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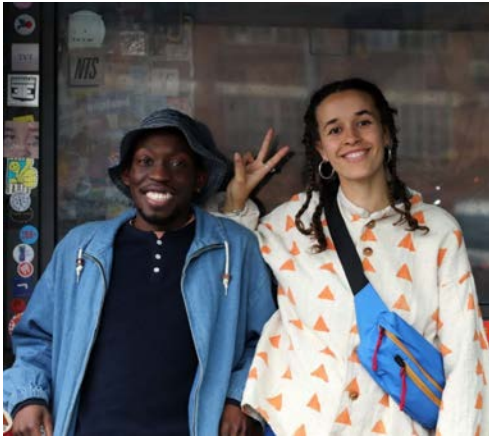
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NGV Friday Nights returns to celebrate Keith Haring, Jean-Michel Basquiat and 1980s NYC

6 December 2019 to 10 April 2020 + 11 April 2020 | NGV International | Admission fees apply



NGV Friday Nights returns to the National Gallery of Victoria to pay homage to the 80s and Downtown New York City in a summer celebration of the *Keith Haring | Jean-Michel Basquiat: Crossing Lines* exhibition, from 6 December 2019.

Every week DJs spotlight a music moment of the era, including disco, post-punk, hip hop, synth and new wave, as the NGV hosts international acts including New York City's Ge-Ology and Natasha Diggs; the UK's Alex Rita & Errol and Ruby Savage; Detroit's Nicole Misha and Melbourne's YO! MAFIA and Banoffee (DJ Set).

NGV Friday Nights full line-up:

Friday 6 December – Ge-Ology (NYC) and Emma Stevenson (DJ Set)

Friday 13 December – Loure (DJ Set) and Paul Gorrie

Friday 20 December – Fei Pao (Hot Wax Sound System) and Sullivan (DJ Set)

Friday 27 December – Banoffee (DJ Set) and SPUNKGUNK

Friday 3 January – MzRizk and Danny Hotep

Friday 10 January – Noise In My Head and Jade Zoe

Friday 17 January – DJ Jimmy James and Edd Fisher (DJ Set)

Friday 24 January – Simon Caldwell and Shelley

Friday 31 January – Alexander Powers and DJ Cookie

Friday 7 February – Natasha Diggs (NYC) and 6am at the Garage

Friday 14 February – Alex Rita & Errol (UK) and Simona Castricum (DJ Set)

Friday 21 February – Rok Riley and C.FRIM

Friday 28 February – Ruby Savage (UK) and Soju Gang

Friday 6 March – Interstellar Fugitives and Merve

Friday 13 March – Beth Grace and A.Kid

Friday 20 March – Whiskey Houston and Lori

Friday 27 March – Memphis LK and CLIFTONIA

Friday 3 April – Nicole Misha (Detroit) and DJ Manchild

Friday 10 April – YO! MAFIA and River Yarra

Saturday 11 April – DJ JNETT and Toni Yotzi

A diverse selection of local and international talent bring 80s sounds to the NGV Garden. Bombay Sapphire will be serving up their signature gin and tonics, and Asahi serving their award-winning premium beer paired with classic NYC food. Yering Station will be pouring a selection of fine wines matching a grazing menu with a modern take on 80s nostalgia at CLOSET Disco Bar. Presented by the NGV in collaboration with CLOSET, one of Melbourne's longest running queer parties, CLOSET Disco Bar will feature a wide array of LGBTQIA+ DJs and performance artists doing pop-up performances throughout the evening.

“With late-night access to *Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat | Crossing Lines* presented alongside an impressive line-up of live music, classic cocktails, and delicious street food, NGV Friday Nights promises a vibrant tribute to 80s New York City during the heart of Melbourne's summer,” said Tony Ellwood AM, Director, National Gallery of Victoria.



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The NGV Friday Nights summer series coincides with the unprecedented, world-exclusive exhibition *Keith Haring | Jean-Michel Basquiat: Crossing Lines*, presenting works by two of the most significant and influential artists of the late twentieth century.

Across more than 200 multi-disciplinary works, the exhibition will offer new and fascinating insights into Haring and Basquiat's unique visual languages and reveal - for the first time - the many intersections between their lives, practices and ideas. Tickets for NGV Friday Nights provides late-night access to this unprecedented exhibition, live music, bars and dining options.

Keith Haring (American 1958-90) and Jean-Michel Basquiat (American 1960-88) changed the art world of the 1980s through their idiosyncratic imagery, radical ideas and complex socio-political commentary, creating an indelible legacy that continues to influence contemporary visual and popular culture today. *Crossing Lines* will survey each artist's tragically short, yet prolific career, featuring works created in public space, painting, sculpture, objects, works on paper, photographs, original notebooks and more.

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6-10pm, NGV International

Online ticket bookings and information: \$28 Members / \$35 Adult / \$16 Child Door (limited) \$33 Members / \$40 Adult / \$21 Child. NGV Friday Nights includes late-night access to the exhibition *Keith Haring | Jean-Michel Basquiat: Crossing Lines*, plus music, bars and dining options. American Express Card Members will have access to ticket discounts and enjoy priority entry along with NGV Members.

The world-exclusive exhibition *Keith Haring | Jean-Michel Basquiat: Crossing Lines* will be on display from 1 December 2019 – 13 April 2020 at NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Australia. Tickets and information available from the [NGV website](#).

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