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2023 PROGRAM

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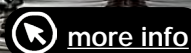




PROGRAM OVERVIEW

3. **CICADA** | WED 24 & THUR 25 MAY
Theatre • Ages 7+, Primary/ Middle
4. **ARE WE THERE YET** | TUE 30 & WED 31 MAY
Theatre • Ages 3-10, Primary
5. **POSSUM MAGIC** | THUR 15 & FRI 16 JUNE
Theatre • Ages 3-10, Primary
6. **SYDNEY II: LOST AND FOUND** | SAT 22 JULY
Theatre • Ages 9+, Middle/ Secondary
7. **THE BOX SHOW** | SAT 29 JULY
Music/ Theatre • Ages 5+, Primary/ Middle
8. **BLACK BRASS** | FRI 11 AUG
Music/ Theatre • Secondary
9. **TWELFTH NIGHT** | SUN 27 AUG
Theatre • Ages 14+, Secondary
10. **SUNSHINE CLUB** | WED 15 NOV
Musical/ Indigenous • Ages 14+, Secondary

**\$15 TICKET
FOR SCHOOLS!**



CICADA BARKING GECKO THEATRE COMPANY

WED 24 MAY 2023 AT 6.30PM

THURS 25 MAY 2023 AT 10AM SCHOOLS SHOW

Winner of the Children's Book Council Award for Best Picture Book in 2019, this new adaptation brings master-storyteller Shaun Tan's much-loved Cicada to life on the stage with exquisite puppetry and visual storytelling by some of WA's leading theatre-makers.

Cicada tell story. Story Good. Story simple. Story even human can understand. Tok! Tok! Tok! So begins the story of a dutiful cicada who works away in a grey office year after year. Overlooked and unappreciated by his co-workers, Cicada weaves a dream of escape, keeping his secrets hidden until the day something truly extraordinary begins to happen...

A small story of epic proportions, Cicada is an enchanting tale of difference, resilience and the light we all have inside ourselves.



GENRE
Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY
Ages 7+
Primary/ Middle

RUNNING TIMES
60 mins

TICKETS
\$20 Admit
\$70 Family (4)
\$15 Schools*
**Minimum booking
10 students.
1 complimentary
ticket per 10 paid.*

WARNINGS
Low lighting, flashing
lights and haze.

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Education resources

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FOR SCHOOLS!**



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ARE WE THERE YET?

TUES 30 MAY 2023 AT 4.30PM

WEDS 31 MAY 2023 AT 11AM SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE

Join 8-year old Grace and her family on an adventurous (and often funny) expedition across the country, visiting iconic Australian landmarks along the way including the Great Australian Bight, Uluru, Surfers Paradise, and the Sydney Opera House.

From the team behind *Magic Beach*, *The Gruffalo* and *The 13-, 26-, 52-, 78- & 91-Storey Treehouses*, this new adaptation from multi-award winning playwright Finegan Kruckemeyer is a celebration of family, love, and the diversity and beauty of Australia.

Are We There Yet? is based on an actual road trip that Alison Lester went on with her family, and is the second of her classic picture books to be adapted for the stage. This beloved story will be brought to life with songs, laughs and quokkas (!) in a show that the entire family will enjoy.

GENRE

Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 3-10
Primary

RUNNING TIMES

55 mins

TICKETS

\$25 Admit
\$90 Family (4)
\$15 Schools*
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10 students.
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ticket per 10 paid.*

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Live Zoom
workshops

Education
resources



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baa** theatre
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POSSUM MAGIC MONKEY BAA THEATRE CO

THURS 15 JUNE 2023 AT 4.30PM

FRI 16 JUNE 2023 AT 11AM SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE

LIMITED TIX AVAILABLE!

Mem Fox and Julie Vivas' beloved picture book Possum Magic has enchanted children for decades, and Monkey Baa Theatre Company brings the paper and ink to life on stage once again!

Using a clever, nuanced palette of live action, stage magic, an original soundscape, elements of puppetry, and projected animation, Monkey Baa's award-winning creative team has translated the whimsical world of the book to a live experience for audiences 3-8 years (and their families).

Possum Magic takes us on a whimsical journey to cities around Australia to find the food that makes Hush visible again.

GENRE
Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY
Ages 3-10
Primary

RUNNING TIMES
50 mins

WARNINGS
Haze

TICKETS
\$22 Admit
\$80 Family (4)
\$15 Schools*
*Minimum booking
10 students.
1 complimentary
ticket per 10 paid.

ASK US ABOUT
School incursions

Post-show Q&A
for Schools

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SYDNEY II: LOST AND FOUND THEATRE 180

SATURDAY 22 JULY 2023 AT 6.30PM

A true story of romance, danger, courage and fateful decisions. From the dark days of WWII and a race against time over sixty years later, comes a story of love, loss and hope.

When HMAS Sydney II was sunk by the disguised German Raider HSK Kormoran in November 1941, it took with it, along with her entire crew of 645 men, the hopes and dreams of a nation as the war arrived on our doorstep.

