

LA MAMA FOR KIDS PRESENTS FOR THE MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL 2022

TRASH WITH A PORPOISE

A NEW, HILARIOUS TRASH PUPPETS ADVENTURE UNDER THE SEA!



This fun, new sketch comedy show for children and families is a thrilling journey full of puppetry, clowning, song and of course, plenty of Trash!

Trash Puppets are offering a hands-on creative experience for kids, with fun workshops between the shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Kids can create their very own, one-of-a-kind working puppet, made completely out of recycled materials!

La Mama & Trash Puppets are committed to providing accessible creative participation opportunities for families, with tickets for either the show or workshop only \$10 each.

This new original show, created with and for children, saw Trash Puppets Director and Artists travelling to Portland in December 2021 to complete a Residency at Bundarra Primary school in Portland. This work with the kids generated full sketch ideas, costuming ideas, set design, soundscapes, puppet inspiration, as well as their ideas and opinions around sustainability relating to our oceans and waterways.

Trash Puppets Creative Director and Director of Trash with a Porpoise Jhess Knight shared:

"They were so fantastic to work with. We are definitely hoping to capture their enthusiasm and spirit into this show. We want them to see the show and recognise their work on the stage."

The company will be previewing the show in Portland to the students involved, prior to the Premiere season at La Mama, so that the children can see how their contributions have informed and influenced a professional piece of family theatre, and how much we value their input.

Trash Puppets are strong believers in not underestimating children, in their humour, their depth, and in their understanding of the world. This show will provide actionable ways that we can all make a difference for our environment, empowering audiences to take small steps in their everyday lives that all-together can make big change.

"I am hoping that the show is very fun, and funny, but also will be a conversations starter between caregivers and children. At Trash Puppets we have always believed in engagement through play. Rather than drilling them with dry information, let's have fun, and learn some things in the process. They may not even realise how much they are learning through all the laughs!"
- Jess Knight.

Whilst Trash Puppets have a strong ensemble of talented performers that deliver our workshops and performances currently, with this new show we were committed to attracting and engaging new performers that are from multi-cultural heritage, to offer a show where more members of our audience can see themselves represented on the stage. After completing a series of auditions, we were thrilled to secure new performers:

Akansha Hungenahally ('Suddenly: A New Musical'; 'Heathers'; 'Red Planet')

Joseph Lai ('Peter and the Wolf'; 'An Ideal Husband'; 'Still'; 'Welcome to Sameville')

and

Julia Landberg ('When the Rain Stops falling'; 'Women of Troy'; 'Losing the Ground Beneath My Feet').

Also Joining the cast will be Trash Puppets favourite Jemima Eva (Escape from Trash Mountain; The Peacock Detectives; Boy).

The cast is an amazing group of performers with backgrounds in dance, musical theatre, stage combat, puppetry, clowning, drag etc.

Directed by Jhess Knight

Puppet Design by Jhess Knight and Mads Hillam Produced by Packed House Productions

Performed by Akansha Hungenahally, Jemima Eva, Joseph Lai and Julia Landber

Image by Jarryd Bravo

SEASON 20 - 24 April

TIMES Wed - Fri 11.30am & 2pm

Sat 10am & 1pm

Sun 10am

VENUE La Mama Courthouse

349 Drummond Street, Carlton

LENGTH Approx. 50 minutes

TICKETS \$10 for both kids and adults

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