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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS
LITTLE BIG SHOTS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Little Big Shots, the national short film festival championing films made by and for children, celebrates its 10th anniversary at the Sydney Opera House from 11 – 13 September 2015.

In 2005 a selection of short films for children premiered at the Opera House. Since those humble beginnings, the three-day festival has grown to encompass Oscar©-winning films, countless foreign works, child-made movies and many first-time film makers.

To celebrate this milestone event, *Little Big Shots* will begin with all the glitz and glamour expected of a festival opening night. Children, film-makers and film enthusiasts will take to the red carpet for an opening night Gala on Friday 11 September, hosted by perennial children's comedy favourites **The Listies** and ending with an all-ages disco.

The Listies are Richard and Matt; two of the rudest, silliest, grossest, clumsiest guys in Australia. Dubbed "the Lano & Woodley of the under-12 set" by the Herald Sun, The Listies are in high demand with Australian audiences and have toured internationally to great acclaim. They love films and fart jokes and will not rest until you have the most fun you have ever had at the movies. Following the Gala extravaganza, *Little Big Shots* will continue over the weekend with eight sessions, all curated with themes ranging across friendship, suspense, adventure, fantasy and family and catering to specific age groups ranging from ages two to 15.

Sydney Opera House Head of Children, Families & Creative Learning, **Bridgette Van Leuven**, said "*Little Big Shots* embodies our commitment to putting children at the centre of everything we do. Nowhere is this more evident than in the child-produced films showcased at the festival. It is wonderful to see the young filmmakers witness their work being enjoyed by their peers. This is a very special festival and we are thrilled to be celebrating 10 years of *Little Big Shots* at the Opera House."

As awareness of the festival has grown and film-making technology has become more readily available, child-produced films have steadily increased over the years, to an impressive ten in the 2015 festival. Little Big Shots film-making alumni have gone on to win Tropfest Junior and Australian Cinematographers awards and work in the industry as adults.

Films in this year's festival cover a range of genres, themes and styles. From the Oscar©-winning French short film *Mr Hublot* to first-time filmmakers, from claymation to book adaptations, from classroom drama to animal comedy, there is something for every taste and every age.

Little Big Shots is part of the Sydney Opera House's 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: 11 – 13 September 2015
Venue: Studio, Sydney Opera House
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