

September 8-10  
PROGRAMME

# AUBURN Frenchfest

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## A special thanks to the Gold Sponsors.

We appreciate the significant contribution of our Gold Sponsors. Our event would not be possible without your generous support.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Auburn Frenchfest Committee acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we meet for this event, the Ngadjuri people, and pay respect to the Elders past, present & future.

## WELCOME TO THE FESTIVAL

On behalf of the Auburn Frenchfest Committee, I welcome all visitors to Auburn, known as the Paris end of the Clare Valley. We are very excited to bring this event again to the Clare Valley and thank you for your support, bonne fête (have a great festival)

Rhonda Seymour

Chairperson  
Auburn Frenchfest Committee

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**T** Ticketed Event

**F** Free Event

**FT** Free Event with Registration

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# DREAM: WORLD PREMIERE

**The world premiere of Dream opens the 2023 Auburn Frenchfest, Friday 8th September 7pm with a 3-course dinner and preshow entertainment at the Auburn Institute. A second show will be performed on the Saturday of Frenchfest (Show only).**

The spectacular story of one girl's dream to perform at the Moulin Rouge.

When you step onto the red carpet to enter the World Premiere of Dream at the Auburn Institute Hall in the Clare Valley, you will feel it transform from the grand old theatre holding past secrets to Paris' spectacular world-famous Moulin Rouge.

You will step inside the heart of the unique and determined leading lady Shaleena Bain who plays Danielle and live her struggle, courage, and persistence to perform on the greatest stage on earth.

A spirited and inspiring Dino Jag plays Jerry who helps Danielle channel her inner strength and natural talent on her rollercoaster ride to achieve her dream.

Australia's own stunning and athletic Bellarouge dancers will have you not knowing which way to turn, igniting the boundless creativity and choreography of Carmel Margaritis.

The music score merges Dream KAJAH's original compositions and other songs that will stimulate your thoughts and energeise your senses.

Radio Adelaide's own flamboyant Virginie Forest (Frenchie) will hold court while telling the story that "Life is but, once upon a time".





Welcome, mesdames et messieurs, to a celebration that will ignite the senses: a wonderful fusion of French charm nestled in the heart of the Clare Valley in the enchanting village of Auburn.

Prepare to embark on a journey full of music, art, culture, food, wine, and joie de vivre as we unveil the Magnifique Auburn Frenchfest 2023! After all Auburn is the Paris of the Clare Valley, and we are certain that this will be the place to be in September.

# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Official Opening Event

World Premiere: Dream

Australia's finest French-inspired artists:

- Michaela Burger, Louise Blackwell, Jen De Ness

Music and Theatre:

- Mélange Latino, Panache, Les Gitans Blanc, Lisette, Trio Montagne
- Locals, A.J Pike and Le Grande Ensemble

Puppet Shows, Competitions, Pétanque, French cars, and Workshops

Market and Food, and of course, Wine and Cheese

# FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Opening Night  
Dinner and  
Entertainment  
7:00pm to 8:30pm

## PLUS

World Premiere  
Performance  
"Dream"  
8:30pm to 10:30pm

The Auburn Institute  
'L'Institut" | T

Cocktail Event  
5:00pm to 9:00pm

Mr Nobody Cellar  
Doorway

The Hub  
from 2:00pm until  
6:00pm

The Park  
(Centerary  
Park) "Parc du  
Centenaire"

Photography  
Exhibition by  
Asha:  
Opening, 6pm to  
7pm.

