

The 2025 Castlemaine Fringe Festival Program has landed...and it is HUGE!

Tickets to the 2025 Castlemaine Fringe Festival program are now on sale.

What: 2025 Castlemaine Fringe Festival

Dates: Saturday 22 March - Sunday 6 April

Location: Castlemaine & Surrounds, Dja Dja Wurrung Country, VIC

The festival's biggest program yet features a mix of **more than 160 ticketed & free events**, including:

- 20 Theatre & Fabulous Theatrics** – From experimental theatre to cabaret to immersive performances
- 44 Live Music** – Showcasing a diverse lineup of artists & genres, including international acts
- 62 Open Studios & Exhibitions** – Meet local artists and explore Castlemaine's creative spaces
- 10 Comedy Acts** – A mix of stand-up, improv, and boundary-pushing performances
- 7 Film & Literature Events** – Bringing storytelling to life through cinema and literature
- 8 Social Impact Events** – Thought-provoking performances and conversations
- 11 Creative Workshops** – Learn from experienced artists & industry professionals

For over **30 years**, Castlemaine Fringe has been a platform for independent artists, musicians, performers and creatives, offering space for innovation and artistic expression outside the mainstream. Fringe is rooted in **inclusion, accessibility and community**, committed to **affordability, accessibility** and ensuring local talent is supported, while keeping the arts accessible to all audiences.

The 2025 Event will kick off with a **HUGE, FREE STREET PARTY SPECTACULAR on Saturday 22 March**, outside the Castlemaine Town Hall and in surrounding streets: featuring 3 stages, 150+ performers, food & drink, all ages, bands, dance acts, live art painting, projections, DJs and more.

Castlemaine Fringe 2025 will close with **MONSTER MASH on Sunday 6 April in VICTORY PARK**
A family friendly afternoon of cosmic delights for space monsters and adventurers of all sizes, featuring performance, creative activities, dancing & DJs. Space themed costumes, picnics and blankets encouraged!

TICKETS FOR 2025 CASTLEMAINE FRINGE ARE AVAILABLE via: www.castlemainefringe.org.au
See next page for selected program highlights. Images available upon request.

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Follow Castlemaine Fringe Festival on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates.

The Castlemaine Fringe Festival acknowledges the **Dja Dja Wurrung People** as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the festival takes place, and recognizes the importance of creating a space where all artists and audiences feel represented and included.

2025 CASTLEMAINE FRINGE FESTIVAL: SELECTED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC

- **Nai Palm** @ Theatre Royal, Thursday 27 March
- **Club Unity** (Sound System Party) @ lot19, Saturday 29 March
- **Babooshka: The Best of Kate Bush**, Phee Broadway Theatre, Wednesday 2 + Sunday 5 April
- **Charlie Needs Braces** @ Shedshaker Taproom, Friday 4 April
- **Garden Seat Sunday Sessions** @ The Red Hill Hotel, Sunday 23 + 30 March, and 6 April

COMEDY

- **Kieran Bullock** presents **IKEA Wars** @ Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub, Sunday 23 March
- **Bliss Bombs Burlesque** @ Uniting Church Hall, Friday 28 & Saturday 29 March
- **Unladylike, Nicky Barry & Lucy West** @ Phee Broadway Theatre, Sunday 29 March
- **Thao Cao** presents **Confessions of a Comedian** @ Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub, Thursday 27 March

THEATRE & THEATRICALS

- **198(4)** by Skin of Our Teeth Productions @ Phee Broadway Theatre, Friday 4 April
- **Constellations**, by Black Stitch Players @ Wesley Hill Hall, Friday - Sunday, 28 March - 6 April
- **Boklesque**, by Lauren Bok @ Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub

SOCIAL IMPACT, FILM & LITERATURE

- **Christabel Blackman** in Conversation, Castlemaine Art Museum, Sun 23 March
- **My Temporary Name Was Refugee!** @ Flamin' Galah Fringe Hub, Tuesday 25 March
- **WAAMAN Cultural Tours** of Castlemaine with Uncle Rick Nelson, Saturday 29 March
- **Sunday Secret Movie** with **Dave Graney & Clare Moore** @ The Coolroom, Sunday 6 April

WORKSHOPS

- **Country Struts** Boot Scootin' @ Castlemaine Town Hall, Sun 30 March
- **Newspaper Puppetry Workshop** @ The Coolroom at Northern Arts Hotel, Wednesday 26 March & 2 April
- **Dancing in Water** @ Castlemaine Fitness Centre, Sunday 23 March & Wednesday 26 March & 2 April
- **Fringe Binge** drawing, **Zine & Comic-making** workshops @ Sac'O'Suds Launderette, various dates

EXHIBITIONS & OPEN STUDIOS

- **Arts Trail**: Visit almost **50 Artists in their studios** over two weekends 29 & 30 March, 5 & 6 April
- **Fringe & Frida**, An exhibition in conversation with the life & art of Frida Kahlo @ Market Building
- **Sir Leslie Thornton**, Castlemaine Art Museum
- **Departure Point** (Zoe Amor, Melinda Harper, Michael Wolfe & Dale Cox) @ lot19 Gallery
- **The Grunge Gallery** @ The Red Hill Hotel
- **Fleeting Fields Sculpture Park & Small World Sculpture Prize** @ Newstead Arts Hub

The Festival will also host [WHEN PIGS FLY TO CASTLEMAINE](#) - the first regional outing of Melbourne-based event When Pigs Fly, a [GOOD GRIEF Remembrance Rave](#), comic-making and ceramics workshops, [The Black Sorrows](#), All-Ages gig [AMP IT UP](#), supported by The Push featuring **ZIG ZAG** & local bands, [Music Under The Stars](#), **Halaqa** cultural gathering, and [Wordspoken](#) - stories & music in an old Melbourne Tram.

Castlemaine Fringe is supported by our local community, Visit Victoria, Regional Arts Victoria, Mount Alexander Shire Council, Rotary, Community Bank Maldon & District and the Australian Government through Festivals Australia.

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