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Everyone is invited to take the plunge into Festival 2018 for 12 action-packed days of free culture taking over the Gold Coast from 4-15 April to celebrate the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).



Festival 2018 Gold Coast features over 1,000 performances across music, theatre, circus, dance, ideas, visual arts and film from across the Commonwealth, Australia, Queensland and the Gold Coast.

There will be two main festival sites in Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise operating day and night from 4-15 April as well as art in unexpected places across the coast from Coomera to Coolangatta.

- **Surfers Paradise:** 12 epic Main Stage events plus large scale installations and performances on the beach
- **Broadbeach - Surf Parade** presented by The Star Gold Coast: a street bookended by two massive stages - a dedicated **Queensland Music Stage** and the **Roundabout Stage** with adrenaline-fueled circus and dance.
- **Broadbeach - Kurrawa Park** presented by The Star Gold Coast: an enchanting art playground for young and old

For full program details visit gc2018.com/festival2018



FAMILY PROGRAM

Internationally leading artists, a wonderland at Kurrawa Park Broadbeach and performances on Surfers Paradise Beach will enchant families from 4-15 April at Festival 2018 Gold Coast, the arts and cultural program of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Festival 2018 Gold Coast Co-Creative Director Kate Fell says everyone is invited to explore the magical spaces of Kurrawa Park Broadbeach.

"We've handpicked works of the highest quality by globally leading artists to create this enchanting playground for young and old.

"The idea is – whether you're aged 0 or 100 – you'll be able to spend an entire day delighting in the different worlds at Kurrawa Park Broadbeach."

"There are plenty of things to see, make and do, so we say: come in, stretch your imagination, have some fun, unleash your creativity and savour some of the quieter moments to reflect and concentrate," Ms Fell said.

LISTINGS – ALL LOCATIONS

Family programming is centred around Kurrawa Park, Broadbeach however there are a number of family shows and installations in Surfers Paradise and across the coast. A number of performances on the Roundabout stage also cater for all ages, please see the website for further listings.

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Event Listing:

Festival 2018 Gold Coast Family Program

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Highlights include newly commissioned *The Owl and the Pussycat*, a grand inflatable maze *Arboria*, a travelling museum of curiosities in *The Lost Lending Library* and Australia's most sought after kidult comedians, *The Listies*.

Let your imagination out to play and experience Festival 2018. For further information, visit gc2018.com/festival2018



Event Listing:

Individual Events

THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT

Theatre
Little Match Productions (Australia)
Commissioned by Festival 2018

SURFERS PARADISE BEACH
5–8 APRIL 2PM+4PM
Ages 4–10 years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/owl-and-pussycat>

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/owl-and-pussycat-workshops>

Based on the beloved childhood poem, this is a new musical made especially for children and families. The show explores the universal themes of love, harmony and acceptance with live vocals, puppetry, interactive theatre and a troupe of musical puffins.

THE CHILDREN'S REPUBLIC

Visual arts / Workshops
Ben Landau (Australia) City of Gold Coast
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH
12–15 APRIL 10AM–4PM
Ages 5+ years

Kurrawa Park:

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/childrens-republic-ben-landau-aus>

Community workshops across the coast:

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/childrens-republic-workshop-ben-landau-aus>

Calling all children of the Gold Coast!


This is your chance to band together and make your own country. What will it be like? What rules will you set? What values are important?

Come and create the laws of the Gold Coast's first micro-state. You'll get to design its national flag, constitution and coat of arms. Then, parade your flags and banners through the streets of the Gold Coast.

So far Children's Republics have been created by over 30,000 kids in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Will kids make better rulers than adults for the Gold Coast?

THE LOST LENDING LIBRARY

Children / Family / Australian premiere
Punchdrunk (United Kingdom)



Co-Produced by Imaginary Theatre and Festival 2018, supported by City of Gold Coast

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

5–15 APRIL 9AM–5PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/lost-lending-library-punchdrunk-uk>

A travelling museum of curiosities has arrived on the Gold Coast ready to welcome visitors. Inside is a magical secret: a doorway to a hidden world. In The Lost Lending Library young imaginations are urgently needed to write new stories for the permanent collection.

Discover a remarkable way to inspire young minds in this immersive experience for children and their families.

Punchdrunk is famous for its game changing form of theatre where audiences experience epic storytelling inside sensory worlds.

Adults must be accompanied by a child. This performance has limited ticketing, bookings will be taken onsite on the day.

