

June 3: Sydney, Australia

## VIVID SYDNEY 2014 A SPECTACULAR FEAST - NOT JUST FOR THE EYES

With thousands of visitors to Vivid Sydney, the annual festival of light, music and ideas offers a feast for all of the senses, with the largest range of food options available in the event's history from gourmet dining to 'on the move' bites – all with amazing views of the Vivid Sydney spectacular.

Here's a selection by Vivid Sydney Precinct:

### **Martin Place**

One of the most exciting new precincts, and now the first area to be switched on at 5:30pm during the week is Martin Place. Crowd favourites for Vivid include eMERGEncE, the giant 3D head that lets visitors take the ultimate selfie, Sky Flower which illuminates the night sky with petals of light, and Urban Tree – which has transformed the MLC building into a beautiful, moving forest complete with birds and buds.

- Woofy's – an Aussie BBQ sausage with a gourmet side, Woofy's sausages are made from Argyle Meats and the buns are soft and buttery from Bronte Bakery
- Poklol – Korean BBQ at its finest, Poklol is a pop-up food stall that specialises in Asian fusion street food
- Agape – Australia's largest organic licensed restaurant, serving tapas, spelt pizza, mains and dessert. Agape proudly supports farmers using the best Certified Organic, Sustainable and Natural produce
- Cantina Mobil – evoking a festival of flavour wherever they roam, Cantina Mobil is a food truck dedicated to Mexican cuisine
- Jafe Jaffles – sprucing up the beloved Aussie Jaffle with gourmet sweet and savoury selections, Jafe is introducing 'Jafe Blends', homemade delicious soups for this year's festival
- Eat Art Truck - the only Sydney food truck with highly credentialed chefs, Eat Art Truck has proven to be one of the city's most popular eateries. The truck serves an eclectic selection of meals influenced by American BBQ flavours. It is the only food truck in the world that doubles as a canvas for street art, with prominent street artists being encouraged to showcase their work on the trucks' exterior
- Gelato Messina – four bespoke Vivid Sydney flavours will delight gelato connoisseurs amongst the crowd this year. With a clear goal to set the benchmark for gelato in Australia, Gelato Messina is sure to wow audiences
- Bite Size Delights – traditional handmade Pasitizzi baked fresh on-site with eight fantastic flavours to choose from. This food truck is one you don't want to miss during the cold winter nights

## Sydney Opera House

Dine under the spectacular sails projections and choose from a wide range of eateries including:

- Opera Bar – transformed into a garden of neon, a lush, green paradise with neon lights, video productions and an interactive art wall. Sydney's famous harbourside area will have live entertainment and designer cocktails
- Opera Kitchen – delicious seafood, fresh burgers and Asian cuisine will be on offer during the day and early evening. Between 8-11pm, a special late night menu will also be served
- The Corner House at the House – Bondi dining favourite The Corner House will create an exciting pop up cafe and bar scene with a special winter menu during this year's festival
- Bistro Mozart and Theatre Bars – pre-theatre dining and drinks are available at Bistro Mozart or enjoy bubbles, cocktails and snacks and one of the many Theatre Bars
- A selection of Sydney's favourite food trucks are parked on the Opera House precinct offering people following the Vivid Light Trail a quick bite

## The Star

To celebrate being part of Vivid Sydney for the first time, The Star has created a range of Vivid-inspired offers across its dining, entertainment and hotel venues. Here is a selection:

- Vivid Lounge at the Sky Terrace – boasting spectacular views of the city skyline, the Sky Terrace is an amazing spot to see all that Vivid Sydney has to offer. Assorted cocktails, champagnes, wines and beers are on offer to thirsty festival-goers
- Cherry – visit Cherry and sample some of the amazing light inspired cocktails. Served flamed, these cocktails are sure to add to the experience
- Balla – the tailor-made Vivid Sydney menu is rich in flavour and reasonably priced
- BLACK by ezard – the Vivid Sydney inspired specials menu will complement any festival experience
- Sokyo – the special Vivid Sydney menu offers tasty Japanese delights
- Grab a bite at Fat Noodle, Garden Buffet and Food Quarter all offering exclusive *Vivid Sydney* menus

## Modular at Carriageworks

Modular and Carriageworks have joined forces to present *MODULATIONS* – a four-day collaboration of music, art and food, with performances from pop legends Pet Shop Boys, experimental musicians Liars and artists from renowned LA indie label Wild Records. Music fans looking for dinner to go alongside their festival experience should look no further than Porteño.

