



**WAY OUT WEST
FESTIVAL
FOR CHILDREN**

11 - 14 July

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Do you remember the first time you were really entranced and enthralled by an arts experience? When you had that 'wow' moment? It might have been a pantomime, a novel, or the experience of an art class – the pleasure of moving paint across a page. Or finally hearing Shakespeare live or the glamour of the ballet; playing music in a kindergarten class, a grandparent reciting a beloved poem, a puppet show, or a painting in a gallery that opened up new worlds.

These moments can be life changing; they add dimension and richness to a child's life that they carry into adulthood. Creativity opens doors, builds resilience and provides opportunities for both joy and contemplation. The privilege of providing opportunities to engage children creativity and to provide exposure to the arts (maybe for that first magical time) is one that we take very seriously at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre. We are committed to quality experiences and the Way Out West Festival for Children brings works from around Australia into South West Sydney. We are also committed to access for all and therefore the whole festival, including theatre, is free so that every child can have a creative experience.

I welcome you to our Festival and hope that your children have a wonderful time. I also hope that maybe one day they'll be telling people that the first time they really felt entranced and enthralled by the arts was here at Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre! Now that would be something for us to say WOW about!

Kiersten Fishburn
Director

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Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is proud to bring you South West Sydney's only children's contemporary arts festival and it's absolutely FREE!

The *WOW Festival for Children* caters to the diverse interests and needs of children in the West and South West Sydney region.

By working closely with locally and nationally recognised artists and companies, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre has produced a contemporary children's festival that will engage and inspire children and their families.

This program will include premiere performances and hands on art-making workshops in an atmosphere designed to explore and encourage creativity and imagination.

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
A Polyglot Theatre event

PAPER PLANET

Paper Planet is a world filled with tall, strange cardboard trees, paper leaves, boulders, ponds and other mysterious shapes that inhabit to the venue. Fantastic and unusual animals and birds hang from the branches and sit around the trunks. Visitors populate the space with their own creations spreading the planet into their homes, via transport and public spaces.

Paper Planet is a constantly evolving artistic work created live by award-winning Polyglot Theatre Artists, children and their families using the simplest of materials: paper and cardboard. Moving beyond audience participation, *Paper Planet* is experiential, tangible and wholly immersive.

Polyglot's artists aid children with their own paper creations as they explore an out-of-this-world, constantly changing play space. A live soundscape transports everyone further into the world of delightful creatures and objects whilst working together to create and add to a fantasy Paper Planet.

Guaranteed to have children literally wrapped up!

Date: Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 July 2012
Times: 9.30am, 10.45am, 12pm and 2.30pm
Duration: 60 minutes per session
Cost: FREE
Venue: Turbine Hall
Age: 5 - 12 years



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
A Knit Plastic in Crises production

SPINNING A YARN

An underwater cubby house adventure

Mrs Polly Mer and Mrs Polly Ester, the Plastic Bag Ladies of the Sea, invite you into their knitted underwater home for a journey across the oceans of the world. Sit and knit while these crafty soothsayers spin yarns about the watery adventures of a monkey and a sea turtle.

The Plastic Bag Ladies are yarn bombers who use guerrilla knitting to bring awareness about the plight of the oceans and species loss. They knit plastic for the betterment of the world and invite you to join their deep-sea knitting circle. Their aim is to minimise their carbon footprint, hence the intimate capacity of their coastal home that accommodates only eight or ten guests at a time.

A unique combination of art, craft and science, the show won a 'Best of the Sydney Fringe' award in 2011 and was a guest of the 'Perth Fringe World' in February 2012.

You will not want to leave this cosy den of in-Knit-quity.

Recommended for all species.

Date: Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 July 2012
Time: 9.30am and 11am
Duration: 20 minutes

Cost: FREE
Venue: Hopper Gallery
Ages: All ages

THE KNITTING CIRCLE

Join the Plastic Bag Ladies of the Sea in their underwater knitting circle in the Hopper Gallery each day. Learn how to make yarn out of plastic bags, knit plastic on a loom and knit a plastic creature on some knitting needles. You could even try making a sea snake with some plastic finger knitting. The knitting circles run for half an hour and your plastic creations can be planted or placed in the Plastic Bag Ladies garden. Air-breathing mammals are most welcome.

