



Art in the City
Newsletter



City of Adelaide
Playlists



Yurikurringa
Ngadluku Paltirna

LIVE MUSIC
VENUES
SPOTLIGHT

A playlist of some of the live music venues that locals love and where a good time is guaranteed.



Swapmeet, Queer Club 2023 at Jive.
Photo: Ellie Everett.



Check out
what's on in
Adelaide!

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Ancient World

An eclectic artist-run venue featuring a hidden entrance, walls adorned with local artists' work and a broad range of live music - from experimental, to post-punk, to karaoke.

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Casablaba

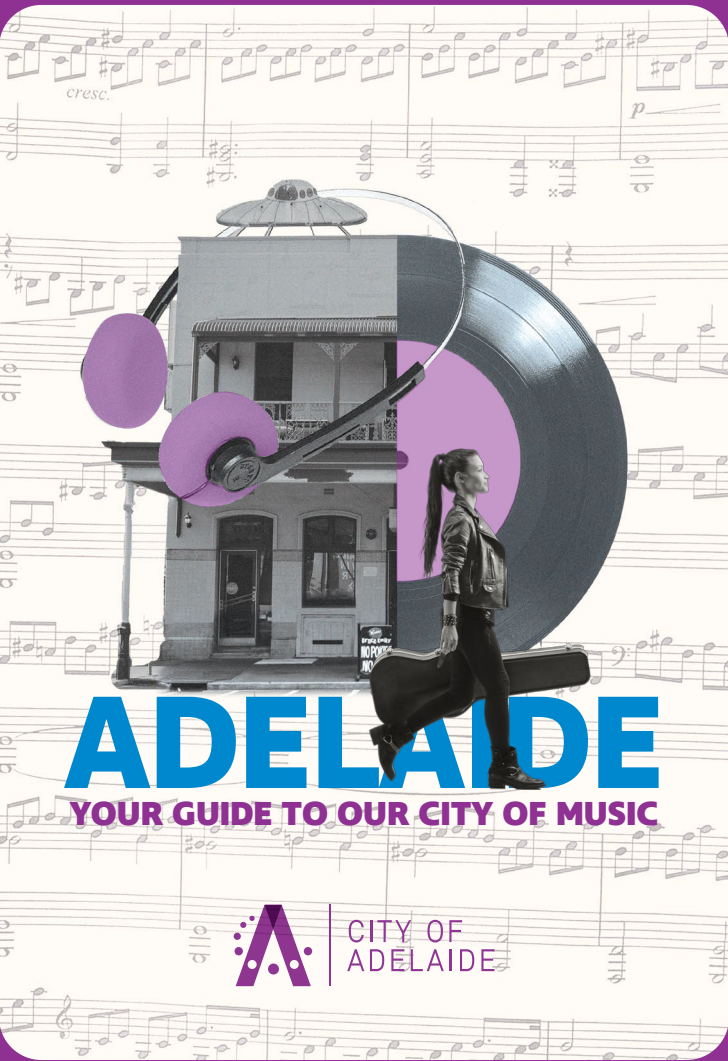
Hosting regular salsa, reggae and Afro-Caribbean nights, this venue brings world cultures together at the heart of the Hindley Street music district.

19
Crown and Anchor Hotel

The 'Cranker' hosts live music nearly every night of the week. Built in 1883, in 2024 the venue was saved from demolition by its passionate community! From July 2025, the Cranker heads west, setting up a temporary home at The Ed Castle, serving community since 1837.

26
The Exeter Hotel

An East End institution featuring live bands and DJs every weekend. Extra credibility points if you spot and recreate the photo of Nick Cave, Kim Gordon and Tex Perkins in the front bar.



In 2025, Adelaide/Tarntanya celebrates its 10th anniversary as Australia's first, and only, UNESCO City of Music. Located on Kaurna Yarta, discover a city with music as its heartbeat with this backstage pass to some of our most iconic, much-loved and diverse live music venues, clubs, festivals and experiences.

So, what are you waiting for?

