

The University of Sydney Union presents:



August 28 – September 11

www.vergeartsfestival.com

DIRECTORS' NOTE

Imagine two students, sitting for coffee in Glebe, with notebooks in their hands, jotting down ideas about art and its place in the world. Actually, go to any innercity café, and you'll see it for yourself – from discussions about the recent CDs that we just can't stop playing, to films that have moved us beyond belief. This is the art – the art that we discuss – that influences and inspires our own style and our ever-changing cultural landscapes.

We came to Verge with millions of ideas. We came to Verge thinking about how art can help us explore

the issues that affect us – the environment, sexuality, mental health, our education, our rights, history, the future, happiness, desire, conflict and creative passion.

Verge has given us a blank canvas on which to paint our thoughts and dreams. We have taken a personal approach to curating the Verge Arts Festival 2009 by combining our passions for classical and traditional art, with the most contemporary and thought-provoking art on Campus and in the wider Sydney community.



We hope that Verge 2009 will contribute to our rapidly shifting cultural landscapes, that it will inspire and influence you to keep thinking, creating, experiencing and discussing your ideas about art and its place in the world.

**Roslyn Russell
and Jehan Kanga**
Verge Directors 2009

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The Seven Year Itch is a classic 1950s Hollywood movie in which Marilyn Monroe's skirt famously gets whooshed up by the hot air rising from a subway vent.

What has this got to do with the Verge Arts festival?, I hear you cry.

Nothing really, except that 2009 marks Verge's 7th year and there might well be undies in the icebox – I mean – what exactly is art anyway?

If you're not sure or are damn certain that you do know the answer to that question, then

Verge is for you. Verge is all about exploring opportunities, possibilities, scratching itches and raising eyebrows. It is where the tired old farts of tomorrow sow their oats so that they actually have something memorable to look back on when they're confined to the arm chair by the fire.

Or maybe it's about setting fire to tired old arm chairs? Or tired old men?

2009 sees Verge take to a higher plane as we celebrate the opening of a new student

focused art gallery on campus. In homage to the festival and the wonders it has produced over the years, we have called it The Verge Gallery. The name looks to the past, and prepares for tomorrow: Verge – gallery and festival – are on the map that will continue to be explored by future generations of students.

I look forward to seeing you during the festival.

Pat Bateman
University of Sydney Union
President 2009

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7pm

OPENING NIGHT PARTY FREE EVENT

Verge Festival Tent

Sydney's electric indie whiz-kids TELAFONICA will headline the opening party for the Verge Arts Festival 2009. SeeSee Miscellany Magazine will co-launch the Festival and the party will continue into the night under the steady, dance-ready hands of the PURPLE SNEAKERS DJs. A night of dance revelry and party mayhem not to be missed!

SeeSee miscellany
MAGAZINE. LOGO. IN. CHART

PURPLE
SNEAKERS



MICHELLE COX INSTALLATION ART

Umbrella flowers, flying puppy dogs, windmill snails and glowing deep sea fish. Better than a trip to the zoo, be sure to check out the trees in front of Manning House as Michelle Cox (SCA) decorates them in strange and funny objects. Recycled materials never looked better.



2pm

FLIP OUT! MUSIC FESTIVAL AND RECORD FAIR

Manning Bar

Aarght! Records and Stained Circles are proud to present the debut Sydney Flip Out, a HUGE day and night of live entertainment taking over Manning Bar at Sydney University on Saturday 29th August. With twelve sick bands from all over Australia and the USA playing live, a Record Fair, Mega Merch Market, BBQ and more – this is not to be missed!

USU Members \$34 + bf
General \$40 + bf
from The ACCESS Centre

8pm

BAREFOOT MUSICA ANTIGUA

Songs of Ascents – Barefoot in Venice

Repeat performance on Sunday 30 August at 8pm

Old Darlington School

Barefoot Musica Antigua is an emerging and dynamic group of musicians founded by a group of friends at Sydney University in 2008. Coming from a range of academic disciplines they perform a diverse repertoire from 14th Century French Polyphony to modern arrangements of traditional Jewish melodies; singing sacred and secular music from both the West and the Middle East. This concert series features the liturgical music of Renaissance Jewish Italian composer Salamone Rossi, some of which has never been performed before in Australia.

USU Members \$12 | Concession \$15 | General \$20 on the door
For tickets email: barefoot_musica_antigua@hotmail.com

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION FREE EVENT

Level 2, Manning House, everyday

“At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since” – Salvador Dali.

Feel the need to be inspired?

A selection of the best works submitted by Sydney Uni students earlier this year will brighten up the Manning walls during Verge.



9–10am FREE EVENT YOGA AND TEA on the Sunken Lawns

Sunken Lawns, every morning

Every morning during Verge, the Health and Lifestyle Society, the Oriental Tea Society and the Chocolate Society will help you crack your winter shell and emerge with new life into September. Join a yoga and meditation class followed by tea and a sweet treat – the perfect way to start the day.

11am–3pm PALM AWARDS EXHIBITION FREE EVENT

Verge Gallery, everyday

1–2pm FREE EVENT Lunchtime Session: SAM YELDHAM; JACK CARTY

Verge Festival Tent

Head to the tent at lunchtime during Verge to hear the best university talent on offer.

