

# Arquitectura De Feria

## AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

### Antigua I Barbuda, Catalonia



Photo: *Arquitectura de Feria*

Coming to Parramatta this summer exclusively for Sydney Festival, *Arquitectura de Feria* (Fairground of Architecture) is a fairground like no other. This free experience in Prince Alfred Square will run for the duration of the festival and is open to the public every day except Mondays.

Recycled objects gain new life in surprising and spectacular ways, in this captivating wonderland of fun. Constructed from gas stoves, sinks, toilets, hair dryers, sewing machines, juicers, bicycles and much more, *Arquitectura de Feria* gives new life to objects repurposing them into a fully functioning mechanical feat of engineering.

Designed for adults as well as children, the rides are created so that adults operate the machinery to get the ride moving. After a day propelling the kids on the rides, the children are then encouraged to operate a mechanical fan whilst the grownups take in some story-telling and relax on a sunbed lounger.

Founded in 2002 by **Jordà Ferré**, Catalanian theatre company *Antigua I Barbuda*, specialises in circus, construction, animation and mechanical theatre. The European family of artisans, led by founder Ferré and **Oscar de Paz** (who became partner in 2009) sets out to build rides that connect children to adults through play. The wonderland of fun has participants and actors twirling handles and spinning pedals to operate the whimsical fairground machines – including a hand-cranked Ferris wheel fitted out with toilet seats, a bicycle-powered carousel with a spinning crocodile and a rocket ship, and recycled olive stones used for target shooting.

Parramatta's *Summer Nights* will be a fun-packed all new Festival precinct running on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the festival. Market Street will be closed off, joining Riverside Theatre and Prince Alfred Square together to create a new hub featuring live music, drinks, food and *Arquitectura de Feria*.

*Arquitectura de Feria* provides a feast of the senses, bringing a surprising and spectacular experience to Parramatta this summer.

Where Prince Alfred Square, Parramatta

When 7-24 January

## MEDIA RELEASE

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Phone 61 2 8248 6500 Fax 61 2 8248 6599  
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Tuesdays – Thursdays & Sundays 2.00pm-8.00pm  
Friday & Saturday from 2.00pm – 10.00pm  
Closed Mondays

Price FREE  
Weight and height restrictions apply.  
Sydney Festival on 1300 856 876  
<http://sydneyfestival.org.au/feria>

Looking for more free fun? Find out the full schedule for Summer Nights in Prince Alfred Square by visiting  
<http://sydneyfestival.org.au/summernights>

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