsEvents/RegionalProgram/Townsville.aspx>

For information and cost: 4778 8278 (AH) Mandy Wildeheart <mailto:awildeheart@austarnet.com.au>

These workshops will be held at the Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

James Cook University Creative Arts Courses

James Cook University's School of Creative Arts (SoCA) offers the following programs:

- Certificate courses
- Diploma of Creative Arts
- Bachelor of Creative Industries
- Bachelor of New Media Arts
- Graduate Diploma of Creative Arts
- Master of Creative Arts
- Master of Music
- PhD

For information: 4781 3166 Elly Murrell <mailto:creativearts@jcu.edu.au>

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/>

[Click here](#) for information on the *William Thomas Williams Scholarship/Bursary*

La Luna Youth Arts Workshops

La Luna offers workshops in drama, short film, speech and drama, circus, writing for performance and visual art for young people aged 15 – 26 years at the Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa.

For information: 4773 6377 <mailto:info@lalunang.com>

North Queensland Recorder Society (NQRS) Workshop

June 12th – 14th

The North Queensland Recorder Society will hold its annual weekend workshop at the historic Hotel Noorla, Ingham. The guest tutor for 2009 will be recorder player Robyn Mellor (Canberra), supported by local tutors Malcolm Tattersall & Heather Coleman (recorder), Margaret Caley (baroque strings), and Valerie Huston (morning warm-ups). The workshops are open to players (any age or experience) of recorders, keyboard, plucked, bowed or blown (non-transposing) instruments

Robyn Mellor is a leading Australian recorder player and teacher with twenty years experience as a music teacher, performer, conductor and administrator, working with children, teenagers and adults. She has had extensive experience in workshops and national festivals in Australia and New Zealand. Robyn gained a Bachelor's degree in music education from the University of WA and later studied recorder performance in Holland under Leo Meilink and Michael Barker. She has been Musical Director of the *Canberra Recorder and Early Music Society* and Artistic Co-ordinator of *Music for Everyone*, a Canberra community performing arts organisation providing programs for adults and children.

For information, registration and cost: 0427 757 958 Margaret Caley <mailto:posm@bigpond.com>

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~mtattersall/NQRS/NQRS.html>

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State, National

Australian Film Television and Radio School Courses

For advanced training in film, television, digital media and radio production.

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au>

Ideas Festival – South Bank Brisbane

March 27th to 30th

The *Ideas Festival* will present a diverse, accessible program of debates, panels, lectures, exhibitions and demonstrations appealing to the broadest audiences and encouraging the exchange of ideas between thinkers, doers, dreamers, leaders and the quietly curious.

For information: <http://www.ideasfestival.com.au/>

Museums Australia National Conference

May 17th to 19th

With the four sub themes *Working Together*, *Working Hard*, *Working Differently* and *Working New* focussing on innovation and collaboration, this conference will showcase inspirational projects from around Australia and the world.

Newcastle City Hall

For information: <http://www.ma2009.com.au/>

Australian Songwriters' Conference

June 5th to 8th

The Australian Songwriters Conference will be held at Ettalong Beach, an hour north of Sydney.

<http://www.australiansongwritersconference.com.au/>

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Websites

<http://www.blackbook.afc.gov.au/directory.asp>

Black Book Directory lists more than 2,700 Indigenous people and organisations working in the arts, media and cultural industries.

<http://www.abc.net.au/messageclub/>

Message club – Indigenous online space for children

<http://www.asauthors.org/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=ASP0016/ccms.r>

Peak professional association for Australia's literary creators.

<http://www.copyright.com.au/>

Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) is an Australian copyright management company whose role is to provide a bridge between creators and users of copyright material.

<http://www.writersnowonline.com/>

A space, where published and unpublished writers can read, review and update their work and at the same time, share it with other writers.

<http://www.thylazine.org/>

The Australian Journal of Arts, Ethics & Literature

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/aicc/>

The Australia International Cultural Council (AICC) is Australia's key cultural diplomacy body.

http://www.mwf.com.au/2009/content/mwf_2008_home.asp?

Melbourne Writers Festival

<http://www.buzzwordsmagazine.com/>

An online professional monthly magazine targeted at writers, illustrators, librarians, teachers, editors and lovers of children's books.

http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/arts_yarn_up_magazine

Arts Yarn Up, the Australia Council for the Arts' Indigenous arts magazine.

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Date Claimers

Link to the [Events Calendar](#) on the Townsville City Council's Website for additional events:

Please advise the Community Information Centre if you find errors in, or have additions or changes to, these events.

April

National Folk Festival – Canberra

April 9th to 13th

For information: <http://www.folkfestival.asn.au/>

May/June

Australian Italian Festival – Ingham

May 15th to 17th

For information: <http://www.australianitalianfestival.com.au>

Volunteering Nth Qld Expo

May 17th

[Click here](#) for information:

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition

Closing date for entries: May 20th

Sunday at Southbank Fundraiser

May 31st

For information: 4728 9223 <mailto:concertovocal@hotmail.com>

Queensland Writers' Centre Workshop

Freelance Writing with Tiana Templeman

May 24th

[Click here](#) for information

Gateway to Expression Festival 2009 – Charters Towers

June 5th to 8th

For information: <http://www.bushcurls.com.au>

Palm Creek Folk Festival

June 6th to 8th

For information: <http://www.tsvfolkclub.org/>

North Queensland Recorder Society Workshop

June 12th to 14th

For information: 0427 757 958 Margaret Caley

Queensland Writers' Centre Workshop

Developing Your Writing Practice with Adair Jones

June 20th

[Click here](#) for information

Townsville Show holiday

June 29th

July/August

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition

July 18th to 24th

For information: <http://www.nqconcerto.org>

Townsville Gem and Mineral Club Inc – Annual Gem Show

July 18th & 19th

For information: 0411 800 944 Elethia Brady

mailto:publicity_tgmc@yahoo.com.au

Australian Festival of Chamber Music

July 31st to August 9th

For information: <http://www.afcm.com.au>

Cultural Fest 09

August 12th to 16th

For information: 4772 4800 Townsville Intercultural Centre (formerly Migrant Resource Centre)

