

World-famous Flying Fruit Fly Circus return with brand new feminist show, *Girls with Altitude*



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, 16 JUNE 2022 – An all-female cast of young acrobats combined with visuals of political cartoons by renowned cartoonist and feminist **Judy Horacek** come to life in this brand new show [*Girls with Altitude*](#) from Australia's **Flying Fruit Fly Circus** from **16 – 17 September** at Arts Centre Melbourne's Playhouse Theatre.

Flips, tumbles and acrobatic elegance from dizzying heights will wow audiences in this high scale production featuring the world-class circus skills of the all-girl cast who range in age from 10 – 18 years old.

By challenging the widely held preconceptions of circus being male dominated, the cast exude skill, strength, courage and humour proving that *Girls with Altitude* is a show for our time.

Directed by **Anni Davey**, this is a spectacular production with aspirational themes tackling all things from the environment to equality. Together, the young acrobats of the Fruit Flies propose new perspectives on the future using their famously exuberant mix of youthful energy and high-level circus skills.

Girl power mode has been activated so families can enjoy seeing ordinary kids doing extraordinary things.

Girls With Altitude has been supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body and by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

“Joyous, engaging and life-affirming” – **Arts Hub**

“Courageous acts, tenacious teamwork, humour and heart” – **The Border Mail**

Creative Team

Director: Anni Davey

Cartoonist: Judy Horacek

Video Designer: Bernadette Trench-Thiedeman

Lighting Designer: Richard Vabre

Composer & Sound Designer: Ania Reynolds

Set Designer: Bosco Shaw

Costume Designer: April Dawson

Rigging Design: Simon Yates

Produced by: Flying Fruit Fly Circus

About Flying Fruit Fly Circus

Australia's Flying Fruit Fly Circus is one of the world's premiere youth performing arts companies. In 1979, it began as a local circus project for school kids. Since then, 'the Fruities' have tumbled their way into the hearts of millions of people throughout Australia and the world. They combine energy, expertise, and commitment to demonstrate in a most spectacular and joyful way, the limitless potential of young people.

Based in Albury-Wodonga, the Fruities not only perform, but also attend school at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus School and train up to 20 hours a week at our state-of-the-art training facility. The full time select-entry training program caters for children aged 8 – 18 years old and includes dedicated circus skills development, bespoke fitness and conditioning programs.

Training together, the Fruities have a developed sense of group pride, self-confidence and achievement. Today, the Flying Fruit Fly Circus is an institution of national and international significance, touring acclaimed circus productions all over Australia and the world.

Images can be found [here](#).

Arts Centre Melbourne and Flying Fruit Fly Circus present
Girls with Altitude
Playhouse | 16 – 17 September

Age Recommendation: 6+

Duration: 70 mins, no interval

For more information visit artscentremelbourne.com.au

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