



Room on the Broom

MECC

2013 Young People's Theatre Season.

This year's program provides a great mix of theatre and drama for students of all ages. Special packages and pricing can be arranged with group bookings.

The Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre uses the online portal Shows for Schools www.showsforschools.com.au.

This site will contain up-to-date information of all shows appearing at the Centre which have educational merit, relate to the school syllabus or simply provide entertainment suitable for school students.

The Centre encourages teachers to use this website to keep up-to-date with what's on as it makes forward-planning easy.

What do we have on offer?

- > The Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre has a selection of shows that supplement and enhance the school curriculum. The shows are wide in range covering pre-school and early childhood, through to CQE studies.
- > Selected shows are complete with teachers notes making it a breeze to conduct classroom activities.
- > Workshops, opportunities to meet the cast and backstage tours can be arranged for selected shows and are free of charge when booking performance tickets.

The following is a selection of 2013 shows.

The following performances are suited to children aged between kindergarten and primary school.

Cautionary Tales For Children

Saturday, April 20 at 2pm and 6pm

MECC North Foyer

Meet our dysfunctional musical troupe of four, who have travelled to our stage via a time machine. They're on a mission to teach today's rascally kids a thing or two about the importance of being well-behaved and are armed with poems about wayward children and the outlandish fates that befall them. This delightful family production is proof that learning lessons about good behaviour has never been quite so absurd and hilarious at the same time. The ticket price includes a lime spider drink for the kids. Suitable for grades 2/3 and upwards.

Cost: \$15 admission





Muckheap

MACKAY
ENTERTAINMENT
CONVENTION
CENTRE

MECC

Room on the Broom

Tuesday, April 30 at 11.30am and 6pm

MECC Auditorium

A musical adaptation of the award-winning picture book, Room on the Broom, this production follows the story of a witch and her cat who are flying happily on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. A helpful dog, bird and frog find the witch's lost things and they all hop on the broom for a ride. But this broomstick's not meant for five and the broom snaps in two. When a hungry dragon appears, who will save the poor witch? And will there ever be room on the broom for everyone? There will be songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged three and up and their grown-ups.

Cost: \$15 admission

Muckheap

Wednesday, June 19 at 9.30am and 2pm

MECC Auditorium

Funny, physical and fantastically messy, Muckheap is a tale of two people trying to clean out their house for a big move. In the process of packing and sorting they find all their hoarded junk too interesting, useful or too full of memories to throw away. As a way of coping, the characters throw themselves into a story, made up on the spot and illustrated with whatever comes to hand. What emerges is the story of 'Jacky and the Beanstalk' ... with a twist. From throwing out junk to creating characters with consummate ease, this show displays the awesome power of the puppeteer and invites children to become their own story-makers. Suitable for children in Prep to grade 6.

Cost: \$15 admission



Possum Magic - The Final Farewell Tour!

Friday, September 6 at 6pm and Saturday, September 7 at 10.30am and 2pm

MECC Auditorium

First published in 1983, Possum Magic was an instant success with children and parents alike. In 1990 the musical stage adaptation had its world premiere, which sold out before it opened. Since then Possum Magic - The Musical is firmly established as the most successful musical for children and families ever made. 2013 will mark the 30th anniversary of the publication, the 23rd year its been on stage and the final time audiences will be able to see this popular production, so don't miss it while its in Mackay. Suitable for children in kindergarten and upwards.

Cost: \$15 admission



MECC

Infinite Space

Thursday, March 21 at 7.30pm

MECC Auditorium

Presented by the Melbourne Ballet Company, Infinite Space is a breathtaking example of classical dance re-interpreted to inspire both new and loyal ballet audiences. It comprises of four acclaimed and original works:

'In One Day' - A physical and athletic piece choreographed to the music of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

'Dark Before Daylight' - An impression of the timeless story of Swan Lake.

'Phrased Without Word' - A breathtaking physical expression of Arvo Part's 'Spiegel in Spiegel'.

'Infinite Space' - A signature piece for the Melbourne Ballet Company, Infinite Space is an uplifting celebration of hope and beauty. Suitable for all grades.

Cost: From \$28



Animal Farm

Saturday, April 27 at 2pm and 7.30pm

MECC Auditorium

Animal Farm is one of the most controversial and studied political commentaries of our time and this simple yet intensely powerful story illustrates how greed and absolute power corrupts everything with devastating consequences. It follows the story of the animals at Manor Farm who, after a revolution, must learn to adapt to life under the leadership of the pigs. Suitable for grades 8 to 12.

Cost: From \$22

The Comedy of Errors

Saturday, July 27 at 7.30pm

MECC Auditorium

Two set of identical twins are separated at birth when they're rescued from a shipwreck. Ironically, they end up in the same shifty, transitory port-town of Ephesus as adults when, we join them on their bizarre journey of reconciliation. As they collide unknowingly with each other's friends and family, it's not long before this absurd tale of mistaken identity and far-fetched coincidence unfold in chaotic hilarity. Suitable for grades 8 to 12.

Cost: From \$25

Contact details:

For further information and bookings contact the Mackay Tix Box Office on 4961 9777.

