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DECEMBER

the **Joan**



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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Penrith Performing & Visual Arts acknowledges and pays respect to the Darug and Gundungarra people who are the traditional owners in which Penrith Local Government Area is situated. We also pay our respect to elders past, present and emerging, and to the First Nations people living in our community today.

Hello from Penrith's Creative Heart



Penrith Performing & Visual Arts

Representing a diverse and dynamic blend of creative practice in the Western Sydney region.

Whether you're a lifelong arts enthusiast or experiencing the magic of live performance for the first time, there's something for everyone at The Joan. From powerful dramas to uplifting concerts and groundbreaking shows, we are dedicated to offering a diverse program that will move, challenge, and inspire.

Central to our mission is the belief in the transformative power of the arts – bringing people together, connecting with audiences, artists, and communities, and fostering lifelong learning. These are the cornerstones of our vision for a creative and thriving Western Sydney.

I look forward to welcoming you to The Joan soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Krissie Scudds'.

Krissie Scudds

CEO

Penrith Performing & Visual Arts

School Holiday Art & Drama Workshops



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Penrith Regional Gallery School Holiday Art Workshops

Paint, draw, create, and play at Penrith Regional Gallery these school holidays with a range of fun workshops inspired by our exhibitions. Kids and families can explore watercolours, drawing in the Gallery Gardens, and stencilling with paint through engaging gallery visits and art making activities.

Important Info | Please bring an apron or wear clothes you are happy to make a mess in and bring your water bottle and a small snack.

1 - 9 October

WORKSHOPS | Standard \$40 - \$115

We accept Creative Kids vouchers for our school holiday workshops.



Q Theatre School Holiday Drama Workshops

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Plus, our themed workshop packages for ages 5 - 8 and 9 - 12 return due to popular demand!

Important Info | Please bring a bottle of water and a packed lunch.

8 - 11 October

WORKSHOPS | Standard \$40 - \$90

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Carnival of the Animals



Photo: Claire Bernoth

Join the Richard Bonyng Ensemble and Glenbrook Ballet Theatre for Saint-Saëns' *The Carnival of the Animals* and Bach's *Concerto for four pianos*. After the show you can get up close to the instruments and discover how they make the animal sounds.

Audience Info | 60 minutes. Relaxed Performance. Recommended for ages 3+ and their families.

Wednesday **2 October** 11am

TICKETS | Standard \$28 | Family of 4 \$80
Childcare, Preschool, Vacation Care \$22 (1 free supervisor per 10 children)



Guards at the Taj



Following its celebrated 2022 season, don't miss your chance to experience National Theatre of Parramatta's *Guards at the Taj* before it leaves Sydney.

Best friends Humayan, a loyal civil servant and Babur, a dreamer stand guard together at the grand opening of the Taj Mahal. When they are ordered by the Emperor to perform a horrendous task, their life-long loyalty to each other is put to the test. This hilarious and heartbreaking black comedy explores themes of beauty and power, against a backdrop of autocracy and resistance. What price would you be willing to pay to preserve beauty?

Audience Info | 90 minutes. Suitable for ages 14+ and their families.

Friday **4 October** 7.30pm | Saturday **5 October** 2pm

TICKETS | Standard \$49 | Concession \$45 | Seniors Matinee \$40 | 35 & Under \$40



Cirque Africa



Audiences will be fully immersed in traditional African culture while witnessing a hand-picked world-renowned African troupe. Ranging from acrobats to dancers, musicians to contortionists masterfully performing in this energetic two-hour spectacle.

Rhythmic, colourful, energetic and awe-inspiring. Cirque Africa artists have performed to over two million people worldwide and are guaranteed to captivate audiences young and old by combining the best of contortion, acrobatics, traditional dance, live music, pan spinning, hand balancing and so much more.

Audience Info | 110 minutes.

Monday **7 October** 6pm

TICKETS | Standard \$49



Mozart and Poetic Inspirations



Get ready for a brilliant night of three chamber pieces that capture the sensuous depth and drama of night, directed by the Sydney Symphony's Concertmaster Andrew Haveron, alongside mezzo soprano Anna Dowsley.

Mozart's *Serenata Notturna* is classically elegant and entertaining. And Respighi's rare jewel *Il Tramonto* is based on a poem full of changing colours, moods and delicate harmonies. Just like the sunsets for which it is named.

