

2017 NGV Kids on Tour

Various locations | 16 – 26 January 2017 | FREE



From Swanhill to Gippsland, kids throughout Victoria will have the opportunity to participate in FREE hands-on art making workshops and activities as part of the 2017 NGV Kids on Tour initiative.

Inspired by the National Gallery of Victoria's summer exhibitions, *John Olsen: The You Beaut Country* and *Atelier: Viktor&Rolf for Kids*, kids and families will create John Olsen-inspired drawings or paintings, and design their very own paper fashion accessories, amongst other participatory activities.

Coinciding with the 2017 NGV Kids Summer Festival from 16 – 26 January 2017, NGV Kids on Tour will be held at nearly 40 venues, including public galleries, libraries and community centres. In 2017, the initiative will also be held at the Royal Children's Hospital as well as migrant resource centres as a way of

welcoming new arrivals into Australian life through art and culture.

'NGV Kids presents a rich year-round program of exhibitions, activities and workshops curated for kids and families. The NGV Kids on Tour initiative offers a fantastic opportunity for thousands of regional and outer-metro Victorian families to access an exciting selection of the NGV Kids programs in their local communities,' said Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV.

Throughout January, kids and families can participate in the following program of events in their local communities:

- John Olsen: The You Beaut Country drawing or painting activity**
For over fifty years, celebrated artist John Olsen's paintings and drawings of the Australian landscape and wildlife have inspired reflection on the beauty and wonder of the world around us. In a special project with the NGV, Olsen has created a drawing activity as part of the exhibition *John Olsen: The You Beaut Country*. Using a partly drawn image by John children can imagine what the lines and shapes could be to form their own unique collaboration with the artist.
- Atelier: Viktor&Rolf for Kids paper fashion accessories workshop**
Inspired by the design elements of Viktor & Rolf's couture fashion, including bows, collars and elaborate ruffles, children will use a variety of materials, including white strands of raffia and crepe paper, to make bespoke fashion accessories to take home.

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- **Viktor&Rolf: Fashion Artists A Drawing Book for Kids drawing activity**
In this richly illustrated publication, guided by Viktor & Rolf's pet dachshund, Little Swan, children will learn about the designers' creative vision and spectacular fashion collections. In a self-guided activity, young readers can fill in the activity book with their own creative fashion designs and illustrations.
- **Little Swan collage activity**
Using a specially designed collage template, children can unleash their inner stylist and dress up Viktor & Rolf's pet dachshund, Little Swan, by cutting out paper outfits and creating their own canine haute couture looks.

2017 NGV Kids on Tour activities are FREE and will take place during the summer holidays, running in conjunction with the *NGV Kids Summer Festival* from Monday 16 January to Thursday 26 January 2017. Further information available from the NGV website NGV.MELBOURNE.

Atelier: Viktor&Rolf for Kids and *Viktor&Rolf: Fashion Artists* are on display at NGV International, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, Australia from 21 October 2016 – 26 February 2017.

John Olsen: The You Beaut Country is on display at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia at Federation Square from 16 September 2016 – 12 February 2017 before opening at the Art Gallery of New South Wales from 10 March – 12 June 2017.

The NGV Kids program is generously supported by The Truby and Florence Williams Charitable Trust.

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Image Caption:

Visitors inside the NGV Kids exhibition, *Atelier: Viktor&Rolf for Kids*, at the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.

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