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NEW LOOK FOR HAMILTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE'S 2023 SEASON



Image: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre will donate 500 Auditorium seats to local groups this April before renovations begin, reopening with a just-announced 2023 Season of programmed shows.

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) today announced its 2023 Season of programmed shows alongside a Save The Date for a community-focussed 'Relaunch' during Auditorium renovations.

In March, the venue hosted a sold-out acrobatic workshop and will soon present The Multicultural Comedy Gala and tribute act, Creedence Clearwater Collective. In April, the venue's historic Handbury Auditorium, the former 1872 Town Hall, will receive brand new seating, flooring and a bold repaint. Almost 500 of the venue's old seats are being given away to local groups and individuals, with the upgrades due to be completed in May.

Acting Performing Arts Manager, Amanda Hurley said that the shows programmed by the venue are worth the wait.

"Now we have our timeline of works we're beyond excited for the rest of the year. We've been able to accommodate some fantastic hire-in events before renovations begin and have a jam-packed Season to look forward to," said Ms Hurley.

Young visitors have a stage adaptation of Possum Magic, classical music with guided artmaking and even a junk orchestra to look forward to, with engaging opportunities for creativity, storytelling and learning accompanying five family shows.

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Classical music lovers can enjoy performances by Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Inveni Ensemble, Roman Rudnytsky and Hamilton Symphony Orchestra.

Making a welcome return to the region is award-winning comedian, Damian Callinan alongside organ-loving 'toothy tunesmith,' Barry Morgan.

HPAC's Outreach Program will see live music and comedy brought to venues in Coleraine and Peshurst and the venue will again host much-loved community events ranging from music, dance and drama to visual arts.

The venue will activate other spaces whilst the Auditorium is revamped, including hosting a free, family-friendly 'Relaunch' event in the afternoon and evening of Friday 28 April 2023.

"We'll take over the forecourt, bar and function room to put on a community celebration for all ages. Think live entertainment, activities for all ages, quirky insights into our programmed shows, the launch of our 2023 Season Brochure and great food and drinks alongside a few surprises," concluded Ms Hurley.

Email subscribers gained access to exclusive pre-sale tickets over the weekend, with tickets available for the general public from today.

To stay up to date with HPAC news readers are encouraged to join the mailing list via hamiltonpac.com.au or follow 'hamiltonperformingarts' on Facebook and Instagram.

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About HPAC

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is the major venue for live shows, engaging performances and events in the Southern Grampians. Situated in the heart of the Greater Hamilton region on Gunditjmara Country, HPAC's landmark arts facility is at the centre of Hamilton CBD's cultural arts precinct, close to shops, eateries, laneways and attractions ripe for discovery.

HPAC presents engaging and accessible live performances for and by the community, not only within the walls of the building but in small towns and outdoor spaces across the region. Live music, drama and dance, physical theatre, cabaret and circus come alive at HPAC, alongside opportunities for all ages to create, learn and be inspired.

HPAC's atmospheric Handbury Auditorium, the former 1872 Hamilton Town Hall, sits alongside a range of other accessible spaces hosting events of all kinds. Alongside 3 main event spaces the venue has a catering kitchen, welcoming foyer with box office, café/bar and kitchenette as well as a forecourt with street frontage.

Contact the team for information, media opportunities or to discuss partnerships and creative ideas!