Written to commemorate the 80th anniversary in 2021, SYDNEY II: Lost and Found tells the real-life story of the dramatic loss of the pride of the Royal Australian Navy, off the coast of Geraldton. This epic story will be brought to life using the immediacy of theatre with the visual impact of cinema, continuing the ground-breaking format discovered with A.B. Facey's A Fortunate Life.

Written by Jenny Davis

Directed by Stuart Halusz

Featuring Myles Pollard, Morgan Dukes, Tom O'Sullivan

GENRE

Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 9+

Primary/ Middle

RUNNING TIMES

1 hour 45 mins

RUNNING TIMES

Contains explosions and war scenes

TICKETS

\$35 Adult

\$30 Concession

\$25 Under 25

\$16 Under 16

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THE BOX SHOW

SATURDAY 29 JULY 2023 AT 4.30PM

In the hands of Junkyard Beats, ordinary household items are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and unwanted junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways!

The Box Show excites the imagination of children and adults alike. We follow four characters during their daily activities in a world made of cardboard boxes and junk. The contents of an abandoned kitchen and wheelie bins become the greatest drum set in the world; plastic bags are an amazing musical instrument and the human body becomes a unique sound machine.

Tag along for a day in the life of a bunch of musical misfits as they reinvigorate the junk that the world has forgotten. Learn about sustainability with this high energy, imaginative music-in-education performance combining drumming, dance, theatre and comedy. With a language of gibberish and rhythm, this show is accessible to any age and nationality.

GENRE

Music/ Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 5+
Primary/ Middle

RUNNING TIMES

60 mins

TICKETS

\$25 Admit
\$90 Family (4)

ASK US ABOUT

Workshops

'Roving' mobile drum kits (Sat 29 July)
Albany CBD



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BLACK BRASS

10-11 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30PM (2 SHOWS)

A soulful tribute to the choices we make and how they shape our lives, *Black Brass* is a theatrical feast; playful yet mysterious.

Written and performed by Mararo Wangai and joined live onstage by musician Mahamudo Selimane, this intimate and soulful experience celebrates stories of resilience – private victories rather than public actions.

Black Brass is a play of voyaging and discovery told through music and song that span a continent (Shangana, Swahili, Kikuyu, Xhosa, as well as English). Soulful, uplifting, it takes everyone in the room into the rich complexity of here and now.

★★★★ 1/2 "Passionately alive in music and movement, Mararo Wangai's magical realist tale speaks to the complex experiences of belonging and identity." – *Audrey Journal*

ASK US ABOUT: African Night Market pre-show foyer experience and African Music 'Taster' experience.

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GENRE

Theatre/ Music

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 15+
Secondary

RUNNING TIMES

70 mins

WARNINGS


Contains coarse language, loud siren sounds and cigarette smoking.

TICKETS

\$55 Adult
\$50 Concession
\$25 Under 25
\$20 Schools*

*Minimum booking 10 students.
1 complimentary ticket per 10 paid.



 [more info](#)

TWELFTH NIGHT BELL SHAKESPEARE

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30PM

Heather Fairbairn's fresh retelling of Shakespeare's romantic comedy is a dark collision of hidden identities and unrequited love. Featuring all-new music by Sarah Blasko, *Twelfth Night* ultimately asks us to find light in the darkness.

Washed up in a strange new land, determined to survive, Viola disguises herself as a man named Cesario and finds work with Duke Orsino, only to fall head over heels in love with him. But Orsino is in love with Olivia, who – grieving for her brother – refuses all offers of romance. Until, that is, she meets Cesario for the first time.

A whirlwind of passion ensues, leaving no one unaffected, not even Olivia's prudish housekeeper Malvolia, played by Jane Montgomery Griffiths (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Titus Andronicus*).

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GENRE

Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 14+
Secondary

RUNNING TIMES

150 mins, including
interval

WARNINGS

TBC

TICKETS

\$55 Adult
\$49 Concession
\$25 Under 25
\$16 Under 16

ASK US ABOUT

John Bell
Scholarship

School incursions



THE SUNSHINE CLUB

WED 15 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

The Sunshine Club is a gloriously energetic, thought provoking and above all entertaining night of theatre!

It's the summer of 1946, and the war is over. Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle has spent years fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with troops from all over Australia, but when he steps onto the Brisbane wharf he finds some things haven't changed. But Frank knows how to fight for his country.

It's been a long war and Frank just wants a better life — the simple pleasures of music and laughter, a place where he can dance with Rose, the beautiful girl next door. Filled with hope and defiance, Frank sets up his own ballroom, The Sunshine Club, where everyone is invited to meet, mingle and sway the night away.

"When it comes to Reconciliation the first thing that everyone should do is see Wesley Enoch's classic musical play *The Sunshine Club*" - Courier Mail



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GENRE

Theatre

AGE SUITABILITY

Ages 14+
Secondary

RUNNING TIMES

150 mins, including interval

WARNINGS

This show contains strobe lighting, theatrical haze and mature themes, including a reference to abortion.

TICKETS

\$65 Adult
\$60 Concession
\$25 Under 25
\$60 Groups 6+
\$55 Groups 6+ Concession

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School Incursions,
Workshops,
Q&As &
Curriculum informed
education resources!

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