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OPEN STUDIOS DANDENONG RANGES

If you're over traipsing around sterile galleries with too much white space and not enough grey matter, then the Dandenong Ranges Open Studios sounds more like your scene. Since 2004, art fans have been using the touring map to guide them through the beautiful Ranges, giving them the opportunity to meet and greet with the artists, view their artwork in an intimate setting, and even see them at work. The Dandenong Ranges hosts a rich and vibrant artistic heritage, which features artists working across a range of mediums including woodworking, textiles, ceramics, watercolour, mixed media and more. With a focus on environmentally friendly pieces, Open Studios is a timely weekend getaway and only 30km out of Melbourne.

Today and tomorrow you can head to the hills and check out a vast array of works including paintings by artist Peter Meihuizen (pictured at work). Call Tilla at Burrinja on 9754 8723 or email openstudios@burrinja.org.au

* www.burrinja.org.au

FREE MUSIC

OH MERCY

After winning the Australian Music Prize Red Bull Award for last year's *Privileged Woes* album, erudite local popsmiths Oh Mercy headed to the South by Southwest music conference in Austin, Texas, impressed everybody, then got straight back into the studio to record album number two. Today they take a break from working on their studio tans to play an all-ages free gig in St Kilda. Lucky you. Their sophomore album is being recorded with Mitchell Froom (Crowded House, Elvis Costello) in America and the lads told me a few months ago they have 15 songs ready, "six of which are really good", according to lead singer, songwriter and sharp dresser Alex Gow. Oh Mercy also have a national tour alongside the Temper Trap in July and a spot in the Splendour in the Grass line-up. They always put in a heartfelt performance and today all four of the band will play at Pure Pop Records, 221 Barkly St, St Kilda, on stage at 3pm. Feel free to supply your own kookaburra calls just like on their debut album for a fully authentic rendering.

* www.purepop.com.au



FAMILY DC COMICS

You don't have to throw a Christian Bale tantrum to *really* lose yourself in the role of Batman today but, hey, it will probably help. It's DC Comics' 75th anniversary and to celebrate they're holding a world record attempt at the most number of people in super heroes costumes in one location. Dress as Batman, Superwoman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, The Flash, Captain Marvel or one of the more obscure characters such as Robotman, Hourman and Metallo. Yeah, I've never heard of them either but Wikipedia doesn't lie ... as much as you may. The event will have plenty of activities and entertainment to keep everyone happy and in full use of their super powers, plus there will be roving Super Hero characters to be photographed with and live show performances, live crosses with reporters from *Kids WB* on Channel 9 and the chance to win heaps of prizes! Melbourne Aquarium is offering free entry to every child aged three to 15, too, with the event wristband, accompanied by a paying adult so maybe Aquaman is a good option. Federation Square, registration from 9am.

* www.thatmelbourne.com.au



MUSIC

KATE VIGO

Jazz is in the air. The Stonnington Jazz Festival is in full swing, Brian Chase from Yeah Yeah Yeahs is still around town playing shows in small dingy venues after his turns at the Melbourne International Jazz Festival, and the delectable Kate Vigo is launching her new EP *Someone Better* tonight with her band, the Underground Orchestra. Her new single is a fusion of smoky '60s pop smarts with short piano jabs and an eventual release in the second (!) chorus, coming after a jumpy stop-start intro ... like the early days of sooo many relationships. Vigo is joined by special guests the Jolene Moran Band and the iconic stylings of Mikki Ross. This year, Vigo has already clocked up shows in the Spiegelent at the Adelaide Fringe, the Port Fairy Folk Festival and the Brunswick Music Festival. She also took out the Musicoz Award for Best Video for *The Way You Are* in March. Get out of the house tonight — you might meet someone better there.

* Toff in Town, level two, 252 Swanston St, city, tonight 8pm, \$14.20+bf www.moshtix.com.au



Lip service
Kate Vigo is launching her new EP *Someone Better*.



THEATRE

THE FOLDING WIFE

Filipino-Australian siblings explore the external and internal landscape that propels people to scatter the earth.

* Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall, 521 Queensberry St. Today 2pm and 7pm. \$18/\$25. www.artshouse.com.au

HALF A PERSON: MY LIFE AS TOLD BY THE SMITHS

William is a young man with three obsessions: strong long blacks, pining for his lost Salome and The Smiths.

* Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran. Tonight 8pm, tomorrow 2pm and 6.30pm. \$24/\$28. www.chapelloffchapel.com.au

KING LEAR

Shakespeare's epic play about a king who divides a kingdom between three daughters. Starring Peter Carroll, Anthony Phelan, Susan Prior and more.