Program | MOZART *Serenata Notturna* | RESPIGHI *Il Tramonto* | SCHOENBERG *Transfigured Night*

Friday **11 October** 7.30pm

TICKETS | Standard \$65.50 | Concession \$55.50 | Child \$30.50



Morning Melodies

Our monthly Wednesday morning variety concert, Morning Melodies has been running for 34 years this year and is still going strong! With a beautiful pre-concert morning tea, our Morning Melodies concerts offer more than just a morning's entertainment, they offer connection, community and culture.



The Song Catchers

Starring **Donna Lee, Lonnie Brabender, Dorothy Cooper & the Greg Hooper Trio**

Reignite wonderful memories with songs by Olivia Newton John, Dorris Day and John O'Keefe.

This special concert pays tribute to the greatest singers of yesterday and today.



Headliners

Starring **Brian Lorenz, Nick Bavarell, Leigh Archer & the Greg Hooper Trio**

Sit back, relax and watch three talented performers bring you their renditions of a selection of your favourite songs from cabaret and movies. Featuring *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Music Of The Night* and more live on stage.



Back to the Tivoli - Christmas Spectacular

Starring **Davidia, Hugh Matthews, Kenny Cheung, Daniel Tambasco, Jenifer Green, The Tivoli Dancers & the Steve Isoardi Trio**

Take a walk down memory lane to a time before the Sydney Tivoli Theatre closed its doors in 1966. Featuring an entertaining concert featuring an award winning violinist and even a world champion juggler!

Audience Info | All concerts begin at 11am with a morning tea served from 10am.

Wednesday
23 October

Wednesday
27 November

Wednesday
18 December

TICKETS | Standard \$23



Sydney International Women's Jazz Fest



The *Sydney International Women's Jazz Festival* returns in 2024 for its 13th year. Experience Sydney's top female jazz artists at The Joan with a triple bill in the Borland Foyer and Mullins Studio.

Start with smooth jazz from duo Tea for Two, led by singer-songwriter Alina Grace, followed by the Nine to Five – Leonie Cohen and Nicky Crayson Quartet, performing jazz standards, 80s tunes, and originals.

End the night with the Zela Margossian Trio, blending Armenian traditional music with jazz and classical influences. Enjoy a relaxed evening with drinks and delights from the Borland Bar.

Program | Local Support Act: Tea for Two

Act 1: Nine to Five – Leonie Cohen and Nicky Crayson Quartet | Act 2: Zela Margossian Trio

Friday **25 October** 6pm, 7.15pm & 8.30pm

FESTIVAL TICKET PASS Includes all three acts | Standard \$75 | Concession \$65 | Under 30 \$50
TICKETS INDIVIDUAL SHOWS | Standard \$45 | Concession \$40 | Under 30 \$30



Pictures at an Exhibition



Beginning life as a ten-movement piano suite in 1872 and completed in this dazzling and vivid orchestration by Ravel in 1922, *Pictures at an Exhibition* presents a grand musical spectacle.

A long-time audience favourite, Bruch's bravura showpiece for the violin weaves folk tunes and orchestral textures into a vivacious and charming work.

Program | BRUCH Scottish Fantasy | MUSSORGSKY orch. RAVEL Pictures at an Exhibition
WSU Composer Prize

Saturday **9 November** 7.30pm

TICKETS | Standard \$62 | Concession \$55 | Under 30s \$30 | Family of 4 \$35 | Child \$20



Penrith Youth Orchestra & Omega Ensemble



Photo: Eddy Summers

Penrith Youth Orchestra is joined by Omega Ensemble, one of Australia's most dynamic chamber music ensembles. This performance features well-known classical masterpieces alongside the music of Australian composer, Elena Kats-Chernin.

Sunday **24 November** 3pm

TICKETS | Standard \$25 | Concession \$20 | Student \$20 | Under 18 \$20



Messiah



Residing in London since 1712, Handel had built his reputation writing opera in the Italian style, however as public taste shifted, he turned to the oratorio to recapture this earlier success.

Messiah is Handel's best-known work in this genre and has been a fixture on the concert stage ever since its premiere in Dublin in 1742.

