

MEDIA RELEASE

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HPAC TO HOST ACROBATIC WORKSHOP

Ages 8-18 can soon seize a unique opportunity for a 1.5 hour movement, improvisation and acrobatic workshop with talented artists from Australia's best contemporary circus ensemble this weekend.

From 10am to 11.30am on Sunday 5 March, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre is hosting an Acrobatic Workshop with Circa Contemporary Circus.

Circa is at the forefront of the new wave of contemporary Australian circus – pioneering how extreme physicality can create powerful and moving performances. As one of the world's leading performance companies, Circa has created a suite of award-winning productions seen by over 1.5 million people across 42 countries.

The Hamilton Performing Arts Centre stage will be decked with acrobatic mats and immersive beats as participants explore the action-packed world of contemporary circus and tackle tumbles, handstands and more.

Circa's shows push the boundaries of the art form, blurring the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus.

"Circa's approach is physical and experiential. The young participants joining us on the HPAC stage can expect to sweat, bend, run and leap whilst encountering new perspectives on performance, building physical and creative skills in a safe, non-competitive environment with some of Australia's best performers," said Acting Artistic Director, Ben Knapton

Acting Performing Arts Manager, Amanda Hurley, said that Hamilton Performing Arts Centre supported the workshop to bring a unique opportunity to the region.

"We have subsidised tickets to this workshop for local young people because it's an incredible opportunity to learn from the best in the performing arts industry," said Ms Hurley.

There are only 16 spaces available for this workshop, which costs \$20 per person. Beginners are welcome alongside those with some existing experience. Full details and tickets are available via hamiltonpac.com.au.

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- Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (HPAC) is the major venue for live shows, engaging performances and events in the Southern Grampians. Situated in the heart of the Greater Hamilton region on Gunditjmara Country, HPAC's landmark arts facility is at the centre of Hamilton CBD's cultural arts precinct, close to shops, eateries, laneways and attractions ripe for discovery.
- HPAC presents engaging and accessible live performances for and by the community, not only within the walls of the building but in small towns and outdoor spaces across the region. Live music, drama and dance, physical theatre, cabaret and circus come alive at HPAC, alongside opportunities for all ages to create, learn and be inspired.
- HPAC's atmospheric Handbury Auditorium, the former 1872 Hamilton Town Hall, sits alongside a range of other accessible spaces hosting events of all kinds. Alongside 3 main event spaces the venue has a catering kitchen, welcoming foyer with box office, café/bar and kitchenette as well as a forecourt with street frontage.
- Contact the team for information, ticket sales or to talk about venue hire, partnerships and creative ideas.