

RELAUNCH TOWN HALL ALBANY FESTIVAL



Celebrating Albany's iconic creative arts venue with two weeks of music, dance, film, theatre and more!

2-18 April 2021

2-18 APRIL / BREAKSEA FILM ART TRAIL

10am-5pm daily Breaksea presents an innovative Film Art Trail. Wander around the Town Hall and find diverse creative posters, use your smartphone to scan the QR Code and access wonderful films showcasing Great Southern artists. Produced by Breaksea with support from Regional Arts WA, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest and the City of Albany's Creative Enterprise program. **[FREE*]**

2 APRIL / POETS AND PERFORMERS NIGHT

7:30pm A night of open mic poetry, anarchism and live music—Poets and Performers will entertain you with songs, readings, jokes and poetry. **[FREE*]**

3, 6, 7, 9, 12 and 13 APRIL / GSAW 2021 ART TALKS AND GALLERY GUIDE TOURS

The Great Southern Art Award 2021 will be the first community art exhibition at the newly refurbished Albany Town Hall. Catch up with the winning artists to talk about their entries; gallery guides will also share their perspectives on the exhibition and the artworks on display. **[FREE*]**

3, 6, 8 and 10 APRIL / HERITAGE TOURS WITH MALCOLM TRAIL

Join award-winning historian Malcolm Trail for a tour of Albany's historic Town Hall. From its controversial beginnings, to its adaptations and additions over the years, the Town Hall has remained the centrepiece of Albany's social, cultural and civic life for over 130 years. **[FREE*]**

3 APRIL / TOWN HALL RELAUNCH BALL WITH THE RAINBOW COAST BIG BAND

7pm Get frocked up in your finest and join us for a night of Big Band entertainment and dancing at the *Albany Town Hall Relaunch Ball*. The Rainbow Coast Big Band will provide three hours of entertainment and a light supper of canapés will be served. **[\$55-\$65*]**

4 APRIL / H IS FOR HAPPINESS

5:30pm H is for Happiness is an adaptation of award-winning young adult novel *My Life as an Alphabet*, by Barry Jonsberg. Happiness Film Productions shot this film in the Great Southern in 2018-19—you may notice some local attractions and people featured in this film. **[FREE*]**

5 APRIL / CARLA GENEVE SUPPORTED BY THE MORSELS

7pm Carla Geneve returns to her home town with an all-ages show at the iconic Town Hall. Backed by a captivating show and unique brand of brutally honest lyricism, Geneve has established herself as one of Australia's most prominent up and coming artists. Geneve will be supported by local Albany band The Morsels, playing an upbeat mix of original blues, rock and pop. **[\$20-\$25*]**

6 APRIL / FLOEUR ALDER—DANCE AND LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOPS

Join acclaimed WA dancer/choreographer Floeur Alder and artist Virginia Ward for a series of three workshops (come to one or all three). **[\$20 each or \$50 for all three*]**

10:30am-12:00pm Workshop 1: Floorbarre
12:15pm-1:45pm Workshop 2: Contemporary Dance
2:45pm-4:15pm Workshop 3: Life Drawing

6 APRIL / PRIDE FILM—PORTRAIT OF A LADY ON FIRE

7pm *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* (Rated M) is a 2019 French historical romantic drama film written and directed by Céline Sciamma, starring Noémie Merlant and Adèle Haenel. Set in late 18th century France, the film tells the story of an affair between an aristocrat and a painter commissioned to paint her portrait (French language, with English subtitles). **[FREE*]**

7 APRIL / DANCING IN SOUTHERN SHOES / MOVO DANCE ENSEMBLE

2:30pm *Dancing in Southern Shoes* (Rated G) is a full length documentary that examines Albany's rich dance history. Stay after the film for a contemporary dance performance by MoVo Dance Ensemble. **[FREE*]**

8 APRIL / YOGA WITH JOY

1pm Join Joy Abbott from Albany Yoga Room for a mid-Festival chill out with a movement based yoga session. The hour session will encompass yoga postures (floor and standing), breath work and meditation. **[FREE*]**

8 APRIL / STORY SHARING CAFÉ— LOCAL STORIES OF THE WORLD WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM KAZINKO

5:30pm Storytelling is a fundamental human experience that unites people and drives stronger, deeper connections. Stories communicate, educate, share and connect. Listen, reflect and enjoy the power of a story, with guest speaker artist Robyn Lees. **[FREE*]**

