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Festival temptations

Perth International Arts Festival artistic director Jonathan Holloway dangled temptation in front of hundreds of Great Southern Festival fans in November.

Mr Holloway visited Albany on Thursday 28 November to launch the program of the 2014 Great Southern Festival, promising another round of stimulating theatre, music and cultural indulgence.

After outlining the performance program to take place from Friday 21 February to Saturday 1 March, Mr Holloway invited the 250-strong audience at the Albany Entertainment Centre to indulge their appetite for culture and entertainment, and book tickets as soon as possible.

Highlights include a powerful theatrical approach to Homer's Iliad, an immersive experience in a miniature town, and music from Irish group Altan and soul maestro Booker T Jones.

Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chairman Peter Rundle said the program was an asset for the region.

"Visiting the Great Southern to attend Perth Festival events is an attractive option for people from outside the region, particularly given the intense nine-day program being adopted by the organisers in 2014," Mr Rundle said.

"For people who live here, the Great Southern Festival brings cultural enrichment and the opportunity for local artists and performers to learn and contribute."

The Playmakers component of the 2014 festival focuses on the cello, and includes workshops as well as a range of cello performances.

The printed program gives the wrong date for a romantically themed cello performance at The Rocks; the event is on Saturday 22 February, not on the Sunday as printed.

A 12-film cinema program is again part of the festival and runs from Tuesday 4 February to Thursday 20 March.

Aboriginal heritage site tours will take place in Albany, and writers events will feature Philipp Meyer, William McInnes, Rabia Siddique and others.



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Great Southern Festival programs are available from the Albany Entertainment Centre (AEC) and participating outlets. Tickets are available on-line through perthfestival.com.au, through the AEC and at Paperbark Merchants (non-AEC events only).

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