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The Ephemeral City

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Olivier Grossetête, France



Photo: Vincent Lucas

Art and architecture will collide in cardboard chaos as we ask Sydney to help build monumental structures using nothing more than cardboard and scotch tape.

Sydney's new creative playground, the Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve, will be home to one of the largest community participation events presented in Sydney Festival's 40-year history, with **Olivier Grossetête's** fantastically epic *The Ephemeral City*. People of all ages are invited to take part in constructing a temporary city before witnessing its destruction on Australia Day.

Olivier Grossetête works with 'ephemeral architecture': site specific constructions inspired the collective sense of a utopian architecture, a childhood dream. These works become a collective performance with the participation of the public.

Grossetête has constructed cardboard metropolises around Europe, each unique design a fleeting interpretation of the local architecture and community. Sydneysiders are invited to assemble boxes to build a monumental city without cranes or machines, but collectively, with human hands.

Those seeking an adrenaline rush can get a bird's eye view from the free Flying Fox - zipping between the cardboard buildings on a giant 165m zip line. All of this will take place inside the Cutaway, a massive cultural space built within the new headland park at Barangaroo Reserve.

Children can channel their inspiration from this mammoth artwork into cardboard collective **BOXWARS'** free creative workshops – the perfect school holiday activity.

Where the Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve

When 8 - 26 January
Closed Mondays

Construction: 8–24 January, 1pm–4pm & 5pm–8pm

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Demolition: 26 January at 3.30pm – 4.30pm
BOXWARS Kids Workshops: 12-24 January, 2pm–7pm
Flying Fox: 8-24 January, 2pm–8pm
Gallery Hour:
8–24 January, 8pm–9pm
26 January, 1pm–3pm

Tickets FREE

Further info sydneyfestival.org.au/ephemeralcity



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