

Hide and Chic A MASQUERADE

Welcome to the most mysterious soirée of the year! Whether donning a mask or dressing to the nines, you won't be able to escape from all the science and fun, camouflaged as a party, during this adults-only event. From looking at hidden animals through a microscope to making a mask for your super self and exploring the secret lives of lizards, this night has it all! Don't slip into the shadows stand out from the crowd and look for the hidden gems in tonight's program! Now where did I put my camouflage pants?

Our extraordinary host for Night Lab this evening is award-winning magician Rob Ellinger. With shows such as Card Play, Magic McMagicface, and Science vs Magic, Rob is a professional prestidigitator and the master of misdirection. Catch him before he disappears.

Don't sneak out at the end of the night without adding the South Australian Museum to your socials, Facebook, X or Insta with #MySAMuseum #NightLab.



Night Lab







Program

GROUND FLOOR

CHOOSE YOUR ILLUSION: A FANTASTIC FINALE

9:30pm, Main Stage

Now you see it, now you don't! Join our magical host, Rob Ellinger, for a mind-bending finale that will dazzle and amaze as he reveals the science of illusion.

MUSIC HAPPENS: NIGHTS ON MAYFAIR

Until 9:30pm, Main Stage

Don't hide away from letting your body sway! Get down to the ground floor to listen to the energetic beats and charismatic tunes of this spectacular trio.

LET THE MAGIC BE GIN: AMBRA SPIRITS

Until 9:30pm, Main Foyer

Join our friends from Ambra Spirits at the Cocktail Bar on the ground floor for a variety of the classiest cocktails and tastiest tipples.

ABRACADAB-BAR

Until 9:30pm, Main Foyer

Sip back, relax, and grab a beverage at the Museum Bar.

LITTLE SHOP OF MYSTERIES

Until 8pm, Museum Shop

Look through the wonders of the retail world. Find something chic or something hidden at the Museum Shop.

RICE TO SEE YOU: CARLITO'S PAELLA

Until 9pm, Museum Cafe

Are you in the mood for food? Do you want something tasty to eat? Pae-yeah you do! See Carlos from Carlito's Paella for a vegan or meaty treat!

LOOK INTO THE LIGHT: INFRA-RED SCAVENGER HUNT

Until 9:30pm, North Foyer

What lies in the nooks and crannies of the South Australian Museum? Join our pals from Techspace and take a technological tracker to find hidden items across all five floors of the Museum.

MULKA YATA/THE KNOWLEDGE OF PLACE

All night, Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery

Take in this exhibition, showcasing four generations of Adnyamathanha carvers – Kristian Coulthard, Clem Coulthard, Walter Coulthard, Ted Coulthard and Winnie Ryan.

The Flinders Ranges, including Ikara (Wilpena Pound), have been the ancestral home to the Adnyamathanha people, for more than 50,000 years. They are still with us today, among them the Coulthards – caretakers of Adnyamathanha culture and knowledge.

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE

Until 9:30pm, Mammals Gallery

You won't be-leaf your eyes! Get up close with some of the insect world's greatest disappearing acts, from stick insects to those hidden beneath the surface with our little friends from Bugs n Slugs.

LEVEL 1

CHILL-OUT ZONE

All night, Australian Aboriginal Cultures Gallery

If you need to crawl under a rock and let the noise pass you by, grab a bean bag and just chill.

MASQUERADING MARVELS

Until 9:00pm, Discovery Centre

Some living things hide, some misdirect, and some are wonderfully ostentatious! Have a poke and play in the Discovery Centre to see the diversity of 'hidden' creatures.

MEZZANINE

TEMPLE OF SCIENCE

7:00pm, Pacific Cultures Gallery

Join our amazing researchers as they discuss the camouflaging ability of reptiles, and the masks and adornment of the Pacific Island communities.

7:00pm – *Herp and Seek: camouflage in reptiles* Professor Chris Daniels

7:15pm – *Masks of the Pacific: Walk and Talk* Stephen Zagala

COSTUME-JUDGING

8:00pm, Pacific Cultures Gallery

A Night Lab favourite. Whether wearing a ghillie suit or dressed to the hilt, you could win a prize at the costume-judging.

MASK TASKER

8:30pm, Pacific Cultures Gallery

Join the Mask Tasker and her assistant for a series of silly and hilarious competitive tasks. Nab a prize or humiliate yourself publicly – it's your choice.

LEVEL 2

THE HIDDEN WORLD

Until 9:30pm, South Australian Biodiversity Gallery

Under foot, under leaves or even in the ice, the smallest animals are hard to spot with the naked eye. So, we have a variety of microscopes to help you see what these little beasties look like. They're small in size, but big on detail.

FROM LITTLE THINGS, BIG THINGS DRAWN: SAM SKETCH CLUB

Until 9:30pm, Learning Space

Looking through the microscope or on the screen, take this opportunity to draw the smallest of creatures, with help from some of the brightest and most artistic researchers.

LEVEL 3

IF YOU HAVE TO MASK: CRAFTERNOON DELIGHT

Until 9:30pm, Ediacaran Gallery

Zorro, Batman or the Belle of the masquerade ball? The first accessory you'll need is a mask! Make yours at our craft tables tonight.

YOU HAD ME AT MERLOT: GHOST WINES

Until 9:30pm, Australian Polar Collections Gallery

Nothing scary here. Just delicious wines blended seamlessly by our mates at Ghost Wines. Find them next to the Ice Wall.

KARMA CHAMELEON: CAMO FUNKY JUKEBOX

Until 9:30pm, Australian Polar Collections Gallery

Hiding in the corner of all great parties is the trusty Jukebox. Make your way up to the third floor to spin your favourite tracks all night.

THE EYES HAVE IT: HIDE AND SEEK IN THE CAMBRIAN

6:45pm and 7:45pm, Megafauna Gallery

Join Associate Professor Diego Garcia-Bellido as he talks about the start of predation in the Cambrian and the ultimate game of hide-and-seek. The first to evolve wins!

BIG GAME HUNTING

All night, Minerals and Meteorites Gallery

Jenga, Connect 4 and other favourites are here for you and your team to challenge each other. Chill on a mat with some friendly competition.

HIDDEN TREASURES OF THE MUSEUM

Until 9:30pm, Opalised Fossils Gallery

The South Australian Museum holds many treasures of the natural and human world in its collections. Enjoy a carefully curated selection of some of our hidden treasures for your viewing pleasure.

SIGN UP FOR A MEMBERSHIP TONIGHT AND SAVE!

Get **15% off three-year memberships** + a free Animals of Australia tote bag OR **10% off two-year memberships**.

Member benefits include:

- discounted and special offers at future Night Lab events
- free or discounted entry to exhibitions all year round

See our friendly membership staff at the desk in the North Foyer, by the red stairs.