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## VIBRANT VIVID SYDNEY FESTIVAL FIRSTS: WHAT'S NEW IN 2022

*Longest continuous Light Walk in Vivid Sydney history,  
First ever Vivid Sydney Dinner and Supper Club,  
World-premiere of The Gospel According to Marcia for two nights only,  
Two new Sydney CBD locations - The Goods Line and Central Station,  
Youngest ever Light Artist,  
Floating Light Walk, Ephemeral Oceanic, at Walsh Bay, &  
First Light Welcome to Country and Performance.*

If you think you've seen Vivid Sydney before, think again. The enthralling 2022 program delivers an astonishing line-up of festival firsts, creating a multitude of fresh and enticing reasons to visit time and time again.

Minister for Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said: "The Vivid Sydney 2022 program is bursting with new events, venues, locations, performances, and experiences which are sure to delight audiences."

"This year's program has something for everyone. The inaugural Vivid Sydney Dinner in the Ivy Ballroom will be a huge event. If you are after something new outdoors, try The Goods Line, and take in the incredible light projections and installations with fantastic free DJ performances. The *Convergence* laser display in the disused railway tunnel will be a fan favourite."

"Vivid Sydney is back, and it's bigger than ever. The action-packed program promises a return to the excitement and adventure that we all need to feel again. Come and experience Sydney at its creative best after dark," said Mr Ayres.

Festival Director Gill Minervini, who will deliver her first Vivid Sydney in 2022, said her focus is very much about shining the light on what makes Sydney so unique, and baring the soul of our great city in new and exciting ways.

"The 2022 Vivid Sydney program incorporates so many new reasons to visit across Light, Music & Ideas which I am incredibly proud of. I think *First Light* on Friday 27 May will be really moving and spectacular, as will *The Gospel According to Marcia* and *Vivid Sydney Supper Club*. Plus, I'm really looking forward to hearing Lisa Wilkinson in conversation with Gretchen Carlson, who's astonishing story inspired the movie *Bombshell* starring Nicole Kidman and Margot Robbie."

Make sure these festival firsts are high on your list for 2022:

- **First Light, Friday 27 May, Campbells Cove:** A moving Welcome to Country ceremony and performance which will open the festival, this first for Vivid Sydney will celebrate the Gadigal people and Country. First Light includes a smoking ceremony, a specially commissioned

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dance piece by NAISDA students, a pyrotechnic display and **Sharing the Same Life Essence** Sydney Harbour Bridge pylon projections. Rhoda Roberts AO is the Creative Advisor for First Light.

