



**2023**

**AWESOME**

**International Arts Festival  
for Bright Young Things**

**Kelmscott Hall: 23 & 24 September**

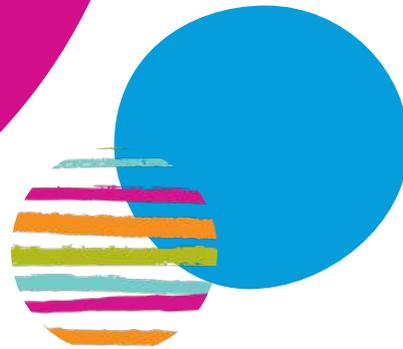
**Yagan Square Amphitheatre: 25 - 30 September**

**Perth Cultural Centre: 26 - 30 September**

# WELCOME

## Acknowledgement of Country

AWESOME Arts Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to elders past, present and emerging. We are proud that this Festival takes place on Whadjuk Noongar Boodja.



## Welcome to the 2023 AWESOME Festival!

You'll love this year's program, packed full of magic, wonder and fun for all ages. We're so excited to once again be working with artists from all around the country to bring together an internationally recognised festival that connects children with storytelling through a range of art forms.

Once again, we've commissioned a beautiful children's ballet to present free performances which, this year, will be *Little Red Riding Hood*. You can catch it on the main stage each day at 10am and 11am.

We have another stellar line-up of performances and shows, including the Perth premier of the Albany-grown *The Magical Weedy Seadragon* by Breaksea and the premiere of the children's version of acclaimed musical sensation *Space Music* by Australian Baroque.

We're also thrilled to be co-presenting two programs which allow us to not only present beautiful art for children but also to mentor local artists. Make sure you check out *Alex and Evie and the Forever Falling Rain* by Every Other Theatre Company co-presented with The Blue Room Theatre, and our exhibition at the State Theatre Centre of WA created by Artist in Residence Declan White, co-presented with DADAA.

Also not to be missed on the theatre circuit, Windmill Theatre Company bring Ted Prior's *Grug* to life in *Grug and the Rainbow*, Holly Austin gives a whole new meaning to sound and mime in *Dr AudiYO's Giant Adventure*, Madness of Two go on an adventure to the stars in *Claire Della and the Moon*, and the fabulous folks at Sensorium Theatre are back with the critically acclaimed *Wondzbox*.

For an interactive art experience, check out Patch Theatre's delightful *Sea of Light* installation or join Paul Rowe in his behind-the-scenes backstage adventure *Theatre of Dreams*. You can also join celebrated graphic storyteller *James Foley* for a comic book workshop.

This year we are excited to be partnering with the City of Armadale to present a very special AWESOME FESTIVAL HUB at Kelmscott Hall on 23-24 September, and in another first, we will be welcoming world-renowned artist Evelyn Roth and her *Nylon Zoo* in Perth. Head to the Yagan Square amphitheatre to experience the fun these gorgeous inflatable creatures bring.

If some chillout time is what you're looking for, why not join Sensorium Theatre, Renae Hayward, Kelly Canby, Katie Stewart and Isobel Bevis for some bookish delights in our Story Hub, hosted by the one and only Glenn Swift.

And of course, you can't miss our artist-led creative hubs for fun, free activities throughout the festival. Whether you're making music, learning some circus skills, weaving wetland animals, getting crafty, looking for natural treasure, or wandering through the magnificent children's market of home-made goods, there's something for everyone.

While *Grug* is searching for a rainbow, we can help you find one easily at Chicho Gelato with our special edition *Grug Gelato*. Don't forget to drop in and have a taste while you're in the city.

We are so excited to welcome you back to another festival filled to the brim with opportunities to learn, grow and most importantly – imagine! On behalf of the entire team at AWESOME, I can't wait for you to experience the magic of the festival this September school holidays.

I'll see you there!

**Jenny Simpson  
& Team AWESOME**





### Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas

On behalf of the City of Perth, welcome everyone to the 2023 AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things.

Every September School Holidays the AWESOME Festival highlights what a great destination our city is for families, where you'll find world class theatre, dance, music, exhibitions, workshops, literature and film.

The Perth Cultural Centre will come alive with activities, exhibitions and performances including *Grug and the Rainbow* by Windmill Theatre. I know that every year at the festival, thousands of families enjoy the free children's ballet and this year will be an absolute winner with *Little Red Riding Hood* taking the stage.

Journey with your family into outer space at the State Library of WA with Australian Baroque's *Space Music*, and whilst you're there you can brush up on your circus skills, weave a gigantic turtle or learn to play the ukulele at the free artist-led creative hubs.

The AWESOME Festival is very affordable for families with half the program presented free of charge. Once again, the festival has teamed up with City of Perth Parking to ensure that families get great value when they attend the event.

The City of Perth is definitely the place to be for families, and the 2023 AWESOME Festival is the place to be these September School Holidays.

I wish the 2023 AWESOME Festival every success and look forward to welcoming families to the City of Perth these school holidays.

See you in the City.



### Roger Cook MLA Premier

Welcome to the 2023 AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things.

The State Government, through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and Lotterywest, is proud to support AWESOME Arts and give families the opportunity to share in a delightful celebration of arts and culture during the school holidays.

The AWESOME Festival offers young people and their families access to arts, culture and creativity while showcasing our vibrant and thriving State to visitors.

The 2023 AWESOME Festival program features some outstanding Western Australian talent. Breaksea's premiere of *The Magical Weedy Seadragon* will take us on a transformative adventure from shore to ocean, which I'm sure will delight. I am also very pleased that the festival will once again invite thousands of children and their families to experience *Little Red Riding Hood*, directed by Andries Weidemann, for free.

