

Youth Program – Festival Melbourne 2006

As part of **Festival Melbourne 2006** a spectacular youth program will be presented that will bring together a diverse and colourful program of performance, music, community art projects and visual and media arts.

Artistic Vision

The youth program will be based on a theme that explores the connections – both historical and contemporary – between the 71 nations of the Commonwealth.

The program acknowledges the history of the Commonwealth Games (the Games were originally called the Empire Games) and emphasises just how much things have changed in the 76 years since the first Commonwealth Games in Hamilton, Canada.

What to expect

In 2006 young festival-goers will be treated to an exciting program made for, by and with young people. And it's not just happening in Melbourne!

The youth program, like all of **Festival Melbourne 2006** will also be going to regional Victoria.

Highlights

- **Shed 14** – Whether you run, rap or skip your way there, Shed 14 in Docklands is the place to be in 2006. Shed 14 provides a space for young people to soak up some incredible artwork, housing a series of commissioned works by young Australian artists. These works will also be exhibited at Games festivals across regional Victoria.
- **Containers Village** – Bringing to Melbourne artists, galleries, cooperatives and other groups from across the Commonwealth. Shed 14 will host scores of international artists – each with their own shipping container as an exhibition, presentation or work space.
- **A Hundred Points of Light** – Will light up Melbourne's streets, laneways, buildings and alcoves with film, video, slide projections and lightbox art installations – each created by an artists from the nations of the Commonwealth.
- **The Bodies That Were Not Ours** – Developed by Next Wave and the Linden – St Kilda Centre for Contemporary Arts, this exhibition will showcase the talents of Australia's young Aboriginal artists, alongside indigenous artists from around the Commonwealth.

In March 2006, the youth program will be an integral part of Festival Melbourne 2006.

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The Youth Program is presented by Next Wave