2–4pm FREE EVENT Afternoon Session: CUPCAKE MAKING

Verge Festival Tent

In need of an afternoon sugar hit between lectures? Drop by the Verge Festival Tent for all things baked, sprinkled and sparkly. BYO self-control.

4–5pm FREE EVENT MADSOC Dance Class: MINX JAZZ WITH RIKKI

Holme Common Room

5pm SUDS PROGRAM LAUNCH

Verge Festival Tent

The SUDS@VERGE Launch will introduce each of the shows that are being performed during the Festival with excerpts and performance pieces to whet your appetite. Fortunately, nibbles will be available throughout the night.

USU Members FREE
General \$2 on the door

8pm

EXECUTION OF JUSTICE

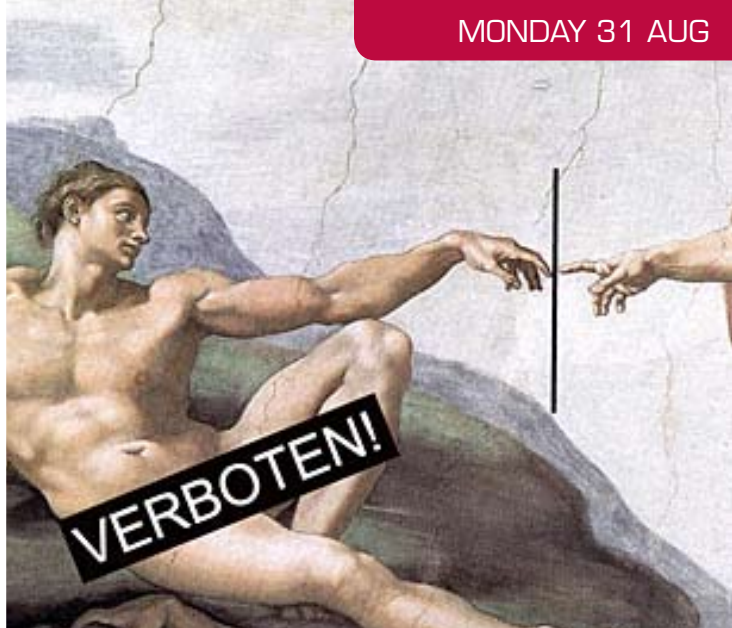
Performance Studies Department,
Woolley Building

On November 27, 1978, former Supervisor Dan White shot dead the Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, and his colleague Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected public official in America. Execution of Justice is an exploration of the 1979 murder trial of Dan White. Documentary playwright Emily Mann fuses trial transcripts, interviews and reportage to explore what was really at stake in that courtroom in 1979. The result is an incendiary piece of political theatre, reflecting on a true flashpoint of recent American history.

Directed by Christopher Hay.

SUDS \$2 | USU Members \$3 |
Concession \$4 | General \$5 on
the door

Presented by arrangement with
Dominie Pty Ltd



6pm FREE EVENT

VERGE TALKS: CENSORSHIP

University Law Lounge

Politicians denouncing artists; police raiding galleries; national exhibitions censored. These incidents have occurred not in an archaic foreign dictatorship but within Australia's own artistic world.

In 2009 the Verge Arts Festival will present 'Verge Talks', a series of panel discussions engaging experts, artists and students in conversation on contemporary creative issues.

In this first forum, panellists will consider whether censorship stifles or stimulates creative output.

Chaired by Phillip Adams (Late Night Live).

9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA on the Sunken Lawns

11am FREE EVENT

MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Plaza at Jane Foss Russell

The Multicultural Fair Day combines world food with a multicultural festival atmosphere from the comfort and convenience of the Plaza at JFR. Come experience unique food, entertainment and culture from all corners of the world. The Multicultural Fair Day is brought to you by Verge, your Multicultural Convenors and your USU.



1pm FREE EVENT

THE MIGHTY JUNGLE

Eastern Avenue

A whim a wei a whim a wei...

1-2pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance Class: JAZZ WITH SUSIE

Holme Common Room

5pm FREE EVENT

WRITERS SOC AND SUDS STORY TELLING NIGHT

Verge Festival Tent

Settle in to the Verge Festival Tent as the Writers Society and SUDS collaborate to transport you with words. The two societies will work to bring stories to life through spoken word and improvisation.

6pm FREE EVENT

Verge Talks: QUEER RIGHTS

University Law Lounge

Run in collaboration with the Sydney University Queer Convenors, this session of Verge Talks asks: How are queer people represented in the media?

Think: Bruno, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, Ruby Rose and Ellen DeGeneres.

6pm FREE EVENT

SHORT OSCARS USU's Short Film Comp Screening & Awards Night

Hermann's Bar

Want to see the best of Sydney Uni's young film makers or just keen to frock up for a night of glitz, glam and gay old film styled fun? Come dressed as your favourite Hollywood celebrity or film character, get your photo taken by paparazzi on our red carpet, grab a martini and some popcorn, and settle in for a night to rival the Oscars themselves.

Featuring a LIVE medley of movie soundtracks from Jazz Soc, classic film scenes hijacked by Project 52, hosted by Film Soc and featuring special guest DJs Cactus Unicorn Moneybox.

7pm

CONVERGE

Excelsior Hotel, Glebe

The Sydney University Conservatorium and Jazzgroove present the first night of the ConVerge Festival, running for three nights during Verge.

