SEPTEMBER DIARY  ♦ Fine focus on the final frontier in Melbourne ♦ Floral notes abound in Canberra and Perth ♦ Asian performance in Adelaide ♦ Sydney hosts “degenerate” art ♦ Brisbane sets phasers to festival. EDITED BY DAVID LEVELL

Earth and moon
From Apollo 11, 1969

FROM SEPTEMBER 22
♦ Star Voyagers: Exploring Space On Screen, ACM, Melbourne: Conquer the cosmos via a century of film – science and space race footage, drama (Alien, Apollo 13, Moon) and video art. Also, costumes and models from 2001: A Space Odyssey, a camera that flew to the moon with Apollo 11 in 1969, and 3-D Mars exploration. www.acm.net.au
VICTORIA

www.visitvictoria.com

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER


UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4


SEPTEMBER 5-11


- Clybourne Park. MTC Summer Theatre, Melbourne. Australian premiere of this year’s Pulitzer winner, a comedic collision of race and real estate. In 1959, neighbours object to a couple selling their house to non-whites and, 50 years on, gentrifying whites wish to demolish it. www.mtc.com.au

SEPTEMBER 21


FROM SEPTEMBER 24

- Royal Melbourne Show. Royal Melbourne Showgrounds. Livestock and fruittakes sport their ribbons, while ghost trains run a timetable to put public transport to shame. www.royalshow.com.au

QUEENSLAND

www.queenslandholidays.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

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such as Dalí, Ernst, Magritte, Brauner, Miro and Duchamp. www.qag.qld.gov.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

The Torres Strait Islands: A Celebration, Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane. Torres Strait art and culture, exhibitions and events. Go Strait there: www.tsi.org.au

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 4


SEPTEMBER 3-18

Tastes Of Gold Coast, various venues. Gold Coast. Plenty to digest: beer, wine, seafood, cheese. tastesofgoldcoast.com.au

SEPTEMBER 3-24

Brisbane Festival, various venues. See story page 67 www.brisbanefestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 7-11

Brisbane Writers Festival, various venues. Reading between the lions (and the Broncos), Jonathan Franzen has the write stuff to top the bill. brisbanewritersfestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 10


SEPTEMBER 10-11

Real Food Festival, Sunshine Coast hinterland. Farm tours, bush-food classes and cob-oven building should whet your appetite, which you can then whet. www.realfoodfestival.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 15

Le Grand Cirque: Adrenaline, Lyric Theatre, Brisbane. Extreme circus acts don’t clown around – giant catapults, identical twin contortionists, fire-breathers and the Wheel of Destiny, said to be the world’s most dangerous circus act. www.gpac.com.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

www.southaustralia.com

SEPTEMBER 2-10


SEPTEMBER 2-17

OzAsia Festival, Adelaide Festival Centre. Performers from nine Asian nations.

NEW SOUTH WALES

www.visitswa.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER


Olivia Pledger, The Masterpiece Part 4 – A Weekend In The Country, 2005

headlined by China’s wildly popular play Rhinoceros In Love (called “the Bible of love for young people”) plus Moon Lantern Festival, September 10, ozasiafestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 25

Bay To Birdwood. 1000 horseless carriages head for the hills in this vintage (pro-1956) car run, from Adelaide to Birdwood’s motor museum. www.baytobirdwood.com.au

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER


1 Sculpture, jewellery, pottery and funerary urns from the mostly mysterious ancient Italian civilization that was absorbed by the Roman Republic in the first century BC. sydney.edu.au/museums
THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER


- La Bohème, Sydney Opera House. Puccini's bohos find life ain't always a cabaret in this acclaimed new production, while Amelia Farrugia meets her match in The Merry Widow. Also: from September 10, a sinister set and living scenery in Verdi's Macbeth: from September 11, Teddy Tahu Rhodes does Don Giovanni; until September 21, Emma Matthews lights up Delibe's La Fille Mal Gardée. opera-australia.org.au


- Jersey Boys, Theatre Royal, Sydney. Frankie Valli is the man for all seasons in this hit jukebox musical. www.jerseyboysaustralia.com.au

- The Mousetrap, Genesian Theatre, Sydney. Agatha Christie's famous whodunnit (playing in London since 1952) comes to this historic (1868) Sydney venue, once a church. genesiantheatre.com.au


SEPTEMBER 3-11

- Eat History, various venues, Sydney. The repast of the past, with historical menus at colonial venues and foodie walks and talks. historyweek.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 5

- Claws! Sydney Aquarium. It's Crabzilla versus the Harbour City - giant Japanese spider crabs (claw span 3m) star among big and weird crustaceans, such as Bruce the 10kg Tasmanian. But can he chop wood? www.sydneyaquarium.com.au

SEPTEMBER 8


SEPTEMBER 9-25


FROM SEPTEMBER 9


AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

- Fred Williams: Infinite Horizons, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra. Major Australian painter with an original, often abstract take on representing landscape. www.nga.gov.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 17

- Floriade, Commonwealth Park, Canberra. Goes heavy petal, with a million bulbs and annuals springing into full blossom, along with a Latin carnival, the TaikOz drummers and outdoor movies. www.floriadeaustralia.com

TASMANIA


FROM SEPTEMBER 3

SEPTEMBER 16-18
Love, TheatTe Royal, Hobart. What would you save if you had to flee your home? A theatrical trip through the "king of emotions", plus puppets, songs and visual design. www.theatreroyal.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY
www.travelnt.com
THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER
Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum & Art Gallery of the NT, Darwin. Australia’s biggest Indigenous art prize. www.magnt.nt.gov.au

SEPTEMBER 9-18
Alice Desert Festival, Alice Springs. Alice’s adventures in the arts wonderland: film, drama, music, bush foods and more. www.alicedesertfestival.com.au

SEPTEMBER 10
Mahbillil Festival, Jabiru. The festival that really cooks your (magpie) goose. Celebrate Kakadu Aboriginal cultures with music, bush foods and dancing. mahbillil.wordpress.com

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
www.westernaustralia.com
FROM SEPTEMBER 1
Kings Park Festival, Kings Park, Perth. Bloom to move, with native wildflowers, tree photography, gardening and art workshops. Wild Fairyland festival on October 2. www.bgpa.wa.gov.au

SEPTEMBER 21-27
Perth Fashion Festival, various venues. Frock and roll! Spring and summer fashions launch west-side. perthfashionfestival.com.au

FROM SEPTEMBER 24

ON TOUR
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 21
Russian Resurrection Film Festival, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra. Russia for real – hurry along. russianresurrection.com

FROM SEPTEMBER 5

SEPTEMBER 8-14

FROM SEPTEMBER 14

SEPTEMBER 21-24

FROM SEPTEMBER 29
Vienna Philharmonic, Perth, Brisbane, Sydney. The world’s top orchestra presents music by composers without umlauts. www.wienerphilharmoniker.at