



EMBARGOED UNTIL 9AM, WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2024

MEDIA RELEASE

## AN ALL-NEW LIGHT, LASER AND SOUND EXPERIENCE - **DARK SPECTRUM: A NEW JOURNEY**- ILLUMINATES VIVID SYDNEY 2024

An electronic labyrinth of light, colour and sound pulses to life when **Dark Spectrum: A New Journey** reawakens deep beneath the streets of Sydney from **24 May to 15 June** as part of **Vivid Sydney 2024**, the Southern Hemisphere's leading multi-artform festival.

Tickets are now on sale for the subterranean experience which first captivated visitors during Vivid Sydney in 2023. An all-new immersive experience for 2024, *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* invites visitors to revel in state-of-the-art lighting, laser and video effects unlike anything you've seen before.

The one-kilometre trail in the abandoned railway tunnels underneath Sydney's Wynyard Station features eight themed chambers, each with a monochromatic colour scheme and backing track of electronic dance music.

A spectacle of illumination, the journey takes visitors through 300 rhythmic lasers and strobe lights, 500 hanging handmade lanterns, 250 search lights, 700 illuminated arrows within an intricate maze, and much more.

A background soundscape of dark, atmospheric dance tracks and seminal club hits will supplement the multimedia experience, drawing on crowd-favourites from the past 30 years to leave visitors dancing.

Presented by **Vivid Sydney** and **Sony Music Entertainment** and developed in partnership with **Mandylights** and **Culture Creative**, *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* invites visitors to discover Sydney's subterranean side.

Vivid Sydney Festival Director **Gill Minervini** said: "*Vivid Sydney 2024 is exploring what makes us uniquely human, with a diverse program designed to foster connections, spark imagination and showcase the multitude of ways creativity enriches our lives. We are so excited to welcome back Dark Spectrum: A New Journey to Vivid Sydney 2024 to bring the festival theme to life with a brand-new wholly immersive experience.*"

Chair & CEO of Sony Music Australia and New Zealand **Vanessa Picken** said: "*Dark Spectrum intrigued visitors last year with its unique underground location transformed into an immersive playground of light and sound. This year, we're taking it to another level, returning with new themes with an epic soundscape to ignite emotions that make you feel alive!*"

"*Dark Spectrum: A New Journey is a great opportunity to bring together a talented, creative team to deliver an intense, vibrant "underworld" for all to experience. It's the closest you can come to immersing yourself in the soul of the city.*"



Mandylights Managing Director **Richard Neville** said: "We are so pumped to bring an all-new *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* to Vivid Sydney in 2024. We've taken the latest in laser and lighting technology, the intensity of a music festival and the originality of an art exhibition and packed it all into Sydney's historic Wynyard Tunnels in an unforgettable spectacle."

Culture Creative Director **Ian Bone** said: "Every illuminated experience that Culture Creative designs and builds is unique and we are excited to once again work alongside Mandylights to create a labyrinth of light in such an unusual and thrilling location."

*Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* is open for audiences aged six and over. Children between the ages of six and 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

*Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* includes strobe lighting, flashing, flickering and patterned lighting effects, smoke and haze effects and high-volume soundtracks. It follows a one-way trail through underground tunnels with limited exits while inside.

Tickets are on sale now via [Ticketek](#).

For more information on *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* visit [darkspectrum.com.au](https://darkspectrum.com.au). For more information on *Vivid Sydney 2024* visit [vividssydney.com](https://vividssydney.com).

**DOWNLOAD HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGES [HERE](#) AND 2024 PROMOTIONAL VIDEO [HERE](#).**

— ENDS —

Vivid Sydney and Sony Music Entertainment present  
***DARK SPECTRUM: A NEW JOURNEY, AS PART OF VIVID SYDNEY 2024***

Enter via Wynyard Park, between York Street and Carrington Street  
(exit is via Cumberland Street in The Rocks)

Friday 24 May – Saturday 15 June 2024

**Session times:** *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* is open every day from 12pm until 9.15pm (except for Friday 24 May 2024 when the event will open at 6pm). Tickets are timed in 15-minute increments. Times are approximate and subject to change at any time.

**Duration:** *Dark Spectrum: A New Journey* is a self-paced experience. It is recommended visitors allow about 60 minutes to enjoy the full experience.

**Tickets:** From \$35 adult, \$24 child (6-12 years), \$98 family (2 adults & 2 children)

**Book:** <https://www.darkspectrum.com.au/>

**Media Contacts:**

Claudia Ferne  
[claudia@aruga.com.au](mailto:claudia@aruga.com.au)  
0452 474 413

Rylee Bowser  
[rylee@aruga.com.au](mailto:rylee@aruga.com.au)  
0438 675 970

**For Vivid Sydney 2024 enquiries, please contact:**

James Toovey  
[james.toovey@dnsw.com.au](mailto:james.toovey@dnsw.com.au)  
0407 828 310

---

**Social and Digital**

Web: [darkspectrum.com.au](http://darkspectrum.com.au)

FB: [@DarkSpectrumAU](https://www.facebook.com/DarkSpectrumAU)

IG: [@darkspectrumau](https://www.instagram.com/darkspectrumau)

Web: [vividssydney.com](http://vividssydney.com)

FB: [@vividssydney](https://www.facebook.com/vividssydney)

IG: [@vividssydney](https://www.instagram.com/vividssydney)

TikTok: [@vividssydney](https://www.tiktok.com/@vividssydney)

X: [@vividssydney](https://twitter.com/vividssydney)

**Hashtags**

#darkspectrum, #darkspectrumSydney, #vividSydney, #sonymusicAustralia  
#RGLive, #mandylights, #whatsonsydney, #feelnewsydney, #seeaustralia,  
#australia, #exploreaustralia, #sydneylife, #lightfestival

**About Sony Music**

Leading events promoter, RGL (Raymond Gubbay Limited), a division of Sony Music Entertainment, has been delivering illuminated and immersive events for over 13 years. Each event is designed specifically to showcase the unique environment of the individual location, so no two experiences are ever the same.

**About Culture Creative**

Culture Creative is a creative project and production management company based in the UK. The Company works across a wide range of cultural fields including art, sport, heritage, tourism, festivals and events, developing projects from concept to delivery. Since 2013, Culture Creative has worked closely with leading entertainment promoter Raymond Gubbay Ltd., a division of Sony Music, to create light trails and immersive experiences at venues worldwide including Kew Gardens, London and Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York.



### **About Vivid Sydney**

Vivid Sydney, the Southern Hemisphere's leading multi-artform festival, transforms Sydney into a vibrant hub of creativity, innovation and community connection. Over 23 nights, light installations, music, ideas and food inspire global audiences and drive cultural exchange. The 2024 theme, 'Humanity,' sparks reflection and engagement, attracting visitors and fuelling economic growth. Proudly owned by Destination NSW, Vivid Sydney showcases NSW's cultural vibrancy and positions it as a global leader in artistic innovation.

### **About Mandylights**

With a history spanning 15 years, Mandylights is a full-service creative house that designs outstanding visual experiences for the entertainment industry. Its work lights entire cityscapes and bridges, immerses people in stunning visual environments, takes to the world's largest stadiums and arenas and creates one-of-a-kind experiential activations.