Jazzgroove \$8 | Concession \$10 | General \$12 | Tickets on the door



7pm

SONG COMPANY

The Great Hall

With a repertoire spanning cultures, continents and over one thousand years of music, Australia's leading vocal ensemble, The Song Company, will perform one of the defining musical highlights of the Festival.

The Song Company are artists in residence at the Verge Arts Festival 2009.

USU Members \$15 + bf | Concession \$20 + bf | General \$30 + bf

8pm

EXECUTION OF JUSTICE

Performance Studies Department,
Woolley Building

SUDS \$2 | USU Members \$3 |
Concession \$4 | General \$5
on the door

9–10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA on the Sunken Lawns

1–2pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance Class: SALSA WITH ANNIE AND PAT T.

Holme Reading Room

2–4pm FREE EVENT

Afternoon Session: JEWELLERY MAKING

Verge Festival Tent

Verge is all about the bling. Stop by the Verge Festival Tent this afternoon for a jewellery-making jam.

6pm FREE EVENT

Verge Talks: ENVIRONMENT

University Law Lounge

This session of Verge Talks will tap into a range of ideas and opinions surrounding clean energy employment mechanisms in the lead up to the December Copenhagen Climate Change Conference.

6pm

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Hermann's Bar

The Epicurean Society, French Society, Jazz Society, Sydney Arts Students Society and Wine Society collaborate once again to bring to the Verge Arts Festival 2009 a very special Wine and Cheese Night.

Join us for a fantastic evening of quality wine tasting, gourmet cheese sampling and socialising with friends while enjoying delightful jazz tunes. Society Members \$5
USU Members \$8
General \$10 on the door

7pm

ALLEY CABARET

The Roxbury Hotel, Glebe

Like Arabian days, hotter than not, in a lot of good ways! This show is filled to the brim with circus, comedy, magic, music, art and theatre. Sponsored by the USU and the Verge Arts Festival.

USU Members \$8 | Concession \$12.50 | General \$15 on the door

\$2.50 DISCOUNT for dressing up in themed costume!!!

7pm

BAREFOOT MUSICA ANTIGUA

Old Darlington School

USU Members \$12 | Concession \$15 | General \$20 on the door

7pm

CONVERGE

The Conservatorium of Music

USU Members \$8 | Concession \$10 | General \$15 on the door

7pm

ARTS REVUE

Downstairs Theatre, Seymour Centre. Until 11 September

The annual Arts Revue showcases the freshest on-campus comedic talent, and 2009 Arts Revue, Murder on the Oriarts Express, is no exception.

Directors Carlo Ritchie and Tom Walker present two shows for the price of one – the first: a hilarious collection of sketches; the second: a spine-tingling murder mystery formulated by the newest foray into artificial intelligence, the AgathaChristiebot.

Book now, or they'll cut you up with knives.

USU Members \$12 | Concession
\$15 | General \$20 from
The Seymour Centre or
The ACCESS Centre

7.30pm

MED REVUE: 'SLUMDOG MEDICARE'

York Theatre, Seymour Centre
Until 5 September

Opening \$12 | USU Members \$18
Concession \$22 | General \$25

8pm

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

The Cellar Theatre

Three actors, all alike in crap-
acting, in the fair Cellar where
they lay their scenes...

Verge and SUDS present the
year's most average actors
tearing through 37 Shakespeare
plays in 97 hilarious minutes.

SUDS \$2 | USU Members \$3 |
Concession \$4 | General \$5 on
the door

8pm

MOONSHINE BABARET: SPACE/TIME A love story

Verge Festival Tent

As the Universe spins perilously out of control, two would-be astronauts sit in their tin can and foil spaceship contemplating an eternity of frustration together as they float further and further away from Earth. That is, of course, until they come across a very awkward speed dating session between TIME and SPACE which could just be their ticket back home. Either that, or the end of reality as we know it.

This cabaret-cum-comedy epic boldly attempts to explain astrophysics through song and asks the question - what do you get the metaphysical concept who has everything?

USU Members \$5 | Concession \$8 | General \$10 on the door



9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA
on the Sunken Lawns

1pm FREE EVENT

Lunchtime Session:
DAN ZWI; POLITIKS

Verge Festival Tent

2-4pm FREE EVENT

Afternoon Session:
FISHING RODS
SCULPTURE
COMPETITION

Verge Festival Tent

Something fishy is going on around here.

There are 100 pink fishing rods waiting to be moulded, mangled, meddled with and marvelled at. Verge wants to see your sculptural skillz unleashed in this never-before-attempted sculpture competition.

4-5pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance
Class: BACHATA
WITH EMMA AND
PAT T.

Holme Reading Room

6pm FREE EVENT

THE VERGE VAGINA
MONOLOGUES

Verge Festival Tent

The University of Sydney Union Women's Convenors, in collaboration with the Women's Revue Society, the Writers Society and SUDS present a showcase of students' own performances, written works and renditions of The Vagina Monologues, originally written and staged by Eve Ensler off-Broadway in 1996.

The best performances and original works will be judged and awarded with a cash prize on the night.

All sexes are welcome to participate and attend.

7pm

CONVERGE

Hermann's Bar

USU Members \$8 | Concession
\$10 | General \$15 on the door.





7pm FREE EVENT

BAND COMP FINAL

Manning Bar

Witness musical history-in-the-making at the band competition that launched the careers of The Vines, Youth Group, Josh Pyke, Dappled Cities, Cloud Control and Tim Freedman of The Whitlams.

