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About the festival

Our purpose

Our biennial Arts Learning Festival celebrates the importance of the arts in education. Independent Schools Victoria, representing almost 220 schools, hosts the festival, and we invite all schools from all sectors to take part. The program reflects our festival theme of 'unlimited imagination', and has deep connections to the classroom, allowing educators to use the festival to deliver the curriculum.

Let's Go Fly a Kite



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Student workshop

Science and art combine in kite-making workshops, and spectacular flying of giant kites against the city skyline, over Birrarung Marr near the Yarra.

Suitable for

Years 3 to 6

Subject areas

Visual arts and science

Tim Ferguson's Billie and the Dinosaurs



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Student workshop

A musical journey through a narrated orchestral performance, where our hero, Billie, runs away from school bullies, falls through a mysterious waterfall, and discovers a world of dinosaurs.

Suitable for

Prep to Year 6

Subject areas

Music and social sciences







The Inner Voice

Student workshop

Operatic tenor Chris Elliott and a classical accompanist will lead students through a transformative musical experience exploring the power of song.

Suitable for

Years 3 to 8

Subject areas

Music, singing, personal and social capability







The Inner Voice

Teacher workshop

Operatic tenor Chris Elliott and a classical accompanist present a workshop for teachers of all disciplines, reinvigorating the power of song for them, and helping them to develop students' emotional intelligence and wellbeing.

Design, Create and Tech – Where We Are



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Student workshop

Indigenous fauna is under pressure in our modern world. How can technology help? In this workshop, students find solutions and build models.

Suitable for

Years 5 to 8

Subject areas

Design and technologies, visual arts, sustainability and ICT capability





Making Tracks

Student workshop

With Australia's leading Indigenous dance college, NAISDA, students will use dance to discover and tell their own story. Our inspiration is the tracks of animals.

Suitable for

Years 7 to 8

Subject areas

Dance, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures

Make and Play Orchestra

Student and teacher performance



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Join Graeme Leak and the Make and Play Orchestra in a public community performance at Deakin Edge, playing instruments created from upcycled materials.

Suitable for

Years 5 to 12

Subject areas

Music, design and technologies, personal and social capability

Make and Play Instrument Making Workshop



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Student workshop

Students will learn how to upcycle everyday objects into their very own junk percussion instruments, with music maker Graeme Leak and The Song Room.

Suitable for

Years 5 to 12

Subject areas

Music, design and technologies, personal and social capability

Rhythms and Cycles



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Student workshop

Students create paper puppets that come to life, in a workshop that includes 'brain gym' movements, storytelling and performance. Presented by internationally-renowned puppeteer Gary Friedman.

Suitable for

Years 3 to 7

Subject areas

Visual arts, sustainability and personal and social capability



Student workshop

Using 3D software used in Hollywood cinema productions, participants in Dr Maya Divjak's interactive workshops create their own fluid motion cell division animation. Biology meets art meets digital media.

Suitable for

Years 10 to 12

Subject areas

Art, biology, media, studio art and creative and digital media (VET)

Teacher workshop



Teacher workshop

In this workshop teachers of art, media and biology will gain an insight into how biomedical animation can become a tool for communicating detailed scientific information through an arts-based aesthetic.

The Ghost of John King





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Student workshop

A performance-based, interactive workshop by The Storey Players presenting the Burke and Wills expedition through the eyes of its only survivor, John King, who was supported by an Indigenous community.

Suitable for

Years 3 to 8

Subject areas

Drama, history and English



Collaborative art project



Archi-Loom

Collaborative art project

A giant, interactive loom installation where everyone fills in the walls of the structure by weaving, and using recycled materials. What emerges is a large, slowly evolving collaborative art installation.

Suitable for

All ages

Subject areas

Visual arts, humanities and social sciences

Deaf Slam Poetry



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Student workshop

Led by deaf artists, these Arts Access Victoria's workshops combine the expressive quality of spoken word, and the intensity of ideas contained in poetry, into a powerful experience when combined with Auslan interpretations.

Suitable for

Years 7 to 10

Subject areas

Drama, English, humanities and personal and social capability

Wheelie Bin Camera Obscura



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Student workshop

An Arts Access Victoria workshop, delivered by artists who identify with a disability, exploring the workings and science of the camera obscura, in an unusual, fun take, using wheelie bins as cameras.

Suitable for

Years 7 to 10

Subject areas

Visual arts and science





Student workshop

This Ausdance workshop sees a role reversal, where students become the teachers, learning a dance routine to teach dads – stereotypically poor dancers – or any other adult.

Suitable for

Years 2 to 8

Subject areas

Dance, drama, music, physical education, personal and social capability





Teacher workshop

In this Ausdance session linked to the Teaching Dad to Dance program, teachers of all disciplines explore the movement skills required across band levels F-10 in the Australian Curriculum.

Exploring Complexity through Contemporary Art

Teacher workshop



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How can teachers integrate contemporary art into the classroom? Dr Flossie Chua, from Project Zero, Harvard University, and Anne Smith, from Independent Schools Victoria, have developed a new framework for viewing contemporary art.

The Creative Garden

Student workshop



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A hands-on workshop by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. Activities include making pots from newspapers and planting seeds in them, and leaf rubbing to explore the shape, texture and colour of local plants.

Suitable for

Years 3 to 7

Subject areas

Science, sustainability and visual arts

Dialogue in the Dark

Student workshop



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What can the dark teach you about your day-to-day life? Students and teachers will explore a simulated tour of Melbourne set in complete darkness, guided by a skilled facilitator with blindness or low vision.

Suitable for	
Years 3 to 10	
Subject areas	
All learning areas	

Mary Mattingly's Objects in the Round

Student workshop



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In an Australian-first, New York visual artist Mary Mattingly will create a collaborative artwork, creating a Melbourne landscape in miniature.

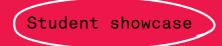
Suitable for

Years 9 to 12

Subject areas

Visual arts, studio art, art, ethical understanding, sustainability

Student Film Festival





Student Film Festival

Student showcase

Seeking the best from our most creative young film makers, with selected films featuring in our film festival. People's Choice votes on the night, with prizes for the winners in this celebration of the moving image.

Suitable for	
All years	
Subject areas	
All learning areas	

The Third Paradise Forum

Student and teacher workshop



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Created by Italian master, Michelangelo Pistoletto in 2003, the forum involves students joining a dialogue on sustainability in their communities, examining the creative practices of the artist, and creating a large scale collaborative artwork.

Suitable for

Senior secondary

Subject areas

Art and studio art