* Playhouse, the Arts Centre. Until June 12. Tonight 7.30pm, tomorrow 2pm. \$68+bf. Ticketmaster 13 61 00.

THE LAST DAYS OF JUDAS ISCARIOT

After 30 pieces of silver and 2000 years of damnation, the trial of the Bible's most notorious sinner is up for appeal. Last days.

* fortyfivedownstairs, 45 Flinders Lane, city. Tonight 7.30pm, tomorrow 6pm. \$24/\$29. www.fortyfivedownstairs.com.au

MOTH

Teenagers Claryssa and Sebastian crack jokes and drink at the cricket nets but enjoy a theatrical realm of ecstatic visions and saints.

* CUB Malthouse Theatre, 113 Sturt St, Southbank. Until tomorrow. Tonight 7pm, tomorrow 4.30pm. \$18 to \$26. www.malthousetheatre.com.au

THAT FACE

Hard-hitting and visceral dissection of those who become their parents.

* Red Stitch Actors Theatre, Rear, 2 Chapel St, St Kilda. Tonight 8pm. \$20 to \$34. www.redstitch.net

THE THREEPENNY OPERA

Bertolt Brech and Kurt Weill's extraordinary 1928 play starring Eddie Perfect, Paul Copsis, Casey Benetto and more.

* CUB Malthouse Theatre, 113 Sturt St, South Melbourne. Until June 19. Tonight 7.30pm, tomorrow 5pm. \$21 to \$40. www.malthousetheatre.com.au

THE UGLY ONE

Scalpel-sharp comedy about beauty, identity and getting ahead at any cost.

* MTC Theatre, Lawler, Corner Southbank Blvd and Dodds St, Southbank. Until June 12. Today 3pm and 7.30pm. \$25 to \$40. www.mtc.com.au

COMEDY

THE COMEDY CLUB

Paul Brasch, CJ. Fortuna and Craig Miller make you forget all your worries and laugh!

* Athenaeum Theatre, 188 Collins St, city. Tonight 7pm. \$25/\$40. Bookings 9650 1977.

DANCE

BROMANCE

Next Wave Festival dance work explores the life-long negotiation of trust, rivalry and responsibility that is built between brothers.

* Arts House, Meat Market, 5 Blackwood St, North Melbourne. Tonight 8.30pm, tomorrow 5.30pm. \$18/\$25. www.artshouse.com.au

MISCELLANEOUS

2010 EMERGING WRITERS FESTIVAL

Myriad events across different venues.

* Wheeler Centre for Books, 176 Little Lonsdale St, city; Melbourne Town Hall, 90 Swanston St, city; State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston St, city; Federation Square. Until tomorrow. Various prices. www.emergingwritersfestival.com.au

2010 HARVEST FESTIVAL

Ian Moss, Felicity Urquhart (right) plus our finest rockabilly and bluegrass stars.

* Roy Dore Reserve, McLeod Rd, Carrum. Today 11am-11pm. \$2. www.kingston.vic.gov.au

CHARITY SWAP CARD SALE DAY

Pages, decks of cards, trade cards, postcards and much more.

* St Mary's Church Hall, corner Hood Crescent and Glen Eira Rd, Caulfield. Today 10am-3pm. Free. Inquiries: Jill 0413 456 996.

GRUNGADA AND DIDGERIDOO WORKSHOPS

Mark Atkins of the Black Arm Band performs and holds a workshop to teach kids.

* ANZ Pavilion, the Arts Centre. Today-tomorrow 10.30am and 2pm. \$16, family \$56. www.theartscentre.com.au/kids

HISTORIC WINTON AND CLASSIC MOTORBIKE TOUR

Two days of action-packed racing featuring 400 historic cars.

* Winton Motor Raceway, Fox St, Benalla. Today-tomorrow 10am. \$20/\$30. www.historicwinton.org

PUFFING BILLY GOES TO WALHALLA

The gorgeous old train, Old Polly, reverts back to her roots of the Moe-Walhalla line.

* Walhalla Station. Today-tomorrow 11am onwards. Various prices. www.puffingbilly.com.au

RE-ENTRY

Donna Marcus presents a sculpture of recycled aluminum and kitchenware that hangs like intergalactic spacejunk.

* The Atrium, Federation Square. Today-tomorrow 24 hours. Free.

RHINOS REVEALED

Behind-the-scenes adventure allows you to touch the rhinos.

* Werribee Open Range Zoo, K Rd. Daily 9am-5pm. \$12.10 to \$24.40. www.zoo.org.au

SHINE ON YOU CRAZY DIAMOND
Installation project in which Laura Brincat