

# THE Spiegel tent WOLLONGONG

## THE ILLAWARRA'S HOME OF CABARET RETURNS TO UNLEASH AN ELECTRIFYING THREE WEEK PROGRAM OF MUSIC, MAGIC AND FUN

After delighting Wollongong audiences since 2017, The Spiegel tent returns with a bang after a two-year hiatus to take over the Wollongong Arts Precinct once more. With three weeks of electrifying live performance, a dash of comedy and splash of family fun, the Spiegel tent Wollongong 2022 season will be brought to life from 9 - 27 March, 2022.

Originating in the late 19th century as a travelling entertainment venue, the stunning Aurora Spiegel tent is an extravagant big top tent decorated with mirrors, stained glass, velvet and brocade with a beautifully glamorous old-world feel and a live experience like no other.

This year's program features three headlining shows from heavy-hitters of the entertainment world, showcasing the very best of circus, comedy and cabaret.

Australia's masters of ground-breaking circus, **Circa**, turn cabaret on its head, literally, with **Peepshow**, showcasing some of the globe's finest acrobatic talent – expect teetering towers of balanced bodies, extreme bending, beguiling burlesque and devilishly precarious aerials, all under the direction of circus visionary Yaron Lifschitz.

Direct from London's West End, über-award-winning queen of Weimar punk, Bernie Dieter will bring her infamous troupe of Bohemians and misfits to Wollongong for **Bernie Dieter's Club Kabarett**, an unmissable night of gender-bending aerial and fire breathing sideshow, backed by the gin-soaked haus band.

Rounding out the stellar headline program is **The Purple Rabbit**, from the virtuosic creative forces behind worldwide smash hits *Limbo* and *Blanc de Blanc*. Promising a raunchy evening of comedy, magic and mayhem from an international ensemble cast, the rabbit is well and truly out of the hat in this fix of edge-of-your seat spectacle.

Bringing the laughs to The Spiegel tent stage will be a top-tier line-up including **Garry Starr's Greece Lightning**, a comedy masterclass not to be 'mythed', and **Roxee Horror's Beauty Pageant**, where six of the Illawarra's top Queens will go head-to-head in a multi-category drag competition.

And not to forget the younger members of the family, ***Mechanical Mayhem*** is a chaotically fun show set in a steampunk laboratory from aXis by Circus Monoxide.

Merrigong Theatre Company Artistic Director / CEO, Simon Hinton said, *“The last couple of years have been tough for everyone, and we can’t wait to inject some much-needed fun, laughter and colour back into the heart of Wollongong with this diverse and super-entertaining line-up of shows. My message to everyone is to grab a mate or a date and treat yourself to something totally new and unexpected – you never know what might happen when you step inside the Spiegel tent.”*

With public health and audience safety at the forefront of this year’s program, the team is working hard to ensure a COVID-safe environment. In addition to all mandatory Department of Health regulations, for everyone’s comfort the audience capacity of the tent has been reduced to 75% of its normal seating. The amount of filtered air-conditioning is being doubled, and the Spiegel tent will be aired out between performances and thoroughly cleaned daily, as part of the team’s commitment to delivering safe and enjoyable performing arts experiences for all.

With new shows being added, tickets for shows in the Spiegel tent Wollongong 2022 season are on sale now via [www.spiegel tent wollongong.com](http://www.spiegel tent wollongong.com).

**SPIEGEL TENT WOLLONGONG 2022 SEASON**

**Dates:** 9 – 27 March, 2022

**Location:** Wollongong Arts Precinct

**Tickets:** Available from [www.spiegel tent wollongong.com](http://www.spiegel tent wollongong.com)

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