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## MARDI GRAS SPECIAL EDITION

# EDITORIAL

## A Gay Old Time

It's February and that means one thing - the festival season - and Mardi Gras! 2008 was an important year for Australia with many discriminatory laws being altered to be inclusive for the GLBTI community - which is fantastic! However, I recently stumbled upon an Aussie website preaching bigotry and hatred, against a lot of our communities, not just GLBTI people... they claimed to be Christians, and it made me sick. One key thing I decided though is NOT to mention their name - they don't deserve the publicity! It was just horrible to think that there are people out there that think that God hates, and that other humans don't have the same rights as them.

Sure, it takes all kinds of people to make a village, and that's what I love about Mardi Gras. The over the top "nancy" can stand alongside the butchest lass, muscle queens march along side supportive high schoolers, kids and seniors - its not about "the fairies prancing up the street" - its about community, its about PLAYFULLY expressing yourself and its about showing that no matter how "far out there" you can be, you are still a part of the human family.

Its with pride, that as a gay man myself, I can dedicate an entire issue to Mardi Gras, and showcase its positive aspects to the entire country.

I encourage you to tune in, turn up, support or have a look at some part of the festival, parade or even party... even if you don't understand or accept the gay community - its a great opportunity to find out about some things that may be different to yourself, and see that it really is just about accepting your fellow man as an equal, and as friends.

Check out our guide to the festival highlights, as well as the winners of our massive IT LIST awards... the red carpet madness is also in this issue - so flip and have fun + most of all, Happy Mardi Gras!

Robll x

Rob with Elisabeth Moss, star of the Golden Globe winning series MadMen

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# PARIS FASHION WEEK

Kylie frocks out at JPG show!

***Mischa Barton*** - who really hasn't done anything memorable since 'The OC' ended years ago - is looking decidedly horrendous... and this is the BEST shot of her! One may think the fact she attended Paris Fashion week was a sign her career might not be in the toilet after all, until you find out she lives IN Paris now.

dita von teese looks stunning

more kylie!

Ms Minogue says hi to us

and then to Jean Paul!

## RIFFS 'n RANTS

***Ellen DeGeneres and Portia DeRossi*** stepped out to celebrate Ellen's 51st Birthday at the glam Chateau Marmont in LA. Hap-hap happy birthday to our favourite dancing TV legend!

***Fallout Boy*** are heading Downunder at the end of Feb for a series of live performances for XBox sounds. If the Pussycat Dolls XBox gig at the Opera House was anything to go by, this is one ticket not to miss - but you have to win em! Check out the POPrepublic.tv website for more info and tidbits.

***Central Station Records*** (the record label - not the awesome store) is looking like it may be resurrected from the dead. Central Station had followed it's parent company Destra into administration at the end of November last year. Supposedly their "acts" will remain with the label... stay tuned.

The lovely folk at Warner Music Australia have sent us the tracklisting for ***Evermore***'s forthcoming album 'Truth Of The World' and its one kick ass list... but would you expect anything less from this awesome band??? No. Don't you just love the artwork... pure genius! We are looking forward to the release with baited breath.

# POP republic.tv READERS SURVEY 2009

It's time to fill in the 2009 Readers Survey... not just another poll - this is where we find out about you guys - what you like, and it really helps us mould the magazine, website and show to give you what you want throughout the year!
Head on over to the website and let us know what makes you tick, what you want to see, what you like and dislike and you could even score some hot prizes!

## The Mother Of All Tours Is Here!

She makes your spine shiver with every note that escapes her mouth, and now Tina Arena is bringing one of the hottest shows Downunder in March for a kick ass tour that should not be missed. From the State Theatre in Sydney, to wineries, all the way over to Perth and back, she is the special headliner of the 2009 Mardi Gras Festival (and between us, I think she may also be appearing at the official Mardi Gras Party also... wink wink!) Her latest album 'Songs Of Love & Loss 2' is a stellar offering that has been topping the charts and introducing new fans to this powerhouse performer.

