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“Pure Imagination” – Gaetano Bonfante with Michael Harvey, brings ‘beautiful music’ to the stage, with voice and piano. The romantic repertoire includes “Bring Him Home”, “Anthem”, “Be My Love”, “Younger than Springtime”, and songs recorded by Andrea Bocelli and Josh Groban. Together, Gaetano and Michael bring you the fullness of their artistry.

Gaetano, an Australian-Italian tenor, has performed and studied in Verona, Venice, Shanghai, and sang with Opera Australia in TOSCA, PARSIFAL, and LA BOHEME. His rich tenor voice, accompanied by Award-winning Composer and Pianist, Michael Harvey, will delight you. Michael, once Musical Director / Conductor for Australia’s iconic performers, Julie Anthony, Peter Allen and Rob Guest, also performs in solo Piano Performance.

Gaetano’s sensitivity and Michael’s musical empathy, ‘breathing’ with the singer on every note, is endearing to the audience. Together they bring an amiable and warm conversation to the stage – “Pure Imagination” is pure joy.

DATES
Wednesday, 20 February
11am

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
80mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+ & MM Package $12.50pp
Includes FREE Light Refreshments from 10am
Met Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Verdi’s timeless tragedy La Traviata. Directed by Michael Mayer, this new production features a dazzling 18th-century setting that changes with the seasons. Diana Damrau is the doomed heroine Violetta, opposite Juan Diego Flórez as her lover, Alfredo, and Quinn Kelsey as Alfredo’s protective father, Giorgio Germont.

A dazzling 18th century setting that changes with the seasons

La Traviata at the MET
FILMED FROM A LIVE PERFORMANCE

A SHARMILL FILMS PRODUCTION

DATES
Sunday, 10 March
3pm

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
3 hours & 32 mins (incl. interval)

RATING
PG

PRICING
Adults $28
Concession $24
Child $15
2019 TicketShop Members (10% off each price category except groups)
Groups 10+ $10 pp
Adapted from the award winning picture book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler, published by Macmillan Children’s books.

The witch and her cat are flying happily on their broomstick – until a stormy wind blows away the witch’s hat, bow and wand.

A helpful dog, bird and frog find the witch’s lost things, and they all hop on the broom for a ride. But this broomstick’s not meant for five and – CRACK – the broom snaps in two!

When a hungry dragon appears, who will save the poor witch? And will there ever be room on the broom for everyone?

After a sell-out 2017 tour, the team behind The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo’s Child return with songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged 3 and up - and their grown-ups...

DATES
Thursday, 14 March
6:30pm

Friday, 15 March
10:30am & 12:30pm

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
55mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Conc/Child $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+ $12.50pp
School Group bookings please contact the TicketShop
Joyous. Sexy. Heartbreaking. Take a dizzying ride through love’s collision course.

Based on 800 anonymous love stories submitted by you, your friends and your exes, I Want To Know What Love Is throws a spotlight on long-buried memories, bedroom fantasies, crushes and conquests as secret confessions are transformed into magnificent declarations centre stage. This is for everyone who’s ever loved. Anyone who’s ever hurt. This is for you.

Created by Daniel Evans, Amy Ingram, Caroline Dunphy, Kieran Swann and Lauren Clelland.
“Ladies and Gentlemen, we welcome you aboard magical airline UP, UP & AWAY! Where only the extremely good looking are eligible to fly! We trust you’ll enjoy the hospitality provided by our cheeky service team, as well as the fabulous in-flight entertainment system.”

Travel with UP, UP & AWAY! in this riotous dance cabaret on a once-in-a-lifetime journey around the world. The sassy stewardesses are your LIVE In-Flight Entertainment System which features more than enough razzle-dazzle from the Swing and Retro eras to keep you occupied during your fabulous journey.

Join the tipsy mile-high shenanigans through spectacular dance numbers and captivating harmonies as the crew from First Class, Business Class and Economy demonstrate what NEVER goes on at 39,000 feet. In fact, the hosties are far more interested in their own comfort than that of their passengers and you are invited to join their escapades as they leap through the skies on an unmissable musical journey.

DATES
Wednesday, 10 April
11am

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
75mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+ & MM Package $12.50pp
Includes FREE Light Refreshments from 10am
Looking for a laugh? The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is coming to town. Forget I-Spy, spotto and stale servo snacks, this road trip is jam-packed with a crew of fantastically funny comedians, specially selected to bring the fun of the Festival to towns and cities around the nation.

