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EUCHRONIA PROMISES STEAMPUNK NEW YEAR'S EVE

MELBOURNE, 15 December, 2008. NYE 2008 will see the inauguration of EUCHRONIA, a Steampunk/Neo-Victorian "Year's End Ball" featuring local and interstate DJs, three bands and a half dozen burlesque and cabaret acts performing across three rooms at the historic VICTORIAN TRADES HALL.

Originally a science fiction literary subgenre, Steampunk today is a retro-tech, craft-oriented lifestyling movement thriving on the internet, a "geek cool" aesthetic with an expanding presence in anime, computer-gaming and big-screen film. At its least it's a Golden Compass-y, Victorianeque art fashion with some current cachet. At its best it's the next big thing. EUCHRONIA (from the Greek "eu", meaning "good", and "chronos", "time") is Australia's first major Steampunk event.

EUCHRONIA recently announced the addition to our packed bill of skilled Stage Magician ALEX DE LA RAMBELJE, prominent local promoter DJ LOBOTOMY and, as MC, local character and failed Funeral Director EBENEZER SCHADENFREUDE, joining bands DANDELION WINE, THE TENTH STAGE and SFORZANDO, dance troupe SERPENTSKIRT, burlesque dancers ROSY RABBIT and THE TANQUERAYS and risqué acrobat TANK THE MUPPET. Other attractions include six DJs from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, Victorian-style portrait photography, a display of vintage art and artifacts and optional membership in THE ANTIPODEAN LEAGUE OF TEMPORAL VOYAGERS which includes a catered pre-opening event and horse-and-buggy ride. EUCHRONIA encourages sartorial extravagance, and its beautiful 19th Century venue will be lavishly decorated in appropriately anachronistic style.

EUCHRONIA welcomes all ages from 18 to 80, and beyond! Doors open at 9pm. Tickets are \$65 online or at Wildlocks @ The Lockworks [corner McKillop & Little Collins St], Peril Underground [Elizabeth St] or Blue Attic [Lygon St, east Brunswick]. See www.euchronia.com for more information and press pack.

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