If you want to catch Tina live, and we KNOW that this is not a concert to be missed (expect special surprises and lots more for lucky ticket holders!) Check her out at the following dates across Australia.

Sydney
March 5 & 6
State Theatre

Brisbane
March 13
Convention Centre

Barossa
March 14
Arts & Convention Centre

Perth
March 25
Perth Concert Hall

Melbourne
March 27 & 28
Hammer Hall, The Arts Centre

***WANT TO WIN TICKETS TO SEE TINA?? Log on www.poprepublic.tv for your chance to score!***

## RIFFS 'n RANTS

With a new album due in-store at the beginning of April, UK indie outfit ***The Doves*** have announced they're giving one of the tracks from their forthcoming album away totally free of charge. The track 'Jetstream' is the opening number from the band's fourth album 'Kingdom Of Rust'. If you want to check it out for FREE before hand - just head to their official website - link is on the PRTV website.

The ***Madonna*** tour rumours are heating up... again... we are not going to believe anything until she steps on stage here in Oz, cause you know that the dollar is going to muck it up some how! For the die hard fans, all that's confirmed so far is Europe through to the end of Summer, and then she is more likely to go on break with her family, than head Downunder... would be great if she did though! You can see all the action from the Sticky & Sweet tour in our TV Show (episode 9 to be exact) - check it out on iTunes for free!

***Britney Spears***'s official website has confirmed that the singer's children will be present throughout her upcoming tour. Spears is travelling to New Orleans on March 3 to kick off a series of concerts in support of her last album, 'Circus'. The star's tour designer Jamie King said he was excited to be conceptualizing the concerts. He said: "This circus is unlike anything you've ever seen before. It's sexy, fun, explosive and full of surprises. "While avoiding such traditional circus elements as live animals, we've created something innovative and exciting using contortionists, dancers, lighting, fire and other special effects. "In the end, we just want fans to experience a unique and thrilling concert with Britney." Earlier this month, reports had emerged that the singer would cancel her tour if her children were not allowed to travel with her. Australia can expect to see Ms. Spears hit our shores around September should all go well with contracts.

# The Lady Goes GaGa Over Paris Hilton

Lady GaGa and Paris Hilton fronted up at the launch party for a new Nokia phone, and brought some "class" to the event (cough cough).
The chart topper kinda blew her street cred though when interviewed by Paris for a web video. She revealed that both her and Paris went to the same school - although a couple of years apart. GaGa was also heard complimenting Paris on (of all things) her failed pop career. GaGa said she thought 'Stars Are Blind' was one of the best EVER pop songs.

Suddenly all of Lady GaGa's appeal has FLOWN out the window...

## Gary Barlow has been named Britain's greatest songwriter

The Take That star beat competition from John Lennon and Paul McCartney to top the survey carried out by OnePoll.

"Gary Barlow has been responsible for some of the biggest hits of the past decade, and now this poll proves that," said a OnePoll spokesperson.

"A lot of people aren't aware that he has also written songs that have done well in the charts for other artists."

The 38-year-old has penned some of Take That's most memorable songs, including 'Babe', 'Back For Good' and 'Never Forget', as well as writing hits for artists such as Blue, Charlotte Church and Delta Goodrem. Barlow has also picked up five prestigious Ivor Novello awards for songwriting and composing. Former Beatles Lennon and McCartney were ranked second and third respectively in the poll of 3,000 music fans.

The top ten greatest British songwriters are:

1. Gary Barlow
2. John Lennon
3. Paul McCartney
4. Chris Martin
5. George Michael
6. Bee Gees
7. Noel Gallagher
8. Robbie Williams
9. Sting
10. Kate Bush

## RIFFS 'n RANTS

***Sheryl Crow*** has insisted that she has no hard feelings over claims she ripped off a poet in one of her biggest hits. The singer-songwriter has previously mentioned that she gave Wyn Cooper sufficient royalties and credit as a co-writer for her song 'All I Wanna Do'.