For 20 years the Melbourne International Comedy Festival has been touring far and wide, bringing giggles, guffaws and good times to Australia and further afield. Whether you’re in Katherine, Quirindi, Kyneton or Cairns, you can still experience Australia’s largest and best-loved comedy festival in your own backyard. We’ve got over 80 destinations on the laugh-laden schedule, and a line-up of artists to tickle anyone’s funny bone. The Roadshow really has something for everyone! Grab a mate, grab a date... grab a ticket to the Roadshow!
Short plays will take centre stage as the North Queensland Festival of One-Act Plays makes its return in 2019.

A long-term partnership between Townsville City Council and the Friends of the Theatre, the annual festival will be held in the refurbished Townsville Civic Theatre this year. The festival gives both groups and individual amateur thespians the opportunity to perform on stage and be critiqued on their work by an industry professional. The festival plays a great role in the development of theatrical talent in the region and gives exposure to unknown local writers.

**TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS**

**Festival of One-Act Plays**

**DATES**
Friday, 3 May
Sunday, 5 May

**VENUE**
Townsville Civic Theatre

**RUN TIME**
Various

**RATING**
Various

**PRICING**
Adults $18
Concession $12
Child $10

2019 TicketShop Members (10% off each price category except groups)
Groups 10+ $12pp
What happens in Vegas, stays Vegas right? Wrong!

Let the lights, sounds, music and stories of Las Vegas come to you in this sensational high energy musical extravaganza which pays homage to the Legends of Vegas.

Featuring the breath-taking voices of Rick Romeo and friends, be taken on a journey through the life, music and behind the scenes stories of some of the greatest entertainers of our time who frequented ‘The Strip’ in it’s heyday and beyond.

With amazing harmonies, charm and slick sophistication, these guys have the dinner suits, the attitude and the banter to match!

DATES
Wednesday, 8 May
11am

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
80mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+
& MM Package $12.50pp
Includes FREE Light Refreshments from 10am

"A highly professional & entertaining trio of talented performers."

JTM PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS
Attori in
A Night in Vegas

"We have not seen anything superior."

HONEYCOMB GROUP
Don José loses everything to be with the capricious Carmen, with a fierceness that can only lead to catastrophe.

Clémentine Margaine stars as opera’s ultimate seductress, opposite superstar Roberto Alagna (who captivated Live in HD audiences as Don José in 2010) as the passionate solider held in the throes of Carmen’s cruel magnetism.

Louis Langrée conducts Sir Richard Eyre’s thrilling production, a favourite in the MET’s repertoire and one of the most popular operas of all time.

A ravishing opera of love & passion!
Me and My Shadow is about the fanciful escapades of a girl making friends with her shadow. Children love to play with shadows, but making friends with your shadow can be a tricky business. There are things to sort out, problems to solve, adventures to have and laughter to be shared.

Me and My Shadow is a gentle magical visual poem for children, using paper, light, shadow, colour, water, music, sound and words to create a world of play where the imagined becomes real. With fantastical imagery, quirky physical performances and an intriguing score, Me and My Shadow ignites the imagination in a poetical experience that explores the trials and joys of friendship.

**DATES**
- Monday, 13 May
  - 6:30pm
- Tuesday, 14 May
  - 10:30am & 12:30pm

**VENUE**
- Townsville Civic Theatre

**RUN TIME**
- 45mins

**RATING**
- G

**PRICING**
- Adults/Conc/Child $15
- 2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
- Groups 10+ $12.50pp

School Group bookings please contact the TicketShop
Loose Ends

Makers, creators, and story lovers: dive into a theatrical adventure that feels like the magic box of a bygone trickster!

Journey to an eccentric place where gadgets are poetic, puppets naughty, machines untamed and circus tricks pop up when you’re least expecting it! This is a world where music appears from lemons, carrots and bunny’s bums, monsters go crazy and birthday parties are ferociously celebrated.

Loose Ends is the story of a man who thinks he can organise all his life in boxes, and has a knack for getting into mischief. Can this tinkerer learn enough about real friendship to keep him out of trouble?

This breathtaking show is highly visual, emotional and unpredictable. It makes inventions and machines fun and adds a few quirky edges to puppetry.

