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# The Hair Salon

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Art Engineers, Australia



Photo: The Big Hair Show, Polytoxic, photo credit Raw Bones.

Welcome to a world of big hair, frizzy fantasy, curly cabaret and wild performances. A fabulously kitch hair salon is opening for business at Meriton Festival Village.

Drop in to catch *The Perm Set* – a curated live music program, *The Big Hair Show* - a jam packed variety show and Spanish hair sculptors **Osadia** for a staggering 21 sensational nights of free festival fun that will appeal to everyone.

A celebration of all things hair, *The Hair Salon* will welcome audiences into a world of nonstop live performance and art that will be accessible and fun for everyone - representing the diversity of the city, unearthing new talent and highlighting familiar faces.

Every night in the Meriton Festival Village Sydneysiders can kick off their evening with free live music at *The Perm Set*, an impressive line-up of local bands playing an eclectic mix of disco, soul, funk and Latin and 60's garage. The line-up will feature bands **Spectres of Love**, **Cumbiamuffin**, **PIRRA**, **Mighty Duke & The Lords**, **Body Type**, **Alice Terry**, **Broadway Sounds**, **Eastern Empire** and **Los Tones**.

Also taking to the Village Stage, Spanish hair sculptors Osadia will weave hair sculptures on volunteers from the audience. The art-hairdressers, walking sculptures themselves, are costumed in extravagant designs constructed of hair. Formed in Barcelona in 1996 by artist **Alex Rendon**, Osadia are a street theatre company who create imaginative hair sculptures on willing participants, transforming them into hyper-colourful creations.

Featuring more wigs than you can poke a curling wand at *The Big Hair Show* is a cross-between *Charlie's Angels* meets *Edward Scissorhands* with a heady mix of cabaret, colour-enhanced acrobatics, dance and music – a nonstop variety show. Hosted by cabaret queens **Lisa Fa'alafi** (*Hot Brown Honey*, *Polytoxic*) and **Leah Shelton** (*The Good Room*, *The Brides of Frank & Polytoxic*) the *The Big Hair Show* will see receptionist **DJ Sveta** spinning up tunes while salon owner and the ever-ebullient **Bob Downe** shows off his skills as the comb king to the stars. *The Hair Salon* will also feature special guests and the crème de la crème of cabaret, including **Costa Georgiadis**, **Catherine**

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### **Alcorn, Alice Terry, Sheridan Harbridge, Brendan Maclean and Paul Capsis.**

Finally, settle in and relax as DJ Sveta (Music Director, **Sveta Gilerman**) and DJ Jay Katz keep the good vibes going late into the night.

**Art Engineers (Greg Clarke, Virginia Hyam, Julianne Pierce & Slade Smith)** have created a 60's-inspired hairdressing salon on an outdoor stage with set design by **Slade Smith**, production management by **Mike Smith** and Big Hair Show co-direction and costume design by **Lisa Fa'alafi** and **Leah Shelton**.

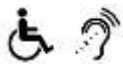
Where Meriton Festival Village, Hyde Park North

When 6 – 29<sup>th</sup> January (closed on Mondays)

Details [sydneyfestival.org.au/hair](http://sydneyfestival.org.au/hair)

Tickets FREE

Performance dates and details of the Village Stage schedule can be viewed [here](#).



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