WELCOME TO SAMEVILLE

Shock Therapy Productions (Australia)

Theatre / World premiere

Commissioned by City of Gold Coast and Festival 2018

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

9–11 APRIL 5.30PM+8PM

Ages 8+ years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/welcome-sameville-shock-therapy-productions-aus>

You are about to enter a weird and wacky world called Sameville, Utopia on show!

Take a guided tour of a very peculiar autonomous utopian regime. In 'Sameville', you'll find yourself right in the middle of the action, surrounded by people who dress the same, move the same, and act the same. You'll meet several colourful characters and discover the truth about this mysterious place.

Welcome to Sameville is an immersive and interactive theatrical experience that explores democracy, human rights, personal empowerment and freedom of expression.

A world where Dr Seuss and Roald Dahl meet George Orwell and Aldous Huxley.

THE LISTIES GO FOR BRONZE

Comedy

The Listies (Australia)

Walbira Murray and Insite Arts (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH



12–15 APRIL 4PM+6PM

Ages 4+ years

For kids aged 4-400 million* (*dinosaurs allowed).

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/listies-go-bronze-listies-aus>

“Nobody else does comedy for kids this brilliantly, but what’s more astounding is that adults have just as much fun.” Sydney Morning Herald

Don’t miss Australia’s most sought after kidult comedians, The Listies, as they hit the Commonwealth Games with a fun-packed session of sporting shenanigans.

Part game-show, part zumba class, part comedy routine – it’s a madcap, ridiculous and uproarious hour of interactive comedy.

JUMPING POINT

Circus / World premiere

Spaghetti Circus, Circus Arts Australia and Circa Zoo (Australia)

Commissioned by Festival 2018

ROUNABOUT STAGE, BROADBEACH

12–15 APRIL Various times, see website

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/jumping-point-spaghetti-circus-circus-arts-australia-circa-zoo-aus>

Discover the next generation of circus stars in this exciting new show bursting at the seams with acrobatics and aerials. Jumping Point is an enchanting escapade into the realm of magic, illusion and wonder.

360 ALLSTARS

Urban circus

Onyx Productions (Australia)

ROUNABOUT STAGE, BROADBEACH

5–8 APRIL Various times, see website

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/360-allstars-onyx-productions-aus>

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/360-allstars-workshops-onyx-productions-aus>

World champion athletes and performers hit the stage in this adrenaline-fuelled urban circus.

Prepare for non-stop action; there’s breakdancing, beatboxing, BMX flatlanding, basketball freestyling, drumming and Roue Cyr. Boasting a stellar international cast, 360 ALLSTARS is a phenomenal, physical performance that explores all forms of rotation.

“A supercharged show... heart pumping music, dazzling lights and video, and incredibly talented athletes and musicians.” Theatermania, New York

THE WHALE’S TALE

Theatre

Born in a Taxi (Australia)



KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

9–11 APRIL 12PM+3PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/whales-tale-born-taxi-aus>

Ever wonder what it's like to be swallowed whole? You're about to find out! Put on your shrimp helmet, take a deep breath, and dive inside the jaws of Manilayo the humpback whale.

You can watch from the shore, or submerge yourself in this thrilling show that's full of surprises.

EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES

Theatre

Slingsby (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

5–8 APRIL 3PM+5PM

Ages 8+ years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/emil-and-detectives-slingsby-aus>

How do we find our friends in the world? How do we work together to defeat tricksters?

Emil and the Detectives is told by two skilled actors and is made complete with smoke and mirrors, miniature worlds and a cinematic score.

ESPECIALLY ON BIRTHDAYS

Theatre / World premiere

The PaperBoats (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

5–8 APRIL 10AM+MIDDAY

Ages 4–8years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/especially-birthdays-paperboats-australia>

"I love being 5. I don't want to be 6!"

This intimate visual-theatre experience for 4-8 year olds shares the ups, downs and roundabouts of the most anticipated day of the year.

PATRICE BALBINA'S CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH THE END OF THE WORLD

Theatre


Australian Theatre for Young People (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

9–10 APRIL 12PM+2PM

Ages 8+ years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/patrice-balbinas-chance-encounter-end-world-australian-theatre-young-people-australia>



Follow the experience of a refugee told through the eyes of a 12-year-old girl. As the world experiences the greatest displacement of people since World War Two, this new international story reflects on the contrasting fragility and resilience of the human spirit.