- Porteño is Sydney's favourite rockabilly grill and is promising a unique food pop-up experience for visitors this year which will run from 5pm to late on Friday 6, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June
- The ultimate Porteño live experience will culminate in Wild Porteño a full all-day music program on Monday 9 June with LA based Wild Records band favourites running from 12noon to late including The Delta Bombers, Gizzelle, and Luis and the Wildfires.

## North Sydney

The *Vivid Sydney* Festival is back in North Sydney with fantastic family friendly attractions including roving performers, interactive light installations and the opportunity to personally choose and customise the lighting effects on Sydney Harbour Bridge, topped off by spectacular views across the Harbour. Visitors looking to dine out on Sydney's north-side can visit:

- The Deck at Luna Park Sydney – one of Sydney's best kept secrets, the Deck has spectacular views of the harbour – ideal for your *Vivid Sydney* experience. Choose from succulent menu

selections such as Smoked Huon Salmon Fillet, Gippsland Beef Tenderloin, or share The Deck's famous Paella, all prepared by head chef Michael Roper and his team. Diners at The Deck also receive a complimentary ride on the Luna Park Sydney Ferris Wheel, see all that Vivid has to offer from 40 metres in the air.

- Ripples Milson's Point – located underneath the spectacular Harbour Bridge, Ripples is a key spot for any North Sydneysiders looking to enjoy the view during the festival season. The restaurant's cafe design perfectly encapsulates the essence of relaxed Sydney dining and offers a seasonal Italian menu.
- Aqua Dining – situated above the North Sydney Olympic pool, Aqua Dining is a refined award winning restaurant. Aqua Dining offers a quintessential Sydney dining experience with unrivalled harbour views that sweep from Luna Park to the world famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. Aqua Dining uses the freshest Australian produce to create an inventive and contemporary menu, infusing Italian flavours with depth and integrity.

### **The Rocks Markets**

Located right on the harbour foreshore, The Rocks is at the heart of all the Vivid action. Follow the amazing Light Walk and discover the lighting installations, get a front of house view of the Lighting of the Sails, be part of the Vivid Ideas Exchange at the Museum of Contemporary Art, shop at The Rocks Vivid Night Markets and chill out at a cool bar or restaurant.

Shop under the stars at an eclectic range of specialty stalls including original fashion, jewellery, arts and crafts and home wares. Fill up on steaming hot food or take home something delicious. Be entertained by live music and roving performers, and then wander along the harbour foreshore east to the Sydney Opera House or west to Walsh Bay.

### **Dawes Point**

With stunning views of the harbour and in the middle of the action with a variety of entertaining installations and projections, Dawes Point offers a range of different food options with a total of nine food trucks, with four for any given time, on rotation.

Food trucks include Veggie Patch Van, Bite Size Delights, Eat Art Truck, Let's do Yum Cha, Urban Pasta, The Night Hawk Diner, Street Sliders, Cantina Movil and Tsuru.

### **The MCA**

The Vivid Ideas Exchange lounge is located on level 6 of the MCA building. Hosting multiple Vivid Ideas sessions, the Exchange Lounge is open from 7pm each evening to midnight and selected tickets including, Artists in Residence, Tertiary 3.0 and Australian Manufacturing include afternoon tea.

### **Getting to Vivid Sydney**

To plan your *Vivid Sydney* visits, head to [www.vividsydney.com](http://www.vividsydney.com) to check out all the installations and projections, and to plan your trip, go to the transport section of the site for all the latest information about trains, buses, ferries and light rail services.

The full *Vivid Sydney* 2014 program is available at <http://vividsydney.com>

The full media kit and high-res imagery including 2014 Vivid Light renders and 2013 footage of festival highlights, is available at <http://vividsydney.com/media-centre>

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