



50TH NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL BEST PLACE FOR KIDS THIS EASTER

With only a month until Easter, the National Folk Festival announces its KidzFest Program for the milestone 50th Festival! Head to Canberra for five days of family fun this Easter.

KidzFest offers hours of amusement for the kids with concerts, immersive workshops and activities. Aboriginal Storyteller **Larry Brandy** will entertain and educate children with his interactive tales based on Wiradjuri culture with masks and real artefacts. Acclaimed all-girl duo **The Little Stevies** will appear for a one-off kids performance showcasing their CD full of delightful harmonies and songs written just for kids such as *Getting Dressed* and *I Ate a Rainbow*.

Big Rory & Ochie and the Giant Seagulls are coming all the way from Scotland. These giant street characters will be seen around the festival precinct entertaining the crowds and causing just a little bit of mischief. For a different experience families can explore traditional Australian stories and songs with **Bush Gothic** in a concert abundant with audience participation, spoon-playing and lagerphones.

Learn all about leather instruments from **The Chordwainers** with their interactive performance *Leather Instruments & Tassie Tales*. The kids can also make their very own leather instruments, whilst discovering the songs and stories of Tasmania.

Enjoy puppets galore with acts from the **Amazing Drumming Monkeys to PuppetOode** and **Little Puppet World**. Watch as these puppets come to life and tell stories and sing songs that will have the kids laughing and singing along. Cheeky, goofy and hilarious!

Watch youth circus coach Luth Wolff's **Big Tops & Tiny Tots** featuring uni-cycling, hula-hooping, plate spinning in a circus adventure for 3-5 year olds, and see the UK's **Keith Donnelly** entertain people of all ages with his original songs and stories.

The Festival Community Parade is bound to be a special event for the 50th Festival. Starting at 6pm on Sunday night, the parade shows off the incredible things made in the KidzFest and Community Arts workshops. Displays of imagination, skill and an overwhelming feeling of community will make for an unforgettable night.

KidzFest is open daily from 10am-5pm with concerts on the Carnival Stage and workshops and activities next-door in the Bite-Sized Circus tent. Kids under 7 are free every day and on Easter Monday all children under 15 are free with a paying adult. There is something for everyone at the 50th National Folk Festival. Take the kids to Community Arts to soak up some immersive craft experiences, taste food from all over the planet at our pop-up cafes and food precinct, catch some buskers, DIY orchestras and sublime choirs or have a look-see at our 97 year old Spiegel Zelt!

The 50th National Folk Festival will feature over 200 international and national artists across 18 venues at Exhibition Park, Canberra on the Easter weekend, 24-28 March. Discounted weekend and day tickets are still available. With more to come stay connected for all the latest news at www.folkfestival.org.au or follow National Folk Festival on Facebook, Twitter @natfolkfest and Instagram @nff_official #ournff #5daysinaperfectworld Just be there!

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