

National Gallery of Victoria announces inaugural Children's Festival



Kids will be honorary guests at the National Gallery of Victoria's first-ever Children's Festival. The Festival, running over nine days from 18-26 January 2014, will invite special engagement from kids and families through a range of inspiring programs involving *Melbourne Now* artists, designers and performers.

Hands-on workshops led by some of Melbourne's most talented practitioners from the worlds of fashion, jewellery and shoemaking will offer a rich fiesta of creative activity.

Children will be invited on tours to 'dance the art', become *Melbourne Now* artists by submitting their own works to a dedicated exhibition, take part in a ping pong tournament or watch special music, theatre and dance performances by artists including the Australian Youth Choir. The Children's Festival is the largest event ever put on by the NGV for kids and families; and everyone's invited!

Running from 18–26 January 2014, the performances, tours and workshops have been designed to encourage engagement and participation with contemporary art. Visitors will be able to meet, talk, and work with the artists and designers involved in *Melbourne Now*, enjoy a picnic and relax in the NGV Garden and hear music and stories in Community Hall, among a host of other programs.

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV, said the initiative formed part of the NGV's vision to become an international leader in children's programming through accessible and innovative projects.

"The Children's Festival will further enrich our offerings for children and families through programming that encourages discovery, curiosity and creative engagement.

"We are pleased to announce too that this Festival will become a permanent fixture in our summer calendar, offering children and families a new way of interacting with art and the wealth of creative practice that is on offer today," said Mr Ellwood.

The 2014 Children's Festival will be focused upon *Melbourne Now*, the NGV's largest exhibition to date. Assembling over 175 outstanding commissions, acquired and loaned works and installations, *Melbourne Now*

explores the idea that a city is significantly shaped by the artists, designers and architects who live and work in its midst. It reflects the complexity of Melbourne and its unique and dynamic cultural identity, considering a diverse range of creative practice as well as the cross-disciplinary work occurring in Melbourne today.

The Children's Festival is generously supported by *Melbourne Now* Champions the Dewhurst Family, the Truby & Florence Williams Charitable Trust and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Melbourne Now is on display at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia and NGV International until 23 March 2014. 10am – 5pm. Free entry.

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Join the conversation via #melbournenow and download the free *Melbourne Now* App and ebook.
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Image caption: Children participating in the **Slow Art Collective's** *MARLARKY* 2013, Supported by *Melbourne Now* Champions the Dewhurst family

FULL PROGRAM DETAILS

Children's Festival

18-26 January 2014

NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

Edgar's Mission

Sat 18 Jan, 10am–12pm

Enjoy meeting animals and learning about the ethical treatment of family pets and those from the farm. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Drawing with Julia deVille

Sat 18 Jan 10am–12pm

Kids can take inspiration from the activity in the garden and draw with Julia deVille and share her love of animals. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Workshop: Bejewelled: Drawing with Julia deVille

Sat 18 Jan, 1pm (P1420), Sun 19 Jan 10am (P1421) & 11.30am (P1422) – Ages 5+

Sat 18 Jan 2.30pm (P1423), Sun 19 Jan 2-3pm (P1424) – Ages 10+

Artist Julia deVille is a vegan and believes in the humane treatment of animals. Her love for animals has inspired her sculptural works that include taxidermy. Meet Julia and create a still life drawing based on her sculptures. And just as she decorates her work with precious gems you will be able to decorate your drawing with gold and jewels. Places limited. Bookings essential. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV International

Workshop: Hotham Street Ladies: Sweet Street

Sat 18 Jan, 1.30–3.30pm

Mix it, write it but don't eat it! Have fun creating sweet art using icing sugar and your imagination. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Workshop: MARLARKY

Sun 19 Jan, 11.30am–1pm

Slow Art Collective invite you to make art from recycled materials to hang in the habitat MARLARKY.

Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall NGV International

Artist and curator talks for kids

Daily 10.30am & 1.30pm (except Sat 18 Jan, 10.30am & Wed 22 Jan, 10.30am)

A great way to find out more about art works. Register on the day from 10am & 1pm at the Information Desk 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV Australia & NGV International, selected exhibition spaces

Urban Commons Foodscapers Club

Sat 18 Jan–Sun 26 Jan, 10.30am-12.30pm

Join the club and come play and learn in the Urban Commons Kitchen Garden and Wayward Forest. There will be four activity stations that will teach kids the lifecycles of growing their own food. Activities range from

caring for baby seedlings in the greenhouse nursery, to watering the garden, chasing compost balls, and discovering all the weird and wonderful edible plants in the garden. Register on the day at NGV Garden, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required. For more Urban Commons programs check ngv.vic.gov.au
Venue: Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Meetoo and Tiny & Little: Roll Around the Block launch

Sun 19 Jan, 10am–10.45pm

Children are encouraged to take 24 photos during an outing to capture their view of the Melbourne. Photographs submitted via Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag #rollaroundtheblock will be selected for inclusion in the daily Roll Around the Block screenings at the NGV. Come meet Natalie and Kate to find out how your child can be involved. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Artist talk: Charlie Sofo

Mon 20 Jan, 10.30am

Join artist Charlie Sofo to hear about the 33 objects that fit through the hole in his pocket. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Ground Level, NGV International

The Thousands

Sun 19 Jan, 2pm

Calling all aspiring handymen and women, craft enthusiasts & makers young and old. We are making pocket kites in Community Hall and mega bubbles in the Garden. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, & Grollo Equiset Garden, Ground Level NGV International

Yellow Dance Spot

Mon 20 Jan, 10.15am–11am

Children will be inspired to move and dance on a tour of *Melbourne Now* then respond to their experience through drawing and movement in Community Hall. Register on the day at the Information Desk from 10am, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required. Ages 2-4

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Roll Around the Block screening

Mon 20 Jan 11am, Wed 22 Jan, 2pm, Thu 23 Jan, 12.30pm, Fri 24 Jan 12.30pm, Sat 25 Jan, 10am

Join us to see kid's views of Melbourne up on the big screen in Community Hall. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Yellow Dance Spot

Mon 20 Jan, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Be inspired to draw and 'dance the art' on a tour of *Melbourne Now*. Then draw your exhibition inspired dance in Community Hall. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required. Ages 5-12

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Curator talk: Carol Cains, Asian Art

Mon 20 Jan, 10.30am

A great way to find out more about art works. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV International, selected exhibition spaces

Artist talk: Glenn Dalton on Alan Constable

Mon 20 Jan, 1.30pm

Join Glenn Dalton, Artsworker – Ceramics, Arts Project Australia, to hear about Alan Constable's ceramic works. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers.

Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV International, selected exhibition spaces

Artist talk: MARLARKY

Tue 21 Jan, 10.30am–11.30am

Add fun floor decorations to the habitat MARLARKY with artists of Slow Art Collective. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Level 2, NGV Australia

Curator talk: Max Delaney, Senior Curator, Contemporary Art

Tue 21 Jan, 1.30pm

A great way to find out more about *Melbourne Now* art works and artists. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV Australia, selected exhibition spaces

Melbourne Now Story Time

Wed 22 Jan 10.15am-11am

Come along for a fun, fast and entertaining time for children and their parents to celebrate NGV creative works through story, music, multimedia and craft. It will be loud, it will be silly, it will be wonderful. Jeanette Becklar, the energetic and much loved Children & Youth Librarian from the Melbourne Library Service will lead the frivolity. Parent/carer supervision required. 5 years and under

Venue: Community Hall, NGV International

Pennie Jagiello

Workshop: Jellyfish Pendant Mini Aquarium

Wed 22 Jan 10-11am, 11.30am- 12.30pm, 2-3pm and Thurs 23 Jan 10-11am, 11.30am- 12.30pm, 2-3pm

Hosted by Melbourne jeweller Pennie Jagiello. Children will be delighted to learn how to recycle items they use every day, transforming them into a beautiful wearable pendant that can also be displayed in a mini aquarium. Places limited. Bookings essential. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV International

Code: P1249(10am) P1430(11.30am) P1431(2pm)