Unity in Diversity Conference

August 12th to 14th

For information: 4772 4800 Townsville Intercultural Centre

September

Strand Ephemera 2009

September 4th to 14th

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Townsville Eisteddfod

September 9th to 26th

For information: 4724 1653

Great Tropical Jazz Party – Magnetic Island

September 11th to 13th

For information: 4778 5918 <mailto:magneticjazz@hotmail.com>

October

2009 Xstrata Greek Fest Townsville

October 10th & 11th

For information: 0417 739 749 Bill Malandris

November

Queensland Writers' Centre Workshop

Introduction to Poetry with Julie Beveredge

November 14th

[Click here](#) for information

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

Chocolate Salsa

<mailto:chocolatesalsa@mac.com> <http://www.chocolatesalsa.com>

March 14th 8pm

Habana Nights' First Anniversary

The special anniversary party will be a magic night, with performances by Chocolate Salsa and Scimitar Moon Belly Dance, games, prizes, and a free Rumba class. So dress up for this great occasion and don't forget your dancing shoes!

mARTas Gallery & Cafe, 86 Ogden St, Townsville City

Cost: \$10

Dress code: After five wear (black & white)

Dancenorth

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets

4772 2549 <mailto:info@dancenorth.com> <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

[Click here](#) for *Flickerfest* details

Extensions Youth Dance Company

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets

0418 755 833 <mailto:kylie@xtensions.org.au>

Extensions will be performing at the opening of Umbrella Studio's *Tonight We Run* – [Click here](#) for information

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Exhibitions

Art on Kings

Shops 5-6/203 Kings Road Pimlico

4725 0250 <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au>

Gallery hours: 9am to 4pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am to 2pm (Saturday and Sunday)

The Gallery, administered by The Townsville Art Society Inc, welcomes enquiries from budding artists, art lovers and supporters. 150 member artists display their works at the Gallery and paintings are changed monthly. Artists are able to hold their own exhibitions.

Artspaced (formerly A Little White Space)

School of Arts Building (Dance North), Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets

0416 980 323 Jeanette Hutchinson or 0401 099 094 Shane Keen

<mailto:artspace@gmail.com>

Artspaced is open from 10am – 2pm Wednesday to Saturday for coffee and to view works.

[Click here](#) for information on life drawing classes

Zaro's Cultural Gallery

86 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

4782 2067 <mailto:zaro.gallery@bigpond.com>

Castling Street Heritage Centre

5 Castling Street West End

4771 5873

Opening hours: Wednesdays 10am – 2pm; Saturdays and Sunday 1 – 4pm

Visit Townsville's past – the only museum in North Queensland with three examples of Queenslander style houses.

Worker's dwelling (1884) – a simple cottage, fully restored and furnished

Currajong (1888) – 'grand' villa residence, fully restored and furnished

Farmhouse (1921) – example of an early house occupied by North Queensland farmers

Central City Mission

4771 2584 73 Wills Street

10am – 2pm Mon – Fri; 12noon – 4pm Sat & Sun

March 16th to April 8th

Stations of the Cross – Contemporary Art Exhibition

Cost: free

Citylibraries

Aitkenvale Library

Petunia Street, Aitkenvale 4727 8310

Knowledge Centre

Northtown Flinders Mall 4727 9666

To March 30th

Katelyn Aslett on display

Katelyn Aslett is a Townsville-based artist who was one of only ten designers invited to represent Australian fashion at the recent G'day USA trade show in New York. She specializes in felting and hand dying, with an emphasis on recycled wool and silk fabrics and natural fibres, reworked and redyed into wearable art. Kate loves working with colours and flowers in her designs. Come along and see a display of some of her work.

Thuringowa Library

Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan 4773 8500

April 4th & 5th

John Oxley Library Tour

Original items from the John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland on tour through regional Queensland

[Click here](#) for information on *Family History Workshop*

[Click here](#) for information on Citylibraries book clubs

Gallery 48

48 The Strand 4724 4898

Gallery hours: 10am-2pm Wed & Fri

Gallery Hinchinbrook

76 Townsville Rd, Ingham

10am – 4pm Monday to Friday; 10am – 12noon Saturday

4776 4646 Joanne Cassady <mailto:jcassady@hinchinbrook.gov.au>

Karen Foley Studio Gallery

267 Flinders Mall

10am – 3.30pm Tuesday to Friday ; 10am – 1pm Sunday

4727 9666 <http://www.karenfoleyartist.com>

Features the artist's original works and prints

Maritime Museum

42 – 68 Palmer St

South Townsville

4721 5251

Open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm; Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 4pm

mARTasgallery & Café

86 Ogden St, City

4724 3107

To March 26th

Tide Travellers

An exhibition by Jamie Thompson

[Click here](#) for information on *Chocolate Salsa's 'Habana Nights'*

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Flinders Street East, Townsville

Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

4726 0600 <http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au>

MTQ is free for residents of Townsville, Burdekin and Charters Towers council areas

The Museum's *Discover More* talks are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 12noon – 1pm – see below

April 14th 12noon – 1pm

Discover More Talks

Lyndall Harvey from C&R Consulting Townsville will talk about North Queensland's biodiversity.

