MYSTERY MAGIC MUSIC MARKETS

Your guide to Village Bizarre

Friday nights, 7 Nov – 19 Dec

THE ROCKS

VILLAGE BIZARRE

Intrude, © Ness Vanderburgh

WELCOME

Welcome to The Rocks Village Bizarre, proudly presented by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

Every Friday night from 7 November to 19 December, The Rocks will be transformed into a world of mystery, magic, music and markets.

Catch a glimpse of a colossal white rabbit peeping over rooftops.

Encounter captivating characters around every corner. Gaze through a world Behind the Windows.

Satisfy your foodie side. Gravitate towards The Gin Mill Social, graze on mouth-watering morsels at open-air food stalls or snag a cosy corner seat.

Meander through the Village Bizarre Night Markets, and explore a unique curation of Etsy stalls each Friday. Adopt an alter ego for the evening with a daring and dazzling makeover at the Parlour Bizarre.

Expect the unexpected at The Rocks Village Bizarre.

BEST OF BIZARRE

PeterBaeckerLIVE, © Florian Groehn

THE VILLAGE BIZARRE CLUBHOUSE WITH PETERBAECKERLIVE

Join Berlin-based performance artist, dancer and DJ Peter Baecker as he transforms a local shopfront into an interactive art installation.

Gaze into a world Behind the Windows to see him perform 'sleep installations', catch his blogs and vlogs from around the curious corners of The Rocks and drop into The Clubhouse during the week for a Rubik's cube or Lego workshop.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
(The Clubhouse opens 11am – 2pm, Mon–Fri)
6–8 Atherden Street
Free

The Gin Mill Social

THE GIN MILL SOCIAL

Step into the Gin Mill Social. Behind the iron walls is a lively 1920s juke joint, where the drinks are flowing, the band is swinging and the air is electric.

The Rocks Brewing Company will keep the bar stocked and whistles wet with cold craft beers, ciders and cocktails. You never know where the night will take you, as burlesque and vaudeville performers from Slide burst into the spotlight when you least expect it.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
The Rocks Square
Free entry

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ETSY AT THE VILLAGE BIZARRE NIGHT MARKETS

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Peruse charming curiosities that are hand-crafted, hand-stitched and hand-dyed and find the perfect gift for yourself or someone special.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Cnr George Street and Atherden Street

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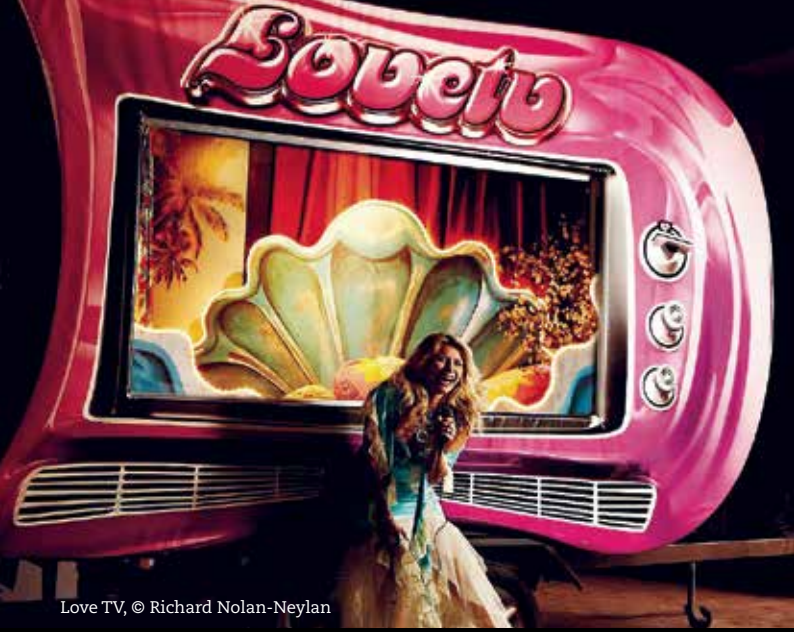

Love TV, © Richard Nolan-Neylan

LOVE TV

Wear your heart on your sleeve for Love TV. Watch as the amorous Aphrodite invites celebrities, musicians, local heroes and members of the local community into her studio for a chat about love and life in this city.

