



High Beam

The arts festival with attitude!





The Festival...

High Beam is a 10 day integrated arts festival showcasing work inspired by or influenced by experiences of disability. Presenting both professional and recreational artists, audiences will see many of the world's most exciting and innovative achievements in arts and disability.

Since its establishment in 1998, High Beam continues to build a reputation as Australia's biggest festival of its type, offering an impressive program of music, theatre, dance, art, comedy and community events.

With a broad community base and extensive networks of energetic people, High Beam is also the culmination of a host of community projects, gathering people from all over Australia. This combination of activity makes High Beam a drawcard for a global community celebrating a creative expression of disability culture.

High Beam is not a festival 'for people with a disability', rather a disability friendly festival for the wider population. We pay special attention to the accessibility of festival venues, program and transport information, ticketing systems and entry prices.

So stay in touch and make sure that every two years you are part of the High Beam festival in Adelaide – simply the best festival city in Australia.

...be part of a truly inclusive, richer and more interesting world...

The Program...plenty to see and do...

High Beam offers a diverse program – from world premieres to street parades; contemporary art to cabaret:

Visual Arts

Venues and galleries across the City showcase the work of artists with a disability. The program includes curated works of noted professional artists, national touring exhibitions and vibrant first showings of undiscovered talent. A smorgasbord in all media.

Performance

There's no shortage of music, theatre and dance in the High Beam program, including world premieres. This festival brings together innovative companies from Australia and overseas, whose acclaimed works illustrate the extraordinary dimensions that performers with a disability bring to the stage. All this makes for an exciting environment where experiences of disability create a focus for inspirational performances.

Community Events

High Beam is a community festival. From the huge opening event to the closing 'lights out' party, a fantastic feast unfolds, involving hundreds of people with a disability, their family and friends. Leading up to the festival, in workshops and arts programs all over South Australia, people come together to plan and develop their contribution to the celebrations. Its impossible not to get caught up in the tangible sense of excitement and pride which abounds as everyone comes together to display their talents.

Comedy and Cabaret

Upbeat and funky, off-beat and hilarious shows washed down with wonderful South Australian food and wines. Local bands and comedy acts strut their stuff with national and international artists.

Workshops...

Workshop programs provide opportunities to learn about new techniques, discover hidden talents or inspire a new career in the arts.

Seminar...

High Beam is a major gathering of people at the cutting edge of disability arts and just the place for critical debate on theory, language and practice. The seminar program extends understandings of disability cultures and opportunities to hear from the people doing innovative work in this area.

The Location...ideal...

Adelaide is synonymous with fabulous festivals – due in no small part to its accessibility. The City's compact size means it's easy to get from one top quality venue to another, and the flat terrain makes walking or cycling a pleasant option. Attending a festival in Adelaide means visitors get comfortable and well priced accommodation, delightful park lands, excellent food and wines and some of South Australia's most beautiful regional attractions only a day trip away. High Beam combines all of this with a specialist network of disability friendly travel and accommodation providers to make attending High Beam a great experience.

Who comes to High Beam?

High Beam appeals to people of all ages who are interested in the joint themes of art and disability.

Festival years

April / May • 1998 • 2000 • 2002 • 2004 • 2006



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South Australia
Relax. Indulge. Discover. Enjoy.

The Festival Team...

High Beam was established in 1998 through an innovative collaboration between Arts In Action and the SPARC Disability Foundation.

Arts in Action is the peak body for arts and disability in South Australia – a non-profit community based organisation and part of a national and international network – it aims to improve access to the arts for people with a disability.

The SPARC Disability Foundation is South Australia's major fundraising organisation working to enable people with all types of disability to take part in sport, arts and other recreational activities. SPARC aims to enhance the quality of life for people with a disability, through participation in recreational activities of their choice.

High Beam is managed as a partnership venture, effectively combining the skills and expertise of both organisations to:

- Present outstanding artistic achievements of artists with a disability.
- Provide opportunities at a community level for people with a disability to participate in creating and showing new work.
- Create a forum for critical debate regarding aspects of disability culture.
- Improve integration in the arts for people with a disability, at a professional and recreational level.