Cost: free talk on entry (Local residents are entitled to free entry to the Museum otherwise admission to MTQ applies)

To April 30th

The Langley Diving Collection Heritage of Helmets

See one of the most significant collections of diving heritage ever displayed in Australia. The exhibition features twenty four historic diving helmets alongside other diving artefacts used for salvage, pearl shelling, marine science and war.

New dinosaur exhibition opens on April 8th

Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and babies

Take a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs through their eggs, nests and embryos. This hands-on exhibition blends the arts and sciences with an astounding array of dinosaur eggs and nests from all around the globe.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Flinders Mall, Townsville

4727 9011 <mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/recreation/gallery/perctucker/index>

The Gallery is available for hire for special events. Its central location and unique ambience makes it an ideal venue for distinctive cocktail parties, intimate dinners, launches and presentations.

To March 22nd

Out of The Forest – Bowerbirds and the Art of Ian Hamilton

In 1976, Ian discovered the amazing bowerbirds whilst in Brisbane for twelve months as artist-in-residence at Griffith University. This discovery has provided constant inspiration for Ian, and *Out of the Forest* continues his research into male bowerbird behaviour in north Queensland, as well as further exploring his own 'bowers'.

This exhibition will appeal to the artistic, research and naturalist audiences and is an excellent excursion for families. It has been developed from earlier exhibitions shown in Victoria and South Australia and includes both two and three dimensional material. It will travel to Spain later in 2009.

Free lecture by Jo Wieneke, Townsville's expert on the Great Bowerbird: March 1st at 11am

To April 19th

Frame by Frame: Asia Pacific Artists on Tour

This exhibition showcases up to fifty photographic and moving images from the Queensland Art Gallery's contemporary Asian, Pacific and Australian collections. It provides an opportunity to experience works by leading contemporary Asian and Pacific artists, including Ai Weiwei (China), Rashid Rana (Pakistan), Tsuyoshi Ozawa (Japan), Stephen Page (Australia) and Sima Urale (Samoa/New Zealand).

The artists use photography and the moving image to explore issues of history, resemblance and difference, transparency and illusion, as well as national and individual identity. Each artist has used the camera as a tool in creating an experimental art form, intersecting with other media, histories and narratives.

March 27th to May 3rd

Focus: Photography & War 1946 - 2006

An Australian War Memorial touring exhibition

This exhibition captures the horror and humanity of war through a particularly tumultuous period in history. The eighty images have been taken by fifteen official and freelance photographers, including Tim Page, Stephen Dupont and George Gittoes, and explore war from every angle, including shots from Korea, Vietnam, the Solomon Islands, East Timor, Afghanistan, and Hiroshima after the dropping of the atomic bomb.

Opening: March 27th at 7pm by Ms Patrica Sabine, Head of Photographs, Film and Sound and Curator of the Exhibition

Free Floor Talk: March 28th at 11am by Ms Patrica Sabine

[Click here](#) for free *Public Lecture Series*

[Click here](#) for *School Holiday Activities*

Pinnacles Gallery

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central 4817

Hours: Wednesday & Thursday: 11am - 5pm; Friday: 11am – 7pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 5pm

4773 8871 Fax 4723 0282 <mailto:pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au>

<http://riverway.townsville.qld.gov.au/explore/gallery/index>

To March 15th

Wired 4 Games

This is a highly interactive display showcasing eight independent online games from all corners of the globe.

Curated by the Gallery, the exhibition is a platform for the exploration of computer games as an art form. Some of the games employ physics laws and mathematical skills. Others draw on linguistic and artistic skills. Some have no sense of game logic, they are neither competitive nor point scoring but offer an extensive sensory experience where the players decisions influence the outcome of the work.

March 21st to May 3rd

Vernacular Terrain 2: Films

An international digital art project focusing on contemporary artists exploring cultural identities and new technologies. The exhibition is a series of short films by acclaimed Chinese artists and prominent Australian Indigenous artists.

This is the second exhibition produced by the International Digital Art project and curated by QUT. The first exhibition in 2008 featured predominately photography from Asian artists.

This year the work of contemporary Australian Indigenous artists add an element of added interest for Australian audiences as the artists explore social and personal issues related to their identity.

Pinnacles is proud to host this outstanding new media exhibition.

School of Creative Arts James Cook University and Gallery

School of Creative Arts, Building DA300, Main Campus, James Cook University
4781 3142 Elly Murrell, Community Engagement & Events Officer

To March 27th

Now & Then – 150 years of art making in North Queensland

Now and Then is the research component of an evolving collaboration between artists and researchers that celebrates the Q150 Anniversary by providing social and cultural context to north Queensland's rich art history.

[Click here](#) for SOCA courses and information on the *William Thomas William Scholarship/Bursary*

Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery

5 Metro Quays 86 Ogden Street

4724 3953 0419 790 245 <mailto:sylvia.ditchburn@bigpond.com.au> <http://www.sylviaditchburn.com>

Open: 10am – 4pm Tuesday – Friday; 10am – 1pm Sunday

Features original paintings and prints of the tropics and Australian outback by Sylvia Ditchburn, Vince Bray and James Brown.

Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre (TATSICC)

Reef HQ Building Flinders Street East

4772 7679 Visual Arts Manager <mailto:vamngr@bigpond.net.au>

Opening hours: 9.30am – 5pm daily

TATSICC is available for group and school bookings as well as corporate and private functions and cultural workshops. For more information: 4772 7679

Fine Arts Gallery – Appreciate works by local and regional artists.

Retail Area – A range of interesting, quality hand-made items for sale.

Townsville Museum

Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts Currajong (access via Barbeler St – behind ambulance station)
4775 7838

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 4772 7817

<mailto:info@umbrella.org.au> <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

To April 19th

Enchanted Forest

An exhibition by Rod Cockcroft in the Vault Space

March 15th to April 19th

Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art & Design

This is a vibrant exhibition of work by Queensland's top high school visual arts students, showcasing works on paper, sculpture, film printmaking, photography, and mixed media. The exhibition aims to promote and

recognise excellence in senior visual arts education throughout Queensland state and non state schools. Held annually since 1990, the awards have helped raise community awareness about the degree of sophistication in concepts, diversity of technical competence, and the high standard of arts programs in Queensland secondary schools. They encourage students to achieve high standards and promote visual arts in schools and the wider community.

Opening: March 15th at 11am by Lindy Nelson-Carr with a dance performance from Extensions Youth Dance Company

March 27th

Tonight We Run: an Urban City Scape by 'RUN' artists collective

Five *RUN* artists have been working since January to complete an Urban Art Project situated in Umbrella Studio's newest exhibition space, 'the car park' off Ogden Street. *Tonight We Run* is a collaboration of energetic ideas and expressions of the lifestyle from the Townsville artist collective Run. This event brings together five artists practising in the genre of 'street art' which combines various media and techniques including graphic design, contemporary art, printmaking, typography, and photography.

Opening: March 27th at 6pm – will feature live performances by *Joseph Liddy & the Skeleton Horses*, Sam Goudie and other guests. Umbrella Studio Car Park

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Festivals & Special Events

Bouzouki Dance 2009

March 14th 7pm to late

Bouzouki Dance 2009 will feature Sydney's No 1 duo Efi and Aki with John Diamantis (bouzouki), Erol Vedat (bass), Steven Bougoukas (drums), Penelope Roubis (keyboard). Includes cold mezethes (nibblies). Hot meze and drinks on sale.

Greek Community Centre, Flinders St, Townsville

Presented by Xstrata Greekfest Townsville

Cost: Adults \$35, Children under 12, \$15

Tickets pre-sold from Malpara Florist, Hermit Park 4771 6767

For information: 4775 1924 Bill Malandris, President, 4771 6767 Anna Gianoulis, Treasurer

Girl In A Million Quest Fundraising Masquerade Ball

March 21st 6.30pm

This event is being held by Townsville RSL's *Girl In A Million* entrant Brooke Ettema.

Entertainment by *Marathon*. Prize for best male and best female masks.

Dress: formal

All proceeds raised will go towards the care and well being of Qld War Veterans – past, present and future.

Townsville RSL, Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park

Cost: \$80 per person, includes three course meal, entertainment and prizes

For information: 0438 889 657 Brooke Ettema or 0437 330 870 Mel Sloane, Tropical North Regional Fundraiser

Craftfest 2009

April 2nd to 5th 10am – 4.30pm

Buy supplies to 'make-it-yourself' from the best craft retailers from around the country.

Take part in 'Make & Take' workshops and try a new craft every hour.

Enjoy dynamic stage presentations that will get your creative juices flowing.

Browse for hand-crafted gifts and chat with the artisans.

Craftfest will also include a number of community-based and interactive feature displays which are sure to excite anyone who loves craft.

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

Presented by Craftfest

For information: 02 9452 7575

http://www.craftfest.com.au/Townsville2009/app/pages/view/show_details373017/

2009 Annual North Queensland Eisteddfod

April 10th to 13th

This great choral music festival to entertain and delight attracts hundreds of competitors from Cairns, Townsville and Mackay and is enjoyed by around a thousand spectators.

Cairns Civic Theatre, Cairns

Presented by Eisteddfod Association of Nth Qld

For information: 4779 2495 or 0418 781 766 (Daphne Pease)

\$100,000 Opal Fashion Bash

April 16th to 19th

Includes lots of student workshops and training classes, competitions in fashion design, wearable art, modelling, team dancing, drawing and photography. Four programmed fashion shows are staged which are open to the public (tickets can be purchased from the Riverway Box Office).

Riverway Arts Centre

For information: 0428 887 114 Info Hotline <mailto:henrypetersen@bigpond.com>

<http://www.fashionbash.com.au>

State, National, International

The Somerset Celebration of Literature

March 16th to 20th

<https://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/cofl/>

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Film

Flickerfest 2009

March 21st (7pm) & **March 22nd** (6pm)

Flickerfests Best of Australian Short Films National Tour

Flickerfest attracts the latest in cutting-edge and award-winning shorts, which guarantees that the Festival will present Townsville audiences with a feast of best Australian entrants. *Flickerfest* is supported by key Australian film industry leaders including Festival patrons Baz Luhrmann, Gillian Armstrong, Claudia Karvan, Deborah-Lee Furness, Hugh Jackman and John Palermo from the Australian production company *Seed*. Their patronage is testimony to the quality of the event and its significance in nurturing future generations of Australian film making talent.

Films have screened at national and international festivals and include AFI award winners: *Mutt*, *Brother Boys*, *Chainsaw*, *Summer Breaks*, *Small Change*, *Chicken of God*, *Advantage*, and *Four*.