Hit the streets, clap your hands, raise your voice, tap those feet and find your scene!


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Electric Fields, WOMAdelaide, 2022. Photo: Saige Prime.

57
Nexus Arts

This community-centred contemporary arts space champions culturally diverse and intercultural artistic practice hosting contemporary musicians from around the world.

61
North Adelaide Baroque Hall

Enjoy intimate chamber music concerts in this stunning rococo style music hall created in 2022 within a heritage listed North Adelaide home.

70
Rhino Room/Lowlife Basement Bar

See a gig upstairs at Rhino Room or have a late-night dance party at Lowlife. When these venues pair up, expect an intimate multistage festival with a mix of local and interstate bands.

72
Royal Oak

This classic North Adelaide pub hosts live music weekly with a focus on acoustic artists and cover bands you can dance to. Winged trumpets, trombones and a pressed tin ceiling are a vibe.

81
UniBar Adelaide

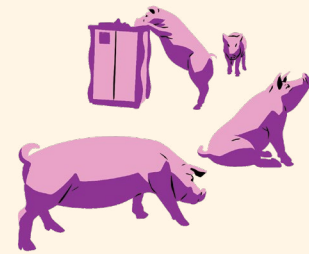
A vital part of university culture and the Australian live music scene since the 1970s, this venue hosts regular all ages shows and festivals from international bands to DJs to emerging local acts.

94
Marys Poppin

This proudly queer-owned and operated LGBTQIA+ venue won the 2024 SA Pride Awards Venue of the Year. Expect drag performances, themed nights, and late-night dancing.

98
Rocket Bar and Rooftop

Celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2025, this multi-level Hindley Street venue is the place for dance, hip-hop, and house music. Expect late-night rooftop dance parties and international DJ sets.



ADELAIDE CITY OF
MUSIC LANEWAYS

Explore Adelaide's City of Music Laneways. Vibrant artworks in each laneway honour our musical trailblazers who got their start in our city, became local legends, and won fans around the world.



Jasmine Crisp, *She Imagined Buttons*, 2020, Sia Furler Lane.

Sia Furler Lane

She Imagined Buttons, a mural by Jasmine Crisp, is inspired by her experience seeing nine-time Grammy nominee Sia perform live.

Cold Chisel Lane

Explore the legacy of Cold Chisel, formed in Adelaide in 1973, through the words of fans in a mural by James Dodd.

Paul Kelly Lane

Born and raised in Adelaide, national treasure Paul Kelly is celebrated through a light-based artwork *Street of Love* by Heidi Kenyon.

No Fixed Address Lane

Reggae rock band No Fixed Address were Australia's first Aboriginal band to tour overseas. See them commemorated in this mural by Elizabeth Yanyi Close (Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara), Shane Mankitya Cook (Guwa and Wulli Wulli) and Thomas Readett (Ngarrindjeri and Arrernte).

Paxton Walk

Fear by Gregg Mitchell, an artwork etched into the city's East End, captures the energy of Adelaide-based 1980s punk band Exploding White Mice.

City of Music Mural

Dave Court's artwork highlights the excellence, diversity and cultural history of this City of Music - plus, it's the biggest mural in the city!

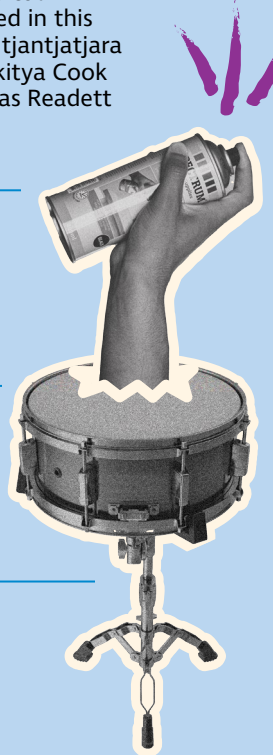
The Violinist

Found on Rosina Street, this mural by artist Simeon Jones pays homage to the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra; their HQ is just around the corner on Hindley Street.

