



NGV Kids on Tour participants outside Hamilton Gallery. Image credit: We Met In June Photography.

Free NGV Kids on Tour workshops at Hamilton Gallery

The free NGV Kids on Tour program returns to Hamilton Gallery this month after last year's sold-out event.

Children and families in over 140 venues across Victoria will get to experience this year's NGV Kids on Tour program, with a range of activities inspired by the NGV's free summer exhibition for children and families, *RIFI: Jean Jullien for Kids*. The exhibition has been created by French artist, Jean Jullien, with the message of inspiring children with art, having fun, and caring for the environment.

Ages 4-12 can learn to create a lantern, draw their favourite sea creature, make a food sculpture, create a collage, or work together in a family activity learning to draw a flying fox.

Hamilton Gallery will host both a morning and an afternoon session on Wednesday 24th January, with spaces available for 10am-12pm, or 2-4pm.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO, Tony Doyle expressed his excitement at seeing the Gallery once again filled with young creatives.

'These sessions sold out last year, with almost 140 young creatives and their caregivers taking part. The opportunities the Gallery provides for young people to develop their creativity and problem-solving skills, to express themselves, and to have shared arts experiences are abundant,' said Mr Doyle.

Tony Ellwood AM, Director, NGV, said: 'The Kids on Tour program is an integral part of the NGV's role in connecting children and their families through art, design and culture. Ten years on from its inception, NGV has this year partnered with more community venues than ever, reinforcing NGV's commitment to providing access to art and design for all Victorians.'

Ages 4-11 are also invited to take part in the Gallery's free weekly HG Play sessions, which resume for Term 1 on Wednesday 31 January at 4pm.

In addition, regular sessions are being held for babies, toddlers and groups, with accessible 'Look Clubs' and biweekly tours also available to book.

Tickets to upcoming events can be booked online at hamiltongallery.org or by contacting the Gallery.

To see more of what's on, from free kids' activities to live music, visit the Hamilton Gallery website.

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EVENT DETAILS:

NGV Kids on Tour 2024

Wednesday 24 January 2024, 10am-12pm & 2-4pm

Hamilton Gallery, 107 Brown St Hamilton VIC 3300

www.hamiltongallery.org/whats-on

Tickets: <https://events.humanitix.com/tours/ngv-kids-on-tour>

NGV Kids on Tour activities 2024:

- **Underwater Drawing Club** – Inspired by Triennial artist Jean Jullien's exhibition *RIFIFI*, this activity inspires children to create drawings of their favourite sea creature using Jullien's signature bold and playful style.
- **To Become Light** – Drawing upon Melbourne artist Jenna Lee's installation of paper lanterns in *Balarr (to become light)*, children can discover the special symbols Lee has painted on her lanterns and complete their own lantern and dilly bag drawings with symbols of their identity.
- **Inspiration Train** – Encouraging creativity and problem-solving skills, children can design an object inspired by their favourite food using design tips for the world you live in from Australian designers, Daniel To and Emma Aiston.
- **Remaking Home** – Inspired by the work of Melbourne-based artists and wildlife carers Gracia & Louise, children can create a collage from drawings of native Australian plants and animals.
- **Meet the Fantastic Grey-headed Flying Fox** – In this activity, young children and their families can draw a Grey-headed Flying Fox and discover interesting facts about this often-misunderstood furry mammal.

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ABOUT HAMILTON GALLERY:

Hamilton Gallery is a public art gallery located in the city of Hamilton in South West Victoria. It was opened in

1961, following a generous act of local philanthropy, with a donation of 781 works of art. This gift provided the foundation and inspiration of today's collection, now numbering over 9,000 objects with unique strengths in Decorative Arts, European, Australian, Chinese and Japanese Art. Visitors can discover touring exhibitions, curated highlights from the permanent collection and engaging public programs and events alongside a unique Design Store.

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