As ever, there is a vast array of Western Australian authors, performers and visual artists in this year's program, demonstrating the richness and diversity of cultural talent in WA.

Recognising the importance of engaging young people in quality arts experiences and creative processes, I encourage you to get involved, try something new, be curious and use your imagination.

I am sure you will enjoy the 2023 AWESOME Festival and the excellence and wonder the festival has to offer.



### David Templeman MLA Minister for Culture and the Arts

Welcome to the 2023 AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things.

With the support of the State Government, the 2023 AWESOME Festival Program features a wide range of world class acts across theatre, music, visual art, film, literature and creative workshops.

This year at the AWESOME Festival our magnificent State Theatre Centre will once again come alive as a festival hub featuring extraordinary shows, exhibitions, and hands-on activities including *Grug and the Rainbow*, Sensorium Theatre's magical *Wondexbox* and the immensely popular free circus hub with Yip Yip Circus.

The AWESOME Festival always shines a light on our extraordinary West Australian talent and 2023 is no exception. Check out the hilarious new version of *Little Red Riding Hood*, the new children's ballet directed by Andries Weidemann, and Emotional First Aid Ambulance by Lex Randolph. *The Magical Weedy Sea Dragon* by Breaksea will captivate one and all and if, like me, you love colourful artwork, then you'll be inspired by our *Festival Artist-in-Residence*, Declan White. Declan has been working with his DADAA arts mentors to create a truly delightful exhibition for us all to enjoy!

2023 sees the inclusion of an AWESOME Festival hub in Kelmscott in partnership with the City of Armadale so jump on a Transperth train and head south for a weekend of AWESOME fun and creativity at the Kelmscott Hall on the weekend of 23-24 September.

As Minister for Culture and the Arts, I am a proud supporter of the AWESOME Festival. I love that it focuses on engagement and participation of young people, and the Festival delivers fantastic opportunities to Western Australian families.

I hope to see you there!





# Access Guide

AWESOME Arts Australia believes in and supports the Social Model of Disability. We are proud to work with children, artists and audiences within the disability community. Our approach to access and inclusion is informed by the voices of the community.

If you have a child with access or additional needs, we have created a guide so you and your child can get the most out of your Festival experience. We know that all children are different, so the guide has been designed so you can make informed choices based on the specific needs of your child. The guide is available from [awesomearts.com](http://awesomearts.com). If you have a question about accessibility that is not addressed in the guide, please contact us by calling (08) 9328 9666 or emailing [admin@awesomearts.com](mailto:admin@awesomearts.com) and we would be happy to assist.

## HOW TO BOOK

Follow the ticketing link on the show/workshop page or visit [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival) to purchase tickets online. You can also call us at AWESOME on (08) 9328 9666 during business hours.

We are here to help!

## GETTING HERE

**WALK** from the city. Walk across the Perth Train Station pedestrian bridge or through Yagan Square.

**BUS** to Perth Busport, then walk up William Street to the west entrance of Perth Cultural Centre at James Street.

**TRAIN** to Perth Train Station then walk up William Street to the west entrance of Perth Cultural Centre at James Street.

**CAT BUS** the Blue Cat stop 5 (Beaufort St entrance to Perth Cultural Centre), Stop 12 (Corner of James St and Francis St).

## CITY OF PERTH PARKING:

- State Library Car Park, Francis Street
- Cultural Centre Car Park, Roe Street (Northbridge)

## AWESOME CITY OF PERTH PARKING OFFER!

We've partnered with City of Perth Parking to offer you 5 hours of parking for just \$8\*.

Park at the State Library or Perth Cultural Centre City of Perth Car Parks between 25 September and 30 September 2023 and validate your ticket at the AWESOME Ticket both located in the Perth Cultural Centre to redeem the offer.

The AWESOME Ticket Booth is open for ticket validation from 9:30am – 3:00pm from 25 September – 30 September.

\*Please note, this offer will be applied for people arriving and leaving between 6:00am and 5:59pm and only applicable to those who park at the State Library Car Park (entry located at 15 Francis Street, Northbridge) and Perth Cultural Centre Car Park (entry located at 2 Roe Street, Northbridge).

## CONNECT WITH US

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**Wesfarmers Arts**

THE AWESOME  
FESTIVAL &  
WESFARMERS  
ARTS / MAKING  
THE IMPOSSIBLE  
POSSIBLE



2023 AWESOME Festival and Wesfarmers Arts presents

# CLAIRE DELLA AND THE MOON

Ellen Graham & Jamie Hornsby

Claire Della just doesn't fit in. The things that make sense to everyone else don't seem to make sense to her, and the world is a loud and frightening place. So, she retreats to the safety and quiet of the Moon, where there's no one to bother her and no one for her to disappoint. But when her link between worlds is shattered, Claire must team up with Laika, the adventurous space dog, to find a way home or else be lost forever.

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am daily

**Venue:** Rehearsal Room 1,  
State Theatre Centre of Western Australia

**Duration:** 50 minutes

**Cost:** \$24 Admit, \$19 Groups 4+, \$19 Concession

**Tickets:** [artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival](https://artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival)

**Place of Origin:** SA  
**Art Form:** Theatre

**AGES:**  
8+



2023 AWESOME Festival and Wesfarmers Arts presents

# DR AUDIYO'S GIANT ADVENTURE

Holly Austin

Dr AudiYO arrives at the party, ready to make some noise and spin some tunes with her records...but all is quiet. Where have all the party guests gone? Dr AudiYO discovers a big problem, a giant Beast has awakened and is on a rampage to silence the city! Fusing old school clowning and mime techniques with new skool beatbox and cutting-edge wireless looping technology, *Dr AudiYO's Giant Adventure* is a music-filled experience about courage, connection and the power of collective action.