The Angels Lane

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ADELAIDE ICONS

Standing the test of time, these Adelaide icons have a rich history and continue to shape our dynamic live music scene.

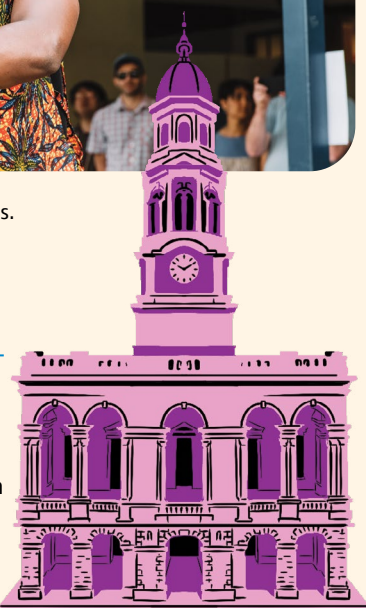


Sun of Africa, Adelaide Central Markets.
Photo: Danny Howe.

1866

Adelaide Town Hall

Adelaide's premier venue for concerts, civic receptions and public gatherings since 1866, even welcoming The Beatles in 1964! Free lunchtime performances often feature the famous J.W. Walker & Sons pipe organ. Classical, contemporary, or by candlelight – it's always memorable.



1870

Adelaide Central Market

A hub of food and culture, a feast for all the senses, with over 70 fresh produce traders and eateries. Its regular Friday night music program, school holiday activities and roving entertainment brings life and colour to our city all year round.



1900

Elder Hall

A renowned concert and performance venue on Adelaide's boulevard of culture and learning for students of the University of Adelaide's Elder Conservatorium of Music, the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM), and guests. Free lunchtime concerts every Friday.



1913

Her Majesty's Theatre

'Her Maj' is a heritage jewel in the heart of the city, hosting national and international touring acts including contemporary and classical music, opera and ballet, and musical theatre.



1972

Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM)

The only tertiary level music program for First Nations musicians in Australia, CASM is a music hub where Aboriginal Australians can find their voice and realise their potential as musicians. Alumni include Electric Fields and No Fixed Address. Scan the QR code in this guide to access the new Kaurna Song Book, *Yurikurringa Ngadluku Paltirna*, produced with Kaurna community at CASM in 2025.

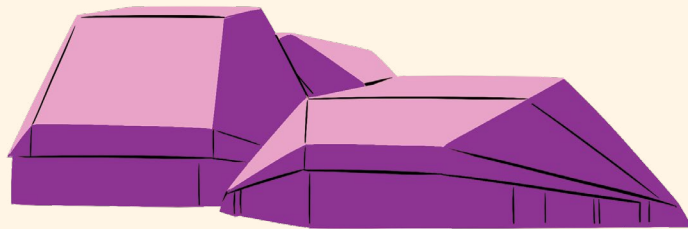


No Fixed Address in No Fixed Address Lane. Photo: Cath Leo.

1973

Adelaide Festival Centre

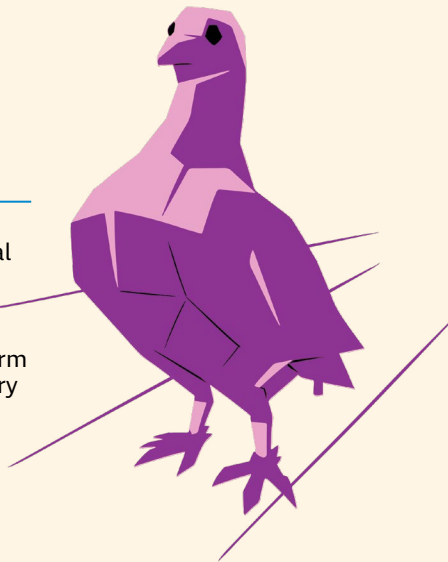
Australia's first multi-purpose arts hub, home to Adelaide's major festivals, touring productions and community events. Find the heart of the arts by the River Torrens/Karrawirra Parri.



