



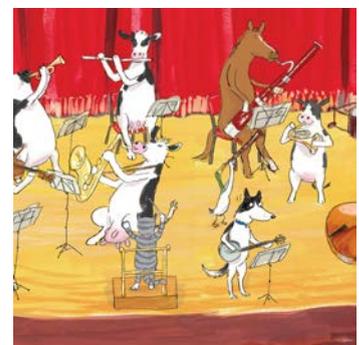
MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE

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Melbourne Recital Centre presents

Music Play Families Festival 2018

The much loved annual festival returns to inspire children's imaginations and encourage creativity through memorable musical experiences.



Melbourne Recital Centre is the best place to discover music, play instruments and make some noise these summer school holidays, with big and mini concerts, workshops and plenty of free foyer activities. Fun for families with children aged from zero to 12, the festival is four days of creative musical madness which will unleash the musician, composer, rock star or rap artist in all of us. Music Play is the Centre's hallmark festival for children and their families providing the opportunity for young children to experience music and create a pathway to a lifelong love of music.

Headlining the main concerts are Australian rockers **Regurgitator** bringing their yet to be released punk record written especially for kids. Though the band might be adding up in the years, they still pride themselves on being the real Peter Pan-type characters of Aussie music with their witty, silly attitude and musical mash up of funk, pop and any other styles to suit their ironic geeky nature. This unique collection of kids tunes is about as naughty as punk rock can get and still be suitable for kids. Come dress up, be silly and enjoy this fun, G-rated performance made especially for young people and their parents.

'Hi kids! Can't tell you how excited Regurgitator is to be playing the upcoming Music Play Families Festival at the awesomely wonderful Melbourne Recital Centre. We've got our tiny amplifiers warmed up, our teeny drum kits tuned and plenty of soap for our filthy little mouths. We're ready to shout 'til our voices are wrecked, if you're ready to scream 'til your parents are deaf!' Quan Quansen, Regurgitator member

If you've ever wanted to sing in the glorious acoustics of Elisabeth Murdoch Hall then join the inspiring community choir extravaganza that is **Burst into Song**. Karen Kyriakou, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's Pizzicato Effect Teachers and you as part of a 1000-voice choir celebrate your favourite nursery rhymes. No prior singing experience necessary and participation is open to one and all - come with your friends and family or register a community group and help lift the



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Elisabeth Murdoch Hall roof with children's songs.

Paul Rissmann's musical adventure *Stan and Mabel* is a perfect introduction to classical music for young audiences. The story of a music-loving dog and cat whose mission is to perform in the greatest orchestra in the world, this interactive concert will captivate young children with its mix of music, illustrated projections and audience participation and imaginative narration read by Tripod's Scott Edgar and the Melbourne Youth Orchestra.

Mini concerts held daily in the intimate Salon feature the musical world of Camille Saint-Saëns' *The Carnival of the Animals*, a return visit by the very popular children's alt-folk pop duo with a twist, Beth and Byll from **Teeny Tiny Stevies** and their cute, furry friends, and for the first time at Music Play PBS' *Rock-A-Bye-Baby* sessions led by the 'high-priestess of Melbourne's soul scene' (*Beat*), **Kylie Auld**.

Looking for more? Try drawing your very own score and hear it played by Inveni Ensemble, turn trash into treasure by creating your own unique instrument out of 'junk' and recycled items and join the **Junk Orchestra**, or just enjoy the free foyer activities. The Centre's spaces will team with music from **Megaphone Madness**, 25 bright red megaphones, to the **Open Stage** where we welcome all aspiring musicians to BYO instrument and show us what talent they've got.

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Music Play 2018

Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 January 2018, daily from 9.30am

Melbourne Recital Centre

Tickets from \$10

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For more information and to book tickets visit: melbournerecital.com.au

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