**Credits:** A Cubbyhouse Co. production

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 1pm daily

**Venue:** Rehearsal Room 1, State Theatre Centre of Western Australia,

**Duration:** 50 minutes

**Cost:** \$24 Admit, \$19 Groups 4+, \$19 Concession

**Tickets:** [artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival](https://artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival)

**Place of Origin:** NSW  
**Art Form:** Theatre

**AGES:**  
8+



2023 AWESOME Festival and Wesfarmers Arts presents

# GRUG AND THE RAINBOW

Place of Origin: SA  
Art Form: Theatre

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A Windmill Theatre Company production

Join Grug on an enchanting adventure to find the rainbow!

After a rainy day, Grug heads outside to see a beautiful rainbow striped across the sky. He tries to sneak up on it, climbing hills and mountains in an attempt to reach it... but it was always just out of his grasp.

In a magical adaptation of Ted Prior's beloved picture books, *Grug and the Rainbow* sees our grassy little friend embark on an epic adventure to bask in the colours of the illusive rainbow.

A smash hit all over the world, *Grug and the Rainbow* brings its exquisite puppetry and heart-warming humour back to delight audiences.

Dates & Times: Wed 27 - Sat 30 Sept, 11am and 1pm daily

Venue: Studio Underground, State Theatre Centre of WA

Duration: 35 minutes

Cost: \$24 Admit, \$19 Concession, \$19 Groups 4+  
[artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival](http://artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival)



FLAVOUR OF THE FESTIVAL

## GRUG GELATO

Don't worry - we promise this gelato doesn't taste like a Burrawang tree!

Visit Chicho Gelato on William St to check out this limited-edition flavour inspired by Grug and all he represents - curiosity, magic and creativity!

Disclaimer: Grug was not harmed to create this gelato. Just as Grug is inspired by the rainbow, the lovely folks at Chicho were inspired by Grug when making this creation.

Image Credit: Shane Reid and Thomas McCammon



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South Australia



TWILIGHT

FOOD

MARKET



**RETURNING SOON!**

Experience the ultimate outdoor dining extravaganza when the City of Perth's Twilight Food Market returns this October! Bring family and friends into the City to enjoy the ambience of this wonderful market serving up authentic, delicious street food paired with live music at Forrest Place from 4:30pm.

**6 October 2023 to 29 March 2024, Forrest Place**  
**Fridays from 4:30pm**

2023 AWESOME Festival and The West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) presents

# LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

West Australian Academy of Performing Arts

Little Red Riding Hood is, traditionally, a cautionary tale about listening to your parents and being careful of strangers, but in this gorgeous retelling little Red is empowered to take matters into her own hands. Join her in her ballet against Wolf, as she tries to save Granny and herself from being eaten! Told in glorious classical ballet form, this production brims with surprising twists and turns.

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am & 11am daily

**Venue:** James St Amphitheatre, Perth Cultural Centre

**Duration:** 45 minutes with workshop

**Cost:** FREE! No bookings required.

To best enjoy this special outdoor performance, we recommend wearing sunscreen and a hat.

Place of Origin: WA

Art Form: Ballet

ALL AGES

Choreographer: Andries Weidemann

Design: Robbie Harrold

Composer: Dr Emma Jayakumar

Vocals & narration: Robert Hoffman & Caitlin Cassidy

Original music: Sally Boud, Mark Tooby and

Joanne Littlely, Josh Webster & Jenny Smith

Stick around the Perth Cultural Centre for free lunch time concerts! From 1pm Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, grab some lunch and join us for fabulous entertainment.



Yagan Square and the 2023 AWESOME Festival presents

# NYLON ZOO

Evelyn Roth

Nylon Zoo is coming to Yagan Square!

Have you ever stepped inside the jaws of a great white shark?

Have you encountered a GIGANTIC frilled neck lizard?

Evelyn Roth's Nylon Zoo of huge inflatable creatures is taking over the Yagan Square Amphitheatre. There'll be storytelling, dress-ups, dancing, LOTS of selfies, and best of all it's FREE!

**Dates & Times:** Mon 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am – 3pm daily

**Venue:** Yagan Square Amphitheatre

**Cost:** FREE! No bookings required.

This experience is partially outside, so we recommend wearing sunscreen and a hat.

Place of Origin: SA

Art Form: Interactive

ALL AGES



2023 AWESOME Festival and The Blue Room Theatre presents

# ALEX AND EVIE AND THE FOREVER FALLING RAIN

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Theatre

AGES:  
6+

every other theatre company

Evie just moved to a place where it's always raining. But before her 10th birthday tomorrow, she's going to stop it. Then, Alex arrives at her door. Evie doesn't trust him but, as her closest cat confidant points out, the rain isn't something you can stop alone. And so, the adventure, and the greatest friendship of all time, begins.

Dates & Times: Sat 23 Sept 6pm, Wed 27 Sept 1pm,  
Thurs 28 – Sat 30 Sept, 1pm and 6pm daily

Venue: The Blue Room Theatre

Duration: 50 min

Cost: \$24 Admit, \$19 Groups 4+, \$19 Concession

Tickets: [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

The  
Blue Room  
Theatre

every other  
theatre company



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2023 AWESOME Festival and Wesfarmers Arts presents

# WONDERBOX

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Theatre

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8+

Sensorium Theatre

Sensorium Theatre - Australia's only theatre company making work specifically designed for young audiences with disability and their friends - invites children to roll the dice and set out along a safe, exhilarating pathway into the unknown. Inside a giant puzzle-box of illusions, kooky-carnival friends with magic in their pockets lead audiences into an immersive multi-sensory wonderland of fantastical large-scale projections, strange tiny delights, and infectious live music. EVERY child's curiosity is celebrated and rewarded with wondrous surprises.