She has now said that her battle with breast cancer has given her perspective and helped her get over the criticism.

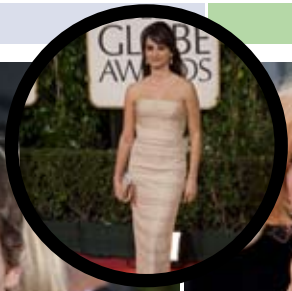
In Andrea Buchanan's book Note To Self, Crow wrote: "I hold no grudges against anybody for anything, and my days are better lived that way." Last year, Crow claimed that getting her hair cut short had badly affected her career.

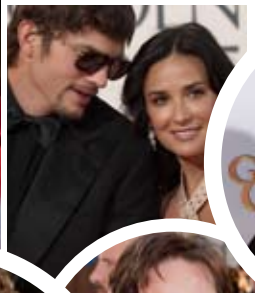
Jon ***Bon Jovi*** is to enter the New Jersey Hall Of Fame. Winners of the honour are chosen by the Hall's voting academy and by local residents online. Other inductees include Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, Carl Sagan, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Walt Whitman, Jerry Lewis and William Carlos Williams. Bon Jovi, a New Jersey native, is building affordable housing in Newark and other cities through his charitable foundation. The induction ceremony will be held in May at the New Jersey Performing Arts Centre in Newark.

***Paula Abdul*** has claimed that her work has inspired current stars such as ***Rihanna*** and ***Beyoncé***. The American Idol judge said that her videos are an "almanac for every performer"

She explained: "My videos stand the test of time. Even Rihanna has come up to me and said, 'I hope you don't mind', and Beyoncé. You can see the influence of what I've done.

"It's really fun to see that I've left a mark. It was my idea to create an animated character. It takes a lot of focus, a lot time, and a lot of money."
Abdul is one of the most influential choreographers of the modern age, so its not really a surprise that newer artists are inspired by her work.





# GOLDEN GLOBES

The Golden Globes kicked it up a notch this year, being more interesting than ever... with so many of our celebrity mates picking up awards, from Elisabeth and the crew from the hit 'MadMen', to the folks over at '30 Rock' - its was such a buzz!

But enough of that, here are some key winners:

BEST MOTION PICTURE – DRAMA
Slumdog Millionaire

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A MOTION PICTURE - DRAMA
Mickey Rourke, The Wrestler

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A MOTION PICTURE - DRAMA
Kate Winslet, Revolutionary Road

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A MOTION PICTURE - MUSICAL OR COMEDY
Sally Hawkins, Happy-Go-Lucky

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE IN A MOTION PICTURE
Heath Ledger, The Dark Knight

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE IN A MOTION PICTURE
Kate Winslet, The Reader

BEST ANIMATED FEATURE FILM
WALL-E

BEST TELEVISION SERIES - DRAMA
Mad Men

BEST TELEVISION SERIES - COMEDY OR MUSICAL
30 Rock

BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS IN A MINI-SERIES OR MOTION PICTURE MADE FOR TELEVISION
Laura Linney, John Adams

