

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE AND LIVE NATION PRESENT
DIRTGIRL'S GET GRUBBY MUSICAL

"Loads of fun, catchy songs and a strong message of respect for the environment." The Age on Get Grubby TV

"Fans will dig this exercise in 'eco-tainment'" The Herald Sun on dirtgirlworld

*"Packed with information and motivation about exploring and protecting the natural world"
The Canberra Times on dirtgirlworld*

Reduce, reuse, recycle, rejoice: ***dirtgirl's get grubby musical*** is coming to the Sydney Opera House this summer with more than enough madcap fun to lure kids away from their devices and back into the dirt, where they belong.

Presented by Live Nation and the Sydney Opera House, this theatrical version of the Emmy Award-winning kid's television series ***dirtgirlworld*** on ABC TV will have its world premiere **19 – 26 January 2016**.

Created by **Cate McQuillen and Hewey Eustace**, with an all-Australian cast, ***dirtgirl's get grubby musical*** is a timely conversation about conservation. Australians spend seven hours on screen for every hour they spend on outdoor recreation, according to Planet Ark's 2013 survey *Missing Trees: The Inside Story of an Outdoor Nation*. Spurred on by this imbalance, the creators of ***dirtgirl's get grubby musical*** set out to encourage the next generation to reconnect with nature – through love and laughter.

Characters from the hit TV show will share a uniquely Australian eco adventure live on stage to encourage children (and their grown-ups) to nurture their patch of the earth. Meet dirtgirl the eco-actionist, who lives by the motto 'live simply, sing loudly,' her adventurous sidekick, scrapboy, who loves to turn old scrap into new inventions, and their trusty garden gnome, Costa (*Gardening Australia's* beloved presenter **Costa Georgiadis**).

Forget boring chores, grubby kids will learn how to get funky in the compost, take the Bucket List challenge at the *Get Grubby* fair and follow the honey trail to solve the mysterious disappearance of the local bees. Kids will leave the Opera House ready to hit the outdoors, eager to spread the message of sustainability at home and at school.

Broadcast in 129 countries, this Australian show has inspired a groundswell of kids' action, including dirtgirl community gardens and recycling programs in local NSW councils and schools. And where better for the stage show to premiere than at the Opera House, which recently achieved a rare environmental achievement, especially for a heritage building, a 4 Star Green Star – Performance rating?

McQuillen and Eustace had this to say about debuting hit show on stage: "We're super excited to be heading to the Opera House this summer for a hilarious hour of eco-musical fun. It's such a joy to bring these much-loved TV characters to life on stage, with award-winning music, spectacular dancing and maybe a giant vegetable or two! Get ready to get grubby!"

Sydney Opera House Head of Children, Families & Creative Learning, **Bridgette Van Leuven**, says: "The Opera House is committed to protecting and renewing this iconic venue for future generations. The building has recently been awarded a *4 Star Green Star – Performance* rating by the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) and we consider the environmental impact of everything presented on stage. ***Dirtgirl's get grubby musical*** represents a unique opportunity to involve the next generation in taking responsibility for of their local environment, including the Opera House, with lessons in sustainability through action. And of course, it is always fun to get grubby in the garden!"

Parents can take the 'go play outside' mantra a step further with dirtgirl's practical take-home ideas. So take back the backyard with dirtgirl and friends and let your love of nature bloom this summer!

Dirtgirl's get grubby musical is part of the Opera House's Kids at the House program, a year-round series of performances and creative experiences for young people. Keep up to date by joining us on our Facebook page: [Kids at the House – Sydney Opera House](#).

Images are available to download [here](#).

DIRTGIRL'S GET GRUBBY MUSICAL

Dates: 19 – 24 January 2016
Venue: Playhouse, Sydney Opera House
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