The University of Sydney Union's Band Competition is turning 25, and this year's final is set to be one of the biggest ever. With \$4750 in cash prizes dangled in the finalists' faces, the competition is going to go down to the wire.

8pm

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

Cellar Theatre



9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA on the Sunken Lawns

1pm FREE EVENT

Lunchtime Session: LUIZ; MICHAEL COUTTS

Verge Festival Tent

1-2pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance Class: BALLROOM WITH KHYM

Holme Common Room

2-4pm

Afternoon Session: FACE PAINTING

Verge Festival Tent

Why bother with blush and mascara when you could paint

your face like a tiger? Or a clown? Or a certain spider super-hero? The possibilities are endless! Add some sparkle to your school day and drop by the Verge Festival Tent for an afternoon of face-painting.

6pm FREE EVENT

VERGE NIGHT MARKETS

Eastern Avenue

The historic gothic surrounds of the University of Sydney will set the backdrop for the Verge Night Markets. The campus will pack out with festival goers on this special Friday night – students, musicians and artists, locals, families, friends and staff.

Acoustic sets by student artists such as Emma Davis and Di Khupe Heybners will provide musical flavour to the market setting.

6pm FREE EVENT

VERGE ART NIGHT

Hermann's Bar

You COULD use a huge shipping crate to crate huge things on a ship. Yawn. OR, you could use it as a surface on which to exhibit beautiful photographic landscapes.

See it in real life as Chriss Rollitt (SCA), a winner of USU's Cash for Art prize showcases his artwork WASTED WOOD.

The night will also feature:

- A film screening (Rollitt) in collaboration with OH REALLY GALLERY.

- SCA artist Rachel Park's artworks that use recycled materials.

- A set by acclaimed experimental indie darling ELANA STONE.

7pm

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (abridged)

Cellar Theatre



8pm

ASKAR GREY WOLF

Manning Bar

Here is proof of the power of music to promote peace. A Chinese rock band from the conflict-ridden Xinjiang region, comprised of both Han ethnic and Muslim Uyghur Chinese, will play the Verge Arts Festival 2009.

Nine-member Askar Grey Wolf bridges the ethnic divide, fusing traditional Chinese music of Turkish and Uyghur origin with high-energy Western rock and roll.

AGW not only illustrates the power of music to promote peace over hatred, but also underscores the festival's thematic juxtaposition of the classic and the contemporary.

USU Members \$38 + bf | General \$45 + bf from www.manningbar.com, MoshTix & The ACCESS Centre



8pm

Verge Chai Night: BARONS OF TANG, RUMPUNCH, HOBO BORDEAUX

Verge Festival Tent

The Verge Festival Tent will transform into a cushioned hippy den, so warm your limbs up with a cup of hot chai and get moving to a killer triple bill from Australia's best gypsy mavericks.

Punked-up pirates, The Barons of Tang (pictured) tear energetically through gypsy, hardcore and toe-tapping tango tunes. Rumpunch's sultry blend of reggae, dub and hip hop makes for an electrifying live performance and Hobo Bordeaux takes 'fusion' to new heights with a unique blend of clunky-cuban-swamp-blue-spaghetti-soul-western-surfrock.

USU Members \$5 | General \$10 on the door





8pm

MAMMAL

Manning Bar

After a SOLD OUT charity show for the Fitzroy Legal Service, a SOLD OUT Gaelic Club show in Sydney, a New Zealand tour and smashing the SOLD OUT stages of the Groovin' The Moo festival, Mammal are pleased to announce a new 18 date Australian tour!

Mammal are currently getting high rotation on Scuzz TV in the United Kingdom with their music video for Smash the Piñata. This international exposure is quickly raising their profile and the band will be heading to the UK in September to tour and release their current record.

This is your chance to catch Mammal live in action before they head overseas!

USU Members \$15 + bf | General \$17 + bf from Ticketek & Oztix



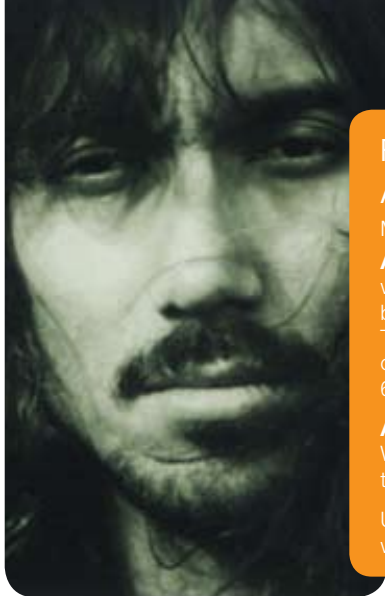
9pm

DUSTED FEATURING BIZZY B

Hermann's Bar

DUSTED returns on Saturday September 5th with one of the biggest names in hardcore breakbeat and jungle, UK legend - BIZZY B. Amazingly Bizzy B has never played in Australia and after years and years of playing all the legendary raves in the UK he finally makes his way down under. Hermann's will host two indoor arenas with HIJACK sound taking care of the second room and the heavy Hermann's rig taking care of the bass in the main room. This show will be off the hook, guaranteed!

