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C'mon Artists and Kids, Get Into Fringe Academy

Venues: BMW Edge - Federation Square, North Melbourne Town Hall, Fitzroy Town Hall, Melbourne Museum, Artplay

Dates: 22 September – 5 October

Tickets: \$10-\$15

Bookings: visit www.melbournefringe.com.au or phone (03) 8412 8777

NOTE - Numbers are limited so book early to secure your place.

Melbourne Fringe presents the inaugural Fringe Academy - a series of master classes for practicing artists and workshops for kids.

A core commitment of Melbourne Fringe is to provide support and resources for the development of independent artists by responding to the needs, trends and gaps as they emerge. The Fringe Academy promotes creativity, innovation and excellence in education and artistic endeavours, and provides first-rate professional development and vocational opportunities for emerging and established artists specifically. By creating links with artists and industry professionals through the Master Classes, the festival provides opportunities for artists to access high quality professional development, skills exchange and resources.

Fringe Academy Artist Master Classes

Master Classes are an essential contribution to the professional development of local artists. The Fringe Academy provides practical benefits to unfunded artists; assisting them to expand their skills across art forms, exchange ideas with other artists and increase their knowledge and professional contacts within the industry.

Fringe Academy offers unique professional development and networking opportunities through a series of one-off classes and presentations led by renowned arts practitioners including Maggie McCormick (UrbanArt), Annie Davey (Circus Oz) and Bill Shannon from New York (interdisciplinary performance and media artist).

Fringe Academy Kids Workshops

Melbourne Fringe seeks to provide access to the arts for children. Fringe Academy has a huge range of hands-on creative workshops for kids that inspire independent thought and imagination. For example, kids can choose to activate their super powers in a circus class, make their very own Commedia dell'Arte theatre mask or pick up some new hula hoop tricks to impress their friends. This is a unique experience for kids, as classes will be held by professional artists renowned in their fields.

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