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Use Somebody | Kings Of Leon |
| 2 | Burn | Jessica Mauboy |
| 3 | Poker Face | Lady Gaga |
| 4 | Gotta Be Somebody | Nickelback |
| 5 | Sober | P!NK |
| 6 | Sex On Fire | Kings Of Leon |
| 7 | Hot N Cold | Katy Perry |
| 8 | Circus | Britney Spears |
| 9 | So What | P!NK |
| 10 | Single Ladies | Beyonce |
| 11 | Fall For You | Secondhand Serenade |
| 12 | Let It Rock | Kevin Rudolf feat Lil Wayne |
| 13 | Live Your Life | T.I. feat Rihanna |
| 14 | You Found Me | The Fray |
| 15 | Womanizer | Britney Spears |
| 16 | Someday Soon | Natalie Bassingthwaighte |
| 17 | Get Shaky | The Ian Carey Project |
| 18 | Love Story | Taylor Swift |
| 19 | Alive | Natalie Bassingthwaighte |
| 20 | You | Wes Carr |
| 21 | If I Were A Boy | Beyonce |
| 22 | Decode | Paramore |
| 23 | Walking On A Dream | Empire Of The Sun |
| 24 | Right Now (Na Na Na) | Akon |
| 25 | One Of The Boys | Katy Perry |
| 26 | Whatever You Like | T.I |
| 27 | Eh, Eh | Lady Gaga |
| 28 | Please Don't Leave Me | P!NK |
| 29 | Love Lockdown | Kanye West |
| 30 | Heartless | Kanye West |

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One of the hottest events of the USA awards season is of course, the SAG Awards (Screen Actors Guild). We were all over the thing to get up close with all the winners and celebs as you would expect.

It was an amazing night for 30 Rock, and The Wrestler's Mickey Rourke. The room was a real buzz, and probably one of the most enjoyable SAG's ever... jumping from table to table, we got to catchup with Sean Penn (who's movie MILK is brilliant), Sally Fields, Eva Longoria and her beau, and the insanely gorgeous, Christina Applegate. For more shots from the awards show, check out the galleries on the POPrepublic.tv website.

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***FeverRay***
***FeverRay***
*****
Finally, a label is jumping on the benefits of online sales and exposure. etcetc is offering up a "dual delivery" on the absolutely smashing release from FeverRay.
You can download a copy now, more than a month ahead of the official in-store date! You'll receive high resolution 320 kbps Mp3s of each track, and then be sent a copy of the jewel case CD for free when it releases. Now how cool is that?
**etcetc.tv/feverray**

***Don't Forget***
***Demi Lovato***
***

You may instantly want to write this artist off as pop trash, god knows I wasn't looking forward to it - Jonas Brothers tie ins, No Doubt rip off graphics - but for a second you feel like a royal ass when you hear the music. Its upbeat pop rock, and being produced by the Jonas Brothers, you know it has a teen tweak to it - but its kind cool - very SoCal, and punchy... to be honest she shits all over Miley Cyrus... In fact she is a god compared to that trainwreck! In fact, Miley fans should pay attention to Demi and jump ship quickly!
Let's hope she can sell it on stage and do the cute tunes justice... cause this has the potential to be just a cute studio album... fingers crossed eh?!

# THE GAY-DOMETER

They are known the world over for singing their hearts out, and they happen to be gay... which of these would you think is the most positive & inspirational gay muso of all time? Vote online!

***Let It Go***
***Will Young***
****

Will Young has announced that this, the third single from his latest album 'Let It Go' will be his last on the physical CD format. The single is due for release in the UK on March 02 and will feature two b-sides, 'You Don't Know' (lifted from his latest album) and a Joni Mitchell cover 'Help Me', both are live versions too. No news on a local release, but for all Will fans out there - this is one not to miss.

***Falling (The Attic Mixes)***
***Candice Alley***
*****

Candice Alley has decided to release her latest offerings States-side, forgoing the Aussie treatment, and the remixes are pretty darn good to boot. In what's probably a sensible move, she is going overseas first (possibly to avoid the media overshadowing her career with that of her Olympian husband)
The remix disc is a solid offering but if you don't want to wait for the physical release, you can score it on iTunes!

1. Jessica Mauboy — Burn
2. Lady GaGa — Poker Face
3. Beyonce — Single Ladies
4. Pink — So What
5. Britney Spears — Circus
6. Sex On Fire — Kings Of Leon
7. Pussycat Dolls — I hate this part
8. Natalie Bassingthwaighte — Alive
9. Jason Mraz — I'm Yours
10. Kevin Rudolf Feat Lil Wayne — Let It Rock

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# ITLIST AWARDS 2008 THE WINNERS

Another year passes and you guys have outdone yourselves! Massive vote numbers for some of your favourite artists... even without the hype from some of the labels (are these people asleep?) You keep clicking and showing who you love! So check out the results of all of your hard work!

