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Victorian Arts Centre

Sitting beneath one of the city's great symbols - the magnificent Spire - Arts Centre Melbourne, originally known as the Victorian Arts Centre, is both a defining Melbourne landmark and Australia's largest and busiest performing arts centre. Arts Centre Melbourne aims to be a creative hub for the performing arts in Victoria. They do this through support for the directors, writers, musicians and actors that shape the future of performing arts in the State. The Theatre Buildings, under the Spire, showcase world-class theatre and performance while the an inspiring music program is showcased in the adjoining Hamer Hall and the Sidney Myer Music Bowl in the surrounds of Kings Domain, close to the Botanic Gardens. The Arts Centre has the largest collection of Australian art outside of the major art galleries as well as free and low-cost activities from educational programs to Summertime Grooves contemporary music series on the Lawn Stage.

For nearly 30 years, they have played a leading role in showcasing the best local and international performing arts. They are host and partner to the national and state music, opera, theatre and dance companies, together with local companies, festivals and a multitude of commercial partners. Last year they staged more than 4,000 performances and events to more than 2.7 million people. Alongside the artistic abundance of Australia's major performing arts companies and festivals for which Arts Centre Melbourne proudly provides the spotlight, and the local and international wares of their commercial partners, 2014 continues the tradition of great performance at Arts Centre Melbourne. Their summer season of shows and activities starts the ball rolling with adventures for all tastes and ages. Closed only on Christmas Day, their year-round programming is designed to embrace a broad cross-section of the community.

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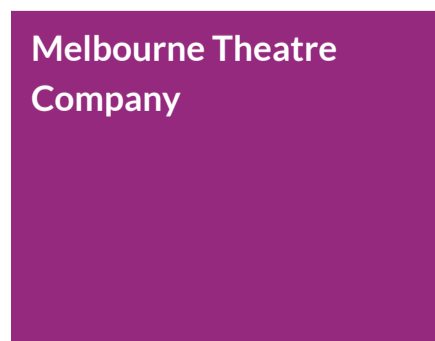
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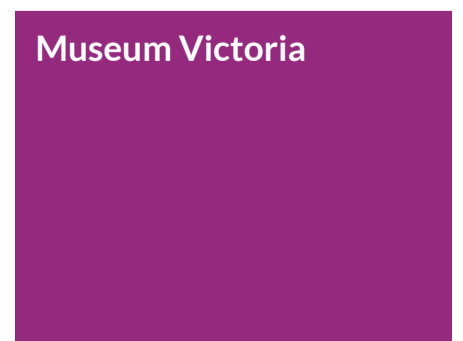
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