1976

Rundle Mall

Expect the unexpected at Rundle Mall, a cultural landmark and hub of shopping, dining and entertainment. Buskers, musicians and DJs perform in this open-air art gallery and retail destination.



A YEAR OF MUSIC

Our city shines year-round with a dynamic cultural calendar of festivals, major events and community celebrations. Experience live music in our world-class venues, pubs, plazas, Park Lands, shops, streets and squares.



Adelaide New Year's Eve

31 December: City of Adelaide's New Year's Eve party on the banks of the River Torrens/Karrawirra Parri with family-friendly entertainment and fireworks shows.

Adelaide Festival

February-March: Since 1960, the Adelaide Festival has attracted global audiences and acclaim for its innovative arts, theatre, dance, music, opera, literature, and visual arts program.

Adelaide Fringe

February-March: The biggest arts festival in Australia and the second largest in the world, showcasing over 8,000+ performers across South Australia, with over 1 million tickets sold.

WOMAdelaide

March: For over 30 years, Adelaide has hosted WOMAD in beautiful Botanic Park/Tainmuntilla. Travel the world through this four-day family-friendly music and arts festival.

Adelaide Jazz Festival

April: A multi-day, multi-venue program of traditional and contemporary live jazz leading up to UNESCO's International Jazz Day on 30 April. Adelaide is leading the UNESCO Jazz Relay in 2025, which is also the 10th anniversary of our UNESCO City of Music designation.

Record Store Day

12 April: Embrace vinyl culture with live performances, exclusive releases and a community spirit at our independent record shops. Support local!

DreamBIG Children's Festival

May (biennial): The longest-running curated children's festival in the world, and the only one in Australia, featuring children's music, dance and theatre experiences.

Adelaide Cabaret Festival and Make Music Day

June: The world's largest cabaret festival has showcased chanteuses and storytellers from across Australia and the world for 24 years in this glamorous winter event. There's also a Cabaret Fringe! On 21 June join us for Make Music Day, a worldwide celebration of music making across the City.

Illuminate Adelaide and Unsound Adelaide

July: Catch experimental music festival, Unsound Adelaide, during Illuminate Adelaide, a dazzling display of light, sound and technology transforming architecture, gardens and more.

Indie-Con, AIR Awards and Scouted

August: A week of music celebrations including Australia's leading independent music industry conference, an awards night for Australian musicians and a showcase of local talent.

Adelaide Guitar Festival

September: The most significant celebration of the guitar in the southern hemisphere, encompassing genres from country to classical to flamenco and featuring Guitars in Bars.

OzAsia Festival

October-November: A fusion of Eastern and Western sounds, celebrating contemporary Asian arts, music and culture. Enjoy live music and delicious food at the Lucky Dumpling Market.

Feast Festival

November: Adelaide's LGBTQIA+ queer arts and cultural festival glitters throughout the very special 'Pridevember', a celebration of diversity and inclusivity through arts, music and culture.

