

The Chaser looks for variety

“Ranging from the satirical to the just silly”

After heeding *Today Tonight's* complaints about the outrageous waste of taxpayers' money on their show *The War On Everything*, the Chaser team has decided to take some time off from TV in the first half of 2008.

The Chaser will adopt a purely user-pays approach this year, mounting a national tour of a new live production, *The Chaser's Age Of Terror Variety Hour*, from March to June 2008.

Like *The War On Everything*, the *Variety Hour* will include



a diverse range of short segments, some of which will be kind of okay-ish. It will combine sketches, songs, presentations and interactive audience segments ranging from the satirical to the

just silly, and be constantly updated to incorporate up-to-the-minute insensitive gags about the latest celebrity deaths as they happen.

War On Everything co-conspirators Andrew Hansen,

Chas Licciardello, Julian Morrow and Craig Reucassel will appear in the show. Chris Taylor has opted not to tour while under the cloud of a fatwa issued by the Irwin family, and will remain in an undisclosed location developing new television projects for the team. His irreplaceableness will be demonstrated by the inclusion of Dominic Knight, one of The Chaser's founders and a writer for the War.

The Age Of Terror Variety Hour will be receiving formal complaints from audiences in Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Cairns, Darwin, Geelong, Hobart, Launceston, Melbourne, Newcastle, Parramatta, Perth, Sydney and Townsville.

The Chaser team is still in negotiations with the ABC about future TV shows. Their negotiations with commercial networks of late have mainly been over Supreme Court injunctions. 

In Geelong at GPAC - Costa Hall May 29-30 at 7pm

In Melbourne at The Athenaeum June 3-7 and 10-14 at 7pm

Bookings at www.ticketmaster.com.au

What's on...

Theatre

Attempts on Her Life by Martin Crimp, and directed by Susie Dee. A rollercoaster of 21st Century obsessions from pornography and ethnic violence, to terrorism and unprotected sex.

May 16-24 8pm Guild Theatre, Union House, University of Melbourne \$20/\$12/\$10

www.union.unimelb.edu.au/tickets

Comedy

Two bitter-sweet comedies ~ *The Fan* by Carlo Goldoni and *The Feigned Inconstancy* by Marivaux ~ of love, jealousy and the ensuing and hilarious havoc that this volatile mixture can cause.

May 20-28, 7.30pm Space 28, VCA Drama, 28 Dodds Street Southbank \$20/\$12

Phone 9685 9225



Dance

VCA Dance celebrates its 30th anniversary with its performance season.

June 6-21 at Space 28, 28 Dodds Street, Southbank. \$27.50 / \$17.50.

Phone 9685 9374

Jazz

Australian Legends Jazz celebrates a lifetime contribution to Australian Jazz by leading Australian musician Don Burrows who turns 80 this year.

May 31, 8pm in the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton.

Phone 9905 1111.

Art

The Mars Project featuring a range of artists runs from May 9-30 in the RMIT Project Space, Building 94, 23-27 Cardigan Street, Carlton.

Phone 9925 4971



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