

NEXT FEAT: LIVESTREAM CIRCUS FROM OPERA HOUSE TO REGIONS

Stunt Lounge, a heart-stopping feat of physical daring from Australia's award-winning **Flying Fruit Fly Circus**, will be livestreamed from the **Sydney Opera House** to regional locations across the country on 14 April as part of the show's debut season.

Communities in regional New South Wales and interstate will have unprecedented access to this jaw-dropping circus performance, complete with interactive Q&A with the artists, when the youth circus takes *Stunt Lounge* not only to the Opera House Studio but across its digital platforms.

Connecting to the *Stunt Lounge* digital experience are: **Warehouse Circus Canberra, Spaghetti Circus Mullumbimby, Monoxide Circus Wollongong, Circus West Dubbo, Fling Physical Theatre Bega, BMEC Bathurst, CIRCA Brisbane** and **Circus Surreal Bathurst**. Many of these venues are making an Opera House performance available to their communities for the first time, connecting their audiences to the nation's premiere performing arts venue via the Opera House's Intel Broadcast Studio livestream.

The Flying Fruit Fly Circus have signed a three-year partnership with the Sydney Opera House to be the circus-in-residence for the Opera House's Children, Families & Creative Learning program. Now the two organisations are making the art and performers accessible to audiences around the country.

Sydney Opera House Head of Children, Families & Creative Learning Bridgette Van Leuven said: "Stunt Lounge is a fine example of industry pathways supporting emerging professional artists at the beginning of their careers. The livestream of *Stunt Lounge* to youth regional circuses only adds value to this, where young regional budding artists can view work by their peers and see what is possible in the future."

Flying Fruit Fly Circus Executive Director Richard Hull said: "Our company is proudly based in Albury-Wodonga, so we understand the importance of making and taking art out of the cities and into regional and remote Australian communities. It is an important part of our partnership with the Sydney Opera House that we use their extensive digital networks to make *Stunt Lounge* and other works available to our fellow artists and budding young circus performers across the country. We're thrilled to offer this opportunity to so many other youth circuses around the country."

NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said: "All Australians, no matter where they live, deserve to experience the best of the performing arts. The streaming of *Stunt Lounge*, a show by young people for young people, achieves this by bringing the best of what youth circus artists have to offer to audiences around Australia, including my hometown of Dubbo. Building on the Opera House's successes with livestreaming talks from All About Women last month, this opportunity extends the Flying Fruit Fly Circus and the Opera House's three-year partnership further to reach the nation."

Across its programming, the Sydney Opera House is dedicated to sharing Opera House experiences with the largest possible audience through the use of recording and broadcast technology. School children from regional Australia (and as far afield as India) see inside the Opera House through live, interactive digital tours; engage with artists and authors through digital forums; and receive world-class, creative and educational content delivered digitally. The aim of the Digital Creative Learning program is to extend the reach of the Opera House beyond the physical site and make it accessible to all Australians, no matter how regional or remote.

Stunt Lounge is part of the Opera House's Children, Families and 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](#)

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STUNT LOUNGE

Dates: 13 – 17 April 2016

Venue: Studio, Sydney Opera House



Ages: 12+
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