Mt Horrocks Cellar  
Door "Porte de la  
cave" | FT

Champagne  
Masterclass 1  
2.30pm-3.30pm

Performance Marquee  
in the Park | T

"Ouverture Officille"  
Official Auburn  
Frenchfest Opening  
4:00pm to 6:00pm

Performance  
Marquee in Park | T

14:00

15:00

16:00

17:00

18:00

19:00

20:00

21:00

22:00

# SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

8:00					
9:00					Crepe Making-Workshop 1, 9am to 9:45am. The Rotunda   T
10:00		Champagne Masterclass 2 10am-11am			
11:00	VIP Event: Invitation Only, 10:15am to 11:15am.	Rising Sun Stables   T		Workshop: Vivienne Churchette-Making a Musical Instrument, 11am to 1pm.	Crepe Making-Workshop 2, 10:30am to 11:15am. The Rotunda   T
12:00	Taylors	Puppet Show, 11:30am to 11:45am. Rising Sun The Stables   FT	Performance: "Dream", 12pm to 2pm.	Uniting Church Hall "Salle paroissiale unie"   T	Crepe Making-Workshop 3, 11:45am to 12:30pm. The Rotunda   T
13:00		Puppet Show, 1pm to 1:15pm. Rising Sun The Stables   FT	The Auburn Institute "L'Institut"   T		Performance: La Chantons Trio Montangne, 12:30pm to 2pm. Catholic Church "L' Eglise Catholique"   T
14:00	Performance: Les Gitans Blanc 1:30pm to 3:30pm.	Wine Event: A Taste of two worlds: Clare Valley meets France Wine Masterclass, 2pm to 4pm.		Performance: Louise Blackwell, 2:30pm to 4:30pm.	Workshop: Trio Montangne Language Lesson, 2:30pm to 3pm. Catholic Church "L' Eglise Catholique"   FT
15:00	Rising Sun Marquee "Soleil Levant"   T		Theatre-Moliere : 401 Today	Hillsview Estate "Domaine de Hillsview"   T	Performance: La Chantons Trio Montangne, 4pm to 5.30pm.
16:00		Rising Sun The Stables   T	Panache, 3pm to 4:30pm. The Auburn Institute "L'Institut"   T		
17:00	Music Cabaret: Lisette, 5pm to 6pm.				Catholic Church "L' Eglise Catholique"   T
18:00	Rising Sun Marquee "Soleil Levant"   T		Theatre-Moliere : 401 Today		
19:00			Panache, 5:30pm to 7pm.	Dinner and Performance: Louise Blackwell, 7pm to 10pm.	
20:00	Performance: Michaela Burger, 7:30pm to 9:30pm.		The Auburn Institute "L'Institut"   T		
21:00	Rising Sun Marquee "Soleil Levant"   T		Performance: Jen De Ness, 9pm to 10:15pm. The Auburn Institute "L'Institut"   T	Hillsview Estate "Domaine de Hillsview"   T	
22:00					



# ALL DAY EVENTS

**Performance:**  
AJ Pike, 11am to 1:30pm.

**The Park: Wine & Cheese Marquee**  
"Chapiteau vins et fromages" | F

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
4, 1:30pm to 2:15pm.  
The Rotunda | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
5, 2:45pm to 3:30pm.  
The Rotunda | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
6, 3:45pm to 4:30pm.  
The Rotunda | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
7, 5pm to 5:45pm. The Rotunda | T

**Show:**  
Talk Dirty Stay Classy  
Arnaud Benassy, 9pm to 10pm.  
Bowling Club "Le club de bowling" | T

**Workshop:**  
French Inspired Bouquet, 9:30am to 11am. Park Performance Marquee "Le Chapiteau du Parc" | T

**Workshop:**  
La Petite Mademoiselle: Childrens Floral Arrangement, 11:15am to 12pm. Park Performance Marquee "Le Chapiteau du Parc" | T

**Performance:**  
Mélange Latino, 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

**Park Performance Marquee**  
"Le Chapiteau du Parc" | F

**VIP Event:**  
Invitation Only  
10am to 11am.  
Mt Horrocks

**Performance:**  
Clare Concert Band, 11am to 12pm.  
Stanley Steet Park "Parc de la rue Stanley" Mt Horrocks | F

**Performance:**  
Clare Concert Band, 1pm to 2pm.

**Stanley Steet Park "Parc de la rue Stanley" Mt Horrocks | F**

8:00

**The Hub**  
8am to 3pm Circobats, Roving Performers, French Dog Dress up Competition (3pm), Artists Food Trucks.

9:00

10:00

**The Park (Centerary Park)**  
"Parc du Centenaire"

11:00

**Market All Day**  
10am to 3pm.

12:00

**The Park / Church Street**

13:00

**Pentanque & French Cars,**  
10am to 4pm.

14:00

**Stanley Steet Park "Parc de la rue Stanley" Mt Horrocks**

15:00

**Exhibition:**  
Moulin Rouge, 10am to 4pm.

16:00

**Linhay Gallery**  
"Galerie Linhay" | F

17:00

**Photography Exhibition by Asha:**  
Images d'Auburn, 10am to 4pm.

18:00

**Mt Horrocks Cellar Door**  
"Porte de la cave" | F

19:00

**Opening from 10am**

20:00

**The Park: Wine & Cheese Marquee**  
"Chapiteau vins et fromages"

21:00

22:00

# SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

8:00

9:00

10:00

**Music Cabaret:**  
Lisette, 10am to 11am.

**Workshop:**  
Circus Elements  
10am to 11am.  
Rising Sun The  
Stables | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
8, 9:45am to 10:30am.  
The Rotunda | T