## Favourite Aussie Album
1. White Noise - The Living End
2. Songs of Love And Loss 2 - Tina Arena
3. Apocalypso - The Presets

## Int'l Group
1. Kings Of Leon
2. Coldplay
3. The Pussycat Dolls

## Favourite Aussie Group
1. The Living End
2. The Presets
3. Sneaky Sound System

## Breakthrough Aussie Artist
1. Jessica Mauboy
2. Axle Whitehead
3. Sam Sparro

## Breakthrough Int'l Artist
1. Leona Lewis
2. Lady GaGa
3. Katy Perry

## Favourite Unsigned/ Self funded Aussie Act 2008
1. The Getaway Plan
2. Sonny Loveless
3. Michael Abboud

## Favourite Aussie Male Artist of 2008
1. Sam Sparro
2. Axle Whitehead
3. Guy Sebastian

## Favourite Aussie Female Artist of 2008
1. Delta Goodrem
2. Natalie Bassingthwaighte
3. Jessica Mauboy

## Int'l Male Artist
1. Chris Brown
2. Jason Mraz
3. Mark Ronson

## Favourite Int'l Album
1. Exclusive - Chris Brown
2. Funhouse - P!NK
3. Circus - Britney Spears

## Favourite Single
1. With You - Chris Brown
2. So What - Pink
3. Running Back - Jessica Mauboy feat. Flo Rida

## Int'l Female Artist
1. Rihanna
2. P!nk
3. Britney Spears

## Favourite Int'l Comedian
1. Ellen Degeneres
2. Sascha Barron Cohen
3. Kathy Griffin

## Favourite AUSSIE Comedian of 2008
1. Adam Hills
2. Julia Morris
3. Rove McMannus

## Favourite Video of 2008
1. So What - P!nk
2. Forever - Chris Brown
3. When I Grow Up - The Pussycat Dolls

## Favourite Film of 2008
1. Australia
2. Sex & The City
3. Batman: The Dark Knight

## Leading Lady
1. Nicole Kidman
2. Cate Blanchett
3. Merryl Streep

## Leading Man
1. Hugh Jackman
2. Heath Ledger
3. Brad Pitt

## Int'l TV Show
1. So You Think You Can Dance (USA) (10)
2. The View (W. & 9)
3. The Simpsons (10)

## Australian TV Show
1. Spicks And Specks (ABC)
2. So You Think You Can Dance Australia(10)
3. Packed To The Rafters (7)

## Female TV Personality
1. Natalie Bassingthwaighte (SYTYCDA)
2. Ellen DeGeneres
3. The Ladies from The View (W.&9)

# ITLIST AWARDS 2008

## Male TV Personality
1. Daniel MacPherson (City Homicide/DWTS)
2. James Mathison (Australian Idol)
3. Will Anderson (The Gruen Trans

## Australian DJ or MC
1. Mark Dynamix
2. DJ Havana Brown
3. Dan Murphy

## Int'l DJ or MC
1. Paul Oakenfold
2. Sascha
3. The Freemasons

## Train Wreck of 2008
1. Amy Winehouse
2. Sarah Palin
3. Todd McKenney

## Favourite Website of 2008
(excluding poprepublic.tv)
1. Youtube
2. Facebook
3. Myspace

## Favourite Fansite, Forum or Blog of 2008
1. calleauni.com
2. nickfanatic.com
3. twilightaustralia.net

## Sexy & Stylish Male 2008
1. David Beckham (Sports Star)
2. Hugh Jackman (Actor)
3. Anthony Callea (Wicked)

## Sexy & Stylish Female 2008
1. Jennifer Hawkins
2. Christina Aguilera
3. Natalie Bassingthwaighte (SYTYCD)

## Scandal of 2008
1. Britney Committed / Stretcher Media Circus
2. Jennifer Hudson Murders
3. Madonna & Guy Ritchie Divorce