Kids Ping Pong Tournament

Wed 22 Jan, 11.15am-4pm

Artist Laith MacGregor will launch the Kids Ping Pong Tournament and tell us all about his artwork. Register on the day from 10.30am at the Information Desk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Ground Floor, NGV International

Curator Talk: Beckett Rozentals, Assistant Curator, Australian Art

Wed 22 Jan, 1.30pm

Join Beckett Rozentals to hear about Brendan Huntley's distinctive ceramic works. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV Australia

Workshop: Activity Now Book

Wed 22 Jan, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Alpha 60, Meredith Turnbull, Coöp, Leah Jackson, Tin&Ed, Edwards Moore, Andrew Ashton, Chorus and many more of Melbourne's most creative people have transformed their drawings, illustrations and plans into activities for children. Download the free book from the *Melbourne Now* website (available January 2014) then come and meet these leading designers, architects and artists at a workshop to bring the activities to life together! Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Workshop: Mad as a Paper Hat

Thu 23 Jan, 10.30am-12.30pm

Celebrate hat making by making a spectacular *Melbourne Now*, black and yellow paper hat with Vicki Car, Head of Millinery at The Australian Ballet. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Artist talk: Patricia Piccinini

Thu 23 Jan, 10.30am

Join artist Patricia Piccinini to hear about her hyper real sculpture. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Level 3, NGV Australia

Artist talk: Meredith Turnbull

Thu 23 Jan, 1.30pm

Join artist Meredith Turnbull to hear about her sculpture and jewellery practices. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Level 3, NGV International

Kids on the Catwalk Now

Thu 23 Jan, 2.30pm

Kids, dress up in yellow and black with part of your costume designed or made by you and strut your stuff on the catwalk. Each participating child will receive a *Melbourne Now* souvenir bag and there will be 5 prizes for the most original designs. Hosted by Katie Somerville and Dani Whitfield, Curators Fashion and Textiles, NGV. Register on the day from 2pm at the Information Desk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Workshop: How to make a shoe

Fri 24 Jan, 10am-12pm (P1425) & 1-3pm (P1426)

Older kids can join shoe maker Johanna Preston of bespoke shoe makers Preston Zly and find out about aspects of shoe making in this hands-on workshop. Children will use shoe makers hand tools to last a basic shoe.

Parent/carer supervision required. Ages 10+

Places limited. Bookings essential.

Venue: NGV Australia

Workshop: Digital goes art**Fri 24 Jan, 10.30am-12.30pm**

Inspired by their Roll Around the Block experience, Children are invited to join Kate and Natalie from Meeto and Tiny & Little for a creative workshop, interpreting digital photographs using mixed materials. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Artist talk: Slave Pianos**Fri 24 Jan, 10.30am**

Join artists, composer or musicians from the Slave Pianos collaborative to hear about their Gamelan. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Level 3, NGV Australia

Artist talk: Juan Ford**Fri 24 Jan, 1.30pm**

Join artist Juan Ford to hear about his interactive project, *You, me and the flock*. Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Ground Level, NGV International

Signal Now**Fri 24 Jan, 2pm-4pm**

Join us to see the work young people have made in collaboration with artists from Melbourne Now as part of Signal 37. Walk through the spaces they have created, fly their flags and hear them talk to artists about their processes. Featuring Darren Sylvester, Spacecraft, Minna Gilligan, Julia Gorman and The Hotham Street Ladies.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Kids On Top of the World: Flags for Melbourne**Sat 25 Jan & Sun 26 Jan, 10am- 12pm & 1-3pm**

Meet and create with artists Jon Campbell, Hanna Tai or Helen Johnson or graphic designers Tin & Ed in Stewart Russell of Spacecraft's *Flags for Melbourne* project. Share ideas and make a flag for your home, school, friends, garden, football team...or just for you. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Great Hall, NGV International

Workshop: Fables go Pop**Sat 25 Jan, 10.15am-11.15am and 11.45am-12.45pm (P1427)**