DATES
Tuesday, 28 May
12:30pm & 6:30pm
Wednesday, 29 May
10:30am & 12:30pm

VENUE
Riverway Arts Centre

RUN TIME
60mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Conc/Child $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+ $12.50pp
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From the creator of the award-winning international hits The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer and It’s Dark Outside comes a new low-fi puppetry spectacular. Get ready for an epic puppet adventure that bends time and melts your heart.

Keeping you at the edge of your seat, BRUCE will sweep you away on an epic adventure of love and revenge. He may be just a yellow block of foam with a pair of disembodied hands, but BRUCE is out to prove he’s got a heart of pure gold. BRUCE is a two-man, one-puppet show that fuses mime and puppetry in a non-stop rollercoaster of action, adventure and low-fi nostalgia.

DATES
Friday, 7 June
7:30pm
Saturday, 8 June
1:30pm

VENUE
Riverway Arts Centre

RUN TIME
55mins

RATING
M 15+

PRICING
Adults $35
Concession $30
Child $20

2019 TicketShop Members (10% off each price category except groups)
Groups 10+ $30pp
A CDP KIDS PRODUCTION

Billionaire Boy
A PLAY BY MARYAM MASTER BASED ON
THE BOOK BY DAVID WALLIAMS

Twelve year old Joe has everything a boy could ever want, from a golden underwater Ferrari to his very own cinema. Joe and his Dad have more money than you could imagine, but what Joe really needs is a friend. When Joe arrives at his new school, life really gets tough. Facing the school bully, his Dad’s new girlfriend and the world’s worst school canteen, Joe is about to learn that money might buy you a lot in Raj’s shop, but it can’t buy you everything.

David Walliams’ best-selling book comes to life on stage for 6-12 year olds - and their adults! Don’t miss this original Australian adaptation as the team behind Mr Stink and The 13-, 26-, 52- and 78-Storey Treehouses live on stage return with songs, laughs and yes, that cat sick and sweet potato mash from the canteen...

DATES
Wednesday, 12 June
6:30pm
Thursday, 13 June
10:30am & 12:30pm

VENUE
Riverway Arts Centre

RUN TIME
60mins

AGE RECOMMENDATION
6-12yrs and their adults

PRICING
Adults/Conc/Child $15
2019 TicketShop
Members $13.50
Groups 10+ $12.50pp

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Billionaire Boy by David Walliams, published by HarperCollins Children’s Books
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Billionaire Boy
A play by Maryam Master
based on the bestselling novel

LIVE on Stage!
The Band of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment is made up of a group of exceptional professional Army musicians based in Townsville’s Lavarack Barracks. Amazingly versatile, they can step off a parade ground and put on exciting rock shows, intimate small group events, and masterful big band jazz performances. Their shows are always very popular and sell out, so be quick to get your tickets!

**1 RAR Band Presents...**

**DATES**
Wednesday, 19 June
11am

**VENUE**
Townsville Civic Theatre

**RUN TIME**
Approx. 75mins

**RATING**
G

**PRICING**
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop Members $13.50
Groups 10+ & MM Package $12.50pp

*Includes FREE Light Refreshments from 10am*
Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus

BY CIRCA
CREATED BY YARON LIFSCHITZ WITH BENJAMIN Knapton AND THE CIRCA ENSEMBLE

Straight from the score and onto the stage, the man known as Mozart appears amid a storm of powder, tumbling and twirling, as musical mayhem and movement fuse in this family show with a circus twist.

To those who know him, he is Wolfgang, the dart-playing, pun-loving ratbag. To those who are watching and listening, he is the wigged genius Mozart. Come and discover his irrepressible spirit and vibrant compositions through physical comedy and mischievous antics.

Designed to amaze people from the age of three and upwards, Wolfgang’s Magical Musical Circus reinvents the composer’s magical music in a skilful and illuminating show featuring Circa’s dexterous daredevil artists and a live accordionist. Watch as the notes are physically lifted off the page as performers bring the renowned compositions to life amidst a storm of powder, tumbles and crashes, all under the eccentric swirl of the conductor’s baton.

DATES
- Friday, 19 July 2019
  - 7:30pm
- Saturday, 20 July 2019
  - 1:30pm

VENUE
Riverway Arts Centre

RUN TIME
60mins

RATING
Suitable for ages 3+

PRICING
- Adults $30
- Concession $25
- Child $17
- Family (2A+2J) $65

2019 TicketShop Members
(10% off each price category except groups & family)
- Groups 10+ $25pp

Commissioned by the Arthouse Wyong
Circa respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, waters and seas on which we work and live paying respects to Elders, past, present and future.
For more than 30 years, Mem Fox’s Possum Magic has captivated and enchanted young people all over Australia. 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.

