



**Surry Hills Neighbourhood  
Centre**



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## ***New feature at the Surry Hills Festival showcases inner city creativity***

***The 2008 Surry Hills Festival's creative programme expands to showcase emerging fashion designers.***



Be the first to experience the work of Sydney's emerging fashion designers at the Surry Hills Festival on Saturday 12 April, 2008. Prince Alfred Park is set to showcase a spectacular array of talent at the festival's new Fashion feature. Surry Hills and surrounding inner city suburbs have long been a seedbed of creativity for the fashion industry, and this year festival goers will be able to experience a preview of emerging design trends.

Creations by students from The Whitehouse Design, Enmore Design and local emerging designers will feature on the alfresco catwalk, in an idyllic setting beneath an avenue of trees. Don't miss this stunning array of fashion design and theatre costuming.

Surry Hills Festival continues to celebrate our local performing arts culture with the return of Dramatic Intent. Presented by Actors Centre Australia, Dramatic Intent will bring you up close and personal with leading professionals in the performing arts. As you relax on the grass, panels and individuals representing theatre companies and agencies throughout Surry Hills will address diverse topics including – 'Casting for Film/TV', 'Actors on Acting' and 'Directors on Actors – the Inside story.'

You'll want to come early to the park to experience all of the creativity and energy of these unique 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. Hundreds of market stalls, the Surry Hills Dog Show Off and amusement rides will ensure fun for all ages, with kids and the young at heart enjoying a special appearance by Nickelodeon's Active Kidz.



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.

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**What:** Surry Hills Festival  
**When:** Saturday, 12 April 2008  
**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](http://www.surryhillsfestival.org.au)

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