Interviews will be beamed live onto a big screen for easy viewing, then uploaded to social networks so you can Share the Love with your nearest and dearest.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Atherden Street
Free

ENCOUNTER ART AROUND EVERY CORNER

Inspired by the Kaleidoscopic Kook

Be delighted around every turn with the Kaleidoscopic Kook, an urban art-loving Pied Piper always on the hunt for inspiration.

The Rocks Village Bizarre is a plentiful playground of art, installations and creative collaborations that will surprise and amuse everyone from serious art-lovers to curious kids.

ART INSTALLATION

Be surprised and inspired by a range of innovative and thought-provoking art and design installations around The Rocks.

UTS OPEN HOUSE

Be inspired by the best and brightest young designers at the UTS design lab on opening night of The Rocks Village Bizarre.

Six groups of talented third-year UTS design students will showcase their most creative and cutting-edge projects, from installations to interactive objects.

7 Nov, 6.30pm – 10pm
Foundation Park
Free

SMOKE AND MIRRORS, PART 2

The Association of Optimism invites you to gather around Greenway Lane and peep through the velvet curtain for an unexpected and unforgettable experience. This innovative installation dwells in the space where spirits live, fleeting moments haunt and imagination is as tangible as reality.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Greenway Lane
Free

INTRUDE – RABBIT INSTALLATION BY AMANDA PARER

Catch a glimpse of a colossal white rabbit peeping over charming colonial rooftops. Intrude Rabbit is contemporary art in the form of a friendly and familiar creature, a delight for children and art-lovers alike.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Various (spot the rabbit ears in a new location each week)
Free

UTS Open House

Smoke and Mirrors, © Anna Tregloan

Intrude, © Ness Vanderburgh

BEHIND THE WINDOWS

Window-shopping will never be the same again! Selected shopfronts in The Rocks will become the stage for a diverse range of local and international performers.

MELANIE PALOMARES

Go to a place where ridiculous meets mundane. Saturated in colour and frozen in fantasy, one woman negotiates the notion of 'sink or swim', performed against the backdrop of the bold men's fashion store, Joe Bananas.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
Joe Bananas, 103 George Street
Free

RAKINI DEVI – KALI MADONNA

Stand in awe at the Urban Altar of Rakini Devi, a surreal world where pop art meets religious iconography. Her stunning hybrid performance art has been presented in New York and Mexico City, and draws intercultural inspiration from such deities as the Mexican Virgin Guadalupe and the Hindu goddess Kali.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
95 George Street
Free

PAUL CORDEIRO

Let this entrancing chameleon beckon you closer with his hypnotic movements. Internationally acclaimed dancer and physical performer Paul Cordeiro will bring his unique window performance to the shopfront of iconic Amsterdam jean label, Denham.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
Denham, 77 1/2 George Street
Free

NATALIA LADYKO

Step closer to the UGG shopfront to investigate the curious character lighting up its window – Natalia Ladyko. Watch her perform short movement pieces in response to the space, inspired by 1970s disco, rock'n'roll and rebellious punk.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
UGG Since 1974, Shop 2.02,
140 George Street
Free

Follies of the Footstool Phantom

Rakini Devi, © Nina Yhared

FOLLIES OF THE FOOTSTOOL PHANTOM, PART 1

The faint-hearted should steer clear of the window occupied by the head on a chair, also known as the The Footstool Phantom! It's a house of horrors; a kooky, spooky romp with audience participation, puppetry and live music.

6.30pm – 10pm (15-minute performances), every Friday
Shop 2.06, 140 George Street
Free

THE ROCKS POP-UP

An ever-changing mix of creative minds in unconventional places and intimate spaces.