Good Music Month and SAM Awards

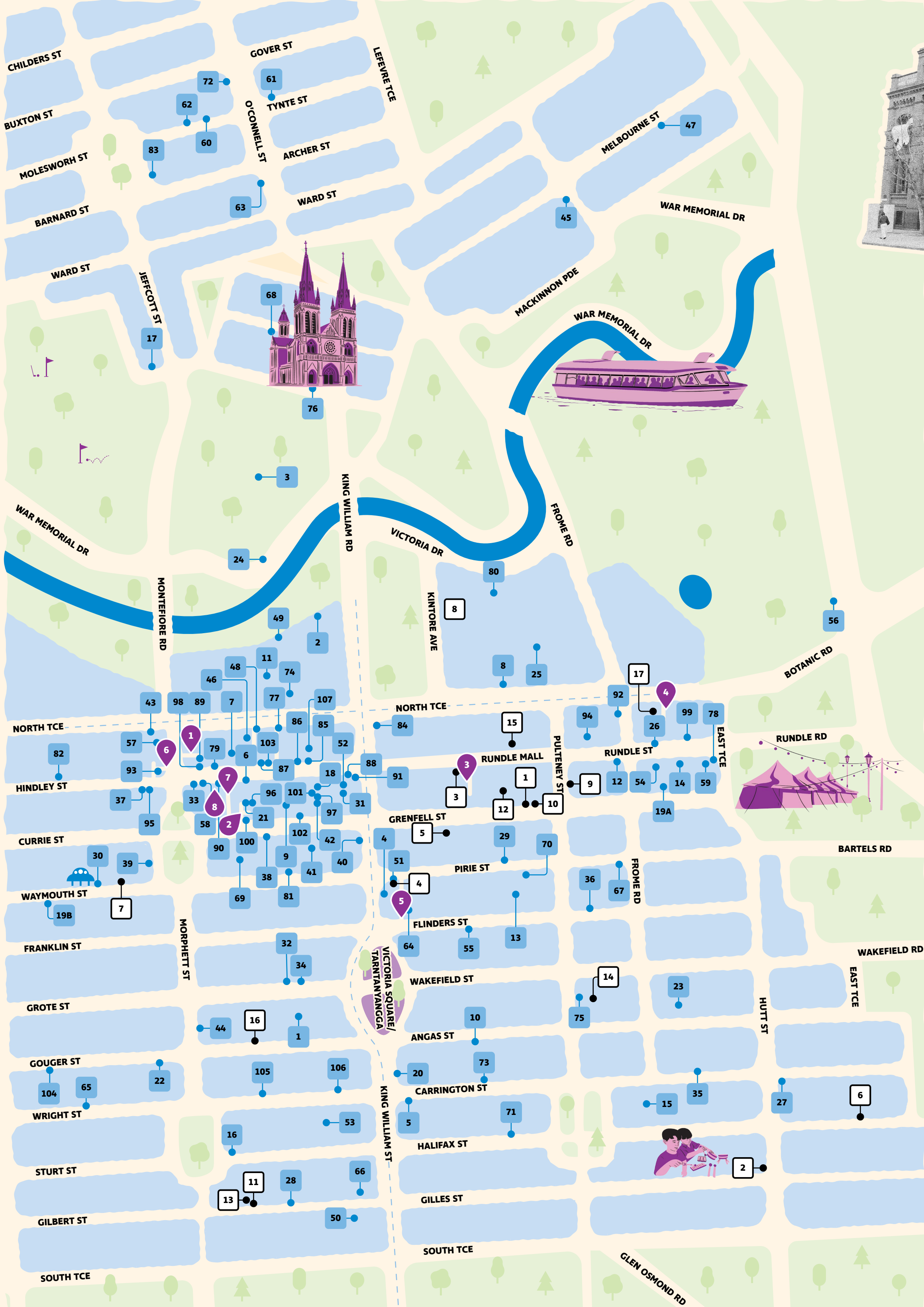
November: Music SA's open access festival of live music experiences, from pub gigs to Town Hall concerts. The South Australian Music Awards celebrate excellence in contemporary music. Check out big acts at the VAILO Adelaide 500 After Race Concert Series.

Christmas in the City

November-December: Since 1933, Father Christmas's arrival with the Adelaide Christmas Pageant has marked the start of our festive season, a joyful community tradition. Uplifting choirs can often be found at Adelaide Central Market, Adelaide Town Hall, Rundle Mall and Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.



Lucky Dumpling Market, OzAsia Festival. Photo: Xplorer Studio.