- **Vivid Sydney Dinner, Saturday 4 June, Ivy Ballroom:** A celebration of all things Sydney, join host **Justine Clarke** for a feast for the senses featuring "love letters to Sydney" from renowned artist **Ken Done** and journalist/author **Julia Baird**. With music performances by the **Vivid Sydney Brass Band, James Morrison, Ngaiire, Virginia Gay** and **Kate Monroe**, a NSW inspired feast created by chefs **Dan Hong** and **Mike Eggert**, as well as a bespoke Vivid Sydney lighting experience.
- **Vivid Sydney Supper Club, Friday & Saturday nights:** Iconic music venue Mary's Underground is the venue for this variety style show incorporating musical theatre acts, cabaret, dance, drag, comedy, surprise guests, acoustic pop-ups, jazz, DJs and more. Curated by beloved actor, cabaret performer, and drag artist, **Trevor Ashley**, the event is headlined by talents such as **Mahalia Barnes, Emma Pask, Bob Downe** and **Tim Freedman**.
- **Vivid Ideas Global Storytellers, Gretchen Carlson and Troye Sivan, Sunday 29 May, Sydney Town Hall:** Taking to the stage at 1:30pm on 29 May is US journalist and former Fox News anchor **Gretchen Carlson**, whose story inspired the movie *Bombshell* starring Nicole Kidman and Margot Robbie. Gretchen will discuss power imbalances and toxic workplace culture with Australia's own **Lisa Wilkinson**. Later in the day at 5pm, singer-songwriter, global superstar, arts lover and fashion maverick **Troye Sivan** will also take to the stage, revealing his take on beauty, creativity and queer politics.
- **Vivid Sydney Light Walk:** In 2022, the renowned **Light Walk** is the longest continuous in the festival's history, stretching **8km from Sydney Opera House to Central Station**. Visitors will have more room than ever before to explore the light installations and projections. The **Light Walk** will feature over **200 LED sculptural birds** guiding the path as part of artist **Chris Daniel's Future Natives** installation and will pass through Central Station and The Goods Line for the first time.
- **Ephemeral Oceanic:** Another festival first is the 100m **floating Light Walk** on the waters of Walsh Bay, incorporating the large-scale artwork **Ephemeral Oceanic**. Produced by Sydney's own **Atelier Sisu**, visitors are invited to walk under and around more than 200 giant, bubble-like spheres hovering eight metres in the air.
- **Our Connected City:** Created by Sydney's **Mandylights**, **Our Connected City** will shine new light on the city's landmarks, beaming a record **200+ searchlights** across Sydney Harbour, CBD buildings, and the Cahill Expressway while also linking the **Sydney Opera House** and **Sydney Harbour Bridge** in riotous colour.
- **Sydney Infinity:** Also on water, Darling Harbour's Cockle Bay will dance with the show-stopping **Sydney Infinity** by **Oracle Liquid**, an epic water sculpture on a scale never seen

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before in Australia. Two different shows featuring dynamic jets, 12 x 80m high water shooters and dramatic lighting supported by a soundtrack from Sydney's own **Pee Wee Ferris**, this is set to be an audience favourite.

- **The Gospel according to Marcia, 9-10 June, St Stephen's Uniting Church:** In a Vivid Music world premiere, legendary Australian music icon **Marcia Hines** will enliven audiences with this world-premiere show for **two-nights only** in the uplifting surrounds of **St Stephen's Uniting Church**. Marcia will be joined by a **12-piece choir and band** set against an atmospheric **bespoke lighting backdrop**, celebrating the sounds of her gospel roots.
- **Tumbalong Nights:** Vivid Sydney presents a line-up of free live music events and short film screenings in Darling Harbour's **Tumbalong Park**. Young and old can groove the night away to **Mo'Ju, Milan Ring, Mildlife** and the **Gordon Koang x Sampology** collaboration.
- **DJs at The Goods Line: A free line-up of DJs** will pay homage to Sydney's vibrant DJ heritage every night, including **Ebony Boadu, Stereogamous** and **Soul of Sydney DJs**, in another new addition to the program.
- **Vivid Music at Central Station, From 4 June:** Vivid Music 2022 flips the script on traditional performance, hosting events at surprising venues across Sydney to offer one-of-a-kind experiences. Don't miss the free program of live music on **Central Station's Grand Central Concourse**, which will pull back the curtains to host life-affirming musical performances including **The Morrisons, Lolo Lovina** and **Cope St Parade**.
- **Vivid Ideas Up Late:** A series of free events at Sydney's museums and galleries celebrating the creatives and artists at the beating heart of the city. Hear from storytellers such as **Ben Law, Brigid Delaney, Stephen Page** and **Sara Mansour** at the Australian Museum or join fun interactive nights at the Powerhouse celebrating Sydney's Queer history and Sydney's unique fashion and style with talks by designers such as **Romance Was Born**.

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**About Vivid Sydney**

Vivid Sydney is an annual celebration of creativity, innovation, and technology, which transforms Sydney for 23 days and nights. Staged for its 12<sup>th</sup> year in 2022, Vivid Sydney fuses mesmerising art displays and 3D light projections with exhilarating live music performances and deep-dive discussions from some of the world's brightest minds and the Sydney Opera House Lighting of the Sails. Vivid Sydney is owned, managed, and produced by Destination NSW the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency.