11:00

Rising Sun Marquee  
"Soleil Levant" | T

**Workshop:**  
Louise Blackwell  
11:30am to 12:30pm.  
Rising Sun The  
Stables | FT

**Children's Literary  
Awards, 11am to  
11:45am.**  
Uniting Church  
Hall "L'Eglise  
unificatrice"

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
9, 11:15am to 11:45am.  
The Rotunda | T

12:00

**Performance:**  
Jen De Nes,  
12:15pm to 1:30pm.

**Workshop:**  
Circus Elements  
1pm to 2pm.

**Musical Performance:**  
Le Grande Ensemble:  
Le Carnaval des  
Animaux Classical  
Concert, 1pm to  
2:30pm.

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
10, 12pm to 12:45pm.  
The Rotunda | T

13:00

Rising Sun Marquee  
"Soleil Levant" | T

Rising Sun The  
Stables | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
11, 1:30pm to 2:15pm.  
The Rotunda | T

14:00

15:00

**Performance:**  
Michaela Burger,  
3pm to 5pm.

Champagne  
Masterclass 3  
10am-11am

Catholic Church "L'  
Eglise catholique" | T

**Crepe Making-Workshop**  
12, 2:45pm to 3:30pm.  
The Rotunda | T

16:00

Rising Sun Marquee  
"Soleil Levant" | T

Rising Sun  
Stables | T

**After Party in the Park,**  
4pm to 6pm.

17:00

**The Park (Centerary  
Park) "Parc du  
Centenaire"**

18:00

19:00

20:00

21:00

22:00

# ALL DAY EVENTS

Performance:  
Les Gitans Blanc,  
11am to 1pm.

Hillsview Estate  
"Domaine de  
Hillsview" | T

Performance:  
AJ Pike, 10am to  
12pm.

The Park: Wine &  
Cheese Marquee  
"Chapiteau vins et  
fromages" | F

Performance:  
AJ Pike, 4pm to  
6:30pm.

The Park: Wine &  
Cheese Marquee  
"Chapiteau vins et  
fromages" | F

FOTF/ Sponsors  
Breakfast:  
Event Invitation Only  
by Terroir, 8:30am to  
9:30am.

Park Performance  
Marquee "Le  
Chapiteau du Parc"

Performance:  
Mélange Latino,  
12pm to 3:00pm.

Park Performance  
Marquee "Le  
Chapiteau du Parc"  
| F

8:00

The Hub  
8am to 3pm Outside  
Markets, Roving Performers,  
Circobats, Food Trucks.

9:00

The Park (Centerary Park)  
"Parc du Centenaire"

10:00

Market All Day  
10am to 3pm.

11:00

The Auburn Institute  
"L'Institut" & Church  
Street | F

12:00

Pentanque & French Cars,  
10am to 4pm.

13:00

Stanley Steet Park  
"Parc de la rue Stanley"  
Mt Horrocks

14:00

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17:00

Mt Horrocks Cellar Door  
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18:00

19:00

Opening from 10am

20:00

The Park:  
Wine & Cheese Marquee  
"Chapiteau vins et  
fromages"

21:00

22:00

TO CLARE (24 km)

TAYLORS WINES 3.5KM

### CELLAR DOOR

1. TAYLORS WINES
2. ULSTER PARK WINES
3. MR NOBODY CELLAR DOORWAY
4. VELVET & WILLOW WINES
5. KT WINES
6. MT HORROCKS WINES
7. GROSSET WINES



PARK MARQUEE  
CENTENARY PARK  
THE HUB INFO CENTRE

St. John's Anglican  
Police Station  
Post Office  
Old Council Chambers  
Mechanics' Institute

Primary School

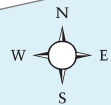
TO HILLSVIEW

STABLES & MARQUEE

RISING SUN H

LINHA GALLE

TO BALAKLAVA (30 km)



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# THE PERFORMERS

## MICHAELA BURGER

Award Winning artist Michaela Burger is coming to our quaint village with her beloved character Chanteuse Rosé; The Diminutive Diva. Supported by the incredible Carol Young (piano/MD/backing vocals) the pair will entertain you with a world of French fantasies, naughty niceties and raucous rallying. With everything a Diminutive Diva should be: saucy, funny and lovable - you will be guaranteed a magical night of music, laughter and love!