! LIVE MUSIC

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| 1. Adelaide Central Market | 52. Memphis Slim's House of Blues/Shotgun Willie's |
| 2. Adelaide Festival Centre | 53. Minor Works Building Community Centre |
| 3. Adelaide Oval | 54. Mr. Goodbar |
| 4. Adelaide Town Hall | 55. Mylk Bar |
| 5. Adelaide Irish Club | 56. National Wine Centre |
| 6. Adelaide Symphony Orchestra - Grainger Studio | 57. Nexus Arts |
| 7. Ancient World | 58. Nineteen Ten |
| 8. Art Gallery of South Australia | 59. NOLA |
| 9. ARTHUR Art Bar | 60. North Adelaide Baptist Church |
| 10. The Arts Theatre | 61. North Adelaide Baroque Hall |
| 11. The Atrium Lounge, InterContinental Adelaide | 62. North Adelaide Community Centre |
| 12. The Austral | 63. Pastel Wine Bar |
| 13. Baddog | 64. Pilgrim Uniting Church |
| 14. Belgian Beer Cafe | 65. Prince Albert Hotel |
| 15. Box Factory Community Centre | 66. Prohibition Liquor Co. |
| 16. Cafe Troppo | 67. Prompt Creative Centre |
| 17. Carclaw | 68. The Queens Head Hotel |
| 18. Casablaba | 69. The Queens Theatre |
| 19. Crown and Anchor Hotel (19A until July 2025) (19B from July 2025 - July 2027) | 70. Rhino Room/Low Life Basement Bar |
| 20. The Crown and Sceptre Hotel | 71. Rob Roy by L.Law |
| 21. Cry Baby Bar | 72. Royal Oak |
| 22. Diverse-City | 73. Saracens Head |
| 23. Dom Polski Centre | 74. SkyCity Adelaide |
| 24. The Drive | 75. Some Where House |
| 25. Elder Hall | 76. St Peter's Cathedral |
| 26. The Exeter Hotel | 77. Strathmore Hotel |
| 27. General Havelock | 78. The Stag Public House |
| 28. Gilbert Street Hotel | 79. TIA LIVE |
| 29. The Golden Wattle | 80. UniBar Adelaide |
| 30. Grace Emily Hotel | 81. Union Hotel |

! DJs

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| 31. Hains & Co | 82. Wakanda Multicultural Bar |
| 32. Her Majesty's Theatre | 83. The Wellington Hotel |
| 33. Hindley Street Music Hall | 84. 2KW Bar & Restaurant |
| 34. The Hotel Metropolitan | 85. Bank Street Social |
| 35. The Italian Centre | 86. Black Bull Hotel |
| 36. The Jade | 87. DISTRICT |
| 37. Jive | 88. El Santo Latino Bar |
| 38. Khukuri Nepalese Restaurant | 89. Electric Circus |
| 39. The Lab at ILA | 90. Fabric Adelaide |
| 40. La Louisiane | 91. HENNESSY Rooftop Bar, Mayfair Hotel |
| 41. Lady Burra Brewhouse | 92. honeydripper |
| 42. Leigh Street Luggage | 93. The Little Red Door & Winston |
| 43. Lion Arts Factory | 94. Marys Poppin |
| 44. Little Havana Co. | 95. Nearly |
| 45. The Lion Hotel | 96. Nightshade |
| 46. The Little Hunter | 97. Plain Jane Adelaide |
| 47. Lord Melbourne Hotel | 98. Rocket Bar & Rooftop |
| 48. Luma Restaurant & Bar | 99. Sugar |
| 49. Malt Shovel Taphouse | 100. trap. |
| 50. The Market Shed | 101. Udaberri |
| 51. Meeting Hall | 102. Zhivago |

! SUPPORT ACTS

1. Addicted to Audio
2. Adelaide City Libraries Music Toy Library (for children aged 0-5)
3. Adelaide City Libraries Library of Things (podcasting and music recording equipment)
4. Adelaide Town Hall Rehearsal Space (Meeting Hall)
5. ARMI Australian Rock and Metal Institute
6. The Audio Embassy
7. Billy Hyde Music
8. Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM)/ University of Adelaide Elder Conservatorium of Music
9. Clarity Records
10. Derringers Music
11. Fretco Guitar Repairs
12. Gordy Boy Records
13. The Guitar Academy
14. Interim Singing Studio
15. Rerun Records & Photography
16. School of Chinese Music & Arts
17. Streetlight Records

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! SING YOUR HEART OUT

103. K. Illusion Karaoke Lounge
104. La Sing
105. i Darts Adelaide
106. No.9 Karaoke
107. Rush Karaoke