Date: Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 July 2012
Time: 9.30am and 11am

Please note: KnitPIC will supply needles and loom but BYO needles encouraged.

Duration: 45 minutes
Cost: FREE
Venue: Hopper Gallery
Ages: All ages



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
A Troupe Du Jour production

RANDOM MUSICAL

Totally spontaneous, totally improvised and totally hilarious! *Random Musical* sees kids and their families decide what happens on stage!

Your 'random words' inspire every twist and turn of the show, propelling the brilliant cast into uncharted storytelling and musical theatre territory.

Don't miss the smash hit of last year's 'Melbourne International Comedy Festival' from the creators of *Spontaneous Broadway*.

Date: Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July
Time: 1pm Friday and 10am Saturday
Duration: 50 minutes
Cost: FREE
Venue: Casula Theatre
Ages: All Ages

SCHOOL OF RANDOM WORKSHOP

Explore the craft of improvisation in a workshop of fun music and drama activities led by the Random Musical team.

Together we'll learn the rules of random improvisation and how to create songs, characters, scenes and stories on the spot!

Following on from their sold out season at the Arts Centre Melbourne's famous Spiegeltent.

Date: Friday 13 July
Time: 2.30pm
Duration: 50 minutes
Cost: FREE
Venue: Casula Theatre
Ages: 8 - 12 years. Adults are welcome to take part.



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents

PAPER HOUSE

As part of the *WOW Festival for Children*, join us in the Switch Gallery for a world of free making activities. There are a 'million and one' things that can be made out of paper, and at our specialised making stations we will show you how you can make some of them!

The space is divided up into three different zones:

Crèche Paper – for children and their carers, a comfortable and entertaining space to hang out and rest (unrestricted area) – a space for children 0 – 4 years

Fun with Paper – a space for children 5 – 9 years

Create-It Zone – a space for children 10 – 12 years.

Here are some of the things you could make in our making world:

- Badge making
- Paper planes
- Origami
- Paper jewellery
- Mask making and more!

Date: Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 July
Time: 9.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, and 2.30pm
Duration: 60 minutes
Cost: FREE
Venue: Switch Gallery
Ages: 1 – 12 years

Please note: the space has limited numbers and will be run on a 'one in, one out' basis



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
BABY HEARTS DISCO

with DJ BUBU

Baby Hearts Disco is a dance party featuring real music spun and mixed by DJ BUBU, blending classic disco tunes from the 70s and '80s. This event is guaranteed to get those little booties grooving, moving and shaking!

Date: Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 July 2012

Time: 10am, 11.30am, 1pm

Duration: 40 minutes

Cost: FREE

Venue: Performance Space

Ages: 1- 4 years



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
SYDNEY PUPPET THEATRE

The Sydney Puppet Theatre (SPT) specialise in Theatre of Delight for the family audience. Currently, they have seven shows in repertoire using a variety of puppetry styles including shadow puppets, hand and rod puppets and exquisite marionettes.

For the *WOW Festival for Children*, Sydney Puppet Theatre has worked with local children to make their own puppets and develop their own show with these creations. It is a production made for children by children.

Date: Wednesday 11 July

Time: 11am

Duration: 30 minutes

Cost: FREE

Venue: Performance Space

Ages: All Ages



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents
A Popperbox installation in collaboration with students from Casula Public Primary School

BUILDING THE DEN

Kids! The monsters need your help! Popperbox are building a monsters' den for creatures of the wind and we are enlisting the help of kids from all around the universe. Using an explosion of colour and paper we need your thinking caps to build a home for our magic creatures. Please bring along your imagination and crafty fingers. A playful and enchanting activity that asks kids one thing: if you left this world someday, what is the one thing you would bring?

