

MEDIA RELEASE

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DRESS UP ATTACK!

MUSIC & ARTS FOR CHILDREN AND GROWN UPS

WALTER MARTIN (THE WALKMEN) w/ GUEST VOCALISTS SALLY SELTMANN & HOLLY THROSBY / GRUG / HEY DUGGEE / AWESOME PEOPLE
READING BOOKS / GIANT LEGO / KINDERLING KIDS RADIO DISCO / GAY PANDA & GAY DUCK / RHYTHM OF THE DAY / THE BIRD PARADISE
& more...

SUNDAY 29 MAY, 10.00AM – 1.00PM, JOAN SUTHERLAND THEATRE & FOYERS

"A music and arts festival for kids that's cool for grown ups too."

TIME OUT

"There's no reason to give up music festivals just because you've become a parent."

ESSENTIAL BABY

It's a celebration, it's costumed chaos, it's an Opera House takeover for music's littlest fans: **Dress Up Attack! For Children and Grown Ups** makes a triumphant return to Vivid LIVE on Sunday 29 May.

Dress Up Attack!, a festival-within-a-festival for children two-to-eight (and their responsible adults), debuted in the Joan Sutherland Theatre as part of Vivid Live 2015. This year, **The Walkmen's Walter Martin**, his band and guest vocalists **Sally Seltmann** and **Holly Throsby** will channel their inner child perform songs about chimpanzees and rattlesnakes from the 2014 album *We're All Young Together*.

Meanwhile, in the Northern Foyers, it's never too early to dance. From midday on Sunday the 29th, the Opera House turns into a day party, with DJ Levins' Goodgod club performance, *Rhythm of the Night*, resurrected as *Rhythm of the Day* for those with a less flexible bedtime. **Kinderling Kids Radio Disco** and **Gay Panda & Gay Duck** — some of Sydney's best DJs appropriately attired in furry skins — are back with music, costumes, movement and hugs for expressive dancers of all ages.

Grug, the anthropomorphic Burrawang tree, will wander the corridors of the Opera House along with everyone's favourite dog **Duggee** — who'll be giving out Duggee Hugs, of course. **Awesome People Reading Books** is back, along with some surprise guests. Also filling the foyers: **Jumbo LEGO**, a **ribbon tent**, **art workshops**, **ball pits**, **board games** and other activities to keep minds moving and senses tingling.

Dress Up Attack! started in Sydney's Inner West in 2012 as a neighbourhood festival on a mission to celebrate contemporary music, interactive arts and the natural environment, with just a bit of teaching and learning along the way. Last year's debut at Vivid LIVE featured Aussie '90s pop-punk band **Ratcat**, **Holly Throsby and The Hello Tigers**, **Ro Sham Bo** and **Stereogamous**.

Tickets on sale now

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EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Dress Up Attack! ft. Walter Martin with Sally Seltmann & Holly Throsby and more
WHEN: Sunday 29 May 2016, 10.00am – 1.00pm
WHERE: Joan Sutherland Theatre & Foyers
TICKETS: From \$39 + bf

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From 27 May – 13 June, Sydney Opera House will welcome some of the most ambitious and innovative local and international artists for Vivid LIVE – a celebration of music on the nation's most famous stages – held as part of Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas.

Vivid LIVE invites the world's leading music artists and performers to raise the roof of the Sydney Opera House's theatres, rehearsal spaces, recording studios and most famously, its iconic sails, which are transformed into a unique lighting canvas each year for Vivid Sydney.

Now in its eighth year, Vivid Sydney, features large scale light installations and projections (Vivid Light); music performances and collaborations (Vivid Music including Vivid LIVE at the Sydney Opera House); and creative ideas, discussion and debate (Vivid Ideas), celebrating Sydney as the creative hub of the Asia-Pacific.

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