

Creative Industries – Industry Engagement Event

Northern College of the Arts & Technology – NCAT

Wednesday 21st of August, 2024

Speaker Biographies

Live Production and Performing Arts Technicians



Kate Kelly

Director and Theatre Consultant at Studio Entertech

Kate has dedicated her career to the Australian theater industry. As a director of Studio Entertech, she champions theatre makes delivering excellence in venue design, designing spaces and systems that can facilitate the ever-changing technical demands of modern production. Maintaining her connection to the theatre industry, Kate is an active lighting designer, technician and CAD designer.

www.entertech.com.au

Visual Arts & Design



Scott Edgar

Author, Entertainment, Illustrator, Songwriting, Storyteller/Performer, Videogames

“Scod” is best known as one-third of the beloved Australian comedy band Tripod, with whom he’s won an ARIA and been nominated for a GRAMMY. He is also a veteran writer, composer, and illustrator for video games, animation, and children’s publishing, having worked with clients such as Ubisoft, Wizards of the Coast, Penguin Random House, the Cartoon Network, and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

www.scottedgarcreative.com



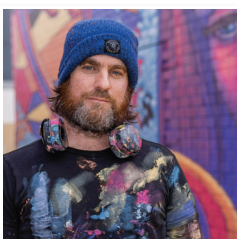
Kalindy Williams

Multidisciplinary artist - Artist, Photographer and Illustrator

Kalindy Williams is a multidisciplinary artist and photographer based in Naarm/Melbourne, Australia. Renowned for her distinctive style, Kalindy specializes in fine arts, fashion, and beauty photography, often employing 35mm film to capture her subjects’ essence. Her work is marked by a love for vintage and analogue aesthetics, focusing on suburban stories and dreamy, ultra-femme visuals.

Operating under the pseudonym Orbit Arcade, Kalindy offers a range of creative services, including graphic design, illustration, poster design, photography, video clip production, and logo creation for bands and businesses. Her artistic versatility and unique approach have earned her features in prestigious publications such as Vogue Italia, ABC’s Rage, Frankie Magazine, Nylon Magazine, YEN Magazine, Ladygunn, Bullet, Sticks and Stones, and Toksick Magazine. Kalindy’s passion for analogue mediums and her exploration of femininity and girlhood make her a notable figure in the Melbourne art scene.

www.orbitarcade.com.au



Hayden Dewar

Muralist/painter

Hayden Dewar is Muralist/painter whose colourful, imaginative, nature-based murals can be found littered all over Melbourne and the surrounds.

Within this signature style Hayden’s work shifts between community themed projects and his more surreal personal work. The latter is an ongoing series of work that draws inspiration from nature, the world of the imagined and the human condition to create a world full of adventure, myth and symbolism.

Whether painting large multi-storey walls or smaller ones to be enjoyed up close, Hayden is passionate about transforming public spaces through mural art, and thrives on the positive change and public engagement that results from letting his creativity off the leash to roam around the urban environment.

www.haydendewar.com

Speaker Biographies

Visual Arts & Design



Ivan Dixon

Animation Director, Illustrator, and Designer

Ivan is an animation director, illustrator, and designer known for his traditional and pixel art styles. As the director at STUDIO SHOWOFF, Ivan has produced content for a diverse range of high-profile clients. His impressive portfolio includes music videos for artists like Childish Gambino, Surfaces, Elton John, King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard, and Gotye. He has also directed a pilot for Cartoon Network, created idents for Adult Swim, and contributed 2D segments for popular video games Fallout 4 and Wolfenstein 2. Ivan's pixelated title sequences have been featured in iconic shows such as The Simpsons, Rick & Morty, and Adventure Time.

Currently, Ivan is working on a comic called Muscles McQuack and co-creating Cocko and Gallagher shorts with Sean Zwan.

<https://www.ivandixon.com>

<https://www.studioshowoff.com>



Steph Briggs

Designer and Illustrator

Steph Briggs has been sketching architectural scenes throughout her life, leading her to a successful career as an interior designer. Later, she returned to college to study Visual Arts, where she rediscovered her passion for illustration. Steph particularly enjoys capturing everyday scenes that people often overlook in their busy lives. Her inspiration comes from urban landscapes, architecture, and animals.

Steph works primarily with pen and colored markers, often blending hand-drawn images with digital rendering to create unique and evocative art.

www.illustratorsaustralia.com/portfolios/steph-briggs



Amelia Ascianto

Graphic Designer & Illustrator

To be announced.

Photography



Kiah Pullens

Photographic artist owner of Wetlab - an open access colour darkroom

Kiah Pullens is a photographic artist based in Naarm. Kiah's expanded photographic practice focuses on the image making process, rather than the image taking process, where she utilises the colour darkroom as her medium. The large-scale works she produces are derived from a performance within the darkroom space, intrinsically linked to the performing body and its relationship to the printing process.

Kiah's works seeks to re-interpret existing vibrant and emotive imagery from historical and personal archives. Delivering her work outside the photographic dimension, she aims to challenge traditional notions of photography, questioning what a photograph is, what it can be and how it is made. Her large scale installations push the capabilities of colour printing while embedding the body into the process.

www.kiahpullens.com

www.wetlab.au



J Davies (they/them)

Photographic artist

J Davies is a Māori, agender and Takatāpui artist who uses photography to document their life as well as their queer community. In their ongoing practice of archiving contemporary queer existence in Melbourne, Davies cultivates connection to community and culture while touching on themes of identity, intimacy and neurodiversity.