Rating: MA 15+

Cost: \$10/\$15

Presented by: Dance North

For information: 4772 2549 Dance North

Friday Flicks Meets UFO (Urban Fun Object)

Take a chair, nibbles and a blanket and watch a movie under the stars.

For information: 4727 9000 Youth Development Team, Townsville City Council

Friday Flicks

April 17th 6 – 9.30pm

December Boys (PG) at Heatley Park

UFO Movies Under the Stars

April 13th

Baby Mama (PG)

7pm start at Duggan's Plains Park, Alligator Creek

April 16th

Space Chimps (PG)

7pm start at Santal Park, Upper Ross

April 18th

Mummy3: The Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG)

7pm start at Woodlands Park, Deeragun

Townsville Cinema Group

<mailto:info@cinemagroup.org.au> <http://www.cinemagroup.org.au>

For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde

Screenings at Warrina Cineplex.

Membership forms and information are available at Warrina Cineplex, on the group's website and at the Community Information Centre, Level 1, Northtown, Flinders Mall.

March 19th

Persepolis

When the Shah is deposed by the new order in Iran, Marjane and her family face the threat of fundamentalism and the Taliban. France 2008 (M)

The Orphanage

A woman brings her family back to her childhood home, where she opens an orphanage for handicapped children..... a supernatural thriller. Mexico/Spain 2008 (MA)

April 2nd

The Visitor

A humanistic drama that explores identity, immigration and other post 9/11 issues; a disillusioned professor's life is transformed by an encounter in New York. USA 2008 (M)

Young @ Heart

A New England senior citizens' chorus with songs from the *Clash* to *Coldplay*. A funny and moving tribute to simple things as old friendships, new challenges and a little limelight.

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Music

Barrier Reef Orchestra

4722 2789 Annette Elliss (Treasurer) <mailto:brotownsville@gmail.com> <http://www.ngorchestra.com>

[Click here](#) for information on the barrier Reef orchestra's first concert of the year

Full Moon Drum Circle

April 11th

The *Full Moon Drum Circle* is facilitated by the *Rhythm Connection* and supported by Townsville City Council.

6 – 7.30pm Gregory Street Amphitheatre (weather permitting)

For information: Alex 0414 803 666

Jazz

NQ Jazz Club

The North Qld Jazz Club holds regular sessions at the PCYC Wellington St, Aitkenvale on the 2nd & 4th

Sundays each month from 5.30 to 9.30pm

4723 2417 or 0413 456 542 Marie Gibson (Publicity Officer) <http://www.nqjc.250x.com>

Cost: \$14/\$10 members

Please note the change of venue for the NQ Jazz Club meetings. The club no longer meets at the German Australian Club in Aitken Street as this venue is no longer operating.

Magnetic Jazz Association

4778 5918 <mailto:magneticjazz@hotmail.net.au> <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty>

Music Centre North Queensland

Old Magistrate's Court Building, Cnr Stokes & Sturt Streets

4721 1771 <http://www.musiccentrenq.com>

March 15th 7pm

Soleluna

This Sydney based Latin jazz duo Macdonald Hamilton (flute, soprano sax and guitar and Debbie Tennant, (vocals) performs a mix of original and covers music. Macdonald describes their approach to performance: 'When we perform a cover of a well known song it is always with a twist – you may not recognize the song until Debbie, the vocalist, sings a line or two. We use backing tracks that are completely our own arrangements and recordings. In a performance, live sax, flute guitar or keyboard is added as well, of course, as vocals. Our performances also include some live groove loop building using the power of the computer. We start with a drum groove and then add some guitar, which is recorded and looped, and then add keyboard bass, again recorded and looped, perhaps a few more layers then improvisation with sax or guitar – all without stopping the flow.'

Macdonald himself is something of a renaissance man. As well as his impressive skills as a musician, he is a designer of high end audio equipment, and also a professional photographer. His images will be featured during the concert, and can be viewed on facebook – search on 'Macdonald Maxwell Hamilton'.

Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

Cost: \$15/\$10

April 4th 8pm

Andrew Winton – Lap Slide Guitar

Features Perth based Andrew Winton, lap slide guitar specialist performing on lap steel, dobro, Wintonbeast & acoustic guitar, playing blues/roots genre with folk, gospel and jazz influences

<http://www.andrewwinton.com>

Court Theatre Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

Cost: \$15/\$10

April 5th 7pm

Old Grooves for New Streets Featuring 'Way Out West'

Melbourne-based cross-cultural jazz ensemble *Way Out West* – trumpeter/composer Peter Knight, Vietnamese traditional music virtuoso Dung Nguyen, world-renowned West African percussion specialist, Ray Pereira, along with other Melbourne music luminaries, explosive saxophonist Adam Simmons, earthy acoustic bassist Howard Cairns, and young firebrand drummer Rajiv Jayaweera. Vietnamese, African and a dash of the Middle East, all melded into Knight's original grooves.

Court Theatre

Cost: \$15/\$10

[Click here](#) for MCNQ workshops

[Click here](#) for information on *Ulysses Blue* – the Anthony Garcia Concert with Townsville Guitar Orchestra and William Barton on didgeridoo

North Qld Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT)

4728 5681 or 4773 2335 <mailto:enquiries@www.nqomt.org.au> <http://www.nqomt.com.au>

Were You There? – A Journey to the Cross

In Washington during World War 2, Dr Peter Marshall (remember the film *A Man Called Peter?*) delivered an Easter sermon entitled *Were you there?*. This moved Dave Clark to write an inspirational Easter musical in 1997. Presented by the Company Singers of NQOMT and conducted by Neil Smith.

