

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS

BABIES PROMS: THE FOUR SEASONS

How do we ready today's children for a 21st century world that is increasingly difficult to predict? Perhaps the best preparation parents can offer is to nurture their children's curiosity and creativity.

Research shows that exposing children as young as 12 months old to live performances sets them on a creative course, enabling them to adapt to a rapidly evolving world.

The Sydney Opera House's Babies Proms provide the perfect introduction to live performance and music for children aged 2-5 years. This June, one of the Babies Proms most loved classics, **Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons***, returns to the Opera House stage. These classic violin concerti take young audiences on a musical journey through each of the seasons as they discover the delights and difficulties of Mother Nature.

The Babies Proms *Four Seasons* performance offers a uniquely relaxed, interactive experience of Vivaldi's best-known work tailored specifically to children. Audiences are encouraged to notice the way music can be used to evoke "the barking dog" in the second movement of *Spring* or the "languor caused by the heat" in the first movement of *Summer*.

At the conclusion of the show children are invited to meet the musicians and be introduced to their instruments. The opportunity to interact with the art in such a direct way allows even the youngest audience members a truly immersive creative-learning experience.

Sydney Opera House Head of Children, Families & Creative Learning Bridgette Van Leuven said: "Vivaldi's classic *The Four Seasons* is the perfect introduction to the Sydney Opera House for our next generation of creative thinkers, makers and explorers. Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* is a rich and stimulating experience for children to explore and interact with the changing seasons through exquisite classical music. To be able to offer parents and children the opportunity to experience amazing music and storytelling in a world-class venue is a privilege and we encourage parents from all walks of life to establish their children's creative selves as early in life as possible."

Babies Proms: The Four Seasons is part of the Opera House's Children, Families & Creative Learning program, a year-round series of performances and creative experiences for young people. Keep up to date by joining us on our Facebook page: [Sydney Opera House – Kids and Families](#)

BABIES PROMS: THE FOUR SEASONS

Dates: 10-19 June 2016
Venue: Studio, Sydney Opera House
Ages: Ages 2-5
Bookings: 02 9250 7777

BABIES PROMS: 'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dates: 26 November – 18 December 2016
Venue: Studio, Sydney Opera House
Ages: Ages 2-5
Bookings: 02 9250 7777

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