

Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined 2021



Video broadcasts and radio programs



Welcome to the Victorian Seniors Festival Reimagined 2021. We are proud to present special curated programs for you to enjoy online, with new performances added every month. Featuring programs from a range of cultures in our diverse society, bringing together community leaders and emerging artists together in conversation, meeting artists and practitioners in their studios and workspaces - the 2021 Festival Reimagined will surprise and delight you.

What can you expect? Think of the classic old English rhyme: *Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue*. We have been inspired to produce creative programming that expresses continuity, optimism for the future, learnings from generation to generation and the joy of pure performance.

All the video broadcasts and radio programs produced for the 2021 Victorian Seniors Festival reimagined are available to watch and listen to at Seniors Online

seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards

Stay tuned for more exciting online productions coming to you each month until October 2021.

This is an active PDF – simply click on the arrow on any of the images to be taken to that video or radio program at Seniors Online. Each broadcast is available to watch with captions.

Here is what is available to watch and listen to now.

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Cultural riches series

Be thrilled and fascinated by these diverse delights –
by artists, creators and cultural leaders.



Sarita McHarg and Jacob Papadopolous

India meets Greece in this new exciting music episode with
two talented Melbourne-based artists.



Whang Zheng Ting and Vinod Prasanna

The magical sounds of two ancient instruments: Sheng
(Chinese mouth organ) and Bansuri (Indian flute) with two
great masters of their music.



Iaki Vallejo with guests David Jones and Evri Evripdou

After 8 years, jazz artists Iaki, David and Evri reconnect and
bring Australia and Latin America closer through their sounds.



David Marama with guests Fem Belling and Rolf Koren

A magic connection between three artists that goes beyond
the standard instrumentation by incorporating vocal
percussion techniques.

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Women, Art and Activism Episode 1
Featuring Wemi Oyekanmi and Julie Pagonis.



Women, Art and Activism Episode 2
Featuring Nalini de Sielvie and Carmen Borg.



Women, Art and Activism Episode 3
Featuring Edith Chen and Lee Unn.



Women, Art and Activism Episode 4
Featuring Wilma Tabacco and Liliana Barbieri.

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Women, Art and Activism Episode 5

Featuring Duré Dara & Dianne Lacroix - a true example of social inclusion within cultural diversity.

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Pure performance series

Focus on the joy of performance and enjoy an exciting mix of music styles and some magic. Hear from the performers and learn more about their story.



Dave Arden, Kokatha Gunditjmara singer and song man

Dave is a soulful performer who has spent his career supporting other artists. Here he performs a number of original songs from his most recent release *Red Desert Man*.



Djoliba Rattler Quartet – West African inspired music

Aboubacar's beautiful voice, accompanied by his guitar and the West African harp-like instrument the Ngoni, commands your attention as his lyrics tell stories of life, loss, happiness and grief.



David Wells – Four decades of improvising performance

Seasoned performer David Wells revisits key places in his extensive improvisational performance career.



Sam Angelico and Ross Skiffington – A magical interlude

As a special treat Ross Skiffington and Sam Angelico surprised the Seniors Festival film crew with some special magic routines devised especially for the Victorian Seniors Festival.

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Sarah Carroll – the Ukulele Queen of the Bellarine

The Ukulele Queen of the Bellarine, Sarah Carroll performs six songs which trace her recent experiences of loss and the beginning of her recovery.

Bush Gothic

Bush Gothic are Jenny M. Thomas, Dan Witton and Chris Lewis - together they wander through the darkest, weirdest corners of traditional Australian song books.



Duré Dara and Carolyn Connors

In conversation with Duré Dara and Carolyn Connors, musicians who have been performing together for over 20 years.



Pauline Sherlock - Comedy and Music

Getting old can be full of ups and downs, aches and pains, more sagging than shagging, but it is never too late to try and do what makes you happy especially after you get rid of the kids.

