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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS
BABIES PROMS: JINGLE BELL JAZZ

Get into the Christmas spirit with Santa and his friends live on the Sydney Opera House stage for *Babies Proms: Jingle Bell Jazz* from 28 November – 20 December. The ideal introduction to live music for children aged two to five, *Jingle Bell Jazz* is the perfect sleigh ride through the classic Christmas song book, with a jazz and calypso twist.

Australian stage and screen star **Valerie Bader** will lead children on a singing and dancing romp through Christmas classics such as *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* and *Jingle Bells*. Everyone can join in and raise the Opera House roof with their own pair of maracas.

Children will have the opportunity to meet both the jolly man in red for a photo and the Babies Proms band for an up-close look at the instruments that create the unique sounds of jazz and calypso, including saxophone, flute and clarinet.

Head of Children, Families and Creative Learning at Sydney Opera House **Bridgette Van Leuven** said: “This year we are giving Christmas a summer beat with the Babies Proms jazz and calypso band. What better way to get into the Christmas mood with family and friends than with an not-so-old-fashioned carols singalong?”

For more than 30 years *Babies Proms* has provided children with engaging and interactive introductions to live music. Third-generation audience members are now bringing their grandchildren to experience the joy of music, ranging from well-known classical works to styles from the furthest reaches of the world.

Babies Proms: Jingle Bell Jazz is part of the Sydney Opera House Kids at the House program, a year-round series of performances and creative experiences for young people. Keep up to date with Kids at the House by joining us on our Facebook page [Kids at the House – Sydney Opera House](#).

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Dates: 28 November – 20 December, shows daily
Venue: The Studio, Sydney Opera House
Website: http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/whatson/kath_2015_christmas_rhythms.aspx
Bookings: 02 9250 7777

Babies Proms is part of **The Balnaves Foundation Open House Program** which offers socially and economically disadvantaged adults and children \$5 tickets to selected performances. For more information please visit www.sydneyoperahouse.com/balnaves.

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