



## The Grid: Lally Katz

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### *Playwright Lally Katz lifts the lid on her life in the city*

#### **Where do you ...**

**Get some culture?** I'm pretty wild about theatre. So for culture I would see a play, or some live performance or a film in one of Melbourne's many amazing festivals.

**Go to relax?** Fitzroy Swimming Pool (160 Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy, call 9205 5180). I find it really relaxing swimming or hanging out in the steam room, or on warm days, lying on the concrete next to the pool.

**Unleash your inner child?** IMAX Melbourne Museum (Rathdowne Street, Carlton, call 9663 5454). I love seeing the educational movies they have there in 3D. IMAX blows my mind. It's so beautiful walking there through the Carlton Gardens and the museum is stunning.

**Indulge yourself?** The Japanese Bath House (59 Cromwell Street, Collingwood, call 9419 0268). I love it there! You have a really hot bath and sauna, then get a shiatsu massage.

**Spend your last \$10?** At King and Godfree (293 Lygon Street, Carlton, call 9347 1619) on olive oil. But I'd spend more than that. Much more. I have a real problem with olive oil. I practically drink it.

**Buy something new?** Actor Eloise Mignon came to rehearsal once wearing these great pants. I said, "Where did you get those?" She said, "Somebuddy Loves You" (193 Smith Street, Fitzroy, call 9415 7066). I bought three pairs.

**Take someone you want to impress?** To the Cure Bar and Eatery (164 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, call 0401 311 031). Timeless feeling inside, a great atmosphere for talking and hanging out and very friendly staff and customers.

**Go on your own?** Cinema Nova (380 Lygon Street, Carlton 9347 5331). I love going to the movies on my own. And if you see a daytime session, it's like going on a secret holiday.



**Stay up late?** I usually stay up late in theatre foyer bars like the Malthouse (113 Sturt Street, Southbank, call 9685 5111), Melbourne Theatre Company (140 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank, 8688 0800) or Curve Bar at the Arts Centre (100 St Kilda Road, city, call 9281 8317). Either that or cleaning my house late into the night, procrastinating!

**Want to keep a secret?** La Trobe Reading Room (the Dome Room) in the State Library (328 Swanston Street, city). It's so beautiful and really lifts my spirits every time I go there to write.

**Lally Katz's latest play, Starchaser, is on at Fairfax Studio on June 2 at 2pm and 6pm. Details: visit [artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://artscentremelbourne.com.au).**