Presales \$20 + bf from qjump.com.au, inthemix.com.au or residentadvisor.net | \$25 on the door



Friday 4 September, 8pm ASKAR GREY WOLF

Manning Bar

Askar Grey Wolf is a world fusion band born out of China's wild west frontier, Xinjiang, a region of snow-capped mountains and burning desert on the ancient Silk Road, through Central Asia. This is the land of the Uighur people, whose Turkic-speaking culture has a musical and poetic heritage stretching back to the 6th century A.D.

Askar Grey Wolf perform with traditional Uighur instruments and Western electric guitars and keyboard for an exhilarating blend of the rhythms of Central Asian and modern rock.

USU Members \$38 + bf | General \$45 + bf from
www.manningbar.com, Moshtix & The ACCESS Centre

Tuesday 8 and 9 September, 8pm EURYDICE a play with music

Old Darlington School: Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September
Recital Hall, Conservatorium of Music: Thursday 10 and Friday 11 September

New music and contemporary theatre combine to bring an ancient myth to life.

A chorus of instrument-wielding Stones accompany a tale of love, loss and the joyous pain of memory with an original score, transforming music into

word and weapon. Combining performers from Main Campus and the Conservatorium of Music, SUDS' Eurydice brings student theatre and student musicians together to create the defining theatrical experience of the Festival.

You know the story of Orpheus. Now see the story of his Hades bound bride.

USU Members \$10 | Concession \$12 | General \$15 on the door



9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA
on the Sunken Lawns

1pm FREE EVENT

**Lunchtime
Session: DAVID
GOLDSCHMIDT;
ROGER LOCK**

Verge Festival Tent

1pm FREE EVENT

**THE [PUPPY EATING
HIS BIRTHDAY STEAK]
PLAYERS**

Surprise campus locations

Over one furry and fuzzy week an exciting group of young artists will present performance art exploring their relationship with animals, music and nature. Keep an eye out for their eccentric and fun projects that will inspire happiness and imagination in the dullest of squares (the people, that is, not the shape).

Supported by the Sydney University Dramatic Society.

3-5pm FREE EVENT

**INTERNATIONAL FILM
SCREENING**

Verge Festival Tent

Get cultured. MULTI-cultured. Travel the world from the comfort of the Festival Tent every afternoon in the second week of Verge at this mini-international film festival.

4-5pm FREE EVENT

**MADSOC Dance
Class: MINX JAZZ
WITH RIKKI**

Holme Common Room

6pm

**VERGE TALKS:
MENTAL HEALTH**

University Law Lounge

Are our cultural understandings of success and failure detrimental to the way we think about and deal with issues of mental health?

Verge talks mental health with leading practitioners, academics and prominent cultural figures to unpack and demystify some pressing social misconceptions.



7pm

MULTI-FACULTY TRIVIA NIGHT

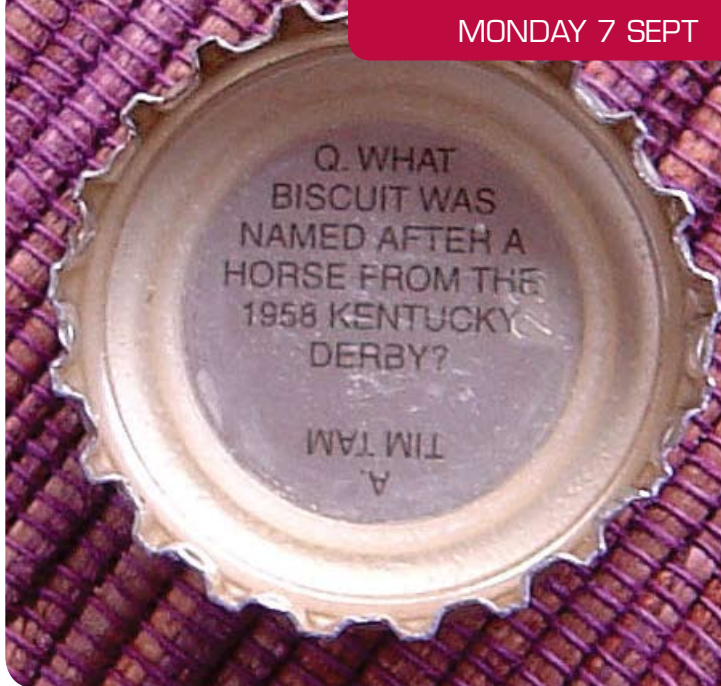
Manning Bar

The Sydney Arts Students Society, Education and Social Work Society, Engineering Undergraduate Association, Law Society, Medical Society, Science Society and Veterinary Society bring you the Verge Multi-Faculty Trivia Night.

All your favourite faculty societies join forces for the very first time in a battle of the wits to answer the age old question – which faculty really is the smartest?

Grab your friends and come along to support your faculty by wearing your faculty's ticket colour on the night!

USU Members \$5 + bf
General \$10 + bf
from The ACCESS Centre



8pm FREE EVENT

QUEER OPEN MIC PARTY

Verge Festival Tent

Join us in the Verge Tent to sing a song, perform a play, make some music, read a rant or just sit and enjoy a queer beer at this Open Mic gala. The party will continue into the evening with DJs and dancing, drinking and prancing.



9–10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA on the Sunken Lawns

1pm FREE EVENT

ENVIRONMENTAL CULTURE JAM

Eastern Avenue

Just like smashing guitars and drinking hard liquor, environmental sustainability is very rock and roll.

In an eco-rock and fine art extravaganza, solar-powered Sydney band THE SUN CHASERS will rock Eastern Avenue as the Fine Arts Society constructs a giant canvas on which to throw paint – lots of paint.

