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TETRIS

THE SHOW FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T SIT STILL

Were you a Tetris whiz-kid in the 80s? Or wished you were? Now you can bring the game to life for your children thanks to a new performance that uses people as Tetris blocks!

Inspired by the much-loved game Tetris, Dutch dance quartet Arch8 have created a quirky physical dance show for the kids who can't sit still and want to be part of the action.

Choreographer Erik Kiel creates all kinds of human 'blocks' with high-paced precision that cleverly transforms the body for each dancer as they drop, lock and pop into place.

Four dancers flip over, slide under, and pile up on top of each other, looking like rugged acrobats challenging the laws of gravity. Their bodies combine to make interesting shapes, often with their legs or arms woven and twisted together.

As the interlocking shapes unfold, you'll see that Tetris is about fitting into a group but also staying true to yourself.

Erik Kiel said: "When we perform in South Australia, Tetris will have reached schoolkids on all six continents. And everywhere, the madcap wacky acrobatics of Tetris provokes laughter, fascination, and enthusiastic audience participation. Painter Henri Matisse made a famous painting called 'invitation to the dance', but we made a dance that invites kids to observe, imagine, and join in. Kids see their lived experience reflected in the twin themes of 'wanting to belong' and 'being themselves', and we can't wait to inspire and delight the kids of South Australia."

Tetris is performing at regional South Australian schools as part of the DreamBIG Children's Festival and toured by Country Arts SA. General Public performances are on May 27 1pm & 3pm at Space Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre.

Goolwa - Centenary Hall, 23 May 10.30am & 1pm SOLD OUT

Mt Gambier - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, 30 May 10am & 12.30pm

Renmark - Chaffey Theatre, 1 June 10am & 12.30pm

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Years: R – 7 Ages: 5 – 12

All tickets: \$8 via DreamBIG booking form

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