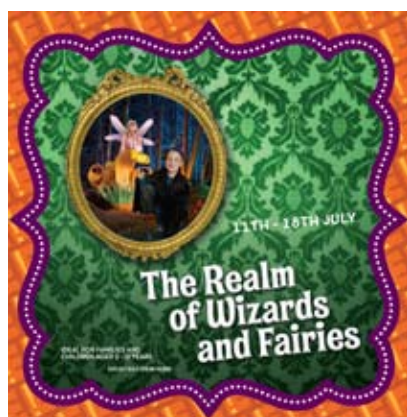




# Fairies and Wizards takeover Wellington this July



With a sprinkling of fairy dust and the waving of a wizard's wand, Capital E launches into a fantasy world with **The Realm of Wizards and Fairies** – a magical programme of exciting workshops and events for the July School Holidays, 4 – 18 July.

A highlight will be the **The Fanciful Fairy and Whimsical Wizards Ball**, an enchanting, fantastical ball with dancing, costume competitions, magical characters and a beautiful repertoire of classic fairy tale music including the *Nutcracker Suite*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *In the Hall of the Mountain King* performed by the **NZ School of Music Young Musicians Academy**. Dressing up is encouraged for all – adults wearing costume items get free entry and there are prizes for best wizard, fairy and family costumes.

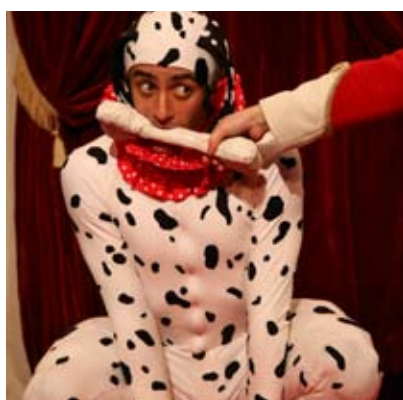


Walk a dark forest path and collect ingredients for a magical potion along the way in the black light **Potion Trail** – just be careful not to stray too far off the trail. This part of the programme was created by CRE8 – a group of children who attended a programming workshop in April. For younger children we invite them to the **Fairy and Wizard Academy**, a workshop that teaches fairy and wizard etiquette including how to grant wishes, cast spells, create fairy dust or choose a wizard name.



Why not journey through creepy woodlands, enchanted forests or grand castles in a story which lets you decide whether it will be a fairy tale ending or a spine-tingling cliff hanger. The three actors in **Tales from the Tickle Trunk** will act out a story where the audience decides the path the heroes and villains will take.

The Realm of Fairies and Wizards workshops offers an exciting line up of fairy tale-inspired activities for children aged 8 and above, including **3D Game Design**, **Fairytales on Screen** and **Gingerbread House Making**.



The Realm of Fairies and Wizards sits alongside the Capital E National Theatre for Children's return season of the **sell-out production Tale of a Dog** and a **new play by Gary Henderson, \*Stealing Games**. Meet Dog: our much-loved, excitable circus performer! Dog is eager to wow his audience with inspired new tricks, much to the vexation of the ill-tempered Ring Master who is determined to keep Dog on a short leash.

Be mesmerised as Dog faces challenges – some even trickier than tight-rope walking – that teach him to always shoot for the moon! Featuring Thomas La Hood as Dog and Karen Edelenbos as the Ring Master, **Tale of a Dog** is a tail-wagging, toe-tapping tale of triumph over adversity that is bound to leave 2-7 year olds begging for more.



The Realm of Wizards and Fairies programme of workshops and our theatre shows are a great way to escape the cold during the July School Holidays.

*\*Stealing Games press release has been sent out separately. Please contact Ali on phone 04 913 3725 or email [ali.jamieson@wmt.org.nz](mailto:ali.jamieson@wmt.org.nz) for further details.*

Full details of the Capital E July School Holiday programme follows:

# The Realm of Fairies and Wizards Workshops and Events Ideal for Younger Children under 8



## Fairy and Wizard Academy

Age 5-7

Fairies and Wizards are always seeking apprentices but before you can become a certified fairy or wizard you need special training. Come along to this two hour workshop and learn the basics of fairy etiquette and wizardry, including learning to grant wishes and cast spells, choosing your fairy or wizard name and creating your own fairy dust or spell book. At the completion of either course you'll earn your Academy Certificate and be on your way to magical success!

When: Mon 6 - Fri 10 July

Duration: 2 hours

Price: \$20 each class

Time: Fairy Academy 9.30am-11.30am, Wizard Academy 12.30pm-2.30pm

Venue: E-lounge, Capital E

Number of places available: 10 per class

## Magical Fairy and Wizard Wands

Age 2+

Come to Capital E and make yourself a magical fairy or powerful wizard wand to continue your magical adventures.

When: Mon 6 - Sat 11 July and Mon 13 - Sat 18 July

Duration: Stay as long as you like

Price: \$2 per activity

Time: 10am - 3pm

Venue: Playground, Capital E

## Tales from the Tickle Trunk: An adventure where you choose the path!

Age 4-8

Once there was a magical tickle trunk, out of which all manner of stories would emerge. Join three actors for a fairytale full of heroes and villains, creepy woodlands and grand castles where you the audience decide the outcome. Choose the paths our heroes will take – will they go through the forest or cross the river's rickety bridge? Only you can determine if our heroes will succeed so hurry down to Capital E to see your story unfold.