Elves wore them so did Puss in Boots and everyone has a favourite pair of shoes. Join Johanna Preston and look at all sorts of shoe designs and then have a go at designing your own shoes on 3D shoe design templates. Ages 6+. Limited numbers. Bookings essential. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: NGV Australia

Flying Bookworm Theatre**Sun 26 Jan, 10.15-11am**

Kids can participate in theatre and storytelling with an Australian theme. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Westside Circus: Beach bodies

Sun 26 Jan, 11.30am–2pm

What could be more fun on Australia Day than going to the beach? Join Westside Circus as they take over the Great Hall and the garden with their interactive show *Beach Bodies*. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Great Hall & Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Workshop: Little Makers

Sat 25 Jan, 11–12pm & 2–3pm

Join Yellow Wheel production company & 20 dancers for a dance workshop on Darren Sylvester's illuminated dance floor. Register on the day from 10.30am & 1.30 pm at the Information Desk, limited numbers.

Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, Ground Level, NGV International

Artist talk: Johanna Preston, Preston Zly

Sat 25 Jan, 1.30pm

Join bespoke shoemaker Johanna Preston of Preston Zly to hear about traditional shoe making techniques.

Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers.

Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Level 3, NGV Australia

Artist talk: Louise Paramor

Sun 26 Jan, 10.30am

Join artist, Louise Paramor to hear about her *Noble ape*. Register on the day from 10am at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Australian Youth Choir

Sun 26 Jan, 11.30am & 12pm

Inspirational youth sing about Australia. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, NGV International

Artist talk: Ross Coulter

Sun 26 Jan, 1.30pm

Join artist, Ross Coulter to hear about the making of his *10,000 paper planes aftermath* photographic series.

Register on the day from 1pm at the Information Desk, 30 minutes prior to the talk, limited numbers.

Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Ground Level, NGV International

Drop by Drawing

Sun 26 Jan, 2-4pm

Meet artist, Tim Fleming to draw in the garden. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Grollo Equiset Garden, NGV International

Workshop: Paper planes

Sun 26 Jan, 2pm-3pm

Inspired by his photographs *10,000 paper planes – aftermath (1), (2) & (3)*, join Ross Coulter to fold and fly paper planes down our colourful runway. Parent/carer supervision required.

Venue: Community Hall, NGV International

Melbourne Now: Children's projects

Melbourne Now children's projects have been developed in collaboration with artists and are integrated throughout the exhibition. Across both NGV sites, these exciting commissions introduce children and families to the ideas of contemporary artists and designers, and provide opportunities for hands-on fun. Come for a day or explore the projects over several visits.

Juan Ford: *You, me and the flock*

Experience an immersive panorama and explore change in the natural world.

PHOOEY Architects and Tim Fleming: *Trugo—GoGo*

Celebrate Melbourne's own game of Trugo.

John Nixon: *The Donkey's Tail Jnr.*

Improvised and experimental music made with unusual instruments.

Meredith Turnbull: *Co workers, Hanging Sculpture*

Sculptures big, small and wearable to see and make.

Hotham Street Ladies: *At home with the Hotham Street Ladies*

Take a photograph from a scene from the icing-bombed house.

Jan Senbergs: *Show us your World*

Share the artist's passion for picture maps and draw your world.

Preston Zly: *Fables go Pop*

Bespoke shoes inspired by fairy tales and fables.

Slow Art Collective: *MARLARKY*

Explore the way people could live in a playful, environmentally sustainable, domestic habitat.

Daniel von Sturmer: *Paradox Park*

Children's innate sense of curiosity is stimulated when they move around and into the artist's work.

Melbourne Now: Kids on Tour

Regional galleries across Victoria will partner with the NGV through an exciting new touring program, *Melbourne Now Kids on Tour*. This unique program will feature interactive activities for children and families by *Melbourne Now* artists Hotham Street Ladies, John Nixon, Selina Ou, Jan Senbergs and Preston Zly. Children and families across Victoria will join the NGV in celebrating creative Melbourne through opportunities to draw, make, photograph, play and decorate.

Melbourne Now Kids on Tour takes place this summer holidays running in conjunction with the *Melbourne Now Children's Festival*.