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WONDER TAKES THE STAGE WITH GEELONG ARTS CENTRE'S INAUGURAL WONDER CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

From 16-21 October, families and school groups are invited to immerse themselves in the magical world of the arts with Geelong Arts Centre's inaugural *Wonder Children's Festival*.

Designed to captivate the hearts and minds of avid arts adventurers aged up to 12 years, the Geelong Arts Centre's *Wonder Children's Festival* will take place across Geelong Arts Centre's spectacular redeveloped centre.

Consisting of an incredible lineup of free and ticketed events, including dazzling headline performances from Indigenous dance powerhouse, Bangarra, a concert extraordinary from pioneering local children's entertainers, The Mik Maks, First Nations dance workshops, a Tweens disco night, and even the opportunity to create music using real life plants with Playable Streets.

Plus, young people will have the opportunity to unleash their creativity with amazing interactive workshops and installations, where they can dance, sing, play music, and explore their own artistic expression.

Geelong Arts Centre's *Wonder Children's Festival* is more than just a spectator event; it's an opportunity for young people to become active participants in the magic of creativity.

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Geelong Arts Centre encourages all festival-goers to let their imaginations run wild as they step into the spotlight and get involved in the artistic process.

Geelong Arts Centre's *Wonder Children's Festival* allows young people to discover, create, and connect with the world of performing arts in a way that will leave a lasting impact.

Book now to be a part of a truly *Wonder*-ful experience that will ignite their passion for the arts and create treasured memories for years to come.

Tickets available at geelongartscentre.org.au/wonder-childrens-festival

Editor's note: For full billing and an event by event breakdown for Geelong Arts Centre's *Wonder Children's Festival*, please visit geelongartscentre.org.au/wonder-childrens-festival

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"At Geelong Arts Centre, we believe in nurturing the next generation of artists and arts enthusiasts. We are so excited to launch Geelong Arts Centre's inaugural Wonder Children's Festival, as we continue to foster a lifelong love for creativity and empower children to embrace the arts in all its awe-inspiring forms."

"Geelong Arts Centre's Wonder Children's Festival is a true reflection of our role as a connector, bringing together artists, families, and communities in a celebration of the performing arts. This festival is a testament to our commitment to inspire, connect, and create lasting memories for children of the region."

Quotes attributable to Joel McGuinness
Geelong Arts Centre CEO & Creative Director

"Exposing children to the arts at an early age cultivates their imagination, nurtures their self-expression, and fosters a sense of curiosity that will accompany them throughout their lives. Geelong Arts Centre's Wonder Children's Festival aims to ignite this spark of creativity and open doors to a world of limitless possibilities."

Quote attributable to Penny McCabe
Geelong Arts Centre Head of Programming

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