



Top Picks for the 2024 Midsumma Festival

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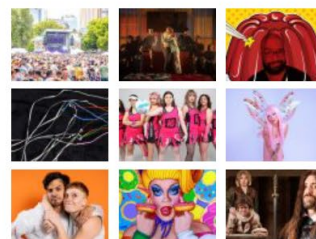


Midsumma Festival returns in 2024 to once again showcase a diverse celebration of queer arts and cultural festivities from 21 January – 11 February.

With over 250 events in over 150 venues across Melbourne, showcasing queer culture that features local, interstate, and international artists in spectacular performances, talks and social events, the Australian Pride Network takes a look at twenty events worth checking out:

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Eye Candy

Flinders Lane Gallery: 23 January – 10 February

Janne Kearney's broad spectrum colourful images offer a message of personal empowerment and sexual autonomy. In her current series, *Eye Candy*, the artist often positions her subjects against a background of shapes that densely interlock and overlap in a spectrum of bold colour. The people in *Eye Candy* display an overt and playful sexuality as they suggestively lick lollipops and return the viewers' gaze unabashedly. It's not so common to see women depicted in fine art or in popular culture as not just owning, but openly enjoying their sexual selves. By portraying her subjects as anything but passive, Kearney subverts the patriarchal male gaze by returning it assuredly back at the viewer. In doing so she creates a space in her art where all forms of sexual and gender orientation are not just accepted but celebrated. Free entry!