

DAREBIN ARTS SPEAKEASY

POLITE
MAMMALS

BY THE WHOLESOME HOUR



Darebin
Arts

CELEBRATING 11 YEARS OF SUPPORTING LOCAL ART

CR SUSANNE NEWTON
MAYOR OF DAREBIN

Darebin Arts Speakeasy is an award-winning year long program that supports innovative new works presented by small and medium arts organisations, companies and independent artists. The program spans dance, circus, theatre and multi-disciplinary work that speaks to issues that matter to the community and celebrates cultural diversity.

Darebin has long been home to artists and creatives. Over the last 11 years, Speakeasy has provided opportunities to some incredibly talented people, many of them local to Darebin.

Since 2013, Speakeasy has supported over 1,500 artists to create over 150 original works presented to roughly 80,000 patrons, receiving 45 creative industry awards and a further 125 nominations. The program will bring Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre and Darebin Arts Centre to life with thrilling artistic presentations.

The 2024 season features First Nations-led works, diverse local voices, fierce environmentalism and access for all.

Congratulations to everyone involved in making this year's program a wonderful success! I can't wait to enjoy these incredible performances with you.

MESSAGE FROM THE MONKEY

OO-OO EE-EE OOOOOO EEEEEEE
AHHHHH AHHHH AHH EEE AHH. OO-
OO FARTY POOPOO OO-OO OO-AH.
AH AH AH HAHA EEEE-EEEEEEEEEEEE
EEEK AH AH AHHHHHHH. OO-
OO. POOPOO OO-OO. OO-OO
AHHHHHHHHH.

ABOUT

A TOTALLY WILD VARIETY SHOW THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENJOY

LOCAL AND AWARD-WINNING PHYSICAL THEATRE COMPANY, THE WHOLESOME HOUR (KIMBERLEY TWINER, LILY FISH, ANGELA FOUHY AND SUNANDA SACHATRAKUL) ROCKET THEIR TOTALLY WILD, NEO-VAUDEVILLIAN VARIETY SHOW TO DAREBIN ARTS CENTRE.

INSPIRED BY ICONIC 90S AUSSIE KIDS TV (THE FERALS, LIFT OFF, RECOVERY) POLITE MAMMALS CELEBRATES ANIMALS OF ALL KINDS: REAL, IMAGINARY, SPARKLY, STINKY, POLITE AND RUDE!

THROUGH PUPPETRY, DANCE, ORIGINAL MUSIC AND ABSURD MISCHIEF, YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE INTRODUCED TO 20+ ANIMAL INSPIRED CHARACTERS IN UNDER AN HOUR. EXPECT FARTING SKUNKS, A DANCING PRAYING MANTIS, FRANKENSTEIN COCKROACHES AND EVEN A SINGING BIN CHICKEN (A.K.A. IBIS).

**THIS IS ALL AGES AUSSIE COMEDY
AT ITS SILLIEST!**

Running time: approx. 55 mins, no interval. This show is sensory friendly.

CREATIVE TEAM

Performed by: **Lily Fish, Sunanda Sachatrakul, Angela Fouhy, Kimberley Twiner**

Created by: **Lily Fish, Sunanda Sachatrakul, Ell sachs, Kimberley Twiner**
Performed by: **Louisa Mignone**

Director: **Rinske Ginsberg**

Composer: **Jack Lewis**

Production Manager: **Hannah Wiloughby**

Image by: **Kate Longley**

Image by: **Gregory Lorenzutti**



Massive stinky sloppy thank yous to everyone who helped to make this show. To ArtPlay for the New Ideas Lab residency. To Les Cameron, Rosie Knight and all the people of Terang for development space. To Midsumma for championing wild new work for kids. To Lisa Mibus for our epic OG lighting design. To BRUDI for gifting us the space to design and fabricate like eager little elves all night long.

And an absolutely gigantic thank you to all the kids who helped us to write this show. *Polite Mammals* wouldn't exist without you!!!! Thank you Elfriede, Eva, Iris, Ace, Shivi, Ada, and the kids of Carlton Primary school.

THE WHOLESOME HOUR

The Wholesome Hour are an award-winning physical comedy super group specialising in wild and raucous work for families.

Current members include **Lily Fish** and **Kimberley Twiner** (PO PO MO CO), **Sunanda Sachatrakul** (Sunanda Loves Britney), **Eli Sachs** (The Travelling Sisters), and **Angela Fouhy** (Maggot).

“Crazy, funny, silly” - **Stage Whispers**

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Darebin Arts Speakeasy is Darebin City Council's award-winning year-round independent performance and development program. The program partners with artists and organisations to generate thrilling artistic presentations for audiences and engage our diverse community. It aims to provide the highest quality experiences to audiences at the Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre and the Darebin Arts Centre.

Darebin Arts Speakeasy plays integral role in Australia's arts landscape. Since its inception in 2013, it has supported over **1,500 artists** to create **over 150 original works** presented to roughly **80,000 patrons**, receiving **45 creative industry awards** and a further **125 nominations**.

Darebin Arts has backed many of the groundbreaking artists and companies that make Melbourne's art sector so iconic: RAWCUS, Ilbjerri Theatre Company, Bloomshed, The Hayloft Project, Little Ones Theatre, Stephanie Lake Company, Elbow Room, MKA, Double Water Sign, and lead artists like Joel Bray, Alisdair Macindoe, Michele Lee, Emilie Collyer, Anna Seymour, Stella Young and Sammy J.

ARTIST BIOS



LILY FISH

My favourite things to do are making shows and watching other people's shows. My favourite characters to play are the Lemur Tail - because it is so naughty, and the Pengui-corn - because it is cute.



SUNANDA SACHATRAKUL

Sunanda is Punjabi and grew up in Bangkok. They love to sing loudly and make people laugh. They also love their family and all flavours of ice-cream.



ANGELA FOUHY

Angela comes from Aotearoa, New Zealand. She loves swimming in the sea to look out for friendly dolphins. Her favourite animal to play is a lemur, because they have beautiful and sometimes cheeky tails.



KIMBERLEY TWINER

Kimberley grew up in a small town in Queensland. She always liked dancing, singing, dressing up and making plays. Her favourite colours are pink and green.



ELL SACHS

Woof! I'm Ell, I'm part human mammal, part dog, part dolphin. My favourite thing in the world is to make up funny songs and characters with my wild pals.



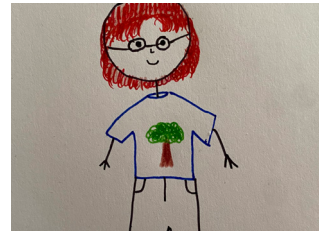
RINSKE GINSBERG

Melbourne is my hometown. I like having fun, bossing people around and making them laugh. I am probably old enough to be your Nana. But I sure don't act like it.



JACK LEWIS

Jack was born in the UK. He loves making music and vegan pizza. His favourite instrument is the cello; his least favourite is the accordion, and he doesn't have a favourite colour.



HANNAH

WILLOUGHBY (they/ them) is up in the tech booth pressing buttons to make the lights change and songs play. They have the best job in the world, they get to watch so many shows over and over again!

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BY THE PEOPLE

24 APRIL - 5 MAY
DAREBIN ARTS CENTRE



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