Date: Wednesday 11 July to Saturday 14 July 2012

Time: 9.30am – 3pm (open session)

Cost: FREE

Venue: Turbine Gallery

Ages: 4 - 12 years

MONSTERS BALL

Get dressed up in your creature costume and bring in your one favourite things to celebrate the grand opening of the Den. Whether you are furry or scary or a hero in disguise, a new home awaits. Open to children and adults. A monster prize will be awarded for best costume.

Date: Saturday 14 July 2012

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Judging: 3pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Turbine Gallery

Ages: 4 - 12 years



Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre presents

JACQUELINE NGO

An Exhibition and Talk

Jacqueline Ngo will return to Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre this year following her successful 2011 exhibition, *Through Young Eyes*. One year on, Jacqueline's practice has matured; her works are larger in scale, reveal a more astute sense of self-awareness, and her style is slightly more daring. She is now seven years old and still goes to school in Cabramatta West.

Jacqueline's works will feature in the 'Kids Gallery' throughout July, as part of the *WOW Festival for Children* and into our July exhibition program. We are delighted to give recognition to the work of a young and incredibly talented artist from the local area.



Exhibition

Date: Wednesday 11 July to Wednesday 19 August 2012
Time: 9am - 3.30pm

Artist Talk

Date: Friday 13 July
Time: 2pm
Duration: 20 minutes
Cost: FREE
Venue: Casula Theatre
Ages: All Ages

Be on the look-out for our WOW Reporters!

The *Way out West Festival for Children* will be documented by the kids reporters, so keep an eye and ear out for them. Throughout the festival you will see our roaming reporters with a camera, pen and notepad reporting on the events. If you see them, please say hi and let them know what you think about the festival!



YPAAS NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

YPAAS (Young People and the Arts Australia) is the national peak body for organisations and practitioners engaging young people in the arts.

The national and international line-up of keynote speakers and presenters will address the theme "Speaking in tongues" and seek to answer the question: "how do we translate the collective language of the arts"?

It is recommended for YPAAS Members and other arts and cultural workers and practitioners engaging young people and children in the arts.

Date: 11 to 13 July

For more information visit www.ypaa.net

TRIP-T(L)ICS

As part of the YPAAS National Symposium

TRIP – T(L)ICS, Digital Interactive Poetry Installation explores the linguistics relationship between abstract concepts and the way we shape the world and ourselves depending on the language which our 'reality' (the outside and the inside) is perceived and created by. The project is a 'Trip' around the linguistic connections and the emotional-brain maps that are constructed by the language(s) we speak.

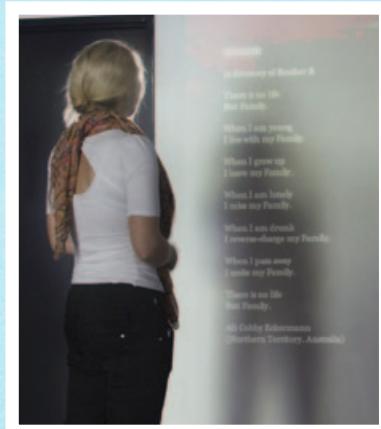
Date: Wednesday 11 July to Saturday 14 July 2012

Time: 9.30am – 3pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Marsden Gallery

Ages: 5 - 12 years



FESTIVAL HINTS AND TIPS

TIMING

Check starting time on your ticket or the website for performances and workshops. Arrive at the relevant venue at least 15 minutes before starting time to take your seats.

BOOKINGS

As all performances and workshops are free it is important to register your interest in attending through our Box Office, where required. And please remember if you are unable to come contact us in plenty of time so that we can let other children participate. Please note that workshop numbers have been purposely left low for maximum impact.

SEATING

Sometimes seating for children will be on the floor and cushions will be provided.

SPECIAL EFFECTS

For festival audiences, theatres will not be completely dark and sound levels will be appropriately pitched for young ears. Check performance information for special effects.

DRESS

Some of the workshops and performances require a lot of movement or getting the hands dirty, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately or bring a change of clothes!