Dates & Times: Tues 26 Sept – Sat 30 Sept,  
10.30am and 1.30pm daily

Venue: Middar Room,

State Theatre Centre of Western Australia

Duration: 60 minutes

Cost: \$15.50 Child, \$5 Adult Observer,  
Companion Card Holders Free

Tickets: [artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival](https://www.artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival)



Image Credit: Christoph Canato

sensorium  
theatre

STATE THEATRE CENTRE

# 2023 AWESOME Festival presents

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

### Declan White

Declan White is an early career artist who has previously created works out of DADAA's Midland studios. As the 2023 AWESOME Festival Artist in residence, Declan's colourful artworks will be on display in the Studio Underground Foyer at the State Theatre Centre of WA.

Declan is an incredibly focused and deliberate artist, meticulously working out his designs. His preferred medium is coloured pencil and ink with which he creates intricate, detailed drawings from still life and other references of interest. He often gravitates towards nature and animals, which frequently reflects in his work. Declan also uses paint markers, acrylic and various printmaking techniques and is exploring large-scale representations of his work.

**Dates & Times:** Tue 26 Sept, 10am - 3pm

**Venue:** Studio Underground, State Theatre Centre of WA

**Cost:** FREE! No bookings required

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Visual Arts

ALL  
AGES



STATE THEATRE CENTRE



DADAA

## THEATRE OF DREAMS

### Paul Rowe

THANK GOODNESS YOU MADE IT! The Theatre of Dreams has been struck down by a terrible case of 'Gibberish'. All the actors and back of house crew may have been affected. The only people who can possibly save us are YOU, our tour members! Guided by your beautifully zany tour host Pully, come for a madcap crash course in the theatre. The show simply MUST GO ONNNNNN!!

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 - Sat 30, 12.15pm and 2.15pm daily

**Venue:** State Theatre Centre of WA

**Duration:** Approximately 45 minutes

**Cost:** \$10 General Admission, \$5 Groups 4+

**Tickets:** [artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival](https://artsculturetrust.wa.gov.au/awesome-festival)

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Backstage musical tour

AGES:  
5+



## PUBLIC ART TOURS

### Alan Guest

Join our AWESOME Festival tour guide Alan to discover some of the most exciting and interesting public art in our city. From rooftops to dungeons, little and big people alike are sure to love this walking tour! Meet at the AWESOME Festival Box Office to be taken on an art adventure!

**Dates & Times:** Wed 27 and Fri 29 Sept, 10.30am

**Venue:** Perth Cultural Centre

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Cost:** FREE - Bookings required.

**Register at** [awesomearts.com/festival](https://awesomearts.com/festival)

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Art Tour

ALL  
AGES



2023 AWESOME Festival presents

# THE MAGICAL WEEDY SEADRAGON

## Breaksea

On finding a Magical Weedy Seadragon washed up on shore, our protagonist – a young child who has forgotten how to be kind – decides to take the Seadragon home rather than returning it to the sea. To teach the child a lesson, the Seadragon casts a spell on the child turning them into a fish. Thus a magical sea adventure begins as the child-fish journeys through the Great Southern Reef and beyond to learn the most important lesson of all – kindness. The Magical Weedy Seadragon is an interactive and transformative adventure full of quirky characters and live music.

Dates & Times: Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 11am daily

Venue: The Rechabite

Duration: 60 mins

Cost: \$24 Admit, \$19 Concession, \$19 Groups 4+

Tickets: [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

THE  
RECHABITE

breaksea  
celebrating 5 years

Place of Origin: WA

Art Form:

Musical Theatre

AGES:

4+



Image Credit: Nic Duncan



2023 AWESOME Festival presents

# SPACE MUSIC

## Australian Baroque

In this special musical extravaganza, astrophysicist and planetary geologist Dr Antony Brian joins Australian Baroque to take you on a multi-sensory journey through space and time. Enjoy this specially adapted show for kids with a display of stunning NASA imagery and film accompanied by a chamber ensemble.

Dates & Times: Thurs 28 and Fri 29 Sept, 11am

Venue: State Library of WA Theatre

Duration: 50 minutes

Cost: \$24 Admit, \$19 Concession, \$19 Groups 4+

Tickets: [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

State Library  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Place of Origin: WA

Art Form: Music

AGES:

4+



2023 AWESOME Festival and PICA presents

# SEA OF LIGHT

Patch Theatre

Embark on a journey of light and imagination in the illuminating interactive installation by Patch Theatre. With a UV torch as your paintbrush, paint and stencil your own voyage. Steer ships that leave glowing paths of light in their wake as you sail them across the sea floor. *Sea of Light* brings together magical light and a gentle soundscape to create a unique adventure for the whole family.

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 Sept – Sat 30 Sept,  
10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm daily

**Venue:** Studio 2, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA)

**Duration:** 30 minutes

**Cost:** \$10 Child, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival)

**Place of Origin:** SA

**Art Form:**

**Visual Arts/  
Digital Installation**

**AGES:  
2+**

**Creators:** Geoff Cobham and Michelle 'Maddog' Delaney

**Boat Makers:** Wendy Todd and Jimmy Dodd

**Composer:** Jason Sweeney

The original *Sea of Light* was commissioned by the Art Gallery of South Australia and Illuminate Adelaide in 2021.



**Government of  
South Australia**



**PICA  
Perth Institute of  
Contemporary Arts**

The 2023 AWESOME Festival and Barrowland Ballet presents

# FAMILY PORTRAIT

Barrowland Ballet

*Family Portrait* is a four-screen interactive video installation, combining striking imagery and choreography, capturing Barrowland Ballet's Artistic Director Natasha Gilmore and her three children in an intimate portrayal of family life.