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.

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**DATES**

Thursday, 25 July
6:30pm

Friday, 26 July
10:30am & 12:30pm

**VENUE**

Riverway Arts Centre

**RUN TIME**

50mins

**RATING**

G - Recommended age group: 3-8 years

**PRICING**

Adults/Conc/Child $15

2019 TicketShop Members $13.50

Groups 10+ $12.50pp

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Spencer is a new Australian comedy-drama that looks through the lens of a sports-mad dysfunctional family to explore themes of acceptance, forgiveness, identity and depression.

Told over the course of one weekend in a suburban Australian family home, *Spencer* tells the story of a tight-knit family led by single-mum matriarch Marilyn and her three adult children – wayward daughter Jules, mouthy couldabeen Ben and AFL player and golden-boy Scott. About to meet the young son – Spencer – he never knew he had, Scott and the family have gathered home to help mark the occasion. With the surprise appearance of the father they barely remember, the entire family is forced to work together to clean up both the house and their own fractured relationships as the clock ticks down to Spencer’s arrival.

Starring Jane Clifton (Prisoner), Roger Oakley (Home & Away) and Lyall Brooks (A Prudent Man), *Spencer* asks us to consider how much our family defines who we are, if we can exist without them and whether we ever really grow up….
The Beggars

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The Beggars are Renee Donaghey, Stuart Day and Quinton Dunne, their sound is often compared to legendary Australian Vocal group The Seekers. Since forming in 2006 The Beggars have made multiple Australian and International tours, topped the European country music charts and made over 150 appearances on the iTunes music charts.

DATES
Wednesday, 9 October
11am

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
80mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop
Members $13.50
Groups 10+ &
MM Package $12.50pp
Includes FREE Light
Refreshments from 10am
Spot is one of the most loved dogs in the world, and he’s coming to Australia!

Spot and his friends are off on a new adventure to visit Spot’s Dad on the farm and meet the farm animals. But when they arrive, all the animals are lost! Can Spot and his friends find them all? They might need a little help from their new friends in the audience...

Eric Hill’s beloved puppy comes to life on stage with puppetry, songs, and puzzles for children aged 18 months+ and their adults.

Presented by arrangement with Salspot Limited, part of Penguin Random House.
Melbourne City Ballet will recreate the cherished story of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz for audiences across Australia in 2019. The dancers will click their heels together and get a little bit wicked as they follow the classic tale of Dorothy Gale, a young country girl who is swept away to the magical world of Oz.

Full of enchanting characters, some friendly and some truly wicked! The Wonderful Wizard of Oz will be imaginatively brought to life in this brand new production for Melbourne City Ballet. With stunning new sets and costumes and the company’s largest ensemble to date, this brand new ballet proves there is no place like home, and will be an enchanting event suitable for the whole family.

**DATES**
Wednesday, 23 October
7.30pm

**VENUE**
Townsville Civic Theatre

**RUN TIME**
120mins

**RATING**
G

**PRICING**
Adults $35
Concession $30
Child $20

2019 TicketShop Members
(10% off each price category except groups)
Groups 10+ $30pp

Close your eyes, and tap your heels together 3 times!
Karen Knowles, one of Australia’s favourite singers, will return to Townsville for a special Christmas concert on 20 November 2019. Well known for her Carols and Christmas repertoire and regular performances as part of the Lord Mayors Carols broadcast throughout Queensland on Channel 7, Karen will perform with her musical director. Starting her performance career on Young Talent Time, Karen moved into recording and became the highest selling Australian female recording artists for two consecutive years. Her hits include Why Won’t You Explain, You are the Reason, Loves us All, By Request and Moonglow. She has received gold and platinum awards for her recordings, has starred in the musical Big River and was lead singer with The Seekers in the early 1990s. Join Karen for a wonderful selection of her hits, standards and your favourite Christmas songs as her music moves you into the true spirit of Christmas.

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DATES
Wednesday, 20 November
11am

VENUE
Townsville Civic Theatre

RUN TIME
75mins

RATING
G

PRICING
Adults/Concession $15
2019 TicketShop
Members $13.50
Groups 10+ &
MM Package $12.50pp
Includes FREE Light
Refreshments from 10am