

# 2019 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

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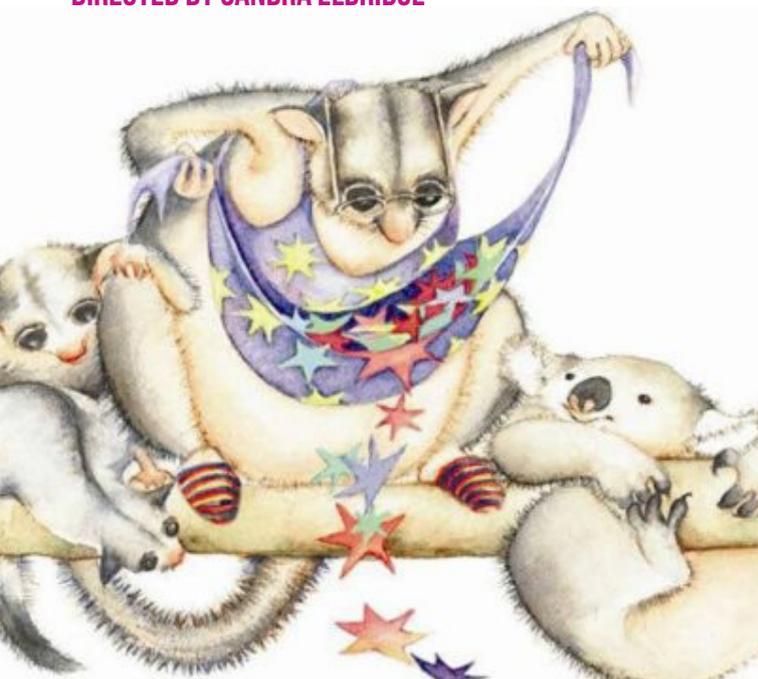
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# MONKEY BAA THEATRE COMPANY - POSSUM MAGIC

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**Based on the book by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas**

For more than 30 years, Mem Fox's Possum Magic has captivated and enchanted young people all over Australia. Grandma Poss loves making magic. She makes wombats blue and kookaburras pink. She makes dingoes smile and emus shrink. But one day, when danger arrives in the form of a snake, Grandma uses her most magical spell to make Hush invisible. Hush has many wonderful adventures. But being invisible isn't all it's cracked up to be, and Hush longs to see herself again.

One problem. Grandma Poss can't find the spell to make Hush visible again. And then she remembers...this particular magic requires something more, something special, something to do with food...people food.

Possum Magic takes us on a whimsical journey to cities around Australia to find the food that makes Hush visible again.

Joined by an extraordinary creative team, Monkey Baa brings to life the characters, journey and love that has made Possum Magic the most-loved and best-selling Australian picture book of all time.

## SHOW DETAILS

- > Term 3, week 3
- > Monday, 29 July - 6pm
- > Tuesday, 30 July - 10am & 12pm
- > 50 minutes, no interval
- > Ages 3 - 8
- > Warnings: Pyrotechnics

## PRICES

- > Admission \$15
- > Family Pass \$55

## SUBJECT LINKS

### English:

- > Recognise that texts are made up of words and groups or words that make meaning.
- > Understand that language can be used to explore ways of expressing needs, likes and dislikes
- > Recognise that texts can lead to different interpretations and responses.

### The Arts:

- > Explore dramatic action, empathy and space improvisations, play building and scripted drama to develop characters and situations.
- > Explore children's book illustrator Julie Vivas.

### Geography:

- > Compare characteristics of places within Australia.
- > The representation of Australia as states and territories, and Australia's major natural and human features.

### Science:

- > Sustainability

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## EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITES

### TEACHING ARTIST WORKSHOPS

#### What are they?

In school workshops that use drama based activities to explore the plot and themes of Possum Magic. The workshop connects students to the production before they see it, building excitement, understanding and ownership of the production.

#### What is the content?

Workshops will involve movement and physicalisation to explore the animals in the book. Explores tone and comedy, picture books and visual literacy and other drama activities linking to the story.

#### When and how?

Friday, 7 June & Monday, 10 June. Max. 30 participants per workshop, at your school. Workshops are limited!

*"Thank you so much, please come again. We would love to access these workshops for all our kids and staff"* - Cessnock teacher



### USEFUL LINKS

> [www.monkeybaa.com.au/show\\_category/whats-on/](http://www.monkeybaa.com.au/show_category/whats-on/)

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