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Kids Summer Festival 2022 offers art making activities for the whole family

NGV International | 15 – 23 January 2022 | FREE

15 December 2021: The **NGV Kids Summer Festival** returns in 2022 with nine days of FREE artist led activities, events, performances and dance workshops created especially for kids, teens and their families running from 15 – 23 January. Reflecting the festival's theme 'Art for the whole family' the 2022 festival will offer activities including dance performances by Indigenous Outreach Projects and L2R, art making activities inspired by NGV's summer program and Relaxed Sessions in the new kids exhibition *The Gecko and the Mermaid: Djerrkṇu Yunupijṇu and Her Sister*.

Kids Summer Festival highlights include:

- **Dance performances** - Families can dance along to lunch time performances in the Great Hall throughout the festival presented by creative hip-hop group Indigenous Outreach Projects, who work with Indigenous communities across Australia, and Footscray-based organisation L2R, who deliver dance programs, performances and workshops for children and young people across Melbourne's Western suburbs. Selected performances will be accompanied by Auslan interpreters.
- **Kids Disco Parties** – Trent Ray from Kids Disco Parties Melbourne will lead dance workshops for families to learn easy-to-follow moves for children as young as two years old and encourage kids to express themselves through dance and play.
- **Big and Bold Jewellery making with Haus of Dizzy** – In this workshop created by Wiradjuri designer Kristy Dickinson, from Haus of Dizzy, kids will learn how to make paper jewellery designs inspired by the costume pieces in NGV summer exhibition *Gabrielle Chanel. Fashion Manifesto*. Dickinson will teach families how to create super-sized paper bracelets using accessible materials in a new and exciting way.
- **Paper Hats with Architecture for Kids School** – Architect and educator Louise O'Brien, from Architecture for Kids School, will lead a paper hat making activity in the Great Hall inspired by the NGV Garden and the 2021 NGV Architecture Commission *pond[er]*, a pink pond inspired by inland Victoria's pink salt lakes. O'Brien will demonstrate how kids can make sculptural hats using paper and craft materials to design their own wearable architecture.
- **The Gecko and the Mermaid: Djerrkṇu Yunupijṇu and Her Sister** – NGV's new kids exhibition celebrates the vibrant culture and community of the Yolṇu people through the work of two pioneering artists and sisters. The exhibition features artworks depicting creatures including geckos, turtles, and lizards and will introduce young audiences to Yolṇu art, culture and language and provide an opportunity for children and families to learn more about and engage with the rich culture from North-East Arnhem Land.
- **Relaxed sessions** – Early morning relaxed sessions for *The Gecko and the Mermaid: Djerrkṇu Yunupijṇu and Her Sister* will be running Monday 17 to Friday 21 January from 8.30 am - 10.00 am. Relaxed sessions provide an opportunity for young visitors with autism or disability who may benefit from a quieter experience to access the children's exhibition before the Gallery opens with fewer visitors and reduced sensory stimuli. There will also be sensory maps available to help visitors navigate the exhibition.
- **NGV Teens Styling a Look** – This two-hour workshop led by Melbourne-based fashion stylist and creative director Aurie Indianna will teach teens industry first knowledge about becoming a stylist, preparing for photo shoots and styling celebrities. Indianna's clients include rapper Baker Boy, singer Elliot and hotel W Melbourne.
- **Playgroups Victoria drop-by sessions** – Not-for-profit organisation Playgroups Victoria will host drop-by playgroups in the Asian Art Gallery at NGV International encouraging young families to build social communities



and facilitating sensory based activities responding to key themes in current NGV exhibitions including cultural diversity, use of everyday materials and experimentation.

- **Activity trails** – Activity sheets will be available throughout the festival inviting families to explore the NGV. Yolŋu author, filmmaker and artist Siena Mayutu Wurmarri Stubbs has created an activity trail in collaboration with NGV to lead families on bird watching expeditions in the Grollo Equiset garden. Activity sheets will also guide visitors through the NGV Collection to discover family favourite artworks and to the *Maree Clarke: Ancestral Memories* exhibition at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia to learn about Possum-skin cloaks through Clarke's work.

Tony Ellwood AM, Director of the NGV, said: 'The Kids Summer Festival is often a child or families first interaction with the NGV and can be a formative experience for young people. Offering free art and design inspired activities is an integral part of NGV's year-round program for kids and teenagers and offers young creatives an opportunity to engage with art in a fun and accessible environment.'

The Honourable Danny Pearson, Minister for Creative Industries, Victorian Government, said 'Each year the NGV Kids Summer Festival offers Victorian families an opportunity to explore their creativity in the heart of the city. This program offers an abundance of free events and activities that is available for everyone and highlights the important role NGV plays for young people and their families in the thriving cultural landscape of Melbourne.'

Upon arrival visitors will be asked to present proof of vaccination status if over the age of 12 and two months and enter your contact details for contact tracing purposes. For further information on proof of vaccination please see [our website](#) for more details.

NGV Kids Summer Festival runs 15 – 23 January 2022 and is FREE. Bookings are recommended for all events. Capacity for in-person events may be limited due to social distancing. Further information is available from the NGV website: NGV.MELBOURNE

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Charlotte, Florence and Penelope enjoy Naminapu Maymuru-White's floor-based work *Ringitjmi gapu*, 2021 part of *Bark Ladies: Eleven Artists from Yirrkala* from 7 December 2021 – 25 April 2022 at NGV International, Melbourne.

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