

HPAC PRESENTS: HIDDEN CREATURES HALLOWEEN HUNT

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) has an exciting series of family-friendly events planned this month; augmented reality creature-making workshops, a free Halloween Hunt in the Hamilton Botanic Gardens, and a monster movie!

HPAC has engaged Bendigo's Arena Theatre Co to run their 'Hidden Creatures Gallery' workshops.

Part laboratory, part performance and all imagination, these hands-on sessions will enable participants to gather inspiration from nature, then use cutting-edge technology to create moving, talking creatures. The sessions are \$10 per person, running twice daily from Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 October and are suitable for school aged children and adults of all abilities. Capture photographs, manipulate them digitally, record unique voices and animate your hidden creature!

The creatures will come to life throughout the Hamilton Botanic Gardens on the free hunt day, Saturday 30 October, when you can scan colourful disks with your smart device to see the augmented reality creatures awaken and introduce themselves!





Participants will discover Halloween themed activities throughout the gardens too, from spooky dramatised storytelling to rock monster craft workshops and healthy treats, as HPAC collaborates with a variety of organisations including Hamilton Gallery and local community groups.

There's also a special \$5 movie screening of Monsters Inc at the Hamilton Cinema following the hunt, with free popcorn for those who have found all the monsters!

HPAC Manager, Melissa Forlano, said; "We're super excited to bring these interactive and innovative workshops to the community alongside Bendigo's Arena Theatre Co, and to host a free event in such an inspiring space. What better way to re-engage with the community and relaunch a packed season of HPAC events."

Arena is one of Australia's longest-running producers of theatre for young people, having performed for more than 500,000 people in 15 countries in the past 50 years. Together with HPAC, their talented team will blend the digital and the real, fuse nature with technology, and celebrate shared culture and individual imagination.

Artistic Director of Arena Theatre Company, Christian Leavesley, said; "Hidden Creature Gallery has become one of our most popular works. We are creating a very special Halloween version, especially for Hamilton. I can't wait to see the amazing creatures we are going to make with the children of Hamilton. See you all at HPAC!"

The workshops, hunt and movie screening will take place as COVIDsafe events for all ages and abilities in line with current restrictions. Families, friends and colleagues are invited to book their tickets via www.hamiltonpac.com.au/hidden-creatures/

Event Details:

- **WORKSHOPS:** Tue 26 to Fri 29 Oct, 11am-12pm & 4-5pm daily. Hamilton PAC, 113 Brown St Hamilton. \$10 per participant, numbers limited, booking essential.
- **HUNT:** Sat 30 Oct, 2-4pm. Hamilton Botanic Gardens, French St, Hamilton. Free event, numbers limited, booking essential.
- **MOVIE:** Sun 30 Oct, 4.45pm. Hamilton Cinema, 109 Brown St, Hamilton. \$5 per person, capacity limits apply. Book by calling the Hamilton Cinema on (03) 5573 0472.

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