

FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS

Tempo



NATIONAL TOUR 2024

Never fear, the Flying Fruit Fly Circus is here!



DIRECTORS NOTE

JAKE SILVESTRO

Welcome to Tempo and thank you for coming to see the Fruities. Sit back and enjoy the charisma, giggles and exceptional talent of these incredible young artists.

Tempo is a delightful world of fun, acrobatics and infectious tunes, but the orchestra are nowhere to be seen, 'No orchestra? No worries!' say the Fruities, 'How hard can it be?'. The Fruities use their multi-disciplinary abilities to jump in, out and on top of a big white piano to create this wonderful show. It has been an incredible opportunity to work with them since 2021, to play and discover what this tailored-for-circus instrument has to offer. Aged from 11-18 these acrobats are the future of Australian performing arts and Tempo will show you why!

A huge thank you to circus trainer Lauren Shepherd for her endless support on this project since its inception, and to musical director Ania Reynolds, who has taught the cast and me so much about what live music and circus can be when they are made together. Live music in circus shows is something familiar to anyone who has a taste for Australian circus, and this show pays homage to that exciting and energetic tradition.

Tempo has had twenty-six acrobats across four versions of the project. Starting with a 20-minute variety performance in 2021, a regional schools tour, a season at the Sydney Opera House and now a national tour in 2024. With each reimagining the ensemble have brought such a tremendous amount of joy to this project, and for that I am so grateful. Thank you to all the Fruities who brought *Tempo* to life.



THE PERFORMERS

Aoife Gordos (16)
Barney Herrmann (17)
Chelsea Quaill (17)
Elise Doherty (12)
Emma Giasoumi (14)
Finn Neill (15)
Imogen McDonald (13)
Jacob Kavanagh (16)
Maya Chynoweth (17)
Nate Klippel (14)
Peter Giasoumi (16)
Tal Shemesh (18)

THE CREATIVE TEAM

Ania Reynolds – Musical Director
April Dawson – Costume Designer
Bec Neill – Circus Trainer
Daryll John – Rigger
Jake Silvestro – Director
Kofi Isaacs – Lighting Designer
Lauren Shepherd – Creative Circus Associate
Nyree Camden – Company Manager
Scott Stoddart – Technical Director



PRESENTING PARTNERS: Arts Centre Melbourne, Wangaratta Performing Arts & Convention Centre, Lighthouse Theatre Warrnambool, Bunjil Place, Ulumbarra Theatre, Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre, Griffith Regional Theatre, Orange Civic Theatre, Riverside Theatre Parramatta, The Art House Wyong, Glasshouse Port Macquarie, Townsville Civic Theatre, Araluen Arts Centre

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ON TOUR: Ana Alzati, Catherine Doherty, Jackie McDonald, Katie Chynoweth, Renee Gordos, Stephen Quaill

THANKS TO: Alex Pirie, Arts on Tour, Bec Bennell, Ben Lewis, Byron Hutton, Helen Newman, Holly-Rose Boyer, Ian Sutherland, Jack Manson, Jessica Wilson, Jo Lancaster, Joel Salom, John Carberry, Lyn Shields, Nathan Jones, the team at HotHouse Theatre, and all our wonderful training and administration staff at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus.



Flying Fruit Fly Circus

Ordinary Kids doing Extraordinary Things!

Australia's Flying Fruit Fly Circus is one of the world's premier youth arts companies. In 1979 it began as a local circus project for school kids. Today, 45 years later, it is an institution of national and international significance.

The kids of the Fruit Fly Circus, known as the 'Fruities', have tumbled their way into the hearts of millions of people throughout Australia and the world. Their combined energy, expertise and commitment demonstrates the potential of young people in the most spectacular and joyful of ways.

Based in Albury Wodonga, the Circus is made up of kids who perform, attend school at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School, and train up to 20 hours a week at our state-of-the-art training facility. The full-time training program caters for children aged 8 to 19 years old, and focuses on circus skills development, fitness and conditioning, and training in contemporary performance making practice. Working together, the Fruities have a developed sense of group pride, self-confidence and achievement.

Tempo is directed by Jake Silvestro and features an incredible ensemble of young performers. Please enjoy this extraordinary performance from this very special bunch of ordinary kids!

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In addition to the kids who are performing for you today, the following people are back home in training:

Abigail Sandral	Dakota Skrypczak	Isabella Turner Spessot	Peyton Cullinger
Alanna Cameron	Edwina Harrington	Isla Lewis	Peyton Rose Canning
Allera Wight	Eli Jones	James Sheil	Rachel Phillips
Alyssa Lambert	Eliza Nugawela	Jemima Paine	Rhianna Denton
Amber McDonald	Elliott Mancer	Joseph Keating	Rosie Castagna
Anastasia McMahon	Emilia Russell	Kai Wheatley	Ruby Muth
Arabella Coghlan	Erin McNab	Khalan Walsh-Young	Rylan McDonald
Arabella Renwick	Ethan McDonald	Lily Falkner	Sophie Norris
Ava Dedic	Etta Gramlick	Lucia Richardson	Spencer Haberecht
Ava Hitchcock	Evelyn Tilley	Lucie Mariethoz	Talia Essop
Aysha Guilliamse-Witt	Farrah Hurst	Macie Hamilton	Temperance Parker
Charlotte Payne	Frankie Allison	Macy Hossack	Thomas Paydon
Charlotte Pugh	Fraser Hanssens	Massimiliano Bertacco	Tia Young
Chilali Smith	Griffin Castagna	Meghan Edinborough	Tyce Binding
Chloe Pirie	Harry McEachern	Monique Blackie	Zahra Pirie
Chot Walford	Hudson White	Natasha Meani	
Claire Braunack	Hunter Rush	Nicolaas Pope	
Clancy Rosewarne	Isabel Stirling	Olivia Crawford	

STAFF AT THE CIRCUS

Anni Davey – Artistic Director
Bec Neill – Lead Trainer
Ben Lewis – Lead Trainer
Bek Gibbs – Associate Producer
Bron Kouw – Public Programs Administrator
Cathy Williams – Finance (Findex)
Donna Baldwin – Executive Officer
Genaveive Neal – Trainer
Jake Silvestro – Trainer
John Carberry – Technician
Jules Wilson – Property & Maintenance Officer
Lauren Shepherd – Trainer

Misha Reale – Trainer
Natalie Dyball – Trainer
Per Westman – Trainer
Phil Witt – Trainer
Richard Hull – Chief Executive Officer
Scott Neill – Trainer
Simon Yates – Rigger
Tahni Froudust – Executive Producer
Tanya Lester – Public Programs Coordinator
Tom Griffiths – Bus Driver
Tracey D'Elton – Trainer
Vilen Mergenov – Trainer



STAFF AT FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS SCHOOL Bec Clarke, Greg Glasson, Holly Rodway, Jan White, James Foley, Melanie McClure (Coordinator), Shelley Kay, Will Playdon

BOARD Dr Dianne McGrath (Treasurer), Glenn Mancer, James Jenkins, Lara Block (Chair), Margaret Murray, Marguerite Pepper, Mary Harvey, Nicholas Marks, Vern Hilditch.