9 APRIL / FLEUR MCDONALD BOOK LAUNCH

7pm *Something to Hide* is the fourth rural suspense novel featuring the young detective Dave Burrows, from best-selling 'Voice of the outback' Fleur McDonald. Join Fleur in conversation with Paperbark Merchants' Billie Whitbread, and hang around after the talk to share a drink and get your book signed by Fleur. **[\$10*]**

8-10 and 15-18 APRIL / RELAUNCH PHOTO BOOTH WITH ACE CAMERA CLUB

10-5pm Commemorate the rich heritage of Albany's iconic Town Hall with a historical portrait. Choose from a selection of costumes provided by Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company (or come dressed in your own costume) then sit for a portrait session with a photographer from ACE Camera Club. **[30 minute session—\$15*]**

10 APRIL / DJILBA (SPRING)—A MOMENT IN TIME

7:30pm A new solo performative artwork by dancer/choreographer Floer Alder and sculptor/writer Virginia Ward. Immerse yourself in the evolution of their creative journey through country during the time of Djilba or Emergence. **[\$20-\$25*]**

11 APRIL / FLICKERFEST INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL TOUR 2021

2pm FlickerKids Shorts (PG) **[\$10-\$12*]**
7pm Best of International Shorts (PG) **[\$12-\$15*]**
'GREAT SHORT FILM NEVER DIES!'

Celebrating its 30th year in 2021, Flickerfest is excited to be touring its much loved programs, showcasing the *Best of International Shorts* and *FlickerKids Shorts* family program, both chosen from festival favourites to delight Albany audiences.

12-14 APRIL / ARTISAN AND DESIGNER GIFT POP UP MARKET

10-5pm The Artisan and Designer Gift Fair group will be showcasing the creative work of local artists/ designers and creative businesses over three days. **[FREE]**

14 and 18 APRIL / FROM THE MAGPIE'S NEST

14 April - 11am and 1pm / 18 April - 11am

Facilitated by Breaksea artist, Rachael Colmer, a Southern Edge Arts ensemble have written and rehearsed scenes exploring issues relevant to their shared experience. Performed in interesting and surprising sites within the Albany Town Hall. Produced by Breaksea with support from Regional Arts WA, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Lotterywest and the City of Albany's Creative Enterprise program. **[FREE]**

15 APRIL / SOUTHERN EDGE ARTS AERIALS PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS

1pm and 2:30pm Join Southern Edge Arts for a dazzling aerial performance. Watch aerial artists showcase their skills on the trapeze, lyra and silks in a performance suitable for the whole family. Try your hand at juggling, hooping and plate spinning with a circus workshop included as part of each performance session time. **[FREE*]**

16 APRIL / THE NATALIE D-NAPOLEON BAND

8pm Natalie D-Napoleon's latest album *You Wanted To Be The Shore But Instead You Were The Sea* reached number #1 on the AIR Independent Albums Chart and was named one of the Top Ten Australian Albums for 2020 by Rhythms Magazine. **[\$12-\$15*]**

17 APRIL / COMOTION

3pm and 8pm CoMotion is an immersive audiovisual live dance performance. Large-scale fabric tree rubbings by local artist Annette Davis form a skeleton for the virtual arboretum projected onto the dancers who visit this place with feelings of nostalgia, curiosity, and awe. **[\$12-\$35*]**

17 APRIL / TOWN HALL LATE NIGHT BAR

9:30pm Hang around after the CoMotion show—or join us after it finishes—to revel in the Relaunch Festival and celebrate Albany's iconic creative arts venue. **[FREE*]**

18 APRIL / KWONGKAN MIDDARS / THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE TOWN HALL PERFORMED BY CHINJANNUP

7pm Local Noongar youth dance group Kwongkan Middars will perform traditional Noongar dances to accompany a Welcome to Country ceremony with local elder Lester Coyne. The Albany Town Hall site has a long and eventful story to tell and in a short, sharp, humorous performance—*The True History of the Town Hall* performed by Chinjannup—a troupe of young Noongars will explore and celebrate this heritage building and its history. **[FREE*]**

*** BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL DUE TO CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS—THESE EVENTS ARE TICKETED AND NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED.**

For more information view the full program at artsandculture.albany.wa.gov.au/events

Tickets from Paperbark Merchants—in-store or www.paperbarks.com.au / Enquiries 6820 3740 / arts@albany.wa.gov.au