GAURII

Music theatre, Theatre

Wagana Dancers (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

5–8 APRIL 2.30PM–3.00PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/gaurii-wagana-dancers-aus>

See Aboriginal creation stories come to life through a delightful mix of dance, music, puppetry and text.

Throughout the performance, your children will have the chance to learn dances, experience ochres and play with the puppets.

LES MOUTONS

Theatre

Corpus (Canada)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

12–15 APRIL 11.30AM+1.30PM

Reality meets fantasy in this wordless, live installation that recreates an idyllic country scene in a typical urban setting.

Travel to a strange and hilarious universe as Corpus takes you through a carefully studied, surrealistic overview of sheep behaviour.

KID/ DUB

Music

Hot Dub Time Machine (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

12–14 APRIL 12PM+2PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/kiddub-hot-dub-time-machine-aus>

Don't miss this time-travelling dance party for kids!

Boogie through 60 years of pop music, with plenty of bubbles and surprises for young and old. It's the most fun you can have at a kid's show – in fact, it's the best... kid's party... ever!

JAMIE MACDOWELL & TOM THUM

Music

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

15 APRIL 12PM+2PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/tom-thum-and-jamie-macdowell>




Chart-topping singer-songwriter Jamie MacDowell and world-class beatboxer Tom Thum unite in a perfect musical match.

See them live and discover why they've racked up best music awards at the world's leading fringe festivals, including Brighton Fringe 2014 and Adelaide Fringe 2016.

JARJUMS LEARNING SPACE

Inala Wangarra (Australia)
Commissioned by Festival 2018
Visual art / Interactive installation
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH
5–15 APRIL 9AM–6PM
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/jarjums-learning-space-inala-wangarra-aus>

Step inside this interactive space designed, created and built for Jarjums by Jarjums (children)!

Inspired by their everyday lives, Jarjums Learning Space offers engaging and culturally exciting ways for visitors to connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Get ready to have some fun!

YUGAMBEH YOUTH CHOIR

Music
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH
14 APRIL 10.30AM + 2.30PM

The Yugambeh Youth Choir is a local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander choir, trained by accomplished Choirmaster and proud Kombumerri woman Candace Kruger.

The choir weaves the region's language, culture and stories together in traditional and contemporary Yugambeh language pieces.

COMMONWEALTH STORIES

Film
Curated by Gold Coast Film Festival
ACROSS THE GOLD COAST
5–15 APRIL Various times, see website
<https://www.gc2018.com/event/commonwealth-stories-screen>

Enjoy an array of bite-sized stories on the big screen.

This specially curated program showcases the talent, perspectives, issues and ideas from over 50 Commonwealth nations and territories.

Designed for general audiences, the program is perfect for the whole family and will delight and intrigue all.



FOOD

Sunshine Food Adventures | NightQuarter (AUS)

NIGHTQUARTER, HELENSVALE

5-10 APRIL

Food experience for children aged approximately 4-12 years.

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/sunshine-food-adventures-nightquarter-aus>

Focusing on “eating a rainbow” and exploring a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables along with other tasty ingredients.

We help your kids grow to LOVE food! Kids are able to let their imaginations run wild in this fun, tasty workshop. Children are encouraged and supported to practice basic food preparation skills to make their own creation.

Workshops are designed to be strength-based (allowing for children of different skill levels and ages to participate), low anxiety and parents/carers are encouraged to be as involved (or not) as needed. Our lead facilitators are accredited practising dietitians, so the recipes we use pack the double-whammy of being nutritious and delicious.

INTERACTIVE THEATRE

FITTER. FASTER.BETTER.

Interactive theatre

St Martins Youth Arts Centre (Australia)

SURFERS PARADISE BEACH

12–15 APRIL 1PM–5PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/fitterfasterbetter-st-martins-youth-arts-centre-aus>

Stretch your body to its limits with a boot camp run entirely by children.

Prepare to sweat when you are paired with a ‘personal trainer’ aged between 9–12 years for a workout designed to reclaim play.

FUTURE POSTAL SERVICE

Interactive theatre

Maybe () Together (Australia)

SURFERS PARADISE ESPLANADE

5–8 APRIL 1PM+4.30PM

Ages 7–12 years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/future-postal-service-maybe-together-aus>

Calling all children for one big game of post!

This high energy and big-thinking mail delivery game captures the thoughts of children and delivers them to adults passing by. Drop in and join the fun!



INSTALLATIONS

ARBORIA

Interactive installation
Architects of Air (United Kingdom)
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH
5–15 APRIL 9AM–6PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/arboria-architects-air-uk>

You'll be amazed by the beauty of light and colour when you enter the luminarium – a monumental, walk-in sculpture that has enchanted millions of people across the globe.

Journey through the dazzling maze of winding paths and soaring domes, and awaken your sense of wonder.

Since 1992 over three million visitors in more than 40 countries across five continents have immersed themselves in the spectacular, luminous world of Architects of Air. For the first time, the Gold Coast will experience this special installation.

IMPULSE

Interactive installation / Australian premiere
SURFERS PARADISE BEACH
4 APRIL 7PM–11 PM
5–15 APRIL 1PM–11PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/impulse-lateral-office-cs-design-can>

Take a ride on one of 15 illuminated musical see-saws in this award-winning interactive art playground. You'll become the musician and artist as your movement and rhythm activate the light and sounds of the see-saw.

Created and produced with the support of Quartier des Spectacles Partnership, Montreal A creation of Lateral Office and CS Design A production of Lateral Office and CS Design.

GIANT SING ALONG

Interactive installation / Australian premiere
Daily tous les jours (Canada)
SURFERS PARADISE BEACH
4 APRIL 7PM–11 PM
5–15 APRIL 1PM–11PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/giant-sing-along-daily-tous-les-jours-can>

You're invited to come together and sing your heart out – karaoke style – with a field of microphones on the beach.

Giant Sing Along is just that – an open opportunity to sing along with your community. A huge screen will feature the words of your favourite songs as voted by the people of the Gold Coast, and auto-tune will make sure you sound and feel good!



MUSEUM OF THE MOON

Public art / Australian premiere
CHINATOWN MALL, SOUTHPORT
4–15 APRIL 10AM–10PM

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/museum-moon-luke-jerram-uk>

Museum of the Moon is an incredible seven-metre-wide, floating moon sculpture with NASA imagery on its surface. Each centimetre of the replica equals 5kms of the lunar surface.

While you bathe in the moonlight, listen to a surround-sound composition featuring archive audio from the moon landings by BAFTA award-winning composer Dan Jones.

URCHINS

Public art / Australian exclusive
APPEL PARK, SURFERS PARADISE
4–15 APRIL

Created by Choi+Shine Architects (United Kingdom and United States)

Curated by SWELL people. art. place. (Australia)

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/urchins-choishine-architects-uk-us-swell-people-art-place-aus>

Commissioned by City of Gold Coast Discover and delight in the spectacular sea urchins intricately crafted from hand-crocheted lace that hover in Appel Park and float over the Gold Coast waterway.

SKRYF

Public Art
SURFERS PARADISE ESPLANADE
5–15 APRIL
Gijs van Bon (Netherlands)

A fascinating small robot (Skryf) carefully scribes lines of poetry with sand to create a meditative footpath installation.

After writing each letter, Skryf continues on – leaving the text to the wind and the passersby.


FOR THE VERY YOUNG

OUR CORKA BUBS

Dance
Gina Rings (Australia)
KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH
9–11 APRIL 9AM+10.30AM

Ages under 2 years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/our-corka-bubs-gina-rings-aus>



Experience the first ever Aboriginal contemporary dance work for babies under two years (and their carers).

You and a small audience of babies will be transfixed through movement, music and play that draws strongly from Aboriginal storytelling.

NURSERY

Sally Chance Dance (AUS)

THEATRE FAMILY

KURRAWA PARK

9–11 APRIL 9AM+10.30AM

Ages: Under 2 years old

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/nursery-sally-chance-dance-aus>

Celebrate the moment-by-moment fascination of a being a baby in this ground-breaking and beautiful production.

Enter a safe and special play space in which babies and performers together create beauty, delight and a sense of connection.

Developed through extensive research into ways in which babies and their adults tune into one another, this gentle piece is presented especially for babies and their adults.

Nursery by Sally Dance Chance is performed by two dancers and a musician.

About the creator:

Sally Chance Dance is the leading maker for shows for babies and very young children.

TOUCH AND GO

Theatre

Sally Chance Dance (Australia)

KURRAWA PARK, BROADBEACH

13–15 APRIL 9AM+10.30AM

Ages 2 years

<https://www.gc2018.com/event/touch-and-go-sally-chance-dance-aus>

Young children will be enticed, dared and entertained in a wonderful world of shapes and pathways.