With a deeply personal approach, J documents their own private life and invites viewers and collaborators to reflect on how we perceive and cherish intimacy in our own experiences.

www.j-davies.com.au

Speaker Biographies

Music



Vaughan Quinn

Head of Programming for Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains

Vaughan Quinn is a distinguished figure in the Australian music scene, serving as the Head of Programming for the renowned Meredith Music Festival and Golden Plains. These two independent music festivals, each with a capacity of 12,000, are iconic events held near Melbourne that celebrate a diverse array of music and arts.

Vaughan is also a dedicated broadcaster on Melbourne's esteemed community radio station, Triple R FM. Through his radio presence, he shares his deep knowledge and love for music.



Leah Senior

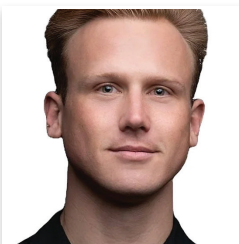
Musician

Leah Senior is an Australian folk artist renowned for her vivid lyricism and Sandy Denny-like vocal clarity. Her music effortlessly blends the playful elements of springtime baroque pop with the fragility of bedroom folk, creating a unique soundscape that captivates audiences. Leah's fourth album, *The Music That I Make* (2023, Poison City Records), showcases her most intimate work yet, offering a cycle of vulnerable meditations on the creative process.

Leah's previous albums, *The Passing Scene*, *Pretty Faces*, and *Summer's On The Ground*, were released through Flightless Records. A chance late night encounter with King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard led to a national tour of the USA and Canada in 2022, where she and her band performed at iconic venues such as Red Rocks and Berkeley Theatre.

Leah Senior's captivating live performances have seen her supporting international artists including Jessica Pratt, Jeff Tweedy and Bedouine and performing at festivals such as Levitation, Desert Daze, Port Fairy Folk Festival and Golden Plains.

www.leahsenior.com.au



James Davies

Musician - Drummer

James Davies is one of Australia's most in-demand drummers, celebrated for his versatile performances across a wide array of musical genres. With extensive experience in commercial musical theatre orchestras and international tours, James has played in major productions such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Groundhog Day*, *Miss Saigon*, *Hamilton*, *Mamma Mia*, and *The Wedding Singer*.

Originating from Northern Victoria, James began his musical journey at a young age. He moved to Melbourne to further his career and completed a Bachelor of Music at Box Hill Institute. Under the mentorship of esteemed teachers such as Tony Floyd and Robi Parolin, he honed a broad stylistic range that he brings to his performances.

As a key member of BLACK JESUS EXPERIENCE (BJX), James blends North African rhythms with jazz, drum & bass, and funk, showcasing his rhythmic expertise. James has also collaborated with some of Melbourne's leading jazz musicians, including Bob Venier, Geoff Kluge, and Craig Schneider.



James Ware

Director at WAT Artists

James Ware is the visionary founder and director of WAT Artists, a leading Melbourne-based artist agency established in 2009. With a passion for electronic music, James has dedicated his career to representing unique artists, DJs, bands, and producers within the electronic music scene. Under his leadership, WAT Artists has become a pivotal force in the industry, renowned for supporting both underground and mainstream music talents.

With decades of experience, James Ware continues to champion the next generation of electronic music producers and DJs, ensuring that WAT Artists remains at the forefront of the ever-evolving music landscape.

www.watartists.com

Speaker Biographies

Screen & Media



Annaliese Redlich

Community Radio Broadcaster, Podcast producer at ARN/ iHeart, Musician

Annaliese Redlich is an award-winning music curator and seasoned radio and podcast producer with over 10 years of experience in broadcast media. She excels in working with people and crafting compelling narratives, both behind the scenes and in front of the microphone. Annaliese has produced Australia's #1 business and finance podcast, along with acclaimed series about music, community, and more. Her skills in research, scripting, and creating beautiful audio make her a versatile and talented professional in the industry.

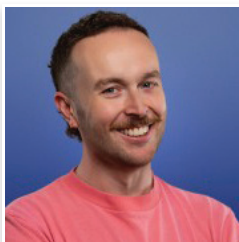


Matthew Bellotti

Digital Growth Director - Broadcast at Southern Cross Austereo

Matthew Bellotti leads the team at LISTNR (Southern Cross Austereo), delivering outstanding radio, podcast, and social media content for the Hit and Triple M Networks, Australia's biggest and best. Under his leadership, the team has achieved global recognition for excellence in radio podcasting.

Before moving to Australia in 2016, Matthew spent a decade overseeing print and digital editorial content for Mongoose in South East Asia, working with brands such as Time Out, Esquire, Men's Health, and ELLE.



Hunter Smith

Supervising Producer: Comedy and Entertainment at The Project

Hunter Smith is a leading figure in the comedy and entertainment industry, serving as the Supervising Producer and Head Writer for Network Ten's The Project. With a talent for sharp wit and creative storytelling, Hunter crafts comedy for some of the industry's most celebrated personalities.

Beyond television, Hunter has also made his mark in radio, contributing to breakfast shows on Joy 94.9. As a comedian, TV producer, and content creator, Hunter's dynamic approach continues to shape and influence the entertainment landscape.