This much-loved work features four exceptional soloists and chorus. Artistic Director Paul Terracini conducts.

Saturday **1 December** 7.30pm

TICKETS | Standard \$62 | Concession \$55 | Under 30s \$30 | Family of 4 \$35 | Child \$20



Penrith Con Annual Concert



Photo: Claire Bernoth

Celebrate the diligent work and creativity of our students at Penrith Conservatorium of Music. Featuring solo performances of the 2024 scholarship students who will share the results of their music journey and a special performance by the recipient of the 2024 Silvy Medal.

Audience Info | 60 minutes.

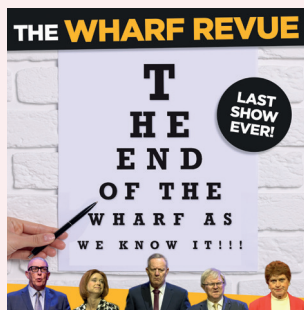
Thursday **5 December** 6.30pm

TICKETS | Standard \$25 | Concession \$20 | Family of 4 \$50



Coming up in 2025

Here's a taste of the incredible events we're bringing your way in 2025.



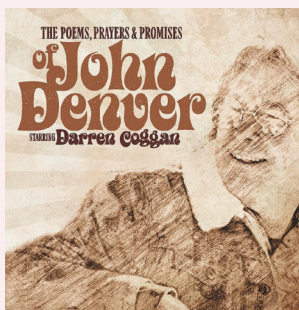
Adults

Soft Tread
Enterprises presents

The Wharf Revue: The End of the Wharf As We Know It

27 February – March 2025

After twenty-five years in the harsh and unforgiving spotlight of politics, The Wharf Revue has decided to step away from public life. So join us for this joyous yet bitter-sweet send-off to one of the great national theatrical institutions.



Music

Harbour Agency presents

The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver

Starring Darren Coggan

14 March 2025

Re-live the voice of a generation, in a celebration of one of the most inspiring and prolific singer songwriters of our time, remarkably re-created live, by Darren Coggan.



Kids & Families

CDPKids presents

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

24 April 2025

One of the most-read and famous children's books of all time, The Very Hungry Caterpillar emerges off the page in a masterful theatrical experience for children 18 months+ and their adults at The Joan.



Attending Our Venues



Access Information

The Joan is committed to ensuring access for all people. Our Box Office and Front of House staff will be happy to assist with any needs.

At The Joan:

- Wheelchair spaces
- Accessible seating
- Accessible toilets
- Companion Card accepted
- Lift to all levels of the centre



Relaxed Performances

Designed to reduce anxiety and create a supportive atmosphere for patrons with autism spectrum conditions, intellectual impairment, learning disability and other sensory and communication needs. There is a relaxed attitude to theatre etiquette, such as noise and movement among the audience.

Auslan Interpreted Events



Australian Sign Language (Auslan)

Select guided exhibition tours and Q&A sessions are presented with Australian Sign Language (Auslan) throughout the year, providing access for Deaf patrons and Auslan users.

Easy Ways to Book

Online

Booking online is easy and available 24 hours. Simply go to thejoan.com.au, to browse our program and click through to book.

Visit The Joan Box Office

Our in-person Box Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am till 4.30pm and one hour before performances.

Phone The Joan

To contact The Joan please call 4723 7600 and listen for the prompt for the correct department. The Box Office phone line is open Monday to Friday 9am till 4.30pm and one hour before performances.

Payment

Credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque made out to Penrith Performing & Visual Arts Ltd, cash (please do not post).

Booking Fee

A \$5 booking fee applies to all transactions regardless of the number of tickets bought or payment type.

Concessions

Concession pricing is available for any type of pensioners, Australian Government Health Care Card and Seniors Card holders as well as full-time tertiary, TAFE and school students.

Discounted tickets to selected performances are also available for Penrith Conservatorium and Studio Q students. Check website for details.

For More Detailed Information

Ticketing terms and conditions, ticket exchanges and our privacy statement can be found on our website thejoan.com.au

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Cirque Africa



Sydney Symphony Orchestra



sydney symphony
orchestra

Penrith Symphony Orchestra Pictures at an Exhibition and Messiah



PYO & Omega Ensemble



Penrith Con Annual Concert





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