With space to roam in Scotland's natural environment, the children encounter rabbit skulls, converse with spiders, make war paint with berries and discover the fun of burying their mother in bark. With humour and candour, *Family Portrait* shares an honest depiction of what family really is - responsibility, joy, balance, intimacy and, most of all, love.

**Dates & Times:** Mon 25 Sept – Sat 30 Sept  
9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm daily

**Duration:** 35 min

**Venue:** Learning Studio 1, WA Museum Boola Bardip

**Cost:** \$10 Child, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival)

**Place of Origin:** Scotland

**Art Form:** Film/  
Interactive installation

**AGES:  
5+**



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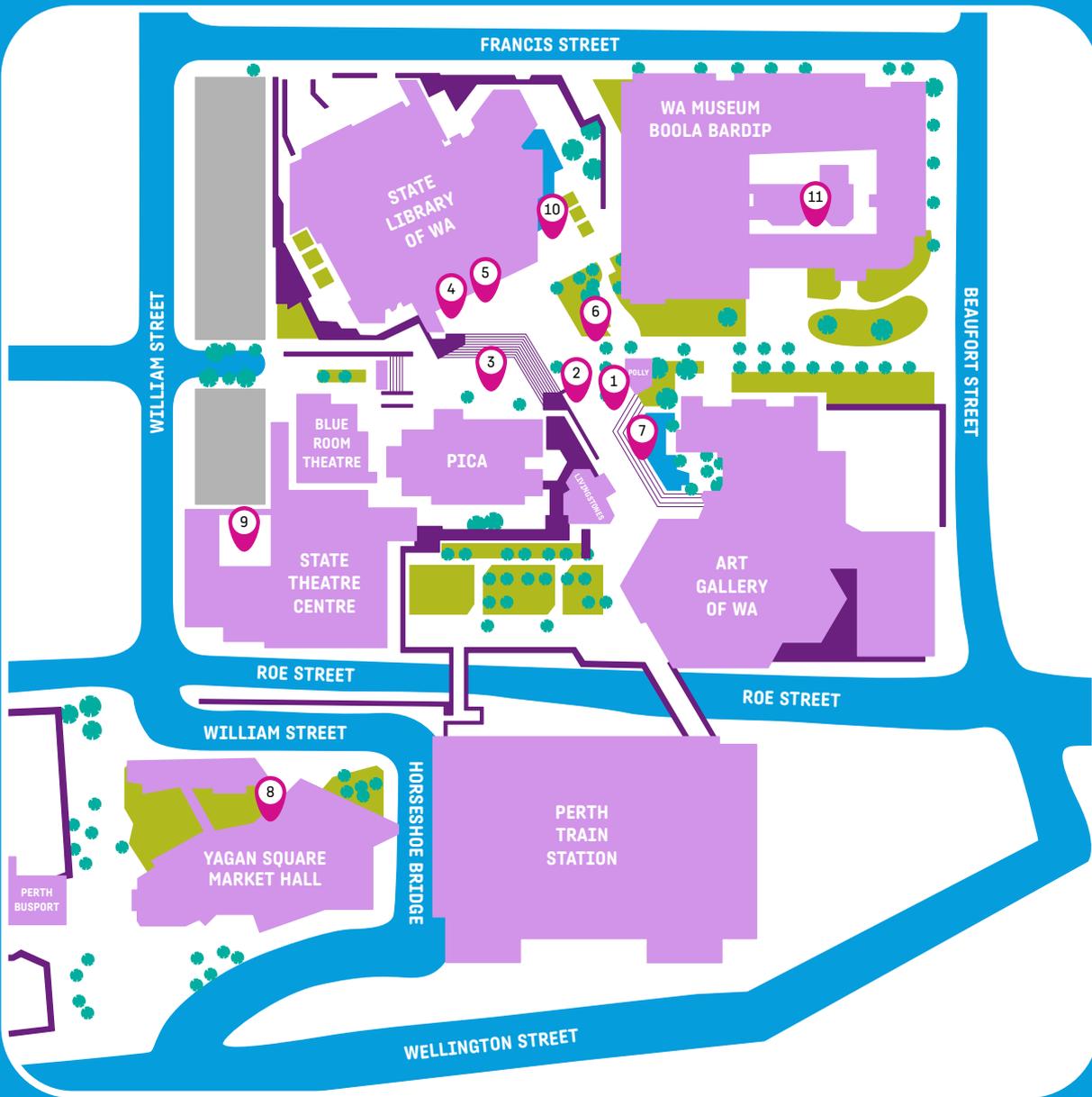
# SCHEDULE

ACT/ACTIVITY/EVENT	GENRE	PAGE
<b>ALL AGES</b>		
Lion is that You?	Exhibition	22
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Crafty Nannas	Creative Hub	18-19
Roll Up, Roll Up!	Creative Hub	18-19
Weaving the Wetland	Creative Hub	18-19
Found Objects*	Creative Hub	18-19
Making Music	Creative Hub	18-19
StoryHub	Creative Hub	18-19
The Mess Hall	Creative Hub	18-19
Future Weaving	Creative Hub	18-19
Nylon Zoo	Storytelling	9
Little Impressions	Exhibition	22
AWESOME Schools	Exhibition	22
Little Red Riding Hood	Classical Ballet	9
Emotional First Aid Ambulance	Installation/Activity	18-19
Public Art Tours	Art Tour	11
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Community Stage	Performance	17
<b>AGES 0-5</b>		
Sensory Rhyme Time	Storytelling	20
Sea of Light	Interactive Art	13
Say Hooray with Renae Hayward	Literature	20
Timeless with Kelly Canby	Literature	21
Space Music	Classical Music	12
Grug & the Rainbow	Theatre	7
<b>AGES 5 AND UP</b>		
Family Portrait	Film	13
When I Can Fly with Katie Stewart	Literature	21
The Magical Weedy Seadragon	Theatre	12
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Alex & Evie and the Ever Falling Rain	Theatre	10
Sensory Storytelling: Ten Tiny Things	Literature	20
Nedingar with Isobel Bevis	Literature	21
<b>AGES 8 AND UP</b>		
Claire Della & the Moon	Theatre	6
Super Secret Short Story Comic Strips with James Foley	Workshop/Literature/Visual Art	24
Dr AudiYo's Giant Adventure	Theatre	6

\*This show is specifically designed for young audiences with a disability and their friends



# FESTIVAL MAP



## KEY

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| 1 AWESOME Box Office        | 5 Activity Tent 1 | 8 Yagan Square Amphitheatre             |
| 2 Kids Market Stalls        | 6 Crafty Nannas   | 9 State Theatre Centre Shaded Courtyard |
| 3 James Street Amphitheatre | 7 Wetlands        | 10 Activity Tent 2                      |
| 4 Seagull Tent              |                   | 11 Activity Tent 3                      |

# Spend the Day at AWESOME Festival

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### AGES 1-4

- 10am Explore the interactive installation *Sea of Light* at PICA
- 11am Catch *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Cultural Centre (Free)
- 12pm Grab some lunch with one of our local vendors
- 1pm Bask in colour at *Grug and the Rainbow* at the State Theatre Centre of WA
- 2pm Explore your senses at *The Mess Hall* at PICA (Free)

### AGES 5-7

- 10am Get crafty with the *Crafty Nannas* in the Perth Cultural Centre (Free)
- 11am Enjoy the music of *The Magical Weedy Seadragon* at The Rechabite
- 12pm Grab some lunch with one of our local vendors
- 1pm Head to The Blue Room Theatre for *Alex & Evie and the Forever Falling Rain*
- 2pm Try your hand at *Weaving the Wetlands* (Free)

### AGES 8-12

- 10am Enjoy the magic of *Claire Della & The Moon* at the State Theatre Centre
- 11am Learn some new circus skills with *Roll Up, Roll Up!* in the State Theatre Centre Courtyard (Free)
- 12pm Grab some lunch with one of our local vendors
- 1pm Get ready to laugh with *Dr AudiYO's Giant Adventure* at the State Theatre Centre of WA
- 2pm Make some noise at *Making Music* in Perth Cultural Centre (Free)

## YOU DESERVE A MEDAL

If you could give someone in your community a medal, who would it be, and why?

Our local communities are full of good people doing good things to help one another. We want you to help us celebrate them. Come along and meet the team from the Equity Project to celebrate someone else in your community who is always looking out for and helping others.



**Ages:** All Ages

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30, 10am – 3pm daily

**Location:** Perth Cultural Centre, Activity Tent 2

## COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Grab some lunch and head on over to the Perth Cultural Centre for our series of lunchtime concerts. Experience some of WA's most loved performers as we take you on a cultural journey of our Western Australian community.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30, 1pm daily

**Location:** James Street Amphitheatre,  
Perth Cultural Centre



# CREATIVE HUBS

Hosted and led by professional West Australian artists, the Creative Hubs are back with tons of free activities to flex those creative muscles.

**Ages: All ages**

**Dates & Times: Tue 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am – 3pm daily**

**Venue: Perth Cultural Centre various locations**



## CRAFTY NANNAS

Textile Artist Louise Snook helps you work wonders with yarn looms, stitching, felting, textile weaving and more!

## ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Do you have what it takes to be a circus performer? Yip Yip Circus are back in the State Theatre Centre Courtyard to teach you what it takes. Learn some new tricks and wow your family with new skills.



## WEAVING THE WETLAND

Have fun exploring your creativity and imagination using cane. Create a real or fictional creature in 3D form to make your own mini sculpture.



## MAKING MUSIC

Have you ever wanted to play a ukulele? Here's your chance. Learn a new song with musician Woody Clark and his many colourful ukulele's in the State Theatre Centre courtyard.

## FOUND OBJECTS

Join artist Sandy McKendrick outside the WA Museum Boola Bardip in Activity Tent 3 for a fun activity that invites you to consider the natural world and the things we find outdoors.

## STORY HUB

Storyteller and host extraordinaire Glenn Swift invites you to enjoy stories, books, rhymes and literature events in the Story Place of the State Library of WA.

\*Please note some events in the Story Place are ticketed, please see the Literature events on pages 20/21 for more information.



## CHILDREN'S MARKET

We've put a callout to young entrepreneurs aged 14 and under to host their own market stall for a day at the 2023 AWESOME Festival. Come along and support our WA kids who will be selling their homemade creations such as jewellery, greeting cards, bags, candles, and more!

## EMOTIONAL FIRST AID AMBULANCE

Have you ever helped someone who was sad, scared, annoyed or worried? What would you say? What tools could you use? Help emotional first aid responder Lex Randolph design items for an Emotional First Aid Kit.



## THE MESS HALL

Join artist Samantha Hughes in the Mess Hall at PICA, a sensory play space, for children to explore their senses with a range of tactile activities.

The 2023 AWESOME Festival and Perth Festival Special Projects presents

# FUTURE WEAVING

*Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak* needs your creativity! Transform an old milk bottle into a beautiful artwork using weaving techniques from Noongar artist Sharyn Egan. Drop past our stall to become a vital collaborator on the awe-inspiring work which will light up Kings Park as part of EverNow in the October school holidays.

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 & Wed 27 Sept,  
10am – 3pm daily

**Venue:** Perth Cultural Centre, Activity Tent 1

Place of Origin: WA

**ALL  
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WESTERN  
AUSTRALIA  
WALKING ON A DREAM



PERTH FESTIVAL  
Special  
Projects

## THE 2023 AWESOME FESTIVAL AND SENSORIUM THEATRE PRESENTS

### SENSORY STORYTELLING: RHYME TIME (HERE IS THE SEA)

#### Sensorium Theatre

Sensorium Theatre's Sensory Storytelling provides children with a multi-sensory reading of their favourite stories and rhymes. Through music and sensory play, everyone, including children with a broad range of access needs, can participate in these interactive sessions.

**Dates & Times:** Wed 27 Sept, 9.30am and 11.30am

**Venue:** The Story Place, State Library of Western Australia

**Duration:** 45 minutes

**Cost:** \$6 Child, Accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)



Place of Origin: WA

Art Form: Multi-sensory  
storytelling

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### SENSORY STORYTELLING: STORYTIME (TEN TINY THINGS)

#### Sensorium Theatre

*Ten Tiny Things* by Meg McKinlay with illustrations by Kyle Hughes-Oggers is an invitation to get out of our shiny machines, to slow down, walk and notice the beauty all around us. This beloved WA story is brought to life by Sensorium Theatre using their trademark multi-sensory approach. Children and their families will go on an interactive journey discovering the *Ten Tiny Things* through all the senses. *Ten Tiny Things* features props made for the audience to touch, smell, look at and listen to.

**Dates & Times:** Wed 27 Sept, 1.30pm

**Duration:** 60min

**Venue:** The Story Place, State Library of Western Australia

**Cost:** \$6 child, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

Place of Origin: WA

Art Form: Multi-sensory  
storytelling

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Image Credit: James Campbell

## SAY HOORAY WITH RENAE HAYWARD

Babies have a lot to learn! Join local author Renae Hayward to celebrate some of the many special developmental milestones in a new baby's life. Perfect for new parents or for families introducing new babies to older siblings, this free read-aloud session depicts babies with diverse backgrounds and abilities in a colourful tribute to all they have to learn.

**Dates & Times:** Wed 27 Sept, 10.30am

**Venue:** The Story Place, State Library of WA

**Duration:** 30 minutes

**Cost:** Free! Bookings required.

**Register at** [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

Place of Origin: WA

Art Form: Literature  
- picture books

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# TIMELESS WITH KELLY CANBY

Award-winning author and illustrator Kelly Canby shares her vibrant new picture book which is all about time — making it, losing it and subverting it! Emit (whose parents turned back time to name him) is surrounded by busyness. Dad is too busy to read stories, Mum is too busy to play games and Emit's brother and sister are simply too busy doing nothing to do anything, at all. Emit tries everything he can think of to get more time, he tries to catch it, wait for it, but it's not until Emit tries to buy some time that he learns the secret which is, if you want time, you have to make it.

**Dates & Times:** Thurs 28 Sept, 11:30am

**Venue:** State Library of WA

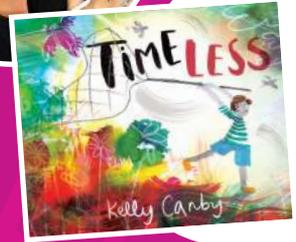
**Duration:** 1 hour

**Cost:** \$12 Child, \$25 including book, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival)



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# WHEN I CAN FLY WITH KATIE STEWART

Little Boobook is obsessed with the idea of going to the city. He promises himself that as soon as he learns to fly, he'll set off on his adventure. The city, however, is not what he imagined at all, and he finds himself missing his mum and ready for a new adventure back at home.

Join Katie Stewart for a delightful story time about taking chances, working hard to achieve your dreams and the comfort of a loving family, followed by a fun activity to create your own little Boobook.

**Dates & Times:** Fri 29 Sept, 10am

**Venue:** The Story Hub, State Library of WA

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Cost:** \$12 Child, \$25 including book, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival)



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# NEDINGAR: ANCESTORS WITH ISOBEL BEVIS

A young child wants to meet their Ancestors. They want to know them, and learn from them and follow their ways. Their mother gently explains that they have already met their Ancestors, yesterday, today and tomorrow, and that they are everywhere in Country, walking close behind them.

Join local author Isobel Bevis for this special dual-language story time that celebrates the beauty of Country and family.

**Dates & Times:** Sat 30 Sept, 10.30am

**Venue:** The Story Place, State Library of WA

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Cost:** \$12 Child, accompanying adult free

**Tickets:** [awesomearts.com/festival](http://awesomearts.com/festival)



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Image Credit: Ryan Gibson

# BOFFINS BOOKSHOP

Thanks to our friends at Boffins, you can get your hands on all the titles by our guest authors this year as well as a huge range of other books to entertain the whole family! A few of our amazing authors will even be signing books during the festival. Don't miss them at the State Library of WA.



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# LION IS THAT YOU?

**Moira Court**

Rumoured sightings of ex-circus cats left to roam wild in Western Australian bush is the inspiration behind Moira Court's, *Lion is that you?* a book that asks you to 'take a good look around. Are there really lions to be found?'

The intricate collage work and draft materials from her picture book will be on display at The Story Place Gallery of the State Library of WA. As you look closely at each illustration, what can you see hidden amongst the unique WA flora and fauna? Are there any clues that a big cat has been there?

**Dates & Times:** Sat 1 July – Sun 1 Oct, 10am – 5.30pm

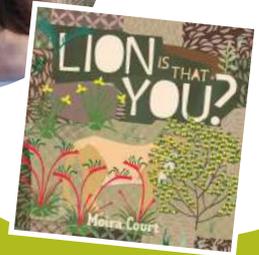
**Venue:** State Library of WA

**Cost:** Free



Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Exhibition

ALL AGES



# LITTLE IMPRESSIONS

Who am I? What makes me happy?

In schools across Western Australia, we asked children to reflect on what makes them individuals and share their self-portraits in this special exhibition.

**Dates & Times:** Tue 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am – 3pm daily

**Venue:** State Theatre Centre of WA Foyer

**Cost:** Free



Art Form: Exhibition

ALL AGES



# AWESOME SCHOOLS 2023

What makes my School Community Unique?

Celebrate the artwork created in the new AWESOME Schools residency program. This year, students at 5 schools have been working with professional artists over 20 workshops to create something meaningful together. Projects combine the arts with key curriculum and wellbeing areas for each school. Come and see the joyous expression of creativity and connection developed by young in people in this very special exhibition.

**Dates & Times:** Tues 26 – Sat 30 Sept, 10am – 3pm

**Venue:** State Theatre Centre of WA Foyer

**Cost:** Free



Art Form: Exhibition

ALL AGES



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# AWESOME

## ARMADALE KIDS' FESTIVAL HUB

23 & 24 SEPTEMBER,  
10AM - 3PM



### LIST OF ACTIVITIES



The AWESOME Festival is landing at the Kelmscott Hall on 23 & 24 September where you'll find free shows, workshops, storytimes and lots of fun activities. See a show, get messy with craft activities, or learn a new skill from 10AM - 3PM each day! Make sure you stop by our Kids' Market Stalls and buy some items created by young entrepreneurs.



Bookings are required for workshops and storytelling sessions. Scan the QR code to view the full program and register!



### EARLY YEARS CREATIVE SPACE

Ages: 0-5

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24  
September, 10AM - 3PM

Genre: Walk-up Activity

Join artist Samantha Hughes in a colourful and engaging space specifically created for the ages 0-5 and their carers to explore a range of tactile activities.

**CARTOONING  
WORKSHOP**

Ages: 6+  
Saturday  
23 September,  
10AM and 2PM  
Genre:  
Workshop

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# SUPER SECRET SHORT STORY COMIC STRIPS

James Foley

Join James Foley for a hands-on writing and drawing workshop making comic strip stories. Your subject - secret agents! James will show you how to draw Max Mole and other characters from his new graphic novel series Secret Agent Mole, and guide you in creating your own short story comics. Invent villains, devise gadgets, and draw dramatic battles. Who will win in your comic? You decide.

Dates & Times: Tuesday 26th September, 11.30am  
Venue: State Library of WA, Education Room  
Duration: 60min  
Cost: \$20.50 Child, Accompanying adult free  
Tickets: [awesomearts.com/festival](https://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

Place of Origin: WA  
Art Form: Workshop

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## NOONGAR STORYTIME

Ages: 0-5  
Saturday 23 September,  
10AM and 11:45AM  
Genre: Literature



## WOODY'S BUSH CABARET

Ages: 4+  
Saturday 23 September,  
11AM and 1PM  
Genre: Music



## RHYME TIME FOR BUBS

Ages: 0-3  
Sunday 24 September,  
10AM and 11:45AM  
Genre: Literature



## DR AUDIYO'S GIANT ADVENTURE

Ages: 8+  
Sunday 24 September,  
11AM and 1PM  
Genre: Theatre/Music



## UKULELE FEVER

Ages: All ages  
Sunday 24 September,  
10AM and 12PM  
Genre: Workshop



## ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

Ages: All ages  
Saturday 23 and Sunday 24  
September, 10AM - 3PM  
Genre: Walk-up Activity



# THANK YOU

AWESOME would like to sincerely thank the local businesses that support our volunteer program: AGWA Design Store, Chicho Gelato, Eillo, Hoodburger, Little Willy's, Planet Books, Ruck Rover General Store, Trackside Bakery, The Court and Toastface Grillah.

We cannot thank our amazing team of volunteers enough for their generous donation of time, skills, smiles and infectious enthusiasm to the 2023 AWESOME Festival. We couldn't do it without you!

## Donate to AWESOME

AWESOME is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to bringing positive change to the lives of Western Australian children and their families. It is a key priority for us to offer high quality activities and performances that are affordable and accessible. To achieve this, we rely heavily on subsidy in order to deliver value to families.

Help us continue to inspire Western Australian families by providing free family programming and heavily subsidised events. Your donation allows young children and families access to high quality experiences and opens them up to the world of the arts.



**DONATE  
HERE**



# VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the AWESOME Festival, and we are always on the hunt for superstar volunteers!

If you want to gain industry experience while sharing your passion for events and the arts, volunteering at the AWESOME Festival is a great way to give back to the community. With various volunteer roles available, every day at the festival brings an opportunity for something new!

If you're looking to learn new skills, gain industry experience or have some fun on your day off, express your interest today! (Ages 15+)  
Email: [volunteer@awesomearts.com](mailto:volunteer@awesomearts.com)

## AWESOME SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

The AWESOME Festival brings colour and excitement to the Perth Cultural Centre every September through an array of arts performances and events. Your students can experience a taste of the AWESOME Festival with our AWESOME Excursions!

An AWESOME Excursion aims to engage primary and early secondary aged students through exciting, inspiring and accessible arts activities and programs. Our excursion packages support cross-curriculum learning and are supported with a dedicated learning resource for teachers.

We can design an excursion that suits the needs of your students and your budget. Email [admin@awesomearts.com](mailto:admin@awesomearts.com) or call us on (08) 9328 9666 for more information.

For just **\$11\*** per person, your AWESOME excursion includes a:

- Performance of your choice
- Excursion management plan
- Educators resource kit
- FREE travel if taking public transport (AWESOME will cover your fare!)

For an extra **\$11\*** per person, you can add-on a 60-minute workshop with a professional artist to create an AWESOME day out!

**\*inclusive of GST**

Dates: Mon 18- Fri 22 Sept

Venue: Perth Cultural Centre, Northbridge

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