

# 6 Melbourne Events

## December 2009

**'Anatomy to Robots' Da Vinci Model Exhibition** – about 90 pieces will be on show including life-size, 3D human and animal models and robots created from the original drawings by Da Vinci. Queensbridge Square, Southbank, until 31 January 2010.

The annual **Japanese Film Festival** will have some of the best Japanese movies on screen. 3-9 December.

**Melbourne Symphony Orchestra** presents Handel's Messiah, The Arts Centre, Hamer Hall, 12-13 December.

**The ISAF Sailing World Cup: Sail Melbourne** will be held at Sandringham Yacht Club from 14-19 December.

**Cricket:** Boxing Day Test Match Australia v Pakistan. MCG, 26-30 December.

## January/February 2010

**Australia Open Tennis Championships:** This first tournament of the year sees all the international stars of tennis competing for the grand slam title. Melbourne Park, 18-31 January.

**Geelong Week:** One of the nation's oldest sporting events (first held in 1844), sees yachts set sail and celebrates all things nautical at Australia's largest sailing regatta. 23-26 January.

**Cricket:** Twenty20 International, Australia v Pakistan, 5 February. One Day Internationals, Australia v West Indies, 7 and 19 February.

**St Kilda Festival:** Enjoy the music, the atmosphere and the beach at this annual festival. 6-14 February.

**Chinese New Year:** 14 February being the first day of the **Year of the Tiger**, Melbourne's Chinese community will celebrate the Lunar New Year before and after this period with a variety of street activities, lions and dragons dances, fireworks, food stalls and cultural entertainment.

**2010 Yamaha World Superbike Championship** will be held at Phillip Island Circuit. 26-28 February.

**Yarra Valley Grape Grazing:** The festival is an open air connoisseur's feast held in picturesque surroundings, involving two days of the finest food and wine that Yarra Valley has to offer.

## March/April 2010

**Moomba Waterfest** is Australia's largest free festival. Live music, parades and performances on and around the Yarra River. Nightly fireworks, and the (in)famous Moomba Parade and the hilarious Birdman Rally. 5-8 March.

**Melbourne Fashion Festival** is on from 14-21 March.

**Melbourne Food & Wine Festival** will present over 150 events across the city including alfresco dinners, wine tasting and cooking demonstrations. 12-23 March.

**Formula One Australian Grand Prix:** Get ready for the F1 party as Melbourne gears up for the roar of engines, on and off the track. Albert Park, 25-28 March.

The annual two week **French Film Festival** is organized and presented by the Alliance Française, featuring some of the best modern and classic French movies.

Melbourne's large Greek community hits Lonsdale Street with their 'glendi' (party) at the **Antipodes Festival**. 20-21 March.

**The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show** is the biggest garden show in the Southern Hemisphere. Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, 24-28 March.

**The Melbourne International Comedy Festival** sold more than 490,000 tickets in 2009, with more than 4,500 performances in 123 venues. Have a good laugh. 24 March - 18 April.

From contemporary jazz to swing, modern improvisation, avant-garde and blues, daily concerts in and around the city and the main stage at Federation Square. Swing into action at the **Melbourne International Jazz Festival**. 29 April - 7 May.



## May/June 2010

**The Spanish Film Festival** offers you a selection of diverse and exceptional modern Spanish films.

The **Australia v New Zealand Rugby League Test** may be the inaugural match played at Melbourne's brand new Rectangular Stadium.

**Good Food & Wine Show:** An exciting food and wine event with celebrity and restaurant chefs and wine tasting, over 200 exhibitors presenting food, wine, drink, appliances and cookware. Melbourne Exhibition Centre, 4-6 June.

**Melbourne International Animation Festival** will have over 300 films in a comprehensive line-up of animated films: the most imaginative artform.

## July/August 2010

**Melbourne International Film Festival** is one of the oldest film festivals in the world. Indulge yourself in a feast of cinematic delicacies from emerging and international film-making talents.

**Melbourne Art Fair 2010:** Held biennially, the Fair offers the public a rare chance to view and purchase quality works of art by some of the best living artists in the world. Royal Exhibition Building, 4-8 August.

Meet writers of all genres at the **Melbourne Writers Festival**. Some of the world's top writers will gather together to join in intellectual and cultural forums, readings and panel discussions.

## September/October 2010

Hundreds of fashion related events will be presented during the first week of September to mark the **Melbourne Spring Fashion Week** with new collections to herald the Spring Racing Carnival.

**AFL Grand Final:** The Grand Final of Aussie Rules returns to its rightful home: Melbourne. 25 September.

Don't miss the **Royal Melbourne Show** which aims to connect the country and the city. The best in agriculture and animal shows, competitions, food and wine, rides, showbags, and displays of arts and crafts. 16-26 September.

The **Melbourne Fringe Festival** presents 3 weeks of independent, innovative, contemporary artistic ideas and practice, with circus, visual arts, cabaret, dance, theatre and comedy. 22 September – 10 October.

More than 720 cyclists representing 48 countries are expected to participate in the **2010 UCI Road Cycling World Championships** to be held in Melbourne

and Geelong. 29 September - 3 October.

**Melbourne International Arts Festival** is on in October presenting dance, theatre, music, opera, and visual arts by local and international artists throughout Melbourne.

## November/December 2010

**Melbourne Cup:** The race that stops the nation on the 1st Tuesday in November, fashion, food, dining and a feast of world-class thoroughbred horse racing event.

**EQUITANA Australia:** A must see for any horse lover as this is the largest equine event in the Southern Hemisphere featuring competition, education and equine entertainment. Melbourne Showgrounds, 18-21 November.

Watch leading golfers from Australia and around the world in action at the **Australian Masters**. Victoria Golf Club.

**Cricket:** 4th Ashes Boxing Day Test Match, Australia v England, 26-30 December.

