

AUSTRALIA / SPECIAL EVENT



HOUSE OF MIRRORS

House of Mirrors, by Victorian based artists **Christian Wagstaff** and **Keith Courtney**, is a chance to lose yourself inside a mirror with a thousand faces.

From Narcissus to Alice, what lies behind our own reflections has been a source of fascination and intrigue across the ages. The allure of the mirror is blown out to a mind-altering scale in this labyrinth of looking glass, where no doorway, corridor or wall can be trusted and where the three dimensions themselves conspire to disorient and deceive.

Created from steel, timber and mirrors, **House of Mirrors** uses only geometry and spatial design, no special effects or special lighting to confound and alter your perception - just lots of mirrors and endless kaleidoscopic images of you in the middle desperately seeking an exit. There is only one way into this 400 square metre maze. Getting out is an art.

Running for the full duration of this year's Festival, the mirror maze will take over the Arts Centre Melbourne's forecourt for nearly three weeks of reflective roaming, with the modern, minimalist twist on the fairground classic featuring 40 tonnes of steel and 15 tonnes of mirrors – sounds harmless right?

A highlight at last year's Dark MOFO in Hobart, it then went on to blow the minds of Sydney Festival-goers in January this year. Finally, Melburnians will get the chance to wander through the disorienting, perception-altering, panic-inducing, optical illusion-based labyrinth for themselves.

House of Mirrors will be open for special school holiday hours, from 10AM to 10PM on Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 October, and all tickets are just \$10.

House of Mirrors experience could take anywhere between 5 minutes and 20 minutes, depending on how fast you solve the maze and is not recommended for people who experience anxiety when feeling lost.

Arts Centre Melbourne, Forecourt

Thu 5—Sun 8 Oct

Mon—Fri 4—10pm

Sat & Sun 10am—10pm

Special School Holiday Hours 10am—10pm

Allow 30 minutes

\$10

Weather conditions may affect opening hours.

Tickets only available at the venue. Card only.

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