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## FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR EUCHRONIA STEAMPUNK NEW YEAR'S EVE TONIGHT

MELBOURNE, 31 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, the oldest Trade Union building in the world to still be dedicated to Union activities.

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, with significant coverage in major media overseas including the New York Times, UK Times and MTV. EUCHRONIA (from the Greek "eu", meaning "good", and "chronos", "time") is Australia's first major Steampunk event.

On the bill are DJs from all over Australia, homegrown but world class bands THE TENTH STAGE, SFORZANDO and DANDELION WINE, plus some of Melbourne's most diverse dance acts, all creating performances uniquely for EUCHRONIA with a Victorian edge; the feature being ROSY RABBIT performing her interpretation of Loie Fuller's Serpentine Dance from the early 1900's. Other attractions 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 with poetry readings and a lecture by SIR FREDERICK CHOOK on the Aesthetic movement in Australia in the late 1880's, plus 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 Wildilocks @ The Lockworks [corner McKillop & Little Collins St], Peril Underground [Elizabeth St] See [www.euchronia.com](http://www.euchronia.com) for more information and press pack.

Photographers and film crews are welcomed during the event, which promises costumes of unparalleled splendour both locally and most likely, nationally and even internationally. Please see our contact below for press passes if you would like to send a crew.

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