

The BOSS SQUAD Project is coming to Women's Circus!

Learn German Wheel, Teeterboard and much more with the fierce professional circus artists of BOSS SQUAD and the fantastic trainers of Women's Circus!

What is the BOSS SQUAD project?

BOSS SQUAD is an award-winning contemporary circus show by Wildhouse Circus, a fun and energetic celebration of what women and gender diverse people can achieve. The BOSS SQUAD Project is a circus skill and creative development program for young people of a marginalised gender.

The project is designed to empower participants by creating a safe space to develop awareness of touch, trust and consent and explore firm and flexible boundaries through the medium of circus. The physical nature of circus, and its reliance on contact, means it is uniquely placed for these conversations and concepts.

The Project culminates in a contemporary circus performance co-created and co-performed by the participants and the professional circus artists, allowing families and friends to see their hard work. Live performance presents its own challenges which instils confidence and camaraderie between the participants and their coaches.

This project is a collaboration between Wildhouse Circus (Kaurna Land/Adelaide) and Women's Circus (Wurundjeri Land/Melbourne).

Key info

When is it?

2-13 April 2024

Week 1: Tuesday - Saturday approx. 10am - 4pm Week 2: Monday - Friday approx. 10am - 4pm Performance day: Saturday 13 April approx. 12pm - 8pm. Full schedule will be provided to participants.

Where is it?

The workshops will be held at Women's Circus, 395 Barkly St, Footscray. The final performance will happen in the afternoon and evening at Meat Market, 3 Blackwood St, North Melbourne.



Who can be involved?

The BOSS SQUAD Project is open to 13 – 17 year old people of a marginalised gender (people who experience marginalisation under the patriarchy eg. women, trans and gender diverse people) who have had at least one term of circus classes. You can view the full Women's Circus gender inclusion policy <u>here</u>.

What is the cost of the project?

The cost for participants is \$100 for the two weeks. Included for this fee are all workshops, a personalised T-Shirt, a hula hoop they will design and create, and snacks and catering on the performance day. *Payment plans, flexible pricing and scholarships are available.*

Tickets for the performance will be on sale for friends and family.

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The workshops

Circus 101

An introduction to multiple circus activities including hula hoops, juggling, spinning plates and group acrobatics. The focus is on play and includes some physical games as well as introduction to terminology and ideas.

Circus Specialities

Our professional coaches are proficient in many apparatus and teach masterclasses on rarer circus specialties such as teeterboard and german wheel as well as hula hoops, skipping, group acrobatics and many more.

DIY Circus

Get crafty! In this workshop students design and make a hula hoop from scratch, providing a keepsake as individual as the participant. All materials are supplied and all tools are used under strict supervision.

Extraordinary History

An opportunity to dive deeper in to what women and gender diverse people have achieved in the past and learn from their incredible achievements using our BOSS SQUAD Library resource.

Today's Issues

A chance to start a conversation about what is happening in participants' lives. What's important to them, what themes do they want to explore and ultimately present in performance?

Act Creation and Choreography

Acts and sequences are learnt and rehearsed for performance in the collaborative show.



Wildhouse Circus is a female-led contemporary circus company providing performances, workshops and engagement across Australia. They are committed to engaging young people, as participants or audience members, in the arts and specifically in circus. Their content is engaging, empowering, humorous and honest; a representation of Australian circus and creativity at its peak.

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Women's Circus has spent 33 years creating and training circus in Melbourne's West, empowering women and people of marginalised genders. A leader in social circus, Women's Circus runs innovative programs that offer individuals and communities the opportunity to develop skills, confidence and creativity while fostering a sense of belonging and connection.



Expressions of Interest will be open 19 February - 17 March

Click <u>HERE</u> to register your EOI!

Contact Women's Circus with any questions on (03) 9687 3665 info@womenscircus.org.au

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