

Andy Warhol — Ai Weiwei

NGV NEWS | The largest ever Friday Nights at NGV line-up launches with *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei*

The NGV will present the largest ever Friday Nights program from December 2015 – April 2016 with eighteen headline acts. Since the series commenced in 2013 approximately 72,500 visitors have attended the series, which aims to provide greater access to major exhibitions with these social experiences. For this series visitors will enjoy after-hours access to the ground-breaking contemporary exhibition *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei* and see headliners including singer/songwriters **Sally Seltmann** and **Bertie Blackman**, international pop champions **Twerps**, 70s No Wave icon **James Chance** (US) in his Australian debut, Texan electronic music outfit **Neon Indian** and one of the most popular bands in China, **Pet Conspiracy**, an art project/electro band.

Some performances linking directly with themes from the *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei* exhibition include psychedelic prog rock band **Moon Duo** (US) who will perform with their own visual projections inspired by Andy Warhol's multimedia *Exploding Plastic Inevitable*; and a special one-off performance from **Regurgitator**, will see the alt-rock legends re-interpreting the Velvet Underground's debut album produced by Andy Warhol.

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV, said, '**Friday Nights at NGV** has been an enormously successful program, with the nights frequently selling out. We present an extended series in celebration of *Andy Warhol | Ai Weiwei* with an exceptional line up of Australian and international musicians and programs over eighteen Friday Nights. This series will be a unique opportunity to sample live music and discover more about the cultural impact of two very significant artists, Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei.'

A full list of headline acts follows:

- Dec 11 – Moon Duo (US)
- Dec 18 – Neon Indian (US)
- Jan 1 – The Apartments
- Jan 8 – Jack Ladder & The Dreamlanders
- Jan 15 – James Chance & the Contortions (US)
- Jan 22 – Jenny Hval (Norway)
- Jan 29 – Luluc
- Feb 5 – Sally Seltmann
- Feb 12 – Twerps
- Feb 19 – Black Cab
- Feb 26 – Pet Conspiracy (China)
- Mar 4 – Pearls
- Mar 11 – Xylouris White
- Mar 18 – Bertie Blackman
- Apr 1 – Ngaiire
- Apr 8 – Blank Realm
- Apr 15 – Deradoorian (US)
- Apr 22 – Regurgitator

(Pictured: Pet Conspiracy)



Other highlights include US two-piece **Deradoorian**; Australian pop songstress **Ngaiire**, who will set the stage on fire with her powerful future-soul voice and vibrant costumes; and Norwegian avant-garde vocalist **Jenny Hval**.

Late 70s iconic Brisbane pop music band **The Apartments**, will return from France to play from their new album *No Song, No Spell, No Madrigal* and 70s-influenced electronica duo **Black Cab** and international pop champions **Twerps** will also perform in the series.

Sydney-based **Jack Ladder & The Dreamlanders**, including regular band members Kirin J Callinan and Donny Benet, will perform their unique brand of alternative art rock, country, synth-pop and noise rock from their new album *Playmates* and Jim White from The Dirty Three will collaborate with George Xylouris on a Cretan lute in an unexpected creation called **Xylouris White**.

After-hours access to *Andy Warhol / Ai Weiwei* is a major highlight of the program, along with entertainment from DJs and engaging short exhibition talks exploring the significant influence of these two artists on pop culture and modern life as well as dining and bars within the Gallery and outdoors under the new *Summer Architecture Commission* by John Wardle Architects.

Andy Warhol / Ai Weiwei, developed by the NGV and The Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh, with the participation of Ai Weiwei, will explore the significant influence of these two exemplary artists on modern and contemporary life, focussing on the parallels, intersections and points of difference between the two artists' practices. Surveying the scope of both artists' careers, this major exhibition at the NGV will present over 300 works, including major new commissions, immersive installations and a wide representation of paintings, sculpture, film, photography, publishing and social media.

The events regularly sell out, so book tickets early for **Friday Nights at NGV**. See www.ngv.vic.gov.au/program-series/friday-nights/ for details.

NGV Members pre-sale offer: open from 10am Friday 30 October – midnight Thursday 5 November.

Telstra customers' pre-sale offer: open from 10am Monday 2 November – midnight Thursday 5 November.

General tickets are on sale from Friday 6 November.

Andy Warhol / Ai Weiwei will open at the NGV on 11 December 2015 and at The Andy Warhol Museum, Pittsburgh in June 2016.

The Friday Nights at the NGV series for Andy Warhol / Ai Weiwei is generously supported by Higgins Coatings.

Friday Nights at NGV

Cost: Online: \$24 Member / \$30 Adult / \$12 Child
On the door: \$29 Member / \$35 Adult / \$15 Child

Time: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Location: NGV International

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Website links for headline acts follow.

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LINKS

Dec 11

Moon Duo (US)

<http://moonduo.org/>

Dec 18

Neon Indian (US)

<http://www.neonindian.com/>

Jan 1

The Apartments

<http://www.theapartments-music.com>

Jan 8

Jack Ladder & The Dreamlanders

www.jackladderandthedreamlanders.com

Jan 15

James Chance & the Contortions (US)

<http://jameschanceofficial.blogspot.com.au/>

Jan 22

Jenny Hval (Norway)

<http://jennyhval.com/>

Jan 29

Luluc

<http://lulucmusic.com/>

Feb 5

Sally Seltmann

www.sallyseltmann.com

Feb 12

Twerps

www.facebook.com/twerpsmusic

www.mergerecords.com/twerps

www.chaptermusic.com/artists/twerps

Feb 19

Black Cab

<http://www.interstate40music.com/>

Feb 26

Pet Conspiracy (China)

<https://petconspiracy.bandcamp.com/>

Mar 4

Silicon (NZ)

<http://silicon.weirdworldrecordco.com/stream/>

www.godemoji.com

Mar 11

Xylouris White

<http://www.xylouriswhite.com>

Mar 18

Bertie Blackman

<http://www.bertieblackman.com/>

Apr 1

Ngaiire

<http://www.ngaiire.com.au/>

Apr 8

Blank Realm

<https://www.facebook.com/blankrealmband>

Apr 15

Deradoorian (US)

<https://www.facebook.com/deradoorian/>

Apr 22

Regurgitator

www.regurgitator.net