AGE OF ENTITLEMENT

Immerse yourself in the action with this interactive theatre piece, set in an original 1848 mansion. Wander from room to room as different stories are played out simultaneously, exploring ideas of wealth, power and corruption. Presented by Mongrel Mouth Theatre Company.

5, 12, 19 Dec, 8pm – 9.30pm
(and 3–20 Dec, Wed–Sat)
Merchant's House, 43–45 George Street
$25 concession, $30 full

MATCH BOX PROJECTS

This unique international art project invites people of all walks of life to consider their place in the world by creating matchbox-size dioramas. Over 2000 dioramas have been collected across the globe, from Shanghai to Dubai. Join the journey of this evolving project when it visits The Rocks.

7, 14, 21, and 28 Nov, 6.30pm – 10pm
73 George Street
Free

TANDEM

Six months in the making, Tandem is the first inaugural exhibition of a unique, collaborative design project. Seven innovative design practitioners have come together to develop works across a range of creative fields.

7, 14, 21 Nov, 6.30pm – 10pm
Shop 2.05, 140 George Street
Free

BEHIND THE LENS

Catch a glimpse Behind the Lens of the picturesque world of five prominent architectural photographers including Brett Boardman, Katherine Lu, Michael Nicholson, Murray Fredericks and Richard Glover. Behind the lens is part of Sydney Architecture Festival.

7 Nov, 6.30pm – 10pm
(Also open 1–10 Nov, 10am – 5pm)
47 George Street
Free

Match Box Projects

Age of Entitlement

CONTEMPORARY'S CONTEMPORARIES

Sitting on the doorstep of the iconic Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), this exhibition celebrates the richness and vibrancy of the contemporary Australian art world. Leading and emerging artists, working within the MCA, inspire this conceptual study of artist's practice and profession, and the inner workings of art institutions.

28 Nov, 5, 12 & 19 Dec, 6pm – 9pm
(Also open 27 Nov – 19 Dec, 10am – 5pm)
Shop 2.05, 140 George Street
Free

LOSE YOURSELF IN LANEWAY PERFORMANCE

Inspired by the Vaudeville Vamp and Her Faceless Sisters

Some say the Vaudeville Vamp and Her Faceless Sisters have been captivating audiences for years, maybe centuries.

Lose yourself in unique theatre and laneway performance hidden in The Rocks, with an open mind and a sense of delight and wonderment.

Throughout the Village Bizarre, The Rocks will become the stage for a multitude of performers as they showcase fixed and roving theatre, song, dance and more.

PERFORMANCE

Enter a hotel room for intimate interactive theatre, relish riveting convict tales, and be serenaded by sweet and sassy tunes in the street.

FULL FATHOM FIVE

Relish the riveting tales of First fleet shoemaker George Legg and his convict wife Ann Armsden as they recount a dramatic drowning, highway robbery and freshly baked bread. Presented by The Rocks Discovery Museum.

7, 14, 28 Nov and 12, 19 Dec,
7pm, 8pm, 9pm
(20-minute performances)
The Rocks Discovery Museum,
enter via Kendall Lane
Free

CHOIR ROCKS

Be serenaded by sharp, sassy, bold and brassy tunes by this celebrated local choir. Follow your ears as they rove The Rocks, singing memorable twists on pop culture favourites, or meet them on the mezzanine of The Rocks Discovery Museum.

21 Nov and 5 Dec, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
The Rocks Discovery Museum
plus roving
Free

ROOM SERVICE

A hotel room. Five audience members. A handful of actors. What could possibly happen? Award-winning Australian performance troupe Big One Little One invite you into a hotel room for an intimate and hilarious performance experience unlike any other.

21, 28 Nov and 5, 12, 19 Dec,
6.30pm – 10pm
(15-minute performances)
Meet at Holiday Inn Old Sydney
foyer bar, 55 George Street
Free

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Full Fathom Five

ROVING PERFORMANCE

Enjoy the delightful randomness of roving performances around The Rocks.

110% – FINDING IT BLUE WITH EVERY THOUGHT OF YOU

Encounter this touching roving performance throughout the laneways of The Rocks. It's a unique, contemporary act that explores themes of intimacy and absence, presented simultaneously in Australia and Iceland.

