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## NGV Friday Nights to shine for **CARTIER**

NGV International | 12 June 2026 – 2 October 2026 | Bookings required, admission fees apply



**7 May 2026:** This winter, NGV Friday Nights celebrates 2026 Melbourne Winter Masterpieces®: **CARTIER**, with late-night access to the exhibition and a specially curated program that transforms each week. Featuring live music residencies including Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's MSO+, Melbourne International Jazz Festival and others, pop-up performances, including a tribute to Dame Nellie Melba from the Melbourne Opera, as well as a range of activities and films that pay homage to the dazzling creations of Cartier.

For Friday Nights, NGV has collaborated with four icons of Melbourne's leading music scene – **Waxflower** (19 June – 10 July), **Melbourne International Jazz Festival** (17 July – 7 August), **Wax Museum Records** (14 August – 4 September) and **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's** new initiative **MSO+** (11 September – 2 October) – to each host a music residency and an evolving program of performances that span classical, jazz, soul and more. Each residency will offer a unique evening of live performances, with the line up including **MSO Cello Quartet, Olivia Excuses, PLEXUS, Amin Payne and OJ Kush, Raleigh Williams, Yuniar Terry Quartet, DJ Earl Grey, Myles Mac** and more.

Across two exclusive evenings on 12 June and 11 September, **Melbourne Opera** will present a bespoke, live performance of *Diamonds for the Diva* in celebration of Australian opera singer **Dame Nellie Melba GBE** (1861–1931), who was an early client of Cartier. A selection of necklaces and bodice ornaments owned and worn by Melba will be on display in 2026 Melbourne Winter Masterpieces®: **CARTIER**, alongside a signed 1902 portrait of Melba, *Madame Melba* by Rupert Bunny. Specially arranged by Melbourne Opera's Music Director Raymond Lawrence, Melbourne Opera's 'Melba' will perform three of Melba's most celebrated arias alongside a five-piece string and wind ensemble.

Paying homage to Cartier's long-standing relationship with film, and the cinema screens that have glittered for more than a century with Cartier jewels, NGV will also host drop-in **film screenings** on select Friday Nights in the Clemenger BBDO Auditorium, including *High Society* (1956), *The Great Gatsby* (1974) and *Phoenician Scheme* (2025).

Designed to spark new connections while sharing some basic French phrases, **Fast Friends with Alliance Française de Melbourne** is a fun, social French language conversational activity. Open to everyone, with no understanding of French required, this drop-in series is scheduled across the third Friday of each month.

In honour of the Cartier Maison's French origins, sweet crêpes will be available in the new pop-up crêperie bar in the Great Hall, with further dining also available at the Gallery Kitchen. The **Moët & Chandon champagne bar** serves Moët & Chandon Brut Impérial and Moët & Chandon Rosé Impérial, and wine tasting experiences will be held at the **Yering Station Wine Bar** and an assortment of indulgent little cups at the **Häagen-Dazs ice cream kiosk**.

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Visitors will also enjoy unlimited access to 2026 Melbourne Winter Masterpieces®: *CARTIER* exhibition, where nearly 400 extraordinary jewellery objects, alongside rare archival materials, will be on display, including Cartier jewels owned and worn by the likes of **Elizabeth Taylor, Rihanna, Princess Margaret, The Duchess of Windsor** and **Grace Kelly**. Opening exclusively in Melbourne, the exhibition has been created by the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, in partnership with NGV, with a breathtaking exhibition design, produced in collaboration with Dutch design practices Studio Sabine Marcelis and CLOUD.

**Tony Ellwood AM, Director, NGV said:** ‘Inspired by the legacy and innovation of Cartier, this season of NGV Friday Nights celebrates the elegance of the Maison’s creations with a fully immersive program of music, cinema, food and art, offering an experience that will inspire and delight visitors.’

NGV Friday Nights takes place every Friday from **12 June 2026 to 2 October 2026** at NGV International, St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Further information and tickets are available via the [NGV Website](#).

2026 Melbourne Winter Masterpieces®: *CARTIER* will be on display from **12 June 2026 to 4 October 2026** at NGV International, St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Tickets and information are available via the NGV website: [NGV.MELBOURNE](#)

#### **NGV Friday Nights Music Line Up:**

- 12 June: Alma Zygier
- 19 June: Waxflower – Annalisa and 10tendo, Myles Mac
- 26 June: Waxflower – Circadian Rhythms, DJ Possum
- 3 July: Waxflower – Olivia Excuses, DJ Earl Grey
- 10 July: Waxflower – Amin Payne and OJ Kush, Walter Majik
- 17 July: Melbourne International Jazz Festival – Jon Hunt’s Blue Devils
- 24 July Melbourne International Jazz Festival – Cannonball feat. Chantal Mitvasky
- 31 July: Melbourne International Jazz Festival – Raleigh Williams
- 7 August: Melbourne International Jazz Festival – Yunion Terry Quartet
- 14 August: Wax Museum Records – Marley Del Prete
- 21 August: Wax Museum Records – Jerry
- 28 August: Wax Museum Records – Brainwaves
- 4 September: Wax Museum Records – Now Here This
- 11 September: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – Hooked on Strings
- 18 September: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – PLEXUS
- 25 September: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – MSO Cello Quartet
- 2 October: Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – PLEXUS

#### **NGV Friday Nights Program Line Up:**

- 12 June: *Diamonds for the Diva* by Melbourne Opera
- 19 June: Fast Friends with Alliance Française de Melbourne
- 26 June: Film screening – *Phoenician Scheme* (2025)
- 10 July: Film screening – *Wall Street* (1987)
- 17 July: Fast Friends with Alliance Française de Melbourne
- 31 July: Film screening – *The Great Gatsby* (1974)
- 14 August: Film screening – *High Society* (1956)
- 21 August: Fast Friends with Alliance Française de Melbourne
- 4 September: Film screening – *Maria* (2024)
- 11 September: *Diamonds for the Diva* by Melbourne Opera
- 18 September: Fast Friends with Alliance Française de Melbourne

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