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MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE PRESENTS



Melbourne Recital Centre is inspiring kids and families during the April school holidays with two jam-packed days of creative fun at **Music Play Family Festival** (12 and 13 April). Families can enjoy Australia's favourite entertainers and new ways to learn, listen, play and discover music together.

The Centre's Director of Programming, Marshall McGuire, said:

'More than ever, in 2021 we need a time to come together and have some musical fun. *Music Play* in April is the perfect time to come together as a family to enjoy concerts, adventures and outdoor fun, featuring some of Australia's best loved performers, including the adored **Peter Combe**, and Melbourne's own **Teeny Tiny Stevies**. Polyglot Theatre's *Ants* will be roving throughout the Festival, and you can get your faces painted, and photos snapped to remember the magic.'

**Peter Combe's** (13 April) fun, silly and incredibly catchy songs have made him a household name. Classics like 'Wash Your Face in Orange Juice' (Mr Clicketty Cane), 'Spaghetti Bolognese' and 'Juicy Juicy Green Grass' are impossible not to sing along to - luckily, that's encouraged! Peter Combe performs his best songs with singers the Fabulous Combettes and delightful video projections.

**Teeny Tiny Stevies** (12 April) - sisters Byll and Beth Stephen - is on a mission to prove kids' music can appeal to adults too. The duo has clearly hit the nail on the head with its winning combination of folk-pop songs and angelic vocals that have sold out gigs and racked up millions of views online.

Byll summed up their songwriting philosophy to *The Age* like this:

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'Don't be annoying. We're taking [kids'] challenges seriously and always [on] our minds, as well, is that parents and carers are going to listen to this over and over and over again. And when you can pop a joke in that's not going to be annoying, too, pop something in there that makes them have a little giggle.'

The sisters' festival performance includes favourite songs and selections from their new album.

Melbourne band **All Day Fritz** (13 April) opens your eyes to the weird, wacky and wonderful world of music with funky tunes, classic songs and go-go moves. Another great act broadening children's musical horizons is **Declan the Music Man** (12 April) who performs on 25 unique musical instruments. Musical adventures continue for little ones (0-4) in **Song Play** (12 & 13 April), an enlightening workshop based around a special theme, led by Clare Zabrowarny.

Outdoors in the Forecourt, make your own antennae and join Polyglot Theatre's **Ants** (12 & 13 April). The large insects roam around, drawing you into their curious world, where all can take part as the performance unfolds. **Ants** features a newly commissioned score generously supported by Melbourne Recital Centre's Betty Amsden Bequest.

The immersive experience *Music Play* takes over the entire Centre, offering a musical playground for kids and families to wrap their imaginations around this April school holidays. 'We hope you'll join us for our autumn celebration of music and adventure, for all ages.' Marshall McGuire

## FESTIVAL DETAILS

### Music Play Family Festival 2020

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 April 2021 daily from 9am

Melbourne Recital Centre

Tickets from \$10

Presented by Melbourne Recital Centre

*Music Play Family Festival is supported by The Betty Amsden Kids & Families Program and features the Betty Amsden Commission. The new musical score for Ants was commissioned with the support of the Betty Amsden Bequest.*

For more information and to book tickets visit:

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