

# FEATURED EVENT

Friday 16 June

7.30pm for 8.00pm start

## Stereo Stories

A Song. A Place. A Time.

Join festival favourites, as the Stereo Stories band celebrates the songs that shape our lives. With special guests **Jock Serong, Nick Gadd, Jacinta Parsons, Rijn Collins, Angela Savage, Katherine Kovacic** and Willy's own **Andy Griffiths** and **Smokie Dawson**.

Full \$35 Conc \$32

Seating for Stereo Stories will be general admission, with both theatre-style rows and cabaret-style tables available. Arrive together to sit together. BYO snacks, drinks available at the festival bar.



# WILLY LIT FEST LATE

Willy Lit Fest extends beyond its usual daytime hours in 2023. Lit Fest hits your local, bringing literature into theatre and music for your Saturday night entertainment.

Saturday 17 June

7.30 – 9.00pm

## Paris or Die: A Performance

Paris, it seems, has its own plans for **Jayne Tuttle**. Drawn there from a cloud of grief, she finds herself in a dizzying neighbourhood, studying at an intense theatre school, and falling in love with a Frenchman too beautiful to be real. She will disappear into the culture if it kills her. And one strange night, it nearly does. A theatrical retelling of Jayne's memoir *Paris or Die* followed by a Q&A.

Soul City, Williamstown High School, Pasco Street

Full \$22 Conc \$20 Early \$15

7.30 – 9.30pm

## Running Deep: An Australian Submarine Life

From conducting top-secret missions to making history commanding the farthest deployment in the history of the Australian submarine service, **Commodore Peter Scott** deep dives into what it takes to be a Submariner. Moderated by **Jeff Maynard**

Stay for sea shanties and a beer.

Pirates Tavern, rear of Nelson Place

Full \$22 Conc \$20 Early \$15

# FURTHER WEST IN 2023

To celebrate 20 years of Willy Lit Fest in 2023, we're looking to our neighbouring arts organisations to co-host conversations that reflect our wide-reading community. Reading may be an activity that happens in solitude, but its joy is realised in empathy and conversation.

From the **Đất Nước Library** in Footscray, to the **Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre** in Altona – everyone is invited to our birthday celebrations.

Tuesday 13 June

6.00pm – 7.00pm

## Anam: Memory and Inheritance

A grandson tries to learn the family story. But what kind of story is it? Is it a prison memoir, about the grandfather imprisoned without charge or trial by a revolutionary government? Is it an oral history of the grandmother left behind to look after the children? Or is it a love story? A detective tale?

**André Dao** in conversation with **Hoang Tran Nguyen**

Đất Nước Library, Footscray

Free event

Supported by the Đất Nước Library

Friday 16 June

10.00am – 11.30am

## St Mary's Poetry Slam

Under the tutelage of acclaimed spoken word poet **Emilie Zoey Baker**, the young poets of St Mary's Primary School have been honing their craft. Their term's hard work culminates in a school-day slam where students will engage and entertain their audience, whilst showcasing their poetic skills in writing and performance.

St Mary's Primary School

By invitation to family and friends

WILLY LIT FEST AND LOUIS JOEL ARTS CENTRE

7.00pm – 8.00pm

In partnership with the Louis Joel Arts Centre in Altona, Willy Lit Fest presents a series of conversations at the point where art and literature intersect. These events will be held at Louis Joel in Sargood Street, Altona in the lead-up to festival weekend.

Tickets \$20

Thursday 18 May

## Art Heists

In 1986, Picasso's *The Weeping Woman* was stolen from the NGV. Weeks later it was discovered in a train station locker. **Chris Womersley** (*The Diplomat*) is an expert on art heists. With arts critic **Tim Byrne**, Chris will unravel truths stranger than fiction in Melbourne's underground art world.

Thursday 1 June

## How much Mary?

**Diego Ramirez, Kate O'Boyle, Mel Deerson** and **Anna Parlano** discuss apparitions of Marian art and literature, spanning centuries and continents.

Wednesday 7 June

## no more poetry salon

Local poetry publishing house 'no more poetry' is an independent publisher based in Naarm, publishing with bi-monthly poetry collections, a monthly newspaper and sporadic art ephemera. Join us for a reading with **Genevieve Callaghan, Lia Dewey Morgan** and **Chunxiao Qu** in the gallery.

Thursday 8 June

## Taxidermy and Fairytales

**Rijn Collins's** *Fed to Red Birds* makes the macabre beautiful. With **Anna Kate Blair**, Rijn will transport us to the Iceland of fairytales, and share her meditations on taxidermy as a craft.

Wednesday 14 June

## Bad Art Mother

Good mothers are expected to be selfless. Artists are seen as selfish. So what does this mean for a mother with artistic ambitions? Stella-celebrated writers **Edwina Preston** (*Bad Art Mother*) and **Thuy On** (*Decadence*) discuss ambition, practice and motherhood against the backdrop of the Melbourne milieu of Georges and Mirka Mora, Joy Hester, and John and Sunday Reed.