**"Burger's voice is colossal" Dirt and Candy**

**"This is a charming and very funny cabaret that not only shows off Burger's highly skilled vocals, but her excellent grasp of comedy, wonderful knack for characters." Adelaide Theatre Guide**

**NOT TO BE MISSED!**

## LOUISE BLACKWELL AND THE FRENCH SET

After playing legendary French chanteuse Juliette Gréco in her award-winning cabaret show LOVE ON THE LEFT BANK, singer Lou Blackwell brings together some of Adelaide's finest jazz musicians to perform songs from the great 'variété française' French popular song tradition. Lou and her four-piece band including Mark Simeon Ferguson on keys and Julian Ferraretto on violin will delight audiences as they pay homage to many great French singers and

songwriters: Charles Trenet, Jacques Brel, Georges Brassens, Yves Montand, Edith Piaf, Serge Gainsbourg, Charles Aznavour and more. Lou Blackwell and the French Set are returning to the Auburn French Festival. C'est formidable!

**'Louise Blackwell and The French Set are always outstanding offering a very polished show of chanson française. A must-see whenever they perform'. Matilda Marseillaise for Adelaide Fringe Reviews**

## JEN DE NESS

After sell-out shows across previous Fringe seasons nationally, internationally renowned duo singer/songwriter Jen de Ness and composer/guitarist Bill Atkinson unite with local Fleurieu musicians to present their entertaining show *Forget about Pierre!*

Jen de Ness: Vocals and compositions

Bill Atkinson: Guitar and compositions

Sam Greer: Cello

Robin Anthony: Violin

Singer Songwriter Jen de Ness is a highly skilled, soulful performer who gives her all at every show, be it outdoor festivals or intimate clubs. Jen "knows how to entertain an audience" and from the moment this "accomplished performer" steps on stage her "distinct style is soothing and has the audience relaxing into the comfortable atmosphere she creates." (Glam Adelaide) Jen is most often joined by fellow composer Bill Atkinson to present their original cabaret shows and performances.

## MÉLANGE LATINO

Mélange Latino is a joyous French/Latino band.

The smooth vocals of chanteuse Sunitra Martinelli of *Mélange à Trois*, blend excitingly with the infectious, Latin harmonies & beats of Juan Muñoz on guitar, Mario Vasquez on Percussion and Nathaniel Jay on trumpet.

**Ooh la la.... Arriba!**

**Catch Melange Latino at the Opening event, in the Marquee in the Park and enjoy their smooth sounds, and get up and dance to their infectious vibe!**

## LES GITANS BLANCS

LES GITANS BLANCS PROJECT is a synergy of personalities-musicians of garish milieu, both in ethnicity as well as in musical flavour and provenience. Their repertoire represents a reflection of the general "spirit of the moment", performing on acoustic instruments infectious tunes that, better than any iPod ever could, get into your ear and straight into your tapping legs, clapping hands, and snapping fingers. Their music is inspired by musicians such as

Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli, as well as many traditional and contemporary gypsy jazz musicians around the World. Performing original music and some timeless melodies "The Gypsies" music was described as Manouche swing, Gypsy Jazz, or World music... they just call it MUSIC.

**"Les Gitan Blancs are masters of their art" Broadway World Adelaide**

## TRIO MONTAGNE

Trio Montagne are so called because the form of their repertoire is a mountain of stand-out melodies with lyrics that usually match. Gillian is the singer and David is the guitarist and harmonica player. Sometimes they play as a trio, with Ashley on violin

La Chanson was originally mounted for the 2014 Cabaret Fringe at the Alliance Francaise and sold out. It was subsequently commissioned by the Mayor of Unley for Harmony Day celebrations. The show is a 75 minute ride through 100 years of recent French culture, featuring 12 songs that in various ways capture the particular ethos of their time. It's supplemented by projected images and song subtitles.

