

THE LISTIES PRESENT WORLD PREMIERE AT ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE

Arts Centre Melbourne and The Listies present

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Australia's favourite kids' comedians, **The Listies**, will present the world premiere of their stage adaptation of their best-selling book *Ickypedia: A Dictionary of Disgusting New Words* at **Arts Centre Melbourne** from **11-15 July**. The seriously silly show created for children aged 4+ and their families answers all of life's unimportant questions, such as how do you take a smellfie? What does pooetry sound like and how does one avoid a fartquake?

Matthew Kelly and Richard Higgins are The Listies, an award-winning Kidult (kids and their adults) comedy duo who produce LOLS on screen, stage and the page. The stage production, