



## Crescendo

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*Experience seven brave new worlds at ACCA*



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A wetsuit-clad man leaves an orchestra-filled Polish church to embark on what can only be described as an elegiac triathlon; a stalactite in a cave in Ireland does what stalactites do to the accompaniment of a boy soprano; a decades-old murder trial is re-enacted; and homage is paid to a typewriter. And there are plenty more weird, dark, beautiful and/or intriguing scenarios to be found in the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art's summer show, *Crescendo*.

ACCA's artistic director, Juliana Engberg, has picked seven international works – primarily video and film projections and installations – that each create their own distinctive, immersive world. Meet a few of the “architects”:

### **Guido van der Werve**

The aforementioned inappropriately attired church-goer is the 36-year-old Dutch filmmaker and artist himself. *Nummer veertien, home* (2012) follows van der Werve's epic, surreal journey as he runs, bikes and swims his way from Warsaw's Church of the Holy Cross, where composer Frédéric Chopin's heart was interred by his sister, to Paris's Père Lachaise Cemetery, where the rest of Chopin was laid to rest. This is not the first time van der Werve has gone to impressive

lengths for his art: for 2007's *Nummer Acht: Everything is going to be alright* a small crew filmed him trudging across the frozen terrain of the Gulf of Bothnia, off the coast of Finland, ahead of a 3500-tonne icebreaking ship.

### Ana Torfs

Belgian Ana Torfs spent 2005 and 2006 in Germany on an artist-in-residence scholarship, and while there she researched a May 1919 trial relating to the deaths of prominent Marxist activists Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht. In *Anatomy* (2006), 25 actors perform testimony from the trial, carving the story into pieces, or multiple perspectives, while another 17 actors appear in black-and-white slide photographs.

### Hans Op de Beeck

Hans Op de Beeck, another Belgian, must love a parade. So much so that his 2012 video work *Parade* is just that: the normal pedestrian traffic of the street in a theatre setting, walking across the stage in slow-motion, in front of gloriously lit backdrops, to the strains a specially composed waltz. For Op de Beeck, it's all about taking the everyday and rendering it delightfully absurd.

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Words by Natalie Book |

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## Crescendo details

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### Australian Centre for Contemporary Art - ACCA

**Address**

111 Sturt St  
Southbank 3006

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**Price** FREE

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**Date** 20 Dec-02 Mar 2014

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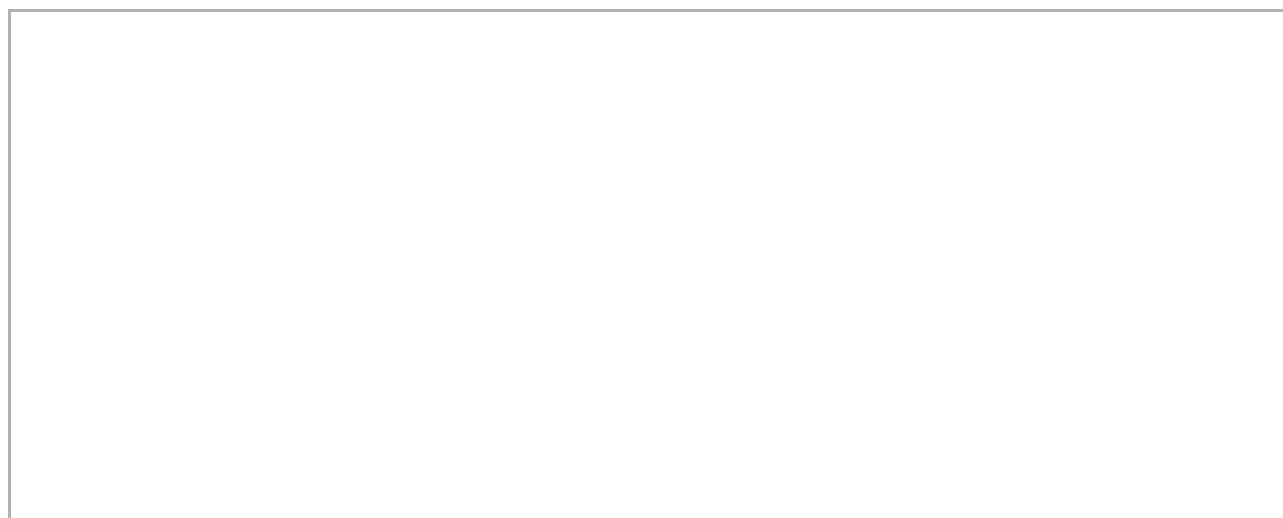
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### The Tea Room

563m - The Tea Room is part of the NGV serving a dozen kinds of cuppa including...



### Persimmon - National Gallery of Victoria

574m - One cannot live on art alone, so after filling your mind with the wonder of...



### Eureka 89

636m - You will literally feel on top of the world, or at least the city, at the...



### Langham Chocolate Bar

659m - If you'd rather do your Easter chocolatiering in one sit down...



### Sake Restaurant & Bar

660m - Saké is Sydney chef Shaun Presland's contemporary Japanese restaurant...



### Orient East

687m - The in-house restaurant at the hotel Seasons Botanic Gardens, Orient East...

## Bars & pubs near Australian Centre for Contemporary Art - ACCA



### Maori Chief Hotel

566m - The Chief is a middle-of-the-way pub. Which means that your pints are...



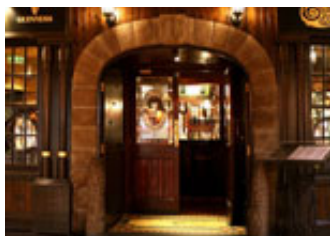
### Belgian Beer Café Eureka

641m - Little sibling of the Belgian Beer Café Bluestones, this indoor/outdoor...



### Chill On Ice Lounge & Ski Lodge

663m - Have a rest from the hot weather this winter and chill at -10° in the...



**P.J. O'Brien's**  
 722m - One of Melbourne's premier Irish pubs, you'll find the walls splashed with...



**World Restaurant and Bar**  
 758m - As the name suggests, World Restaurant and Bar offers a lovingly selected...



**Ponyfish Island**  
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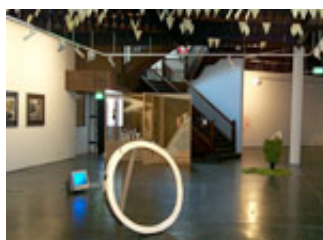
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**Chunky Move Studios**  
 0m - Melbourne's famous contemporary dance company operates out of two...



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 9m - The venue in an old factory in Southbank is the home of Malthouse Theatre,...



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