## Favourite Tour or Theatrical Presentation of 2008
1. Wicked (Melbourne)
2. Rihanna & Chris Brown Australian Tour
3. SYTYCD Australian Tour

## Favourite Event or Festival of 2008
1. Mardi Gras 30th Anniversary
2. Big Day Out
3. Global Gathering

## Favourite Sports Star of 2008
1. Stephanie Rice
2. Matthew Mitcham
3. Harry Kewell

## Bomb of 2008
1. Big Brother (Channel 10)
2. Jessica Simpson's Switch To Country Music
3. Timbalands "tour" of Australia

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# SUPER BOWL

Tampa exploded with the 41st Superbowl, and regardless of what was happening with the football, billions of eyeballs were glued to the inspirational (if not mimed) national anthem by Jennifer Hudson, and the half time show of Bruce Springsteen.

All around town parties, concerts and more were going down and we were there to cover them all! From Rihanna to John Legend, Faith Hill and more - the airport was so backlogged with private jets, that they had to use one of the secondary runways as a parking lot for the aircraft...

more photos from the Superbowl and other Tampa events on the website at http://www.poprepublic.tv

## Kylie Hosts The Brits

Australia's XYZ Networks have picked up the rights to the Brit Awards, the UK's ultimate pop music trophies.

The 2009 event takes place in the UK on February 18 with hosts James Corden, Mathew Horne and Kylie Minogue.

Australian nominees include Gabriella Cilmi and AC/DC.

Performers include Take That, U2, Kings of Leon, Duffy, Girls Aloud and The Pet Shop Boys, who will receive an Outstanding Contribution to Music. It will air on Channel [V] 7:30pm Thursday February 26th.

photo: Myles Formby

## MARDI GRAS GETS BACK ON THE BOX BUT AT A PRICE

For the first time in years, the Mardi Gras Parade will be broadcast on Australian TV. The festivities will be shown on the Foxtel pay-per-view channel, Main Event on March 7. At time of press, costs have not been announced, and the channels website does not show it available for booking. Hosted by Charlotte Dawson, Pam Ann and Peter Morrisey - lets just hope they showcase the parade better than that horrendous Christmas parade from a couple of years ago. If you don't want to fork out for main event, check out POPrepublic.tv's coverage from the parade route on our podcast in the days following the parade, as well as Guidetogay.com and of course, Youtube, which has a tonne of videos uploaded from people on the parade route!

Channel 9 has announced that it will bring back ***Tim Campbell***, and the ever interesting "Celebrity Singing Bee" in Feb. Rumoured celeb guests include Shane Crawford, Livinia Nixon, Jeff Fenech, Kathleen De Leon Jones and Paulini.

You can also catch Tim, with his lovely BBF, ***Anthony Callea***, along with our editor Rob, on an upcoming episode of Kathy Griffin's ***My Life On The D-List***, which kicks off on Arena this month too...

In one of the most important weeks of the year for TV ratings, the Sunday night launch of ***So You Think You Can Dance Season 2*** and ***Biggest Loser*** was hit with a technical fault, not allowing the ratings to be released. Oztam, the ratings body claimed a "technical error" - so despite all the hype, no figures were released! I guess we'll never know for sure if everyone was watching or if TV's night of nights was upstaged in Sydney by the Chinese New Year Twilight parade. Oh, just so you know - the entire ratings system is only based on 5,000 black boxes, so does it truly reflect what the majority of people are watching anyway?

Nancy Cartwright may have landed herself in hot water after using her ***Bart Simpson*** voice in a telemarketing ad for the Church Of Scientology, of which she is a follower. The phone message was to entice people to come to a church conference. The only problem is, that at Nancy's own admission to us at her performance at Sydney Uni's Manning Bar - she cannot use the voice or perform it without the express permission of the Fox network.

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# MARDI GRAS GUIDE

It's one of the world's best festival's, and for weeks on end it will take over Sydney's venues with avengeance. From parks to concert halls, icons to unknowns, all will artistically showcase the brilliance of the GLBTI community.
We have only listed a few of the must see events for the 2009 season... but suggest you head to Mardi Gras' website and see what's on for yourself.
The season kicks off with the world famous Fair Day, which this year is also the official launch event too.

photo: Morgan Carpenter / NMG

### Launch/Fair Day

***Free Event***

*Sunday 15th February*
*Victoria Park, Camperdown (off City Road, Broadway)*

Launch, lunch, stalls, entertainment, thousands of friends and tonnes of things to do - its the best Sunday of the year for you, your family, friends and pooch!

### Bob Downe's Retro Gras

***$20 for Cabaret (8-10pm) $10 for dancing after 10pm***

*Thursdays 19 & 26 February + March 5 | Mardi Gras Festival Bar @ The Supper Club (Above Oxford Hotel - Oxford St)*

Laugh & Dance Yourself Silly! Featuring: MRS VERA & DJ MISTER TINA direct from San Francisco!
Special Guests Include:
CINDY PASTEL, DAVID CAMPBELL, SHAUNA JENSEN, JOYCE MAYNGE and Many More!

### 21 Down ***Free Event***

*22nd February 1pm-6pm | Slide On Oxford Street.*

Courtney Act hosts this special FREE event for anyone under 21... a massive hit last year, with a special appearance by The Veronicas, who will turn up this year??? Come and have some fun!

photo: Mazz Image

### Tina Arena In Concert

***Tickets @ Usual Outlets***

She is quite simply THE best vocalist Australia has ever produced, and is headlining this years festival. Check her out on the national tour.

***National Dates on the advert in this issue of POPrepublic.tv***

### Youth Gender Fair

***Free Event***

*14th February 11am-4pm | Twenty10 45 Bedford St. Newtown.*

An event for people 25 and under who may be questioning their gender or identify as transgender, gender variant, gender-queer or gender explorers. Lunch will be provided.
*youthfestival@twenty10.org.au*

### Sing-A-Long A Sound Of Music

***ticketmaster.com.au***

*Tue 3 & Wed 4th March 7.30pm | State Theatre*

High on a hill... grab your favourite outfit, and head to the State Theatre and check out this internationally famous production. A Classic.
***Also appearing in Melbourne.***

### Mardi Gras Party

***Tickets At Ticketek.***

*Saturday 7 March from 10pm | Fox Studios*

Join Natalie Bassingthwaighte, The Freemasons, Paul Oakenfold and so many more surprises at THE party of the year.

***OVER 18 ONLY.***

**NATIONS UNITED**
**2009 SYDNEY GAY & LESBIAN MARDI GRAS PARADE** *Free Event*
*Saturday 7 March 7.45pm | Oxford Street*

This year the world's most famous gay and lesbian event is thinking global and marching local. Celebrating the diversity of gay culture worldwide and marching for the human rights of gay people everywhere. From Mounties to geishas, from the haka to the tango, from French poodles to Chinese dragons – the world's coming to Sydney this Parade night! Chief of Parade for 2009 is Olympic superstar, Matthew Mitcham!

***Route:***
Route begins at Liverpool Street, Hyde Park. Then up Oxford Street onto Flinders Street and finishing at Moore Park Road.

***Mardi Gras Parade Viewing Tips:***
Plan your night, arrive early and travel by public transport. Leave glass bottles at home and bring your sense of humour.