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Neil Thomas and Patrick Cronin - The Bunker Tapes

Bunker Tapes is a collaborative project that combines the words and insights of Neil Thomas and the music and sound-scaping of Patrick Cronin.



Sarah Ward and Bec Matthews - Intergenerational Celebrational Song

Lockdown offers it's challenges but brings forward hilarious problem solving. Sarah and Bec brought together two of their friends, Clare Warren aged 74 and Nina Sarrel aged 10, and perform an original song based on that – The Conversation.



Nichaud and Mark Fitzgibbon

Musicians Nichaud and Mark present a variety of songs which have sentimental resonance for them. Songs that withstand the test of time by brilliant composers including George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields, Henry Mancini and Johnny Mercer to name a few. They hope you enjoy their nostalgic journey.



Dave Arden - Encore Performance

David Arden is a Kokatha, Gunditjmara singer and songman. He returns for an encore performance of his song Annie Louisa.

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Sam Angelico - Magic By Request

Sam Angelico master magician returns for an encore and performs another magic routine taught to him by his grandfather.



Anna and Jim White - In our Father's Garden

In 2020 Anna spent time with her 87 year old father in his garden in the Strathbogie Ranges. Her film represents the culmination of a lifelong relationship with her father and his garden.

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In conversation series

Venture into the worlds of a wonderful mix of performers, artists and cultural movers and shakers in insightful conversations.



Sam Angelico and Ross Skiffington

In conversation with Sam Angelico and Ross Skiffington, magicians and illusionists who have known each other for 50 years.



Leo Dale and Robyne Latham

In conversation with Robyn and Leo who discuss how they first met, the way they work together and their outlook on working as artists.



Angharad Wynne-Jones, Elik Reade and Lana Nguyen

This conversation explores the desire for, and application of, practical systemic change from three community focused arts practitioners.



Irine Vela, Tangata Tupou and Vahideh Eisae

An intergenerational conversation amongst three women sharing their connections as music makers in theatrical contexts.

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Insights from Brazen Hussies

The documentary *Brazen Hussies* celebrates the legacy of the bold women of the Women's Liberation Movement who re-ignited the feminist revolution in Australia. Insights from Brazen Hussies features three of the key creative personnel behind the creation of the documentary and performer and activist Robin Laurie.



Miss Kat and Latoya - Transgender journeys

Two wonderful Trans women of Samoan heritage discuss their professional and personal lives as sex workers and community advocates and their love of DJ-ing and each other.



Ivan Aristeguieta and Kehau Jackson - Comedy mentoring

Cultural translations in comedy. These two comedians discuss their craft, honing every syllable of a joke, and their experiences of interpreting Australian culture and language.



Elizabeth Chong and Teresa Duddy - Family journeys

An exquisite window into a grandmother and granddaughter relationship fuelled by a love of creativity and a delicious shared humour.

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Lottie Davitt - Zoom piano teacher

Lottie is an enterprising and creative 15 year-old school girl who during COVID-19 restrictions has created a Zoom Piano school for seniors in 2020.



Rod Hardy & Gavin Wood - From Radio to Hollywood

Rod Hardy and Gavin Wood talk about their beginnings in radio and their incredible careers and friendship.



Alice Cummins & Paea Leach - Bodies of Knowledge

Paea Leach first met Alice Cummins as her teacher at WAAPA in Perth. Over 20 years later they are firm friends who rehearse, choreograph and share similar approaches to their creative arts.

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Artist in studio series

Come behind the scenes to see where the magic happens. Artists speaking about their work, exploring their influences, inspiration and creative processes during an intimate tour of their studio.



Arun Munoz - Making The Lens Dance

Arun Munoz is a freelance photographer with a dance and choreographic background. His cultural knowledge and understanding of people create transfixing and revealing photographic works.

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Revel in radio

Listen to a curated set of programs on Australian musical icons and the Conversations with the Commissioner for Senior Victorians programs.



Episode one of Radio 88fm's Ian Braybrook presents

This episode features the music of Marcie Jones (Marcie and the Cookies) and the Thunderbirds.