**Frank Ford AM, Founder of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival - "Trio Montagne are terrific!"**

**Kate Ceberano - "La Chanson was one of my favourite acts in the lineup."**

**Glam Adelaide - "Enchanting performers."  
In Daily - "Beautiful."**

**Sundry punters - "utterly delightful"... "really beautiful"... "great"... "wonderful ..."**

## TROUPE PANACHE

The Auburn Frenchfest is thrilled to welcome Adelaide's only French language theatre group, Panache, formed in 2014. It does not matter if you cannot speak French, their shows have English subtitles, so that all can enjoy. Panache returns to Auburn Frenchfest and will present two performances of Moliere: 401 Today. This theatrical performance will bring to life comic scenes from France's best known playwright Moliere! Scenes from L'Avare (The Miser), Le Bourgeois gentilhomme (The would-be Nobleman), Tartuffe, Le Médecin malgré lui (Doctor Willy-Nilly),

Les Fourberies de Scapin (Scapin the Scoundrel) and Le Malade imaginaire (The Hypochondriac).

Come and have a laugh!

The members of the Panache troupe will also be presenting the popular children's Puppet shows for all to enjoy!

**"They were all excellent. Definitely a great night." Facebook Review and "Madeleine, Brel's song... was a beautifully rendered highlight, as was the delicate and poignant, La Priere-Brassens' prayer of thanks and hope, the penultimate number in this show." Upside Adelaide**



# ARNAUD BENASSY

Born in Switzerland, Arnaud has been in Adelaide for over 20 years working in tourism, education and entertainment. For 6 years, Arnaud has paired up with Sips and Giggles to present this interactive and very naughty French swearing show. With five years of Adelaide Fringe seasons under his belt, almost all sold out, Arnaud is looking forward to initiating you to some of the best French swear words.

Warning: show contains LOTS of offensive language - you've been warned! This one is for adults only!

**"At So French So Naughty, Wednesdays are for swearing and Saturdays for French flirting. Both will be hilarious!" Matilda Marseillaise**

# LISETTE

Lisette will share stories of love and life in France told through an eclectic collection of French songs and jazz instrumentals. Lisette, aka Cat Lawrence, is a seasoned vocalist and dancer, with career highlights including the role of Liz in Chicago in London's west end. She will be joined

by Michael Baldwin and John Denlay on guitars and Paul Jankovic on bass, who combined have decades of performance experience in jazz, funk and French pop bands.

# THE LE GRANDE ENSEMBLE PRESENTS *LE CARNAVAL DES ANIMAUX*

Le Grande Ensemble is a collective of local musicians from the Clare Valley and surrounds, comprising of music teachers, students and other very talented people. The recital is coordinated by local music teacher, Auburn resident and French Fest committee member, Leonie Moore, who studied clarinet at Elder Conservatorium. The group was formed to play in the inaugural Auburn French Fest, creating a recital of solo and chamber music written by French composers, spanning 400 years of French history.

Le Grande Ensemble returns this year to play some of their favourite works from 2021, plus excerpts from *Le Carnaval des Animaux* by Saint-Saens, accompanied by artworks from students from Horizon Christian School at Balaklava and Clare.

## CIRCOBATS

CircoBats, an Adelaide based, not-for-profit organisation that was founded by the late Franky Charman-Green in 2008. Franky was an esteemed figure in the Adelaide circus community and has left a vibrant legacy for people of all ages and stages to enjoy. Currently, the President of Circobats, Leanne Hamilton-Kinnear is an Auburn

local and was instrumental in bringing this exciting and dynamic community circus to Auburn Frenchfest for the second time. Circobats will once again be performing and delivering workshops as part of the Auburn Frenchfest.

Elizabeth Bleby  
Janet Bonner  
Angela Burford  
Angela Butcher  
Kerry Comerford  
Peter Dahl  
Susan Forth  
Manuel Garcia  
Jane Gloster  
Wendy Griffin  
Julie Lambe  
Rob Turner  
Fiona MacDonald  
Andrew Miller  
Leonie Moore  
Vicki Moroney  
Tony Pick  
Ann-Marie Pick  
Grant Booker  
Chris Moroney

Liz Pridham  
May Walker-Jeffreys  
Patrick Williams  
David Wood  
Dr Lesley Woodard-Knight  
Kate Young  
Juliette Ninness  
Josephine McDermid  
Jill Llywelyn  
John Williams  
Helen Williams  
Tony Evans  
Joan Concy  
Margret Naughton  
Pauline Fowles  
Loretta Olsson  
Carolyn Lally  
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