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TRANSFORM SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Sydney Opera House has life-changing stories for students of all ages this school holidays. In the Studio, six Sydney teenagers morph into parkour stars in **Jump First, Ask Later**, while in the Playhouse Eric Carle's **Very Hungry Caterpillar** transforms before the eyes of our littlest audience members.

Off-stage, enjoy free **Creative Play** activities in the Western Foyers during the September school break, or join a **Junior Adventure** to discover the secrets beneath within the Opera House sails.

In the interactive **Creative Play: Creature** display, 3D images of Australian wildlife transmogrify as you approach, metamorphosing through your touch and movement. **Creature** is a free holiday activity, designed to encourage children to explore the artist within and the world around them.

Intrepid young explorers can discover the magic of the Sydney Opera House first-hand on the **Junior Adventure**, an action-packed one-hour tour designed for kids. There are dress-ups, interactive games, stories, facts and figures that will astound even the 'big kids'. If that works up an appetite, stop by our family-friendly harbourside restaurants for a **Junior Lunch**.

For an unforgettable (and conveniently scheduled) Opera House experience, bring your littlest ones in for a **Junior Day Pack** – a Junior Adventure with souvenir photo, Junior Lunch at Opera Kitchen and 15% off your tickets to **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**.

Jump First, Ask Later features young performers from the streets of Fairfield, Western Sydney, bringing their experiences to life in a show that embodies the spirit of parkour – the notion that obstacles are best tackled head-on. Merging urban freestyle movement with contemporary dance, this exciting show celebrates the liberating power of art and creativity. Presented by **Powerhouse Youth Theatre, Force Majeure** and **Dauntless Movement Crew, Jump First, Ask Later** is inspiring theatre.

The beloved caterpillar with the big appetite is a story-book character known around the world. This Australian-made stage adaptation brings **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** to life to entertain the smallest (and biggest) theatregoers. Combining **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** with three more Eric Carle stories – *The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse*, *Mister Seahorse* and *The Very Lonely Firefly* – this colourful, joyful interpretation of the books will delight the whole family. Audiences young and old will instantly recognise their favourite characters among the 75 magical puppets, created by New York's Puppet Kitchen.

Sydney Opera House Head of Children, Families & Creative Learning Bridgette Van Leuven says: "It's no coincidence that our September school holidays program is all about magical metamorphoses – heralding the change of season and the magic of spring! **Jump First, Ask Later** is a powerful and exhilarating performance and, as always, we're proud to be presenting the work of young performers. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** is a timeless story for so many Australians and this performance captures the spirit of the voracious little caterpillar in all his colourful glory. With other fun Creatures on the walls of the Western Foyers, and delicious food to enjoy overlooking the harbor, the Opera House is the perfect place to get in the spring spirit.

"Encourage your little adventures to harness the power of their creativity by joining us this September school holidays. The Opera House is all about magic and these magical experiences will stay with you long after the adventure is over."

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Jump First, Ask Later

Dates: 22 September – 2 October 2016

Venue: Studio, Sydney Opera House



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Ages: 8+
Bookings: 02 9250 7777

The Very Hungry Caterpillar (and other timeless stories)

Dates: 24 September – 9 October 2016
Venue: Playhouse, Sydney Opera House
Ages: 2+
Bookings: 02 9250 7777

Free Creative Play: Creature

Dates: 24 September – 9 October 2016
Venue: Studio Foyer, Sydney Opera House
Ages: All ages

Junior Day Pack & Junior Adventure

Dates: 24 September – 9 October 2016
Venue: Various Sydney Opera House venues
Ages: 5 – 12 years

Junior Lunch

Dates: 24 September – 9 October 2016
Venues: Opera Bar, Opera Kitchen & Eat Drink, Western Foyers
Ages: All ages

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