

December 2008

Edgar Degas Exhibition: For the first time ever in Australia, audiences can marvel at the work of the famous Impressionist painter. (December 12 - March 22, National Gallery)

January & February 2009

Cancon: Held over the Australia Day long weekend, this is the largest and longest running game convention in Australia. From complicated miniature games to simple participation events, all ages are welcome.

National Multicultural Festival: Canberra's premier celebration of cultural diversity promotes the very best theatre, music, exhibitions, food and dance from the variety of cultures that make up the community. (February 6 - 15)

Royal Canberra Show: Organised by the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society, the Show has broadened over the years to host more entertainment, educational features and exhibitions, ensuring a vibrant mix as the city meets the country. (February 27 - March 1, Exhibition Park)

March & April 2009

Celebrate in the Park: Sing happy birthday as Canberra turns 96 on March 9. Join this flagship event of the **Canberra Festival** that's held over 10 days and will feature music, food, art exhibitions, performance, film, and fireworks to celebrate the city, its people and culture.

French Film Festival: Organised and presented by the Alliance Française, this annual festival has become a major cultural event for Francophiles and movie buffs.

National Folk Festival: Come and share in the songs, dances, tunes, and verse from the many communities involved in Australian folk culture. (April 9 - 13, Exhibition Park)

Canberra District Wine Harvest Festival: A celebration of the annual wine harvest, the Festival weekend showcases the Canberra District Wineries with special wine tastings, talks from the winemakers, tours and wine-making demonstrations. (April 4 - 5)

May 2009

Canberra International Chamber Music Festival: Enjoy 10 days of live chamber music from outstanding performers from Australia and abroad. (May 7 - 17)

June & July 2009

Vanity Fair Portrait Photographs 1913-2008: A major photographic exhibition featuring works by some of the world's best photographers including Annie Leibovitz, Mario Testino, Helmut Newton, Man Ray and Cecil Beaton. (June 12 - August 30, National Portrait Gallery)

August & September 2009

Australia Science Festival: Welcome to the amazing world of science with some of the best science exhibits, talks, shows and workshops available to school children nationwide.

Floriade: This is a world-class floral display, with over one million spectacular flowers in blossom and festive programmes of music and entertainment, together with cultural and recreational activities. (Mid September - mid October)

October & November 2009

Canberra International Film Festival: Since its inception in 1996, the film festival has grown from strength to strength with Australian premieres of numerous films and an admirable emphasis on cultural diversity.

Oktoberfest Canberra: Brings you all things German, with brass bands, folk dancing, sausages and, of course, German beer.

Wine, Roses and all that Jazz: An annual festival giving people the mouth-watering opportunity to sample award-winning local wines and gourmet food.

