

Celebrate Black History Month:

Presented by La Mama and created by Jamaican performance artist **Amarantha**, **OSHUN** opens 28 February

Come meet the West African goddess of love

Oshun written by Amarantha Robinson and performed by Amarantha and drummer, Adrian Hearn, will be performed at La Mama Theatre, in Carlton, from Wednesday 28 February to Sunday 3 March, 2024. Black History Month is a global annual observance to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. *Oshun* tells an African diasporic tale, inspired from Afro-Caribbean spiritual folklore about a pantheon of gods called the Orishas. Oral traditions about the Orishas were transported from West Africa to the Caribbean and Latin America, by the transatlantic slave trade.



Set in the sky kingdom of the orishas, *Oshun* is a colourful one-woman play about womanhood, self-confidence and healing: Young Oshun, fated to be the goddess of love, sensuality and river waters, rails against crippling self-doubt and ridicule to prove to herself and the other Orishas, that her subtle powers are real and potent. Entertaining, whilst also educating about West African spiritualism and its exuberant personalities, *Oshun* is a transmission of Afro-Caribbean magic.

“Although African mythology pre-dates European mythology, it is not taught or known about in Australia,” says Amarantha. “Seeing *Oshun* is a way to learn about Afro-Caribbean patakis (sacred stories) in a joyful, entertaining and mesmerizing experience. When I perform, I channel this golden, enigmatic goddess. You feel her presence.”

SEASON DATES: FEB 28 – MARCH 3, 2024

For full dates, times & details see the next page or check La Mama’s [website](#)

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Amarantha is a writer and performance artist from Kingston, who in 2023 was part of La Mama's emerging writers program Pathways, and Malthouse's Besen writers program. *Oshun* began as part of La Mama Explorations in 2022; this is now its full season. February is also Reggae Month: Amarantha's performance is endowed with the special Jamaican way of telling a story, which has made Jamaican music globally popular.

OSHUN: February 28 - March 3 at La Mama HQ, 205 Faraday St, Carlton

Season

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| Wednesday February 28 | Opening 6.30pm |
| Thursday February 29 | 7.30pm |
| Friday March 1 | 7.30pm |
| Saturday March 2 | 7.30pm |
| Sunday March 3 | 4pm |

Livestream performance on Friday, 1 March at 7:30pm: the playback is available for 72 hours after the show.

Bookings: <https://lamama.com.au/whats-on/summer-2024/oshun/>

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