

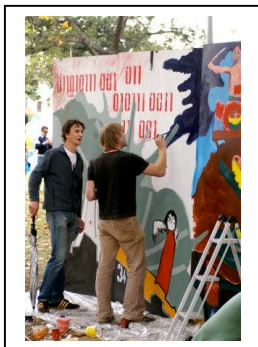
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Surry Hills Festival celebrates the artistic soul of our inner city

The 2007 festival's creative programme expands to include 'Art Alfresco' and 'Dramatic INtent'.



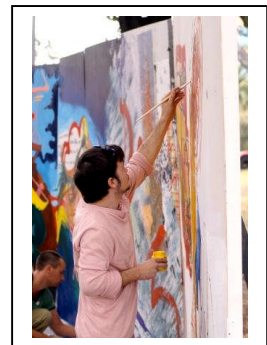
Festival goers can expect a rich diversity at the Surry Hills Festival on Saturday 13 October 2007, with Prince Alfred Park set to showcase an amazing array of talent. Two new festival features - 'Art Alfresco' and 'Dramatic INtent' – are must see destinations.

Be the first to experience the work of Sydney's emerging artists, featured in Art Alfresco. Local galleries will create an amazing alfresco art space, in an idyllic setting under an avenue of trees. Let your inner artist come alive, with the opportunity to express your unique creativity on a 10metre long collaborative community artwork. Art Alfresco will also feature the winning entries from the 'Arts on Bourke' open art competition offered in conjunction with the Surry Hills Festival. Competitions winners will share in \$5000 prize money and their works will be exhibited at 'Arts on Bourke' art space.

A visit to 'Dramatic INtent' will bring you up close and personal with leading professionals in the performing arts. Each hour you'll experience exciting and informative presentations programmed by the Actors Centre Australia, and gain an insider's perspective through question and answers. Relax on the grass as panels and individuals representing theatre companies and agencies throughout Surry Hills present sessions as diverse as 'Theatre of Relevance – Australian style, Australian content' through to 'A State of Play – training for the modern actor.'

You'll want to come early to the park to experience these two new festival features, as well as everything else the festival offers. Six entertainment stages will come alive between 10am – 6pm with indie rock, DJs, acoustic and world music, including popular Big Day Out MC's, The Lilypad's Duckpond, Larry, Heavy G and Christo with surprise guests. Hundreds of market stalls, the Surry Hills Dog Show Off and amusement rides will ensure fun for all ages. Kids will enjoy a special appearance by Play School's Justine Clarke, an amazing magic show and performances from local schools.

This free festival is produced by the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre as a major fundraiser for the Centre's community services. You're invited to make a gold coin donation on festival day towards this great cause.



For information regarding galleries exhibiting in Art Alfresco, and 'Dramatic INtent' programme visit www.surryhillsfestival.org.au. For information regarding "Arts on Bourke" open Art Competition visit www.ssqac.com.au

What: Surry Hills Festival
When: Saturday, 13 October, 2007
Where: Prince Alfred Park, Corner Cleveland and Chalmers Streets, Surry Hills
What time: 10am – 6pm
Further info: Visit our website for more information www.surryhillsfestival.org.au

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