

MEDIA RELEASE

11 January 2023

Recruiting dino loving kids for live show

Do you know your Australovenators from your Muttaburrasauruses? Can you distinguish between the Triassic and Jurassic periods and wax lyrical about the prehistoric creatures that once ruled the world?

Award winning puppetry-based theatrical theatre company Erth are on the hunt for two junior dinosaur loving palaeontologists to be part of the exciting production *Erth's Prehistoric Picnic*, a family friendly show, which is part of World Science Festival Brisbane from 22-26 March 2023.

Erth's Prehistoric Picnic is a live educational theatre show led by two hosts; Erth's Artistic Director, and two new budding dinosaur experts, aged between 10 and 12, to star alongside the team, and talk directly to the audience about the creatures featured in the show.

Sparking feelings of wonder, Erth bring the impossible to life as they send audiences to the wilderness of a distant era, and witness some of the most amazing dinosaurs and megafauna to have ever walked this Earth.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said this is a chance for young dinosaur fans to showcase their knowledge.

"If you consider yourself a dinosaur connoisseur, this is the perfect opportunity to be part of an awe-inspiring production during World Science Festival Brisbane in 2023," Dr Thompson said.

"We know visitors to Queensland Museum love dinosaurs, so Erth will have a challenge choosing just two lucky young dinosaur enthusiasts to be part of the show."

Erth Artistic Director Scott Wright said the team were specifically looking for children with knowledge about our prehistoric past.

"We are not recruiting actors, just regular children who are comfortable speaking about dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures," Mr Wright said.

"This is not a scripted show, it's live theatre that is spontaneous and fun – we basically have a conversation with each other and our audience and see where this takes us.

"So, this role will really suit children who are passionate about dinosaurs and can confidently share fun facts and interesting stories to larger audiences."

Dinosaurs featured within the show include baby T-Rex and Triceratops, Leaellynasaurus, Australovenator, Meganeura and the megafauna Dromornithidae, commonly known as Thunderbirds.

Emily (aged 11) who was part of Erth's Prehistoric Picnic in Sydney said this was a once in a lifetime experience you won't forget. "I was so excited to be part of the show in Sydney and it was such an amazing experience," Emily said.

QUEENSLAND
MUSEUM NETWORK
PRESENTS



MEDIA RELEASE

“Prior to this I had no experience in live theatre: I’m just a kid who loves dinosaurs, and Erth gave me a chance to showcase my knowledge and have a lot of fun along the way.

“I encourage all kids to get involved – it’s an experience you will never forget.”

If you wish to apply for this fantastic opportunity, submit a short 3 to 5-minute video through www.earth.com.au/recruitment by Sunday 29 January 2023.

For more information visit <https://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/event-program/brisbane/erths-prehistoric-picnicgp2023>

Media enquiries:

media@qm.qld.gov.au

Christine Robertson, Queensland Museum **M:** 0417 741 710

Kylie Hay, Queensland Museum **M:** 0434 565 852

World Science Festival Brisbane 2023 is presented by Queensland Museum Network with support from Queensland Government and Strategic Partners Tourism Events Queensland and Brisbane Economic Development Agency.

The Queensland Government via Tourism and Events Queensland and Brisbane City Council via Brisbane Economic Development Agency is proud to support World Science Festival Brisbane, World Science Festival Queensland and Curiosity Brisbane, which features on the It’s Live! in Queensland events calendar. Your perfect next event is in Queensland where live events combine with the most incredible destinations, and life is beautiful one day, perfect the next.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL BRISBANE | 22- 26 March 2023 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

Queensland Museum Network holds exclusive licence to host World Science Festival in the Asia Pacific – the only global extension of this initiative, and WSFB has attracted more than 800,000 attendances, and \$36 million into the Queensland economy, since 2016. World Science Festival Brisbane reinforces Queensland’s position as a knowledge economy and ignites new and challenging discussions about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) so that more and more people experience the value, impacts and wonder of science.

ABOUT CURIOCITY BRISBANE | 22 March – 2 April 2023 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

Since 2019, Curiosity Brisbane has sparked inspiration and innovation, transforming our city into an interactive place to “explore, create and play”. During March, Curiosity Brisbane invites visitors to let their imaginations roam free, with installations, workshops and talks from high-profile artists that celebrate the connection between art, science and technology. In 2023, Curiosity Brisbane will be delivered as part of World Science Festival Brisbane, presented by Queensland Museum Network.

ABOUT WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND | various dates, 2023 | worldsciencefestival.com.au

World Science Festival Queensland explores and celebrates the connection of science and art at five regional locations around Queensland, including Toowoomba, Townsville, Ipswich, Chinchilla and Gladstone.

ABOUT EARTH

Erth is a company fuelled by beautiful accidents; a team of creators, makers and performers pushing the limits of design, content and experience. For over 30 years Erth’s puppetry-based theatrical productions and innovative community projects have challenged and inspired audiences around the world, driven by a special interest in

**QUEENSLAND
MUSEUM NETWORK**
PRESENTS



MEDIA RELEASE

natural history, first nation stories, sociology and urban mythology. Renowned for their touring performances of Erth's Dinosaur Zoo and Erth's Prehistoric World, today the company is recognised internationally as an innovator of physical and visual theatre, and a creator of brave, unbridled work for children.