



# Sydney Gay and Lesbian **MARDI GRAS**

## **SUGABABES, AGNES & 50+ ARTISTS COME TOGETHER FOR AN ALL-NIGHT, MULTI-VENUE MARDI GRAS PARTY**

Get ready to lose yourself in the ultimate party playground, the highly anticipated line-up for the sold out Mardi Gras Party 2023 has just been revealed, promising a re-imagined footprint with headliner artists, international DJs and performances spanning across 7 venues, with all-night programming.

Taking place after the iconic Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade on **Saturday 25 February**, the Mardi Gras Party will host over 10,000 party-goers for the biggest and longest-running LGBTQIA+ dance party in the Southern Hemisphere.

**Mardi Gras CEO Albert Kruger** said, "We are thrilled to announce the line-up for Mardi Gras Party 2023 and can't wait to see everyone come together to celebrate love and diversity on the dance floor. We know how much Party has been missed over the past couple years, and with over 50 talented artists, performers and DJs involved, it's sure to be a night (and morning) to remember. See you on the dance floor!"

### **THE PARTY SPACES**

This year, the Party will return to its dance roots, taking the world cruising with acclaimed international DJs and surprise, pop-up performances across multiple indoor and outdoor dancefloors and immersive spaces each with its own unique vibe and offering.

**The Hordern**, an iconic Sydney venue known for its epic lighting and performance stage, is set to offer a transformative and bold dancefloor experience with incredible shows by pop performers and DJs spinning nu disco, vocal and progressive house mixes all night long.

**The Forecourt** will be the epic outdoor party destination at this year's Mardi Gras Party, transforming into a fully reimagined space alive with energy and excitement that will set the perfect glimmering "party" tone for the night. With captivating light shows, state-of-the-art sound system and nonstop entertainment until 8am featuring an eclectic mix of live performances, drag shows and rotating DJs.

**Liberty Hall** is a laser-filled dark dance hall inspired by the underground scenes of industrial Berlin, London fetish and New York club culture. With DJs specialising in progressive house, techno and euphoric trance, creating an immersive and atmospheric soundscape.

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**Watson's** is an intimate bar environment with an outdoor garden space and upstairs dance hall, featuring a shiny, bright and cool nu disco club vibe where you can catch a drag show, revel in wonder at quirky performance artists or sweat it out upstairs to DJs playing nu disco, italo, house and electronica, keeping it fun, diverse and playful.

**The Courts** is a new tented outdoor dancehall catering to lovers of the alt/R&B/ballroom scene, offering DJs who specialise in popping remixes, spicy track edits and lots of drum and bass. The Courts promise to serve up plenty of twerkhall, hyper-pop and R&B tracks for an energetic night on the dance floor.

**Peter Finch Lawn** is a chill out area where you can catch up with mates, take in the wonder of Mardi Gras Party or kick back and watch the outdoor theatre screen.

## **THE PERFORMERS**

Performing at Mardi Gras Party is none other than UK chart-toppers **Sugababes**, who are returning to Australia for the first time in over two decades with their original line-up of Mutya Buena, Keisha Buchanan and Siobhan Donaghy. Fresh off their latest release *The Lost Tapes*, these era-defying British sensations have six Number One UK singles, millions of global sales, and multiple multi-platinum albums under their belts, and are known for their smooth vocals and magical harmonies offset by garage and alternative soundscapes.

Experience the electric energy of one Swedish pop music's hottest stars, as spiritual disco diva **Agnes** takes the stage at Mardi Gras Party 2023. With chart-topping new tracks like "Fingers Crossed" and "Love and Appreciation" that have been dominating dancefloors, and fan favourite "Release Me" that's a staple at LGBTQIA+ nightclubs worldwide, Agnes is sure to bring an unforgettable performance to Party.

In addition to the performances by the Sugababes and Agnes, Mardi Gras Party 2023 will also feature the Mardi Gras Midnight Show, a tribute to the colourful history of the Sydney Drag and Showgirls scene and **Priscilla Queen of the Desert**, celebrating 30-years since it was filmed. The 2023 Party will see the return of the iconic *I Am What I Am* show. Traditionally performed every 10 years, the special Sydney WorldPride edition will feature **Electric Fields** and First Nations drag icons who will perform a specially recorded cover of the song featuring First Nations Language.

## **THE DJs**

The 10-hour-long party will also feature a phenomenal line-up of local, international and interstate DJs, playing across the multi-venue party space.

An impressive international line-up of DJs will soundtrack Party, including **HAAi** (UK) with a unique style of techno blending world music influences; **Peach** (CAN, UK) known for melodic, tech house, electronic, club and techno; **I. JORDAN** (UK) known from Ministry of Sound, Berghain and Tomorrowland; **HALFQUEEN** (NZ) with genre-bending twerkhall sets; **Mark Picchiotti** (USA), a DJ, producer, remixer and songwriter, who has remixed for artists like Beyoncé, Katy Perry, and Mariah Carey; and **SanFranDisko** (USA), wizard, scientist and true Disko-citizen.

The biggest legends and favourites of Sydney's queer club scene will be spinning tracks. **Sveta** is a multi-genre DJ who specializes in vocal and progressive house, providing a diverse mix of sounds to keep the crowd dancing. **James Alexandr** is a music producer and beloved DJ known for his blend of vocal and tech house vibes, creating an energetic and upbeat atmosphere. Pop princess **Victoria Anthony** is a showgirl and DJ, bringing a fresh,

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energetic, sexy and fabulous energy to the party. And Sydney favourite, **Kitty Glitter**, a dancefloor sensation known for her speciality in vocal house, will be a crowd-pleaser.

The Party features rising DJ talents including **Dan Azzo** known for his uplifting and funky house sets; **Fried Pork Chop**, the 2020 Mardi Gras Spin-Off winner; **mirasia**, an icon and leader in Eora and Naarm's queer communities and a talented producer; and **crescendoll** a Gamilaraay woman and sistergirl and runner-up in the Mardi Gras Spin-Off 2020.

Don't miss out on this iconic event on Sydney's LGBTQIA+ calendar. Let the music, performances and immersive experiences transport you to a world of pure hedonism and unbridled joy at Mardi Gras Party 2023.

### **Mardi Gras Party '23**

Moore Park

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