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WONDER RETURNS: GEELONG ARTS CENTRE ANNOUNCES 2024 WONDER CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Following the resounding success of last year's inaugural Wonder Children's Festival, Geelong Arts Centre is thrilled to announce the return of the enchanting program, set to captivate young hearts and minds from 12 – 26 September.

Young people, families and schools are invited to celebrate the end of Term 3 and dive into the school holidays at Geelong's premiere children's festival through a vibrant line up of events.

Kicking off the festival from 12 – 14 September, Alison Lester's iconic best selling book is brought to life at *IMAGINE LIVE*, a joyous celebration of the natural world produced by NCM and Jolyon James.

Up next, from 18 – 19 September, Lemony S Puppet Theatre transports audiences into space at *Little Blue Dot*, a visually striking theatre piece developed in collaboration with the team from Monash University School of Physics and Astronomy.

Bridging the epic two weeks of family fun, 21– 22 September boasts a weekend filled with headliner performances from iconic family rockers, The Teeny Tiny Stevies and the classic stage adaption of beloved children's tale *The Gruffalo* by CDP and Tall Stories.

Finishing off the festival with a bang, *I Wish* offers an acrobatic journey into the magic of individuality and the limitless possibilities of imagination in an exciting collaboration between two internationally renowned leaders in children's performance, Patch Theatre and Gravity & Other Myths.

While an abundance of whimsical performances await, children and families are also encouraged to join interactive workshops, create their own art, and explore the world of performing arts in a way that sparks curiosity and fosters a lifelong love for creativity.

An unmissable few weeks of family fun lies ahead. Tickets are on sale now at geelongartscentre.org.au/wonder-childrens-festival/

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

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QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE

“The Wonder Children's Festival at Geelong Arts Centre is a vibrant celebration of creativity and culture, fostering connections with families and young people through an exciting program of fun activities and performances.”

Quote attributable to Kate Brereton
Geelong Arts Centre Acting CEO & Creative Director

“At the heart of Geelong Arts Centre's mission is our role as a vital connector within the arts sector, especially for our youngest audience members and their families.”

““Through the Wonder Children's Festival, we are not only fostering a love for the arts but also serving as a beacon, bringing together communities, artists, and enthusiasts alike. It's a testament to our commitment to lead the charge in providing enriching cultural experiences that unite and inspire generations.”

Quotes attributable to Penny McCabe
Geelong Arts Centre Head of Programming

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