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## PULL UP A CUSHION! INTRODUCING GEELONG'S YOUNGEST MAESTROS TO MUSIC WITH THE MSO'S *JAMS FOR JUNIORS: SWAN LAKE* AT GEELONG ARTS CENTRE

Kicking off Geelong Arts Centre's 2022 Family Magic program on Saturday 19 March, Geelong Arts Centre and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra are proud to present a 45-minute musical experience *Jams for Juniors: Swan Lake*.

Led by celebrated music educator, presenter, author and composer/arranger Karen Kyriakou, and featuring musicians from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, *Jams for Juniors* invites children aged 0-5 and their adults to pull up a cushion and explore Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* with their little ones as they explore, play and join in.

Each immersive performance is only 45 minutes, including 10 minutes for participants to 'Meet the Instruments'.

Taking place in Studio 4 at Geelong Arts Centre's landmark Ryrie Street building on Saturday 19 March, there are three performances available to choose from at 10:00am, 11:30am and 1:00pm.

Having proved a popular addition to the Geelong Arts Centre Family Magic program in previous years, *Jams for Juniors* is the perfect way to introduce babies and toddlers to the magic of music.

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Tickets are on sale now at [geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022/jams-for-juniors-swan-lake/](https://geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022/jams-for-juniors-swan-lake/). Capacity in Studio 4 is limited – get in quick!

Consisting of six brilliantly dynamic, engaging and accessible performances, the Geelong Arts Centre's 2022 Family Magic program is designed to captivate, inspire and entertain children under 12, as well as their parents, siblings, grandparents and carers.

For full program details and to book, visit [geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022](https://geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022).

**Geelong Arts Centre's 2022 Family Magic program** is proudly supported by Principal Partner, Creative Victoria, and Major Artistic Partner, Deakin University.

Bookings can be made via the website, or by phoning the Box Office on 1300 251 200 between 10:00am and 3:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Geelong Arts Centre is moving to e-ticket delivery for Family Magic 2022. Confirmation of your booking will be emailed to you immediately, and all e-tickets for



performances will be emailed to you three days prior to the performance.

Geelong Arts Centre scrupulously adheres to COVID Safe principles. Please make sure to check our website for the most up-to-date information regarding current COVID Safety measures and conditions of entry prior to each performance.

Information on what to expect on site, including helpful FAQs, can be found on our website at

[geelongartscentre.org.au](https://geelongartscentre.org.au)

## ABOUT KAREN KYRIACOU

Karen Kyriakou's work as an educator, author, and composer/arranger is underpinned by her passion for music's unique capacity to unite and inspire. She works broadly in the area of music education, with students from kindergarten to tertiary level. Karen holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Masters of Music Education.

With over 25 years' experience in the field, Karen is renowned for her ever-innovative approach to music education. She is in demand as a presenter and workshop facilitator with many of Australia's leading arts organisations and delivers professional learning seminars to teachers of all levels of skill and experience.

Karen is a long-time Artist in Residence in schools for children with additional needs. She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2012 to further her studies in the area of Music and the Deaf. Karen has developed a 'teaching toolbox' for making music inclusive for students with disabilities, working with them to perform and create music.

A staunch advocate of lifelong learning, Karen regularly presents at industry conferences, championing creative music-making and inclusive music education.

## QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE

*"We are thrilled to be bringing the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra back to Geelong with their Jams for Juniors performance of Swan Lake."*

*This immersive, interactive performance is a great way to experience the joy of music-making with any young kids in your life, whilst introducing them to the magic and wonder of orchestral instruments."*

Quote attribute to Kelly Clifford

Geelong Arts Centre Senior Producer – Families, Youth & Creative Learning

## TICKETS & BOOKINGS

### TICKET PRICES

ADULTS: \$32

CHILDREN: \$22

GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE: \$25

### BOOKINGS

[geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022/jams-for-juniors-swan-lake/](https://geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022/jams-for-juniors-swan-lake/)

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