

Thursday 22 August

FINAL WEEKEND - Monet's Garden Until Midnight

The National Gallery of Victoria is celebrating Monet's last night in Melbourne with a great line-up of music acts and special guest pop-up talks. *Monet's Garden: The Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris*, is exclusive to the NGV and must close Sunday 8 September.

Tony Ellwood, Director NGV said: "*Monet's Garden* has to-date been enjoyed by almost 300,000 visitors of all ages. We are extending the hours on Saturday night 7 September until midnight so that everyone has a chance to see the largest exhibition of works by Monet's ever to be shown in Australia."

Throughout the night there will be live performances by seven time ARIA award winning songwriter and composer David Bridie and the Pills, Melbourne synth-pop four piece Pikelet as well as a DJ set by Tristan Harris.



For visitors planning their trip to the NGV during the final weekend of *Monet's Garden*, events include:-

Friday Nights at Monet's Garden

Fri 6 Sep. 5.30pm – 9.30pm. \$28 Adult
Headline Music Act: Jae Laffer
DJ Set: Zan Rowe

Jae Laffer

Jae Laffer is recognised as one of Australia's finest songwriters; with his band The Panics he has crafted several albums worth of classic songs that embrace both stark intimacy and unapologetic grandeur. In the UK his songs have been compared to a cross between Dylan and Echo and The Bunnymen; they stand alongside the work of Paul Kelly, The Triffids and The Go-Betweens as important touchstones on the Australian music landscape.

Monet's Garden Until Midnight

Sat 7 Sep. 6pm-midnight. \$28 Adult
Headline Music Acts: David Bridie & The Pills, and Pikelet

David Bridie & The Pills

The quiet achiever of Australian music, seven time ARIA award winning songwriter and composer David Bridie has enjoyed a distinguished career as one of Australia's most innovative musicians. With his repertoire as a recording artist, soundtrack composer, producer, lyricist, uniquely Australian songwriter and singer, as well as a specialist in the music of Melanesia, Bridie has certainly stamped his mark.

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Pikelet

Having shared stages with the likes of Ariel Pink, Dirty Projectors and Shellac and appearing at festivals including Golden Plains, Laneway, Mona Foma and Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne synth-pop four piece Pikelet return in 2013 with their third album *Calluses*.

Premium viewings

Sat 7 & Sun 8 September. 9am entry*. \$45 Adult

Beat the crowds and enjoy the exhibition from 9am. *Tickets are limited and selling fast.

A range of food and drink offerings will be available throughout the evening and will include everything from bar food to bistro style suppers.

Exclusive to Melbourne, *Monet's Garden* features more than sixty works devoted to Claude Monet's iconic garden at Giverny.

The exhibition traces the evolution of these garden motifs over a period of twenty years, revealing the transition of Monet's purely Impressionist style to the more personal pictorial idiom that he adopted in later life.

The exhibition is organised by the Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris in association with the National Gallery of Victoria and Art Exhibitions Australia.

Monet's Garden: The Musée Marmottan Monet, Paris will be on display at the National Gallery of Victoria from 10 May until 8 September 2013. Tickets on sale now.

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