You are invited to attend one of the performances listed below:

April 3rd 7.30pm – Aitkenvale Uniting Church, Cnr Ross River Road & Anne St

April 5th 4pm – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wills St, City

April 5th 7pm – St James Cathedral, City

Approximate running time: 1 hour

There will be a 'Retiring Collection' after each performance which will be shared between each Church and the Choir

For information: 4728 5681 Ellen or 4773 2335 Neil

[Click here](#) for information on *Boy from Oz*

The North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA).

PO Box 503 Castletown QLD 4812

<http://www.nqia.com.au>

March 14th 7pm

2009 President's Dinner

A fantastic night of food, fashion and frivolity. 2 course dinner with raffles, and live music from 10pm. Theme: green/white/orange.

Great Northern Hotel's Blarney Bar"

\$35/\$30

Tickets limited to 50

For information and tickets: 4727 6614 Jane Schober <mailto:jane.schober@ergon.com.au>

4725 1799 Paola or Jason Kepper <mailto:kepper@aapt.net.au>

St Patrick's Day

Tuesday March 17th

Activities planned for the day:

Molly Malones: open from 10am until late – food, Irish dancers, prizes, bands – both include NQIA members:

4pm – 6pm 'Galway Hookers' 8pm – 11pm 'Keltic Kiss'

Irish Finnegan's: open from 8am until late – all day menu, live bands from 6pm until late, games, Irish dancers, jumping castle for the kids

The Shamrock: open from 10am until late – live bands, Irish food, prizes

Townsville Brass

0413 652 776 Noel Price mailto:noel_nthzone@bigpond.com <http://www.townsvillebrass.org>

Townsville & Thuringowa Country Music Club

4779 9368 (Dawn) 0417 199 744 <http://www.townsvillecountrymusic.com/Dates%20to%20Remember.htm>

Townsville Choral Society

4779 2495 or 0418 781 766

Choral Society Hall 485 Sturt Street Townsville

March 14th 2pm

Fire & Floods Fund Raiser Afternoon Concert

Arranged by Sandy Voss with *Sing for Life, Happy Wanderers, Choral Aires*, vocal groups and guest artists.

Afternoon Tea provided. Bring & Buy Stall. Raffles. All welcome to this very worthwhile cause

Choral Society Hall, Sturt St, Townsville

Cost: Donation: \$10 per person

For information: 4775 5632

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8 – 11pm <mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org>

<http://www.tsvfolkclub.org>

The next folk Club meeting will be held on March 26th.

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Radio

Kulture Vulture – Radio Arts Programme

Kulture Vulture is an interesting, diverse and informative program produced by Iain McDougall and presented by Trevor Keeling on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8pm on *triple t* 103.9, Townsville's community radio.

Be listening for: *It Was the Year It Was* – a weekly nostalgia feature in which a year is selected at random and interesting snippets taken from movies, theatre, pop culture, and hatches and despatches both worldwide and locally. This is followed by a magazine-style presentation of upcoming events for the week ahead in the local area, including a ten minute chat segment between Trevor and Iain on these events and interviews with local arts personalities.

If you are involved in the local arts scene and are available for interview or would like your event showcased on *triple t* please contact Iain McDougall at <mailto:artscoord@optusnet.com.au>

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Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

4783 9880 <mailto:burdekin.theatre@burdekin.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au>

March 17th 10:30am

Theatre Royal's 20th Anniversary Show

Join in St Patricks Day celebrations at the Burdekin Theatre with the Theatre Royal team starring Patti Allen, Dennis Price, Delores Rose and guest artists David Bermingham and Margaret Hennessy. Since 1989 this troupe has successfully revived, on stage, the grand old days of variety. This is classic music hall featuring traditional variety fare, including singing, dancing and comedy acts combined with numbers from modern musical theatre like *Phantom of the Opera*.

Cost: \$12/\$10.50

April 16th 10.30am

Morning Melodies – Memories of Patsy Cline Show with Barbara Thompson

In the mid twentieth century, a little woman with a big voice stood on a stage and started singing songs. Nothing unusual about that, except that these lyrics were sung with such quality that it captured the attention and admiration of even the toughest audience members. A hush fell upon the room, as they became enthralled by what were to become timeless classics, sung by one of the greatest stars of country music, Patsy Cline. Today audiences can enjoy that same magical experience with Australia's own Patsy Cline, Barbara Thompson.

Barbara Thompson has been charming Australian country music audiences for thirty years. Winner of numerous awards, Barbara has twice received the Wallace Award for Best Female Country Entertainer of the Year. Like Patsy Cline, she has not only survived but thrived in the country music industry.

Cost: \$12/\$10.50

April 17th 8pm

Pirates of Penzance

Promac Productions Australia's critically acclaimed production of the classic Gilbert & Sullivan hit, *Pirates of Penzance* is touring Australia for the last time. The cast is led by the comic genius Brian Hannan playing no less than three roles with Australian Music Theatre Star Philip Gould as The Pirate King with Chris McKenna as Frederic, and Alison Rae Jones as Mabel. Among her many career highlights Alison performed Mabel for the Doyle Carte Opera Company in the Savoy Theatre in the West End of London.

Performed in full costume and on set, this production is very fast paced and riotous. Enjoy hit songs such as *Poor Wandering One, A Policemans Lot, I Am The Pirate King, Cat Like Tread* and *Major Generals Song*.