Grab a patch of grass and watch this eco-music-inspired performative artwork unfold.

1pm FREE EVENT

THE [PUPPY EATING HIS BIRTHDAY STEAK] PLAYERS

Surprise campus locations

1–2pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance Class: JAZZ WITH SUSIE

Holme Common Room

3–5pm FREE EVENT

INTERNATIONAL FILM SCREENING

Verge Festival Tent

7pm

Chronology Arts Presents: INFOCUS

Manning Bar

Since 2007, composers Andrew Batt-Rawden and Alex Pozniak have quickly established chronology arts as Sydney's imminent ensemble that promotes and nurtures contemporary art music by emerging composers. Chronology Arts will bring to Verge a performance of music



by the Verge Composer in Residence, Alex Pozniak, one of the most successful composers Sydney University has produced in nearly a decade.

USU Members \$12 + bf
Concession \$15 + bf
General \$25 + bf
from The ACCESS Centre

7pm FREE EVENT

PALM AWARDS CEREMONY

Verge Gallery

The 2009 PALM (Photography, Art, Literature, Music) Awards will see a selection of art works exhibited in the Verge Gallery during the Verge Arts Festival.

The USU will present \$11,000 in cash prizes to the award winners, who will be announced on the night. All entrants plus family and friends are invited to join us in an evening filled with fine art and live music. Drinks and canapés will be provided.

RSVP to
palmawards@usu.usyd.edu.au



8pm

EURYDICE

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and Wednesday 9 September

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of Music, SUDDS' Eurydice brings
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together to create the Festival's
defining theatrical experience and
bring an ancient myth to life.

USU Members \$10 | Concession
\$12 | General \$15 on the door

8pm FREE EVENT

DORKBOT

Verge Festival Tent

NERDS TAKE OVER THE TENT.

DORKBOT is an international
non profit collective of artists,
musicians, scientists, architects,
engineers, software developers,
techno–nerds and hermits – and
anybody doing strange things
with electricity.

Hosted by artist Pia van Gelder,
the night will feature presentations
of student and local artist projects
and then open up for a general
show and tell.

Bring your motherboards, light
bulbs and integrated circuit
computer chips for a night of
sure–fire mind expansion.



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PLAYERS

Surprise campus locations

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MADSOC Dance Class: SALSA WITH
ANNIE AND PAT T.

Holme Reading Room

3-5pm FREE EVENT

INTERNATIONAL FILM
SCREENING

Verge Festival Tent

5.30pm FREE EVENT

FRENCH FILM
SCREENING

Verge Festival Tent

Visit the Festival Tent for a classy evening of French sophistication presented by FrenchSoc. Reflecting the spirit of Verge 2009, the evening will traverse the old and the new - a classic French film at 6pm will be followed by an interlude of music, drinks and canapés before a contemporary French film kicks off at 8pm. Ooh la la! Food and a drink included with entry. Proudly supported by Hopscotch Films and The Department of French Studies. English subtitles.

Members \$5 | USU Members \$7
General \$10



6pm FREE EVENT

REVOLUTION THROUGH RHYTHM

University Law Lounge

The Public Issues Convenors and Verge present Revolution through Rhythm, a discussion that charts the importance of music and its influence on social change and politics throughout history.

The discussion will be chaired by Sydney University's Dr. Cecilia Sun. Panellists will include Urthboy (The Herd), Natalie Pa'apa'a (Blue King Brown), Dan Lander (Rolling Stone Magazine) and other prominent music writers and historians.

8pm

EURYDICE

Old Darlington School



7pm FREE EVENT

THE BEST OF THEATRESPORTS®

Manning Bar

TheatreSports® turns 21 this year! To celebrate, Verge will showcase the creme de la creme of hard hitting, side splitting, quick-witting, humourously hooliganising past and current Campus comedians. Their puns will be way better than that so whether you giggle, guffaw, gaggle or laugh... get along to this hoot of a hip-pip-hooray.



9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA
on the Sunken Lawns

1pm FREE EVENT

Lunchtime Session
and SASS BBQ: AIMEE
BULL-MCMAHON;
RUN RABBIT

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5pm FREE EVENT

FRENCH SOC POETRY
NIGHT

Holme Reading Room

Drink in the language of love as FrenchSoc and the Department of French present an afternoon of French poetry. Submit your own heart-breaker in the French Poetry Competition and go in the draw for some gorgeous Gallic prizes. Don't worry if your knees go weak - refreshments will be provided.

5pm FREE EVENT

HERMES LAUNCH

Verge Gallery

The University of Sydney Union is proud to annually produce Hermes – Australia's oldest literary journal compiled of contributions from the students of the University. The Editors of Hermes 2009 warmly invite you to celebrate the launch with friends and champagne.

7pm FREE EVENT

DJ COMP FINAL

Hermann's Bar



Hermann's Bar turns on the decks as students battle it out for \$500 at the annual DJ Comp Final. Tracks, loops and beats from all genres and styles – don't miss The Presets of the future.

7.30pm

SCIENCE REVUE:
JURASSIC QUARK

York Theatre, Seymour Centre

65 million years ago, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Then they all died... 65 million years later, humans rule the Earth. Coincidence?



