



***The catalyst in developing creative, open-minded young
Western Australians who are engaged with the world***

An AWESOME taste of things to come!

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Last week AWESOME Arts Australia officially launched their 2008 AWESOME Festival program, showcasing amazing, engaging and thought-provoking artists and performers from New York, Belgium, Netherlands, Melbourne and of course, the best from the west.

The **2008 AWESOME International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things** is on from **16 – 23 November** in the Perth CBD.

"This year's festival is an open invitation to families to come and play with us. Parents don't even consider a coffee while the kids visit us - you won't want to miss anything," said Carol Brearley, Program Director, AWESOME Arts.

"Wear comfy shoes and keep an open mind. In 2008, AWESOME guarantees to blow away the cobwebs and put the fun back into family outings" she said.

Tiny Ninja Theatre presents Romeo and Juliet (New York USA) boasts an all-plastic cast of tiny ninja figures to tell the tale of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers.

Fazzoletto (Belgium) is an enchanting, tiny circus that shrank in the wash! Luckily the two stable boys remained their normal size.

Experimenta Playground (Melbourne) is an interactive digital media playground that invites you to touch, watch, listen to and experience the unique and inventive artworks of 30 Australian and international artists.

Fly (Netherlands) is a magical insight into filmmaking. Taking place inside a sea container, an artist creates a film right in front of your eyes that is screened instantly only metres away.

2008 marks BHP Billiton Nickel West's second year as Principal Partner to the AWESOME Festival. This unique partnership was recently recognised at last month's Australian Business and the Arts Foundation's awards, winning the Qantaslink Regional Award.

For more information on the full Festival program and workshops visit www.awesomearts.com or call 9485 0560 to have a program mailed to you.

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