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Family Fun This Easter at the National Folk Festival

If you want to make this Easter more fun than just chocolate eggs, bring the family to the National Folk Festival. There's something for young and old with over 200 acts performing across 18 stages and children have their own dedicated KidzFest. There's also an immersive arts space, workshops, daily street shows and fun galore all for the one ticket.

The Festival's KidzFest space is devoted to keeping the little ones entertained for hours. *Alex & Annette Hood's Australian Folk Theatre* will perform a brilliant show with stories, songs, dance and puppets. Be mesmerized by the quirky *Zucchini Clan* who celebrate sustainable communities with a touch of vaudeville and funky punk, or meet the wise, ancient *Stumpy the Loving Tree*.

Blast into a little instrumental fun with the kazoo which you can make and then play, get caught up in the rhythm of the big taiko drum when *Chaika* bursts out the beats or laugh till your sides split with the classic humour of *PuppetOodle's* unique *Punch and Judy Show*.

Mr Tim and the Fuzzy Elbows will have the audience rocking out to country and folk style music with wacky dancing and interactive games and re-discover your favourite fairytales with the *Disney Jazz Classics with Squeezebox Trio*.

Dance till you drop with *Morris for Kids* or for something more energetic, the kids and Mum can burn some energy with some middle Eastern rhythms and hip twisting with *TABLA Bellydance*.

Last but not least, in association with the Taronga Zoomobile, Col Hardy brings his special Aboriginal Dreaming zoo experience to the Festival. On Friday & Saturday, listen to stories and songs of the Dreaming and meet and touch some of our native Australian animals up close. This is a not-to-be-missed event!

One of the highlights of the Festival weekend for families is the Festival Community Parade with all that's beautiful, bold and wildly imaginative lighting up the night sky of the National. All ages are welcome to join in – it's an opportunity to showcase to the world all the fabulous things created in ArteFACT and KidzFest. The parade starts at 6.00pm on Sunday night and winds its way through the festival village.

KidzFest is open each day from 10am – 5pm with concerts on the Carnival Stage and workshops and activities in the Bite-Sized Circus tent next door. Watch out for kids stuff in Central Park too and don't miss all the painting, sculpting and craft fun of the ArteFACT zone where you can make your own hat, mask, lantern, light sculpture or puppet for the parade. Children under 7 are free at the Festival, and don't forget Easter Monday is Family Day with all children under 15 free with a paying adult!

Expect nothing less than five days in a perfect world with over 1,200 artists to soak up at the National Capital at Easter from 2-6th April. Book your tickets now at www.folkfestival.org.au. Tickets start from \$68 for Adults on Easter Monday, or \$99 for an Adult's Day Pass on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Come for a day, come for a night or experience the full 5 day National experience from sunrise to sunset. Keep up with the latest Festival news on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. @natfolkfest #5daysinaperfectworld

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