This year, the Science Revue brings you 'Jurassic Quark', A fossil-fuelled adventure through Science, the Universe and everything in between. Now with 2.72 times more funny, our stellar sketches, stunning songs, dynamic dances and bombastic band will have you laughing till your cells split.

So solidify your solutions and set your circuits to stun. Science Revue 2009: Jurassic Quark is a must see in this year's revue season.

USU Members \$15 | Concession \$17 | General \$20

8pm EURYDICE

Recital Hall,
The Conservatorium of Music



6pm FREE EVENT

DR. PLONK VS. FUJI COLLECTIVE LIVE

The University Quadrangle

Settle down under the stars to watch Sydney funk outfit THE FUJI COLLECTIVE improvise a live jazz/funk soundtrack to Rolf de Heer's (Ten Canoes) 2007 silent comedy Dr. Plonk starring Magda Szubanski.

A night of melodious mayhem, slapstick silliness and picnicking pleasure. Bring a rug.



8pm AKMAL

Manning Bar

Comedian Akmal has hilarious ways to get you giggling. The popular Australian comedian will headline a rollercoaster comedy night at Manning, and he's bringing fellow funny-man Joel Ozborn and oud-player Joseph Tawadros along for the ride. Yes, you heard us. Oud-player.

Pre sales:

USU Members \$10 + bf | General \$15 + bf from The ACCESS Centre
or
USU Members \$15 | General \$ 20 on the door

9-10am FREE EVENT

YOGA AND TEA
on the Sunken Lawns

1pm

Lunchtime Session:
RAINBOW CHAN

Verge Festival Tent

1pm FREE EVENT

THE [PUPPY EATING
HIS BIRTHDAY STEAK]
PLAYERS

Surprise campus locations

1-2pm FREE EVENT

MADSOC Dance
Class: BALLROOM
WITH KHYM

Holme Common Room

3-5pm FREE EVENT

INTERNATIONAL FILM
SCREENING

Verge Festival Tent

8pm

EURYDICE

Recital Hall,
The Conservatorium of Music





FRIDAY 11 SEPT

7pm


Closing Night Party: THE JEZABELS,
THE DOLLY ROCKER MOVEMENT, DJs

Verge Festival Tent

There can't be a better way to spend the last hours of the 2009 Verge Arts Festival than by dancing them away to a set from emotionally charged, disco pop/ indie-rock darlings THE JEZABELS, followed by Sydney's antipodean hipsters, known as the Dolly Rocker Movement.

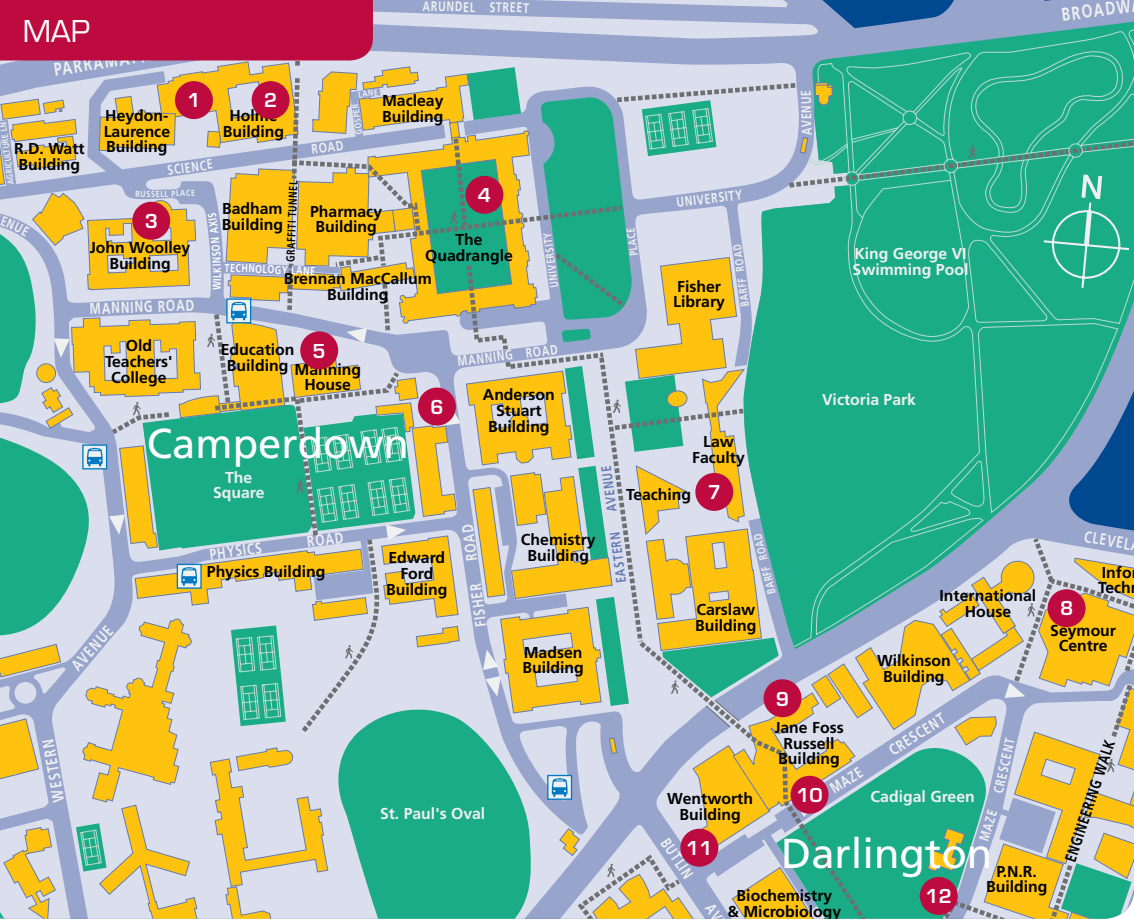
Embrace the spirit of freedom, beauty and happiness embodied by their psychedelic rock, and raise a drink to the hope, wonder and anticipation that we have for many adventures to come....