5, 12, 19 Dec, 6.30pm – 10pm
Roving
Free

CROSSOVER K-POP DANCERS

Watch out for Crossover K-Pop Dancers, bringing a little bit of Korean pop culture to Village Bizarre with their roving dance pieces. Bop along as these ultra-cool dancers show off moves that are hot off the streets of Seoul!

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Roving
Free

PARANORMAL FRIGHT NIGHTS

Join us if you dare for 40-minute ghost tours of The Rocks, sure to get screams and squeals from even the bravest souls. Follow the guide into haunted buildings and meekly meander down shadowy streets – at your own risk!

7pm, 8pm, 9pm (40 minutes), every Friday
Roving (book at Playfair Street)
Adults $20, Children $10,
Family $45 (2 adults and 2 children)

JULIAN ASHTON ART SCHOOL

Artists from the oldest art school in Australia, The Julian Ashton Art School, will be making an appearance at Village Bizarre. Watch out for talented painters and drawers as they make Bizarre performers their muses for the evening. You may even become a subject yourself if your unique look catches their eye!

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
Roving
Free

Julian Ashton Art School

Paranormal Fright Nights

HUNT FOR CURIOSITIES

Inspired by the Mysterious Moonlight Merchant

There's something magical about the Mysterious Moonlight Merchant. The way he draws you in with a promise of satisfaction. Of wishes granted, and desires fulfilled.

Ponder and peruse, admire and be inspired by the selection and style of treasures on display at the Village Bizarre Night Markets.

MARKETS

Blitz your Christmas shopping or treat yourself to a colourful and quirky array of handmade goods and gifts.

VILLAGE BIZARRE NIGHT MARKETS

Hunt for curiosities made by hand at the Village Bizarre Night Markets. Ponder and peruse, admire and be inspired by the selection and style of treasures for sale every Friday Night.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Jack Mundey Place and Playfair Street

THE GIFT GURU

Seek the wisdom of the Gift Guru and take the stress out of shopping this Christmas. One visit will help you decide on the perfect gift, as The Guru weaves their psychic powers and shares wisdom with you.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Playfair Street
Free

ETSY AT THE NIGHT MARKETS

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6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Cnr George Street and Atherden Street

THE ROCKS MARKETS

Loved the Village Bizarre Night Markets? Come back and discover The Rocks weekend markets. Good things are worth taking the time to enjoy. Spend more time perusing and finding that perfect gift at The Rocks Markets.

10am – 5pm, every Saturday and Sunday
Playfair and George streets, Jack Mundey Place

Etsy

The Gift Guru

Village Bizarre Night Markets

PARLOUR BIZARRE

Inspired by pop culture, high fashion and old-school style, the Parlour Bizarre is a place where you might just be transformed into a living, breathing piece of art.

BARBER SUPREME

Barber Supreme takes the old-world charm of a classic barber experience and offers it to the modern gentleman. Chose from a wet shave, scissor cut or clipper cut and enjoy the classic details like a hot towel and personalised service.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov
Cleland Bond
Free (places are limited, register early on the night)

MOHS HAIR AND BEAUTY

Book in for an eclectic, 1980s inspired makeover with the MOHS stylists at Village Bizarre. The dazzling duo will be creating amazing new looks and creative styles to give you a spring in your step.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
Cleland Bond
Free (places are limited, register early on the night)

GLITTA SUPERNOVA'S PARLOUR BIZARRE

Set yourself apart from the crowd with a 20-minute makeover from Glitta Supernova at Parlour Bizarre. Step right up and let the talented team of artists tap into your inner fabulousness. You'll walk away a superstar – so treat yourself!

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Cleland Bond
Free (places are limited, register early on the night)

THE ARGYLE ORACLE

Take a seat for a psychic speed-date with the Argyle Oracle. Using the mysterious arts of palm and tarot readings, she'll see into your future and set you on the right path.

