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*The Taming of the Shrew*



*Clown Verona*



*Shakespeare's Women Cabaret*



*Platform Performances*



*Big Brunch*

University of Southern Queensland Performance Centre's *Shakespeare in Queen's Park Festival* began in March 2004. It returns bigger and better than ever in 2005. The hugely popular *Platform Performances* on dusk will involve over 1500 local people of all ages and talents in a whirl of colour and energy. The 'platties' precede this year's mainstage arena production of *The Taming of the Shrew* directed by Letitia Caceres. In an innovation for 2005 we have added two Studio Tent shows: *Shakespeare's Women Cabaret* and *Clown Verona* both featuring USQ graduates. We are proud of them and thrilled to welcome them back 'home'. And then there's the *Big Brunch* celebration on the final Sunday of the Festival. Truly, as we come together for two weeks in the late summer, Toowoomba's own *Shakespeare in Queen's Park Festival* is the place to be. USQ Performance Centre are delighted to celebrate our community and its talents with performances inspired by the world's most popular playwright.

Set in the steamy streets of Buenos Aires, this tango-driven tussle of passion will set the Park alight with vibrant colours, flirtatious trysts and the steady drumming beat of love. Directed by one of Queensland's rising star directors, and featuring final year actors from University of Southern Queensland's Department of Theatre, Shakespeare's most loved comedy of passions promises to be the perfect entertainment for a summer's evening under the stars.



**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW  
CLOWN VERONA  
SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN CABARET**

**22 - 27 February  
& 1 - 6 March**

Queens Park Toowoomba



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TOOWOOMBA  
& THE GOLDEN WEST



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Box Office open in the Park from 4pm during the Festival

**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**  
*Directed by Letitia Caceres*

*A sexy Latin-American love-tussle*

**22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 February, 4 & 5 March**  
7pm Main Arena, Queens Park

**Twilight Matinee 5:30pm Sunday 27 February**

**Ad\$26 Con\$21 Ch\$10.50 Fam\$65 Grp\$20**



*Romeo and Juliet* as told by clowns.

Featuring the cream of the University's graduate actors, *Clown Verona* has more laughs, tears and calamity than a three-wheeled billycart going down a hill! A show for the whole family.



## CLOWN VERONA

*Written & Directed by Scott Alderice*

*The world's greatest love story performed by the world's biggest idiots*

25 & 26 February, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 March

7pm Studio Tent, Queens Park

Twilight Matinee 5:30pm Sunday 27 February

Ad\$15 Con\$12 Ch\$7.50 Fam\$40 Grp\$10

In an all-sung extravaganza of comic mayhem, three witches conjure the great bard from a vat of mead to work out what his problem was with women. Why do all his heroines end up dead? Featuring Jo Butler & Sarah McCoy, fresh from their sell-out Brisbane cabaret *Bathroom Diaries*, this late night cabaret offers a chance to kick back, share a drink with friends and laugh your way to midnight.



## SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN

*Double Double Toil and Trouble*

*Written by Jo Butler & Sarah McCoy*

*Directed by Tim O'Connor*

*An all-sung hilarious exploration of Shakespeare's greatest heroines*

25 & 26 February, 2, 3, 4 & 5 March

10pm Studio Tent, Queens Park

Ad\$15 Grp\$10

Showcasing the creativity and performance skills of more than fifteen hundred people, the *Platform Performances* launch each night's festival entertainment on the main-stage. Featuring a feast of song, dance, gymnastics and a range of activities beyond imagination, this is your opportunity to get together and celebrate our diverse and wonderful community.



## PLATFORM PERFORMANCES

*Directed by James Marland, Shannon Parsons & Mick Byrne*

*A multi-discipline spectacular of the extra-ordinary*

22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 February, 4 & 5 March

6:30pm Main Arena, Queens Park

Twilight Matinee 5pm Sunday 27 February

Ad\$3 ChFREE

Held on the final Sunday of the Festival, the *Big Brunch* is a chance for people from across the region to gather in the Park, share in a hearty brunch menu and get involved in a myriad of entertainment and craft activities. Interactive workshops, kite-making, heritage crafts, picnic races, clown performances - bring the kids, bring the grand-parents - there's something for everyone.



## BIG BRUNCH

*Free entertainment in the Park for the whole family*

Sunday 6 March

10:30am - 3pm Queens Park