Episode two of Radio 88fm's Ian Braybrook presents

Father and daughter Donna and Gene Bradley Fisk are the subject of this program. Both are renowned in Country Music circles.



Episode three of radio 88fm's Ian Braybrook presents - Andrew Durant and STARS

Andrew Durant was an accomplished singer and songwriter for the acclaimed Aussie band STARS. Sadly, he died from cancer in 1979 aged just 26. This program focuses on Andrew and STARS who have successfully reformed 40 years later, aged in their sixties. Features interviews with Mal Eastwick, Mick Pealing, Broderick Smith, Mick O'Connor and Richard Clapton.



Episode four of radio 88fm's Ian Braybrook presents - Broderick Smith and Richard Clapton

Two legendary Australian performers who began their music careers in the early 1970s and both are still performing today. Richard Clapton has had numerous top 10 albums and his single hits include Girls on the Avenue (1975) and I am an Island (1982). Broderick Smith is a prolific songwriter and lyricist, and renowned exponent of the harmonica and guitar.

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Conversations with the Commissioner

An 18-episode series with Golden Days Radio presenter Peter Thomas interviewing the Commissioner for Senior Victorians, Gerard Mansour on ageing well and other topics of interest to older Victorians.

- Episode 1** Ageing Well - Positive Attitude
- Episode 2** Ageing Well - Purpose and Meaning
- Episode 3** Ageing Well - Respect
- Episode 4** Ageing Well - Connections
- Episode 5** Ageing Well - Staying in Touch
- Episode 6** Ageing Well - Be Safe and Secure
- Episode 7** Ageing Well - Managing Health
- Episode 8** Ageing Well - Getting Around
- Episode 9** Dr Santosh Kumar - Ethnic groups and clubs
- Episode 10** Sue Steel - University of the Third Age
- Episode 11** Kerry Parry - Neighbourhood Houses
- Episode 12** Kath Frowen - Life Activities Clubs
- Episode 13** Jenny Mustey - Local Libraries
- Episode 14** Pat Schram from Bowls Victoria
- Episode 15** Ilsa Hampton from Meaningful Ageing Australia
- Episode 16** Jim Goodin from Mental Health Foundation Australia

Revel in radio



Recognising Senior Victorians - Series 1

- Episode 1** Alma Sloper
- Episode 2** Andrew Bondin
- Episode 3** Brian and Beryl Watts
- Episode 4** Juel Hilton
- Episode 5** Leonie Featonby
- Episode 6** Les Gibson
- Episode 7** Molly Richards
- Episode 8** Richard Wilson
- Episode 9** Sheila Hunter



Recognising Senior Victorians - Series 2

- Episode 10** Amy Hall
- Episode 11** Anne Fairbairn
- Episode 12** Ivan Streader
- Episode 13** Jackie Birrell
- Episode 14** Leonie Pollock
- Episode 15** Les Trigg



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Radio plays

We love a good radio play! Enjoy a new production of the Australian classic, *Mystery of a Hansom Cab*, and two contemporary plays – *Lady in Waiting* and *Matriarch*, plus dialogues and monologues from U3A Melbourne City.



Lady in Waiting

A radio play by Sandra Shotlander full of wit, warmth and poetry.



Matriarch

Matriarch is an original one woman show celebrating the strength and resilience of four Gumbaynggirr women.



Mystery of a Hansom Cab

The big seller of mysteries in the late nineteenth century was *Mystery of a Hansom Cab*, just before the first Sherlock Holmes was published. It is still a great yarn and now has the added interest of references to areas of Melbourne at that time. St Kilda was very posh, Little Bourke Street very sleazy. People from both areas are the characters in this story.



Script Writing Group U3A

Addressing ageing, these dialogues and monologues present tongue-in-cheek life situations often with humour, always with flair and originality.

Episode 1 U3A Dialogues and Monologues

Episode 2 U3A Dialogues and Monologues

Episode 3 U3A Dialogues and Monologues

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