

Family Week

A jam-packed week full of family shows and free fun.

Sunny Ray and The Magnificent Moon / My Family's Weirder Than Yours / Tolu / Lawn Library / Mask Making With The Australian Museum / Inside The Loop! / Dance Your Hyde Off With Guru Dudu / Super Box Friend / Anna Van Riel / Tiwi Dance Lesson / Bubble Disco



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Sydney Festival has the school holidays covered with a week full of shows, activities, and free fun to engage and entertain growing hands, feet, ears, minds and imaginations.

Kids can escape the heat and create masks with the **Australian Museum**, discover the rhythms in everyday sounds with multi-instrumentalist **Adam Page** in *Inside the Loop!* be delighted by **Anna Van Riel**, **Bubble Disco** and **Tiwi Dance Lesson**, and drop into the **City of Sydney's** leafy **Lawn Library**, all for free.

Some special free activities **to register for** at <http://sydneyfestival.org.au/familyweek> are *Dance Your Hyde Off with Guru Dudu*, a silent disco walking tour and *Super Box Friends* with media artists and future makers, **Cake Industries**, where kids can unleash their inner artist.

Visit the Meriton Festival Village in Hyde Park every day, **12 – 16 January from 10am – 3pm.**

Sunny Ray and The Magnificent Moon

World premiere

Arena Theatre Company & Salvador Dinosaur, Australia

Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent, 12 January at 3pm, 13 – 16 January at 10am & 12pm

General Admission \$25, Suitable for ages 4+

<http://sydneyfestival.org.au/sunny>

Find out what happens when the sun and the moon stay up all night together.

Meet Sunny Ray: happy, light, a true wonder of the world. Sunny loves her life but has always secretly wanted to know... what happens when she goes to bed? Meet her best friend in the sky, the Magnificent Moon: the all-night party guy who gets to stay up every night. Then one bedtime Sunny breaks all the rules and doesn't go to sleep.

From the imaginations of **Clare Bartholomew** and **Daniel Tobias**, creators of the internationally acclaimed Die Rotten Punkte and **Arena Theatre Company**, and featuring original music inspired by everything from folk to funk, disco and pop, Sunny Ray and the Magnificent Moon will delight audiences aged four years and over.

My Family's Weirder Than Yours
Josh Earl, Australia

The Famous Spiegeltent. 12 January at 10am, 13 January at 11am & 1pm, 14 – 16 January at 11am
General Admission \$25, Suitable for ages 5+
<http://sydneyfestival.org.au/weirder>

Do you ever feel like you're the only normal one in your family?

Meet **Josh Earl**, because he feels your pain. In his first kids' show, the award-winning comedian tells tales of a dad who can't read maps, a mum who can't be spoken to when her shows are on, a nan who needs a lesson in table manners and a dog that burps bubbles.

Its family-friendly mayhem with songs, stand-up and cartoons, bound to have everyone in stitches.

Tolu
Casus Circus, Australia

The Famous Spiegeltent, 14 – 16 January at 1pm
General Admission \$30, Suitable for ages 4+
<http://sydneyfestival.org.au/tolu>

Audiences of all ages will have their imaginations sparked by the three awe-inspiring performers, as they twist, flip, spiral, balance, jump and climb in a world where bodies become building blocks, gravity is broken and the stage is transformed into a child's playground.

Three friends left to their own devices discover each other's likes, dislikes and soft spots in a vivaciously fun story told through circus, dance and play by the sensational **Casus Circus**. Energetic, thrilling and lyrical, *Tolu* will leave families wanting more.

Free Activities Schedule.

Please note *free activities that require bookings:

All children's events require a parent or carer/guardian to accompany them at all times.

Tiwi Dance Lessons: As Elders, the Strong Women's group from the Tiwi Islands have been dancing and singing together their whole lives. All the way from the far north of Australia, they are here to share their ancestors' stories, songs and dances.

Fancy yourself as a shark, crocodile, turtle or a rainbow? Bring along the whole family for a lesson in traditional Tiwi song and dance. Suitable for ages 4+

When: Saturday 16 January, 11 - 11.40am
Where: DJ Booth
Hyde Park North (Entry near Archibald Fountain)

Super Box Friends: Workshops (10 – 12pm): The workshop is for an elite group of young cardboard robot builders. Cake Industries will spend the first 90 minutes with 30 kids (strictly 6-10 year olds) ***Workshops are free, but ticketed.**

Free Play/ Robot Hospital (12.30 – 3pm): For those who can't make the workshop, or perhaps don't fit the age requirement, stick around in the Meriton Festival Village each afternoon when the Box Friends created during the morning workshops, as well as the regular Super Box Friends, will roam wild. If a Box Friend breaks down, you can take it along to the Robot Hospital for some special care and attention.

Guru Dudu: Guru Dudu invites you on a hilarious walking, dancing adventure through the Festival Village and Hyde Park. In this silent disco tour, everyone wears headphones (supplied) and listens to Guru Dudu's fun commentary while indulging in some spontaneous flash-mob dancing to upbeat music from the 70s through to the noughties. ***This event is free, but ticketed.** Bring the whole family. Recommended for 4+.

Adam Page: Explore the sounds in everyday objects, discover the rhythms in your name and build symphonies of yourself by recording spontaneous sounds live into looping pedals. Suitable for 5+

Ana Van Riel: Babies, primary aged children and adults alike will delight in this ukulele playing Mama's cheeky humour and catchy tunes – all the while highlighting sustainable and healthy living. Suitable for ages 2 - 8

Bubble Disco: People of all ages can enjoy this silent disco, with **DJ Misbehaviour** spinning tunes that are sure to get the entire family on the dancefloor and amongst the plentiful bubbles floating around. Suitable for 4+

Paper Plane Making Workshops: In preparation for the Great Paper Plane Race at Barangaroo, drop-in to the Lawn Library anytime during the festival to make your own paper plane, or come to one of our workshops to learn some special tips and tricks. ***Spaces will be made available on a 'first in best dressed' basis.**

Where	Meriton Festival Village in Hyde Park Hyde Park North, entry near Archibald Fountain
When	12 - 16 January, 10am - 3pm
Bookings	Spaces are limited for some activities. For full details, visit http://sydneyfestival.org.au/familyweek Sydney Festival 1300 856 876
Access	All minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult A selection of food and beverages will be available.



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