**Harbour Party**
*Tickets on sale at Ticketek*
*Sunday 1 March 3pm-11pm*
*Lady Macquaries Chair.*
Peyton, Kate Monroe and our bud Alex Taylor spin the best tunes in the most gorgeous location on earth... a must do event! Also just announced, one of your favourite IT LIST Aussie male... Sam Sparro will also be performing!

**Gentleman Prefer Blokes**
*Ticketed Event*
*info: gentlemenpreferblokes.com*

Courtney Act & Trevor Ashley present a cabaret show with so much glitz, it's glam. Shows in CBD & Parramatta... busy gals!

**Joan Rivers**
*3rd March & 6th March 8pm | Enmore Theatre*
She is an absolute legend, and funny as... appearing exclusively for Mardi Gras, these shows are not to be missed... and no its not a typo. Two shows on one night! Booyah!
***mardigras.org.au***

**Party Rights**
***Free Event***
*24th February 7.00pm | Slide Oxford Street*

The Inner City Legal Centre has produced a publication for the GLBTI community on your legal rights when you are partying. It includes information on your rights in relation to the Police, Homophobic violence and discrimination. The event is hosted by none other than legendary entertainer, Maxi Shield.

***www.iclc.org.au | www.maxishield.com.au***

**The Fabtabulous Walk Of Historical & Modern Curiosities**
***Free Event - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL / LIMITED SPACE.***
*21 February 11am-2pm | Oxford Street Area*

Ever wondered why Oxford Street was a well known GLBTI precinct? Get historied up with this insight into the events that shaped the GLBTI community, scene and place in Australia's history. Under 26 only. Lunch will be provided.

***Booking info:*** *James Grey. 02 9206 2077 / jgrey@acon.org.au*
*This is an alcohol free event.*

**Mardi Gras Film Festival**
***Prices vary according to screening.***
*CBD & Parramatta*
*check website for location information & costs.*

Week's worth of the world's best queer movies... doco's and other yummy visual treats. It's a Mardi Gras institution and a must see, must attend event.

***queerscreen.com.au***

**Five Years Of Fabulous! The Mardi Gras Costume Exhibition**
***Free Event***
*14 Feb - 14 March | Wharf 2 Gallery, Hickson Road, The Rocks.*
*Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 10pm, Sat 10am-10pm*

New Mardi Gras brings out it's best and brightest costumes since the new company commenced in 2004. Check out celebrity outfits, like Cyndi Lauper, Nikki Webster, Olivia Newton-John and even one costume that's so big its has to be registered as a vehicle.

**POP THE QUESTION**
***FREE EVENT***
*27 Feb - 7 March | China Heights Gallery, 257 Crown Street Surry Hills.*

A collision of pop music and graphic design. See your favourite songs posed as a graphical question. Top international graphic designers on show.

******MUST SEE EVENT******

# CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2009

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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MELBOURNE – Big Day Out<br>AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY<br>26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | ADELAIDE – Big Day Out<br>30 | 31 | PERTH – Big Day Out<br>CHINESE NEW YEAR<br>Twilight Parade. Town Hall To China Town - Sydney<br>1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | CHINESE NEW YEAR BOAT RACES - Sydney Harbour<br>7 | CHINESE NEW YEAR BOAT RACES - Sydney Harbour<br>51st Grammy Awards<br>St. Kilda Festival<br>8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | MARDI GRAS FAIR DAY AND LAUNCH<br>Victoria Park, Camperdown.<br>15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| HAT'S OFF<br>23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | HARBOUR PARTY<br>1 |
| 2 | JOAN RIVERS ENMORE THEATRE<br>sing-a-long a sound of music - State Theatre<br>3 | sing-a-long a sound of music - State Theatre<br>4 | TINA ARENA STATE THEATRE<br>5 | TINA ARENA STATE THEATRE<br>JOAN RIVERS ENMORE THEATRE<br>6 | MARDI GRAS PARADE<br>MARDI GRAS PARTY<br>7 | 8 |

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