Tickets: \$25/\$22, child/student \$18

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa

4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunang.com> <mailto:program@lalunang.com>

[Click here](#) for information on *La Luna Workshops*

Riverway Arts Centre

20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa

March 14th 8pm

Alister Spence Trio

The Alister Spence Trio was formed in Sydney more than ten years ago and brings together three of the most exciting, innovative and experienced musicians in original, contemporary Australian jazz music – Alister Spence (piano), Lloyd Swanton (double bass) and Toby Hall (percussion). The members of the trio have a long history of playing together, being well known for their collaboration in the ARIA (Australian Record Industry Awards) award-winning band Clarion Fracture Zone (awarded Five Stars in Downbeat Magazine USA for their 1993 release *Zones on Parade*).

The group is noted for its engaging, strong compositions and the synergy, interplay, and energy that they have together, enthraling audiences both in Australia and around the world.

They have released three CDs on the Rufus Records Label, distributed in Australia by Universal Music.

Mercury, the latest, has received international critical acclaim and nominated for Best Australian Jazz Album (ARIA Awards) in 2007.

Alister Spence is one of the most outstanding pianists and composers of contemporary jazz in Australia. In recent years he has devoted his energy to writing, and performing with this Trio.

Cost: \$32/\$28, youth (under 26yrs) \$28, child 15 and under \$20

Book online and pay only \$25.

March 27th 7pm

Letter's End by Wolfe Bowart

If your mind was a room and your life's memories lost in a jumble of old boxes, what forgotten treasures might you find?

From the creator of the internationally acclaimed productions *LaLaLuna* and *The Shneedles*, luminous physical theatre maestro Wolfe Bowart returns with *Letter's End* – a whole new box of lunacy that truly pushes the envelope.

With his signature mix of circus and theatre, stage illusion, interactive film and physical comedy, Wolfe Bowart has travelled the world enchanting audiences of all ages and nationalities. Fresh from tours of Brazil, Greece, Hong Kong, New Zealand, the UK, and multiple nationwide tours of Australia, Bowart returns once again to invite us into the realm of the fantastic.

Cut the string, tear open the brown paper wrapping, and explore a wondrous new world!

Cost: \$28/\$25, youth (under 26yrs) \$25, child 15 and under \$15, family (2ad2ch) \$70

Book online and pay only \$22 for adults, and \$12 for child 15 and under

Presented by Spoon Tree Productions and Townsville City Council

March 29th 4pm

Ulysses Blue – A Journey with Guitar and Didgeridoo

Imagine 25 guitars strumming, the magical tone of a didgeridoo echoing to create a sound-scape inspired by the beauty of North Queensland. Australian guitarist/ composer Anthony Garcia, didgeridoo legend William Barton and the Townsville Guitar Orchestra will present the world premier of *Ulysses Blue* a work especially composed by Garcia for this event.

The first half of the concert will feature Anthony performing as a soloist, to be joined later by William Barton on Didgeridoo. 'After spending time in Arnhem Land I wrote a piece *Eternal Sunshine*. To work with William Barton, such an incredible artist, is a blessing, and I know together the sounds of the guitar and didgeridoo can take this piece to a new dimension.'

Anthony Garcia continues to touch audiences with his unique ability to blend formality with colourful improvisatory flair. A highly trained classical musician well versed in styles such as jazz, Latin folk and popular music Anthony manages to bring together the threads of these genres to create an original and communicative sound-scape of universal appeal. Since returning to Australia from Mexico Anthony has been performing and giving workshops throughout regional and metropolitan Australia.

William Barton aims to present the virtuosic potential of his instrument and richness of his Australian culture. He hopes audiences will see his music, not just as an illustration of some exotic antiquity, but as a living, dynamic process, requiring considerable technique, stamina and study, equal to that of any conventional classically trained professional musician.

Cost: \$25/\$20

This event has received funding from the Townsville City Council through the RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) and Arts Queensland and is presented by the Music Centre North Queensland.

Anthony Garcia's website: <http://www.anthonygarcia.com.au>

April 2nd 8pm

James Blundell – Portrait of a Man Tour

In October 2008, James Blundell released his tenth album *Portrait of a Man*. The follow-up to the ARIA, APRA and Golden Guitar nominated *Ring Around The Moon* this latest offering is set to highlight James' immense talents as a singer-songwriter in a stripped back, mainly acoustic mode.

Joining James will be fellow troubadour, Peter Denahy. A talented multi-instrumentalist Peter cut his teeth at an early age playing alongside Slim Dusty before stepping into the limelight in recent years with his own work that incorporates elements of folk, country and bluegrass. His latest album *Picture In A Frame* shows off Pete's many musical personalities and includes several hit singles.

Supporting James and Peter will be Bec Lavelle who is best known for her work as the vocalist for the Channel 9 series *McLeod's Daughters*, which currently airs in more than 110 countries throughout the world. Her debut album, *Intimate Portrait*, is a collection of twelve beautiful songs which she has co-written, recorded, and produced with Daniel Jones (Savage Garden).

Please note seating for this performance is at tables.

Presented by Square One Entertainment

Cost: \$23, child 15 and under \$16

April 3rd 8pm

Paprika Balkanicus

Paprika Balkanicus are becoming one of the hottest newcomers in World music. Their electrifying show of fantastic musicianship and witty stage presence has already won them a substantial following in the UK, Europe, Australia and Japan.

