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Finius Flume & the Fabulous Fandangle Factory **Presented by La Mama/ARTIFICE**

Artifice Productions & La Mama for Kids presents:
FINIUS FLUME & THE FABULOUS FANDANGLE FACTORY
Carlton Courthouse Theatre

Finius Flume works all day long, making all manner of Fabulous Fandangles, but he never gets to play with them... until now!

An all new STEAMPUNK inspired kids show, jam packed with Puppets, Stilts, Crazy machines and Bubble-powered fun!

For boys & girls, aged 4+

With: Johannes Scherpenhuizen, Jesse Bickerton & Canada White

'Finius Flume & the Fabulous Fandangle Factory' combines elements of mime, clowning, slapstick, stilts and puppetry, to create a whimsical and fun piece of children's theatre.

Our hero, Finius Flume is a bumbling but loveable 'fandangle' maker, who's always getting bullied by his giant, grumpy, bubble powered, robo-suited boss. One day a big mistake catapults him into an amazing adventure, where he will finally learn to stand up for himself, and change the Fabulous Fandangle Factory for ever!

Finius lives in a retro-futuristic fantasy world based on the 'Steampunk' aesthetic. The style of all set, puppet, stilts, props and costume elements reflect a Victorian-era vision of the future; where steam power (or in this case, bubble-power!) and clockwork have been harnessed to create wonderful gadgets, robots, and powerful wearable robo-suits. It is a world in which every element whirls and whistles, lights up and spouts steam or bubbles.

A fun family show for boys and girls, inspired by such classic films as: Fritz Lang's Metropolis, Charlie Chaplin's Modern Times and George Pal's The Time Machine.

This is Artifice Productions' first independent children's show, after their recent collaborations with Jigsaw Youth Theatre (ACT), Carte Blanche (Denmark) and Courthouse Arts (VIC) on Master and Servant (2010 & 2011). In 2009 company members were invited to Denmark to take part in the Silkeborg Festival of Wonder; one of Europe's premier puppetry festivals.

<http://lamama.com.au/now-showing/other-events/la-mama-for-kids/>

Finius Flume & the Fabulous Fandangle Factory

VENUE

La Mama Courthouse
349 Drummond St
Carlton, Victoria 3056

DATES: 24-30 Sept and 1-2 Oct

TIME: Mon - Fri 2.00pm, Sat 10.00am, Sun 11.00am and 2.00pm

TICKETS

Full: \$12.00

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