



# MELBOURNE MAGIC FESTIVAL

JULY 2-14, 2018

## THE 2018 MAGICAL FESTIVAL IS GETTING IN TENTS!

### Spiegel tents that is!

As we enter a new decade of magic, the Melbourne Magic Festival has been reimagined thanks to an incredible new partnership with the world renowned **Circus Oz**.

With ten hugely successful Magic Festivals behind us, Melbourne is now internationally acknowledged as the centre of the magical arts in Australia. Our 2017 Festival attracted over 11,000 magic lovers including fans from the USA, Canada, South America, the UK, the South Pacific, New Zealand, and Asia.

The new hub of our 2018 Festival will be the fabulous Melba Spiegel tent at the Circus Oz HQ in Collingwood.



### TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

From April 1 over 20,000 tickets were released to the public to over 50 different shows in the hub alone – this year we also have over a dozen satellite venues throughout Victoria.

Tickets to our GALA SHOWS are already selling fast, and this year we have an incredible array of local and international performances showcasing the amazing variety of genres now available in the art form of theatrical magic.

As our festival takes place during the winter school holidays we have THE BEST shows for kids to enjoy together with their families – but magic is definitely not just for kids anymore!



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## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE...

### WOMEN IN MAGIC

From Canada we welcome back our 2017 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Award Winner **Carisa Hendrix** in a brand new semi-improvised show for adults called *'That Tingling Sensation'*. (She's also bringing a very family friendly kids show as well)

Conjure woman **Cath Jamison** is also back with a new show featuring live jazz, and **Rosanna** (with her partner Sam Angelico) performs *'The Illusionaire Magic Show'* at Mission to Seafarers.

### THE WORLD'S BEST

From Spain we have finally been able to get one of the world's best card magicians **Woody Aragon** to join us with his acclaimed show *'Woody Aragon is a Bald Faced Liar'*, and the award-winning inventor **Mr Tango** from Argentina will be presenting an exclusive magic workshop where he will share his latest creations.

### THE FUTURE OF MAGIC

Throughout the year **The Australian Institute of Magic** runs a Junior Magicians Course, and this year they will be showcasing their newly acquired skills in a free show. Junior Magicians from all over Australia will also converge on the festival to compete in *'The Australian Junior Championships of Magic'*.

### MMF FAVOURITES

It wouldn't be a festival without *'MagicSports'*, our wholly improvised, insanely hilarious version of TheatreSports, or without our ever-changing line-up of close up magicians in the nightly tradition *'The Best of The Magic Fest'*

### LEARN MAGIC

Every year magicians join us from all over Australia and around the world to learn from the very best. This year we have three international guest lectures from: **Woody Aragon**, **Juan Esteban Varela**, and **Carisa Hendrix**.

We haven't forgotten those who are just starting off. **Tim Credible** is there for the little ones with *'Magic School'*, **Lee Cohen** will be teaching *'The Magic Workshop'*, and if you're really keen the *'Melbourne Magic Academy'* is offering a four day magic course.

### MAGIC FOR THE BLIND

This year we are so excited to be partnering with Vision Australia to bring you, for the first time ever in Australia, *'Magic in the Dark'*. Created by Chile's 'Magician of the Year' **Juan Esteban Varela**, this is a magic show performed in complete darkness, created especially for vision impaired audiences. Sighted guests will be blindfolded and "see" the magic in a way they've never experienced before. You no longer need to see to believe.



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We have such a variety of incredible shows this year performed by over 70 Australian magicians (and three from Hong Kong, one from Spain, one from Argentina, one from Chile, one from Canada, and one from New Zealand), you'll need to take a look at [www.MelbourneMagicFestival.com](http://www.MelbourneMagicFestival.com) to explore them all.

**For photo and story opportunities about any of our shows or performers, please contact Tim Ellis at [Tim@MelbourneMagicFestival.com](mailto:Tim@MelbourneMagicFestival.com)**

#### **HUB VENUES AT CIRCUS OZ:**

- The Melba Spiegelentent
- Sawtooth Studio
- The Secret Room
- The Dark

#### **SATELLITE VENUES:**

- Arts Centre Melbourne – Melbourne CBD
- State Library of Victoria – Melbourne CBD
- The Melbourne Marriott – Melbourne CBD
- Mission to Seafarers - Docklands
- The 86 Cabaret - Fitzroy
- Wesley Anne - Northcote
- The Laneway Theatre - Northcote
- The Magic School of Confidence – East Malvern
- The Magic Zone - Mitcham
- Melbourne Magic Academy - Rowville
- The Peninsula Hotel - Geelong
- The Bellarine Railway - Queenscliff
- A Maze'N Things – Phillip Island



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**Venues:** The Melba Spiegeltent and beyond!

**Dates:** July 2 to 14, 2018

**Times:** Various times day and night

**Ticket Prices:** Starting at \$10

**Bookings:** [www.MelbourneMagicFestival.com](http://www.MelbourneMagicFestival.com)

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