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NGV News | Kids on Tour program returns bigger than ever for 2018

Various locations | January 2018 | FREE



Reaching more local and rural communities than ever before, *NGV Kids on Tour* encourages children and families across the state from Gippsland through to Wodonga to participate in free activities and workshops. Including paper collage workshops and portrait illustrations, the program aims to connect local communities with the NGV's dynamic summer exhibition program and enjoy time together at their local gallery or community venue.

In its fifth year the *NGV Kids on Tour* is the Gallery's most expansive yet with more than 50 venues in metropolitan and regional Victoria hosting the event for their local community. For the first time ever this year's program will be presented at an aged care home and various other locations including metropolitan resource centres, public libraries, regional galleries and children's hospital wards.

Tony Ellwood, Director, NGV said '*NGV Kids on Tour* is an integral part of the Gallery's commitment to making art accessible to children and families across Victoria. NGV Kids programs inspire and foster the creativity of thousands of children and teenagers throughout the state.'

The *NGV Kids on Tour* initiative will be held throughout the 2018 school holidays in January. Interested families are encouraged to check the website at NGV.MELBOURNE to locate their nearest venue where they can participate in the following workshops and activities:

- ***Fiona Hall: Who Lives Here?***
Acclaimed Australian artist Fiona Hall is widely known for her installations that explore the significance of the natural environment and her activity invites children to create paper collage animals in their natural habitat.
- ***Fiona Hall: Send a Message***
Send a Message encourages young people to create an emoji that expresses their thoughts about contemporary issues using signs, symbols, colours and textures.

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- **Everybody Play**
This board game challenges participants to a series of trivia questions, drawing activities and impromptu performances as they wind their way around the board to win.
- **Nonsense**
NGV Triennial artist Olga Chernysheva shares her favourite drawing game, called 'Nonsense', which she played as a child growing up in Moscow. Children draw different parts of an animal to create creatures never seen before.
- **My Contemporary Art Book**
This activity book introduces children to some of today's leading artists' and designers featured in the NGV Triennial. Young readers can learn about the artist's childhood stories and complete hands on activities favoured by the artists when they themselves were young.
- **Everybody Draw**
Kids and teens are invited to create their own portrait masterpiece, drawing portraits of themselves or a loved one to add together to form part of a large scale collaborative installation with fellow participants.

2018 *NGV Kids on Tour* activities are FREE and will take place during the summer school holidays, running in conjunction with *NGV Kids Summer Festival* from Monday 8 January to Sunday 14 January 2018. For further information, please visit the NGV website: NGV.MELBOURNE.

NGV Triennial will be on display at NGV International from 15 December 2017 to 15 April 2018. Further information can be found on the NGV website: NGV.MELBOURNE.

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