The group from Romania, Serbia and Slovenia on violin, guitar, bass and accordions play a fiery blend of traditional and Gypsy music from the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Their repertoire is comprised of songs which mirror longing, passion and joy of these hidden places. From silky-smooth stroking tones to lightning-speed furious arpeggios, violinist Bogdan Vacarescu's blurred fingers lure some of the most beautiful and passionate melodies ever written for violin.

Tickets: \$32/\$28, youth (under 26yrs) \$28, child 15 and under \$20

Book online and pay only \$25

April 5th 6pm

Weave Magic Secrets

The Barrier Reef Orchestra under conductor Richard McIntyre OAM presents the first of their 3 concert series featuring Dvorak *Cello Concerto in B minor, Opus 104* with Australian cellist, Markus Stocker and Sibelius

Symphony No 2 in D major, Opus 43 Tapiola & Finlandia

Richard McIntyre OAM is no stranger to Barrier Reef Orchestra audiences having conducted the orchestra many times over the years. Richard is a senior lecturer at Canberra School of Music and well known as a bassoonist, music educator and conductor.

Cost: \$28/\$23, members \$21, child 12 and under and school student to Year 12 \$12

Towers Players – Charters Towers Local Theatre Group

4787 1768; 4754 6555 <mailto:towersplayers@aanet.com.au>

<http://www.towersplayers.websyte.com.au>

April 2nd to April 4th

Urinetown the Musical

St Pauls Playhouse

Cost: \$16.50/\$11

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St

Townsville 4810

4727 9797 TicketShop

<mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au>

March 13th 8pm

Jimeoin – On Ice

See Jimeoin gracefully skate through brilliantly funny observations on the absurdities of everyday life.

Please note: This show may contain coarse language, sexual references and material which may offend. It is not recommended for children under the age of 15.

Cost: \$34.90/\$31.90, groups 10+ \$31.90 each

Presented by A-List Entertainment and Geffer Notice

March 25th to 28th & April 1st to 4th (8pm) **March 29th** (2pm) & **April 5th** (6pm)

The Boy from Oz

By arrangement with David Spicer Productions the North Qld Opera & Music Theatre (NQOMT) presents the Australian smash-hit Broadway musical *The Boy from Oz*, based on the life of internationally acclaimed Australian singer and songwriter Peter Allen. *The Boy from Oz* features unforgettable songs including, *Don't Cry Out Loud, I Go to Rio, Quiet Please, There's a Lady On Stage, I'd Rather Leave While I'm in Love, Bi-Coastal, Everything Old is New Again, Tenterfield Saddler, She Loves to Hear the Music, I Honestly Love You* and *I Still Call Australia Home*.

Director Bill Munro, musical director Paul Neilson. Original production by Ben Gannon and Robert Fox with music and lyrics by Peter Allen and book by Nick Enright.

Cost: \$40/\$35, school student/child \$25, NQOMT member \$30, group 10+ \$30 each

April 17th (8pm) to **19th** (7pm)

Carl Barron – Walking Down the Street

Barron captures his audience from the word go. His show is a mixture of stand up, musical attempts and crazy facial expressions. In some parts it's all three. Die-hard Carl Barron fans will be pleased to know there are some references to his old jokes but, on the whole, this is a new show with different material.

Carl Barron is a first class comedian who plays off audience reactions with ease. His comedy brings out the funny side of everyday life.

Walking Down the Street is quality Australian comedy. Barron has jokes to suit everyone. His topics jump from one to the other and back again, until you find yourself helpless with laughter. If you enjoy Australian humour, this is definitely a show to see.

Please note: this performance may contain material which can offend. Parental guidance is recommended.

Cost: \$44.90/\$39.90, groups 10+ \$39.90 per ticket

Presented by A-List Entertainment

April 21st & 22nd 11am (complimentary morning tea from 10am)

Morning Melodies – The Pirates of Penzance

Experience this Gilbert and Sullivan's smash-hit led by comic genius Brian Hannan, Australian music theatre star Philip Gould, Chris McKenna and soprano Alison Rae Jones.

Cost: \$12/group 10+ \$9.50 each

Presented by Townsville City Council

Townsville Little Theatre

4724 3112 <http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au>

To March 14th

Mort

Written by Sir Terry Pratchett, adapted by Stephen Briggs and directed by Karen Vane.

Death comes to us all. When he came to Mort, he offered him a job. But when Mort is left in charge for an evening, he allows his heart to rule his head and soon the whole of casualty and the future of the Discworld itself, are at risk. Along the way, Mort encounters Death's adopted daughter, Ysabell, who has been 16 for 35 years, his mysterious manservant Albert whose cooking can harden an artery at ten paces and an incompetent wizard with a talking doorknocker and a beautiful, but rather bad-tempered and dead, princess. He also, of course, meets Death.

PIMPAC (Pimlico High School Performing Arts Centre, Fulham Road

Cost: \$20/\$10 groups 10+ \$15

For information and bookings: 4727 9797 TicketShop – tickets also available at the door

April 23rd to 25th 8pm

Short Season of Short Plays

In Black & White

Written by Helen Wyngard and directed by Alan Cooke. Two long-standing old friends, one moving house, find the past catching up with them both in a play that deals with moving forward and letting go of the past.

Late Entry

Written by David Tristram and directed by Iain McDougall. This play is a send up of One Act Play Festivals – very funny but quite demanding on the actors. Cast: Teri Thorne and David Brooke-Taylor

St Margaret Mary's Theatre

Cost: \$20/\$15, secondary school students \$10 – tickets available at the door

Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433

<mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au>

<http://www.tropicsun.com.au>

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World Theatre

Charters Towers 4787 8472

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