USU Members \$5 | General \$10 on the door

	FRIDAY 28 AUGUST	SATURDAY 29 AUGUST	SUNDAY 30 AUGUST	MONDAY 31 AUGUST	TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
THE CON						ConVerge	
EASTERN AVENUE					The Mighty Jungle		
HERMANN'S BAR					Short Oscars	Wine and Cheese Night	ConVerge
HOLME BUILDING				MADSOC Dance Class: Minx Jazz	MADSOC Dance Class: Jazz	MADSOC Dance Class: Salsa	MADSOC Dance Class: Bachata
LAW LOUNGE				VERGE TALKS: Censorship	VERGE TALKS: Queer Rights	VERGE TALKS: Environment	
MANNING BAR	Michelle Cox Installation Art	Flip Out! Music Festival and Record Fair		Student Art Exhibition			USU Band Comp Grand Final
OLD DARLINGTON SCHOOL		Barefoot Musica Antigua	Barefoot Musica Antigua			Barefoot Musica Antigua	
OTHER				Execution of Justice WOOLLEY BUILDING	Multicultural Fair JANE FOSS RUSSELL PLAZA ConVerge THE EXCELSIOR The Song Company THE GREAT HALL Execution of Justice WOOLLEY BUILDING	The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) THE CELLAR Alley Cabaret THE ROXBURY HOTEL	The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) THE CELLAR
SEYMOUR CENTRE						Med Revue Arts Revue	Med Revue Arts Revue
VERGE GALLERY				PALM Awards Exhibition	PALM Awards Exhibition	PALM Awards Exhibition	PALM Awards Exhibition
VERGE FESTIVAL TENT				Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats
				Lunchtime Session: Sam Yeldham; Jack Carty			Lunchtime Session: Dan Zwi; Politiks
				Afternoon Session: Cupcake Making		Afternoon Session: Jewellery Making	Afternoon Session: Fishing Rods Sculpture Competition
	Opening Night Party			SUDS@Verge Program Launch	Writers Soc and SUDS: Story Telling	Moonshine Babaret: Space/Time	The Verge Vagina Monologues

KEY General Music Stage & Film Art

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER	SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER	MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER	TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER	WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER	THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
					Eurydice - A Play With Music	Eurydice - A Play With Music
Verge Night Markets			The Sun Chasers Culture Jam			
Verge Art Night	DUSTED NIGHT				DJ Comp Final	
MADSOC Dance Class: Ballroom		MADSOC Dance Class: Minx Jazz	MADSOC Dance Class: Jazz	MADSOC Dance Class: Salsa	MADSOC Dance Class: Bachata	MADSOC Dance Class: Ballroom
		VERGE TALKS: Mental Health		Revolution Through Rhythm		
Askar Grey Wolf	Mammal	Verge Multi-Faculty Trivia Night	Chronology Arts	The Best of Theatresports	AKMAL	
			Eurydice - A Play With Music	Eurydice - A Play With Music		
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) THE CELLAR		The [Puppy Eating His Birthday Steak] Players	The [Puppy Eating His Birthday Steak] Players	The [Puppy Eating His Birthday Steak] Players	The [Puppy Eating His Birthday Steak] Players DR, PLONK vs. FUJI COLLECTIVE LIVE THE QUAD	The [Puppy Eating His Birthday Steak] Players
Med Revue Arts Revue	Med Revue Arts Revue	Arts Revue	Arts Revue	Arts Revue	Science Revue Arts Revue	Science Revue Arts Revue
PALM Awards Exhibition		PALM Awards Exhibition	2009 PALM Awards Ceremony	PALM Awards Exhibition	Hermes Launch	PALM Awards Exhibition
Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats		Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats	Morning Session: Yoga, Tea & Sweet Treats
Lunchtime Session: Lukz; Michael Coutts		Lunchtime Session: David Goldschmidt; Roger Lock			Lunchtime Session: Aimee Bull-McMahon; Run Rabbit & SASS BBQ	Lunchtime Session: Rainbow Chan
Afternoon Session: Face Painting		Afternoon Session: International Film Screening	Afternoon Session: International Film Screening	Afternoon Session: International Film Screening	Afternoon Session: International Film Screening	Afternoon Session: International Film Screening
Verge Chai Night		Queer Open Mic Party	DORKBOT	FrenchSoc Film Screening		Verge Closing Night Party



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| 1 Cellar Theatre | 7 University Law Lounge |
| 2 Holme Building | 8 Seymour Centre |
| 3 John Woolley Building | 9 Verge Gallery |
| 4 Great Hall / University Quadrangle | 10 Jane Foss Russell Plaza |
| 5 Manning House / Manning Bar | 11 Hermann's Bar |
| 6 Verge Festival Tent / Sunken Lawns | 12 Old Darlington School |

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