

**the
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magazine**

Special issue

Our exclusive survey reveals Melbourne's best suburbs, the ones improving the most and where you should buy your next home

YOUR

LIVABLE

December

Time to get festive – belt out some carols, shop for a fair-trade gift, hear a Christmas tale then catch the cricket.

Words/Peter Barrett

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



The key to this month

- kids/family
- visiting talent
- make a day of it
- free
- book early
- quirky
- cult classic



Go Christmas shopping at the Fair Square Fair Trade and Ethical Festival, Federation Square @moral.fairground.com.au or at a craft market at Hawthorn Town Hall (also hosting a twilight market on December 13) @9278 4770

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If you're strolling through the Atrium at Federation Square from today, look out for an art exhibition, Art Ability 2011, put on by Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities. Until December 12 @9480 1666 @artability.org.au

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Sample new-release wines from across Victoria in the bi-monthly Federation Square Wine Showcase from 4.30pm today and tomorrow, \$25 at the door @ticketmaster.com.au

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Charles Dickens first read his novella A Christmas Carol in public in 1852. See actor Phil Zachariah do Charles Dickens Performs a Christmas Carol, at the Athenaeum until December 11 @132 849 @ticketek.com.au

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Top 100 issue of the(melbourne) magazine is out today.



The Yo Gabba Gabba crew give a carols concert at Ardrie Park in Malvern East where children can also make Christmas decorations, paint pictures and take dance classes from 4pm @8290 1333 @stonnington.vic.gov.au

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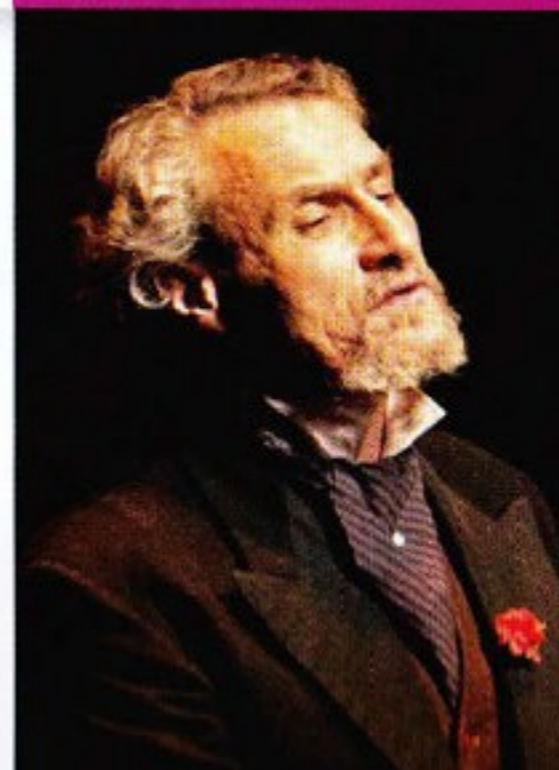
Paintings of the Madonna and Child are the focus of a floor talk at NGV International today and December 15 at 11am @8620 2222 @ngv.vic.gov.au

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Santa and his elf read stories to children aged 10 and under at Prahran Library at 10.15am and 11.30am – be sure to book @8290 1333 @stonnington.vic.gov.au for other venues

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Moonlight Cinema at the Royal Botanic Gardens opens tonight @moonlight.com.au. The summer season is underway at Rooftop Cinema in Curtin House, city and at the St Kilda Openair Cinema on the roof of the Sea Baths.

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Enjoy Handel's Messiah with a twist – this version is orchestrated by Mozart; the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and MSO Chorus perform at Melbourne Recital Centre tonight and December 17 @9626 1111 @mso.com.au

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