

Outlookers

Tina and Tom's school project on endangered Australian animals comes to life when their collectable toys - **Outlookers** - start sending them messages to save the animal kingdom. Tina and Tom receive an urgent SOS message from an Outlooker toy, and learn the toys contain real animal souls. The duo must draw on all their skills in their quest to save the animal kingdom, all with a dastardly villain in hot pursuit! Can they get to their destination in time and save their animal friends?

Find out when Arena Theatre Company's production of **Outlookers** comes to QPAC's Out of the Box Festival in Studio 1 from 7 – 12th June for 12 performances.

Outlookers is an adventure tale written by Rosemary Myers and Lally Katz. It's high-energy theatre, featuring original songs by Hugh Covill, exploring themes of friendship, trust and tolerance. It asks the audience to use their imagination - a request made easier by the cast's presentation of the work and the unique inflatable set, designed by former Mambo artist Jeff Raglus, which expands and changes during the performance!

Festival Artistic Director, Susan Richer says, "Arena Theatre is one of this country's most outstanding producers of innovative work for younger audiences. Out of the Box is pleased to continue its association with this ground breaking company and their continuous efforts to create work that is fresh and connected to contemporary cultures."

Outlookers reflects and celebrates the fantastic imagination of children both in form and content. The production explores ideas of cooperation, consumerism and the environment. **Outlookers** will be performed in the manga-style of Digimon and Pokemon, and provide a fun and memorable spectacle in an intimate studio environment.

Arena Theatre Company is widely recognised as the world leader in creating dynamic theatre for young people. Based in Melbourne and established in 1966, Arena performs each year to thousands of young people across Australia and the world. In 2002, the Company's Melbourne Festival production *Play Dirty* won the Drama Victoria Award for Best Production by a Theatre Company for Young People. In 1999 the Company was awarded the ASSITEJ (International Association of Theatre for Children and Young People) Honorary Presidents Award.

Outlookers is one of 6 in-theatre productions, 7 workshops and 14 free events which run from 7 – 12TH June as part of the Out of the Box Festival of Early Childhood.

Ticket Information:

Venue: Playhouse, QPAC
Season: 7 – 12 June @ 10.00am & 1.00pm daily
Tickets: \$14
Duration: 50 mins
Bookings: Qtix 136 246 or qtix.com.au



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