



Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre

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## ***Experience the essence of inner city creativity at Surry Hills Festival '09***

***- Surry Hills Festival celebrates its tenth year with a showcase of arts, culture and entertainment***



The vast green space of Prince Alfred Park provides a perfect canvass for brilliant colour and vibrant energy as inner city creatives gather to express the essence of the inner city at Surry Hills Festival. As more than 90,000 festival goers spill across the park on Saturday 18 April, 2009, six entertainment stages will showcase a mosaic of talent from emerging artists and bands. Artisans in the 250 market stalls will proffer unique artworks and hand crafted fashions in a riot of colour and design, while creativity of another kind is showcased at the infamous Surry Hills Dog Show off.

Surry Hills celebrates a rich heritage in the performing arts, and each year Dramatic Intent brings festival goers up close and personal with actors, producers and industry professionals with an intimate question and answer format. Fashion design houses are tucked away in backstreets and alleys throughout the inner city and on festival day the talents of emerging designers will feature centre stage on the Fashion Catwalk.

You'll need an entire day to browse the tantalizing array of festival stalls, whether you're hunting for vintage fashion, funky pet wear, ethical products, and local art or savouring a taste of the globe with freshly prepared delicacies from the international food stalls. Take some time to lie back and soak up the autumn sun in front of one of the six entertainment stages with a brilliant line up of live bands and DJ's.

Families looking for school holiday entertainment can plan for a big day out – exploring the Kids Area packed full of activities, amusement rides, an interactive animal farm and more. Don't miss the fantastic kids' entertainers on our Rainbow stage and free kids activities and workshops.

Celebrating its tenth year, the festival is produced by the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre as a major fundraiser for the Centre's community services and is made possible through the generous partnership of local artists, bands, community organizations, businesses and residents.

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What: Surry Hills Festival  
When: Saturday, 18 April, 2009  
Where: Prince Alfred Park, Cnr Cleveland & Chalmers Streets, Surry Hills  
What time: 10am – 6pm  
Further Info: Visit our website for more information [www.shnc.org/festival](http://www.shnc.org/festival)  
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