

MEDIA RELEASE

St John's in the Village, Ads-Up and Robert Hofmann present



Come on a multi-gendered cabaret romp from Down Under in ***What the Fandango?!*** timed to coincide with World Pride New York/Stonewall 50 at a new venue in the heart of the West Village.

What the Fandango?! is an energetic blend of visual humour, spicy stand-up, and poignant performances peppered with operatic perfection. Starring Australian singer **Robert Hofmann** and New York-based piano accordionist **Will Holshouser**.

What the Fandango?! is making the daring leap to New York after two smash hit, rave review seasons in Australia. This compulsory cabaret is on for **two nights only** on **Tuesday June 25 at 7:30pm** and **Saturday** on the **eve of World Pride New York, Saturday June 29 at 7:30pm** at **Revelation Gallery**, 224 Waverly Place (between W11th ST and 7th Ave.)

All proceeds go to Ads-Up (www.ads-up.org), the charity founded and run by Australian volunteers in the USA helping those refugees who have been re-settled here from Manus Island and Nauru.

The show is followed by a drinks reception in the beautiful courtyard adjoining the Gallery, where you can enjoy a friendly Ozzy get-together with the artist, Australians, New Yorkers, international guests, and supporters of Ads-Up.

Hofmann splits into four powerful personas in his brilliant blend of comic genius and musical versatility creating quirky, compulsory cabaret. He breathes life into the fluro and feisty Helmut Wunderlicher who workshops standard love songs into same-sex serenades. Hofmann transforms into Dr Gaye Thyme, a glam goddess with magnificent maracas. He inhabits the outspoken Sister Virgillious who risks being shut down by the church that provides a captive audience for deluded guitar-playing singer, Susan "I know someone just like her" Higgins. These characters reveal themselves in songs ranging from Schubert to Sondheim as well as three Hofmann originals written for the show.

Hofmann has sung many roles with West Australian Opera including Koko in *The Mikado* and Dulcamara in *The Elixir of Love*. He has sung with Opera Australia and performed in two cabarets with *DivaLicious* at the Sydney Opera House. His award-winning cabaret, *Desperately Young at Heart* played in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Edinburgh Fringes to rave reviews.

Playing the piano accordion is the brilliant New York based **Will Holshouser** who has played with Ute Lemper, David Krakauer, Antony and the Johnsons, Martha Wainwright, Loudon Wainwright, Andy Statman, Phillip Johnston, Matt Munisteri & Brock Mumford, the Raymond Scott (tribute) Orchestrette, Roberto Rodriguez, Mark Morris Dance, New York City Ballet, Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra, and many others including Ron Horton (trumpet) and David Phillips (bass) in the Will Holshouser Trio.

With decades of dazzling performance experience spanning the globe, Robert and Will unite to create an enthralling hour of musical comedy with quick-change costumes by legendary designer **Cherie Hewson**. Directed by the internationally renowned Australian opera and music theatre director **Stuart Maunder**, ***What the Fandango?!*** takes adult audiences on a wild ride into high energy cabaret.

"Hofmann is a singer and female impersonator without compare." ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Arts Hub 2019

"Genders range from male to female to the delicious any-man's-or-woman's land in between. And it's all delivered with a luxurious flair for costume, a devout sense of character, and a classically trained operatic voice". ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Fourth Wall Media 2018

"...the pair blow all your cares away with their WTF celebration of being non-conformist"
★ ★ ★ ★ Out in Perth 2018

"hilarious, poignant cabaret" ★ ★ ★ ★ The West Australian 2017

WHAT THE FANDANGO?! LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue: Revelation Gallery, 224 Waverly Place (between W11th ST and 7th Ave) NEW YORK

Dates: Tuesday June 25
Saturday June 29

Time: 7:30pm (1hour show)

Tickets:

Tickets are all the same (there is no reserved seating): the tiered pricing simply allows you to support the charity at any level which is comfortable for you.

Fair dinkum	\$20
Onya	\$25
Bonza!	\$30
Straya!	\$35
Gold	\$40
Struth	\$50
Rich and rare	\$60

+booking fees.

Purchase Tickets Online at Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-the-fandango-tickets-61358798819>

Watch trailer at: <https://youtu.be/0oVzsQtMlu4>

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