Join Geelong Performing Arts Centre these school holidays and get those feet moving!

Get your dancing shoes on

Join the Australian Ballet education and outreach team in Geelong these school holidays for an all-abilities dance workshop to keep you entertained and get your creative juices flowing.

In a storytime dance workshop with the Australian Ballet, 'Dancing Story' gives children the unique opportunity to explore 'The Story of Pomi and Gobba' through dance.

With four age groups for your kids, each group will have the opportunity to watch a free performance these holidays, as well as joining a fun and inclusive dance workshop.

Supporting confidence, resilience and teamwork skills in individuals of all ages, skill levels and physical abilities, no previous experience is required for young kids, while teens are recommended to have a small amount of experience.

Children should wear comfortable clothing for movement, wear bare feet or dance shoes, bring a water bottle, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Dance workshops

Dancing Story 3-5 years old
Tuesday, July 5, 10.30am-11.15am

Dance workshop 6 - 8 years old
Prep to grade 2
Wednesday, July 6, 10.30am-11.15am

Dance workshops 9 - 12 years old
Grade 3 - 6
Thursday, July 7, 10.30am-11.15am

Teens Dance 13 - 16 years old
Wednesday, July 6, 2.15pm-3pm
OR Thursday, July 7, 2.15pm-3pm

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022/the-australian-ballet-dance-workshops.

Catch Edward and Edwina

The Geelong Arts Centre is welcoming a much-loved classic to its 2022 Family Magic Program, with 'Edward the Emu' coming from page to stage at Costa Hall on July 29 and 30.

Brought to Geelong by the award-winning Monkey Baa Theatre Company, 'Edward the Emu' is a combined tale of both Edwina the Emu and Edward the Emu, based on the funny and heartfelt books by Sheena Knowles and Rod Clement.

Follow the emu pair's adventure as they navigate existential crises and dodge their zookeepers along the way. Adapted by Eva Di Cesare, the 50-minute show features an award-winning set, inventive storytelling, world-class puppetry and an original score.

'Edward the Emu' is suitable for children aged between four and 10, along with their adults. Performances are set for Friday, July 29 at 6.30pm and Saturday, July 30 at noon and 2.30pm, with the noon show a Relaxed Performance with an Auslan Interpreter.

Relaxed Performances welcome audiences who would benefit from a more relaxed environment – this can include but is not limited to people with autism, sensory sensitivities, learning disabilities or dementia, as well as those living with anxiety or who have experienced trauma.

The atmosphere of these performances is non-judgemental and noisy enthusiasm is embraced.

Audience members are also welcome to bring headphones to reduce noise if they wish. With dimmed lights, open auditorium doors and moderated technical elements such as sound effects and strong lighting, while keeping the beloved story of *Edward and Edwina the Emu* completely unchanged.

Having started in March and running through to August 23, the Family Magic Program is proudly supported by the Victorian government through Creative Victoria, major artistic partner Deakin University and program partner Geelong Connected Communities.

Edward and Edwina the emus are ready to thrill the kids of Geelong. (Supplied)

"After a sold-out string of 'Pete the Sheep' performances last year, we're so pleased to have Monkey Baa Theatre Company return to Geelong Arts Centre's Family Magic line up with this highly entertaining and original award-winning performance that is sure to have children of the region reeling with laughter and delight," Geelong Arts Centre associate producer Emily Donoghue says.

Ticket prices for shows to Geelong Arts Centre's Family Magic program are $32 for adults, $22 for children and $25 for groups of six or more.

For full program details and to make a booking, visit www.geelongartscentre.org.au/family-magic-2022 or phone 1300 251 200 between 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.