6.30pm – 9.30pm, every Friday
Playfair Street
Free (places are limited, register early on the night)

Glitta Supernova, © Roberto Duran Photography

FEAST ON MOUTH-WATERING MORSELS

Inspired by the Insatiable Bon Vivant

If it's feasting you're after, the Insatiable Bon Vivant is your guide into a world that is sumptuous and delectable.

Meander between open-air food stalls, or for a more formal foodie experience, settle in at one of the intimate dining venues littered throughout The Rocks. And don't forget to take advantage of our enticing deals on offer during Village Bizarre.

FOOD AT THE BIZARRE

Taste mouth-watering morsels, savour tempting sweets and enjoy an abundance of flavours at this open-air food market by the harbour. Meander from stall to sizzling stall, soaking up the aromas and taking in the buzzing atmosphere under the moonlight.

6.30pm – 10pm, every Friday
Jack Mundey Place and Playfair Street

THE CHECKOUT

Ah Village Bizarre, could you be any more tantalising? With stores in The Rocks trading late into the evening, plenty of enticing special offers, and oh-so-many alluring bars and restaurants, the answer is a resounding yes.

Various locations around The Rocks
For details see ***therocks.com***

Food at the Night Markets

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ART INSTALLATION	
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Paranormal Fright Nights	Roving (book at Playfair Street)
Choir Rocks	The Rocks Discovery Museum and roving
110% – Finding it Blue with Every Thought of You	Roving
Crossover K-Pop Dancers	Roving
Julian Ashton Art School	Roving
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PARLOUR BIZARRE	
Glitta Supernova's Parlour Bizarre	Cleland Bond
Barber Supreme	Cleland Bond
MOHS Hair & Beauty	Cleland Bond
The Argyle Oracle	Playfair Street

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2 Barber Supreme
3 MOHS Hair and Beauty
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R Roving/various locations
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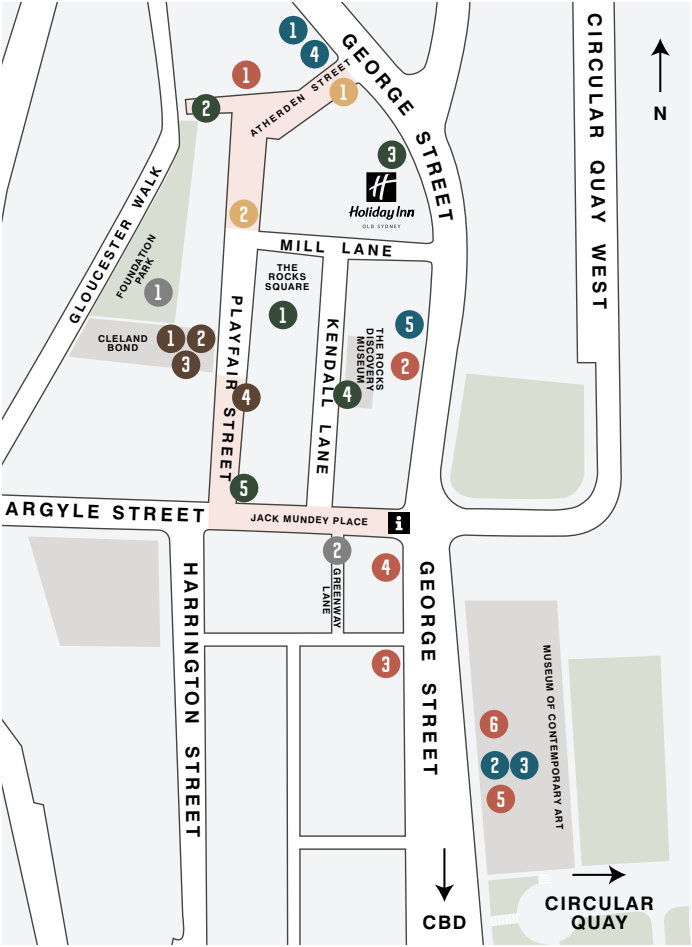
VILLAGE BIZARRE – THE ROCKS MAP



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