When: Mon 6 - Fri 10 July

Duration: 30 minutes

Price: \$5.50

Time: 10am & 11.30am

Venue: The McKenzie Theatre, Capital E

## The Fanciful Fairy and Whimsical Wizards Ball

Age 2+

As the end of the school holidays draw near the wizards and fairies prepare for a magical event most rare. Join us for an enchanting, fantastical ball with dancing, costume competitions, magical characters and a beautiful repertoire of classic fairy tale music including the Nutcracker Suite, Sleeping Beauty and In the Hall of the Mountain King performed by the NZ School of Music Young Musicians Academy. Dressing up is encouraged for all – adults wearing costume items get free entry! Prizes for best wizard, fairy and family or group costumes.

When: Sat 18 July

Duration: 45 minutes

Price: \$4, under 2's and adults in costume free.

Time: 12 noon

Venue: Main Floor, Capital E

## Ideal for Children age 7 +

### Gingerbread House Making

Age 8+

Nothing evokes fairytales better than a scrumptious gingerbread house. Not only do they look beautiful and magical but they taste great as well. Now is your chance to make your own gingerbread house and learn decorating techniques from an accomplished cake and biscuit decorator. Join Tanya from Decorada and create a beautiful gingerbread house to share with your family. NB: This workshop is not suitable for children with egg, gluten, lactose or peanut allergies.

When: Mon 13 - Fri 17 July

Duration: 1.5 hours

Price: \$40

Time: 10am-11.30am

Venue: E-lounge, Capital E

### CRE8 presents - The Potion Trail

Age 7+

Come and experience the black light Potion Trail. Walk the paths through a dark forest and collect ingredients for a magical potion along the way. Be careful - don't turn the wrong way or stray too far off the path or you might miss a crucial ingredient. This programme was created by the children who attended the Creative Brains Workshop in April.

NB: This is a black light path so the environment will be dark - it is not recommended for young children who may find it uninviting. Please note - at busy times there may be a waiting period if the path is full.

When: Mon 13 - Fri 17 July

Duration: Stay as long as you like

Time: 10am-4pm

Venue: Main Floor, Capital E

### 3D Game Design Workshop

Age 8-10 (Junior) and 11+ (Senior)

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time gamer, 3D Game Design, has something for everyone to enjoy. You will be able to create your own adventures and fantasy world by placing objects on a 3D canvas. You can add castle towers, enemies, traps, power-ups, moving platforms and treasures; these are just a small taste of the things that you can develop for your game during the workshop. At the end of the workshop you will be able to share your creations online with your friends and family.

When: Junior Tue 7, Wed 8 and Thu 9 July. Senior Tue 14, Wed 15 and Thu 16 July.

Time: Junior 10am-12noon. Senior 10am-2.30pm

Duration: Junior 2 hours. Senior 4.5 hours

Venue: Soundhouse, Capital E

Price: Junior \$30. Senior \$65

Number of available places: 16

### Fairytales on Screen Workshop

Age 8-10 (Junior) and 11+ (Senior)

Using blue screen technology and in-camera effects learn how fairytale characters are brought to life on TV and in movies. Ride a broomstick, make someone disappear; turn yourself into a tiny fairy or a giant troll. All these effects are commonly used in the film and TV industry and this is your chance to learn the secrets. At 12 noon parents are invited to join their children in the OnTV studio to watch their completed scenes.

When: Junior Wed 8, Thu 9 and Fri 10 July. Senior Wed 15, Thu 16 and Fri 17 July.

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Duration: 3 hours

Venue: OnTV, Capital E

Price: \$50

Number of places available: 12

## Capital E National Theatre for Children productions

### Stealing Games

Age 8-12

A foursquare accident between four close friends is blown into a media frenzy and unsupervised playing is outlawed. Forced to play in private "Playparks" Judd finds himself separated from his friends when he can't afford the entry fee. When he decides to take matters into his own hands and confront the man who is behind the parks he discovers a secret motivation. A new play by acclaimed New Zealand playwright, Gary Henderson, offers 8-12 years a compelling theatrical experience.

When: Sat 4 - Sat 11 July.

Time: Sat 4 July 2pm. Mon-Fri 11am and 2pm. Sat 11 July 2pm.

Duration: 50 mins

Venue: Capital E Main Floor

Price: \$10.50 per person. \$38 for a group of four. \$8.50 per person for groups of 10 or more.

### Tale of a Dog

Age 2-7

Meet Dog; our much-loved, excitable circus performer! Dog is eager to wow his audience with inspired new tricks, much to the vexation of the ill-tempered Ring Master who is determined to keep Dog on a short leash. Be mesmerised as Dog faces challenges - some even trickier than tight-rope walking - that teach him to always shoot for the moon!

Returning after a sell-out season last year, featuring Thomas La Hood as Dog and Karen Edelenbos as the Ring Master. Tale of a Dog is a tail-wagging, toe-tapping tale of triumph over adversity that is bound to leave you begging for more.

When: Sat 11 - Sat 18 July.

Time: Sat 11 July 11.30am. Mon - Fri 10am and 11.30am. Sat 18 July 11.30am and 2pm.

Duration: 45 mins

Venue: Capital E McKenzie Theatre

Price: \$10.50 per person. \$38 for a group of four. \$8.50 per person for groups of 10 or more. Under 2's free.

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