TALKING

Sometimes during a performance young children may need reassurance; please talk quietly during performances, mindful of artists and others around you.

WHAT TO BRING

Water, sun or rain protection, friends and lots of excitement!

PRAMS

For safety reasons, prams are not permitted in theatres, kids studio or workshops spaces. There will be designated pram parking stations around the festival site.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Bellbird Cafe will be open throughout the festival from 9am.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

There will be people designated to document the festival, if you do not want your child or children to be photographed or filmed, please notify one of our staff.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

	WEDNESDAY 11	THURSDAY 12	FRIDAY 13	SATURDAY 14
TURBINE HALL	PAPER PLANET	PAPER PLANET	PAPER PLANET	PAPER PLANET
MARSDEN GALLERY	BUILDING A DEN	BUILDING A DEN	BUILDING A DEN	MONSTERS BALL
CASULA THEATRE	TRIP - T(L)ICS	TRIP - T(L)ICS	TRIP - T(L)ICS	TRIP - T(L)ICS
			RANDOM MUSICAL	RANDOM MUSICAL
		JACQUELINE NGO TALK		
		RANDOM MUSICAL WORKSHOP		
KIDS STUDIO		JACQUELINE NGO WORKSHOP		
KIDS GALLERY	JACQUELINE NGO EXHIBITION	JACQUELINE NGO EXHIBITION	JACQUELINE NGO EXHIBITION	JACQUELINE NGO EXHIBITION
PERFORMANCE SPACE	SYDNEY PUPPET THEATRE			
SWITCH GALLERY	PAPER HOUSE	PAPER HOUSE	BABY HEARTS DISCO	BABY HEARTS DISCO
HOPPER GALLERY	SPINNING A YARN	SPINNING A YARN	SPINNING A YARN	SPINNING A YARN

SUPPORT US!

In order to continue to provide a FREE quality contemporary arts festival for children, the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is seeking supporters from individuals and businesses.

Support can range from in kind to financial and as a supporter you will receive recognition accordingly.

To express your interest in supporting this event please email Claudia Chidiac performance@casulapowerhouse.com or call 9824 1121.

HOW TO GET HERE

CAR AND BICYCLE FROM LIVERPOOL

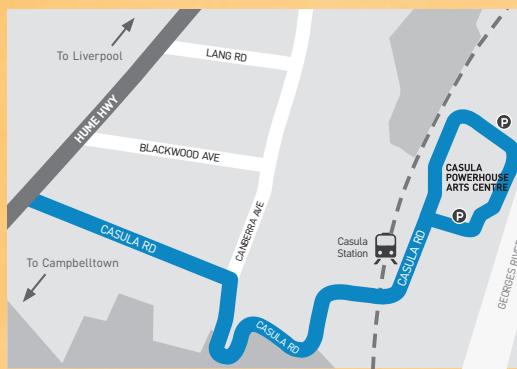
Take the Hume Highway going towards Campbelltown. At the M5 overpass, continue another 1.5km, then turn left into Casula Road. Follow Casula Road down the hill and cross the rail level crossing. Listen for the Bellbirds, as they get louder, you are getting closer to Casula Powerhouse.

FROM MACQUARIE FIELDS AND CAMPBELLTOWN

Take the Hume Highway to Liverpool. At The Crossroads, continue another 1.8km, then turn right at Casula Road. Follow Casula Road down the hill and cross the rail level crossing. Listen for the Bellbirds, as they get louder, you are getting closer to Casula Powerhouse.

TRAIN

Disembark at Casula Train Station, 100m from Casula Powerhouse. Casula Station is the first stop after Liverpool Station (from Sydney), and is the next station after Glenfield Station (from Campbelltown), South/Cumberland Line. Go to www.l31500.info for a timetable.



ACCESS

Visitors with restricted mobility can enjoy all public areas of the Casula Powerhouse. The theatre is fitted with hearing loop, and has provision for restricted mobility access. Guide and hearing dogs welcome.

FREE PARKING ONSITE

Gates close at 5.30pm, except for evening events.

PRODUCTION TEAM

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