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NGV NEWS | Dior x Hokusai: An action packed Art Party returns in October

NGV International | 6pm to 9.30pm Saturday 7 October | Admission fees apply



From Dior-inspired fashion illustrations to frame-by-frame manga animations, teens will dive into a colourful world of Japanese- and French-themed art, food, music, and dance at the next *Art Party* at NGV International on Saturday 7 October.

Inspired by NGV's blockbuster exhibitions *The House of Dior: Seventy Years of Haute Couture* and *Hokusai*, *Art Party* is an exhilarating party that offers teens (aged 13 – 17) exclusive after-hours access to these major exhibitions at NGV. Guests will be treated to pop-up art workshops and

interactive activities, captivating dance performances by students from Albert Park College and live DJ sets by teen DJs, DJ LAIKS and DJ Sunday.

In a pop-up activity set inside *The House of Dior: Seventy Years of Haute Couture* exhibition, teens will create their own fashion illustrations that draw inspiration from the breath-taking garments on display around them with Melbourne fashion illustrator, Nicole Onslow. Surrounded by more than 140 hand-crafted couture garments, accessories and shoes, Nicole will create custom sketches of participating teens, adorning them in elaborately illustrated fashion designs.

Drawing inspiration from one of Japan's most prolific artists and a pioneer of Japanese manga, Katsushika Hokusai, *Art Party* guests can also spend the night creating intricate frame-by-frame manga animations. Using iPads, participants will create their own animations inside the exquisitely-designed *Hokusai* exhibition space alongside *The Great Wave off Kanagawa (The Great Wave)*, an artwork famed for its many reinterpretations in popular culture, including as an emoji.

A multi-sensory experience, *Art Party* will include Japanese and French-inspired catering, including sushi, noodles, baguettes and croissants along with exclusive gelato flavours from Pidapipò Gelateria. In honour of the House of Dior, one of the world's most prestigious fashion houses, guests are also invited to come to the party in their most creative and fashion forward ensembles.

Teens will learn more about the two exhibitions on display with guided exhibition tours, led by Teen Guides.

NGV Director, Tony Ellwood, said, '*Art Party* has quickly become an exciting event for high school students since its launch in 2015. Young people can connect with their peers and explore the Gallery's holdings and major exhibitions in an interactive, safe and fun environment designed specifically for them and by them in collaboration with our youth programming team.'

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This party marks the fifth *Art Party* at the NGV and a combined 3500 teens have attended the *Art Party* since the program's inception. In 2017 the NGV formed an advisory panel of six local Melbourne teens, who have supported the *Art Party* by providing advice and creative direction into the planning of the event's activities, theming and workshops.

Jasper Cleary, 16, who has been involved in the preparations, stated, 'This year the teen advisory panel has had a major impact on all aspects of *Art Party* from food through to activities and performances. *Art Party* is not just about the art though, you can grab some ice-cream and get up on the dancefloor when the DJ takes the stage.'

Art Party is at NGV International from 6pm – 9.30pm on Saturday 7 October 2017. Tickets on sale from NGV website NGV.MELBOURNE. Tickets: Student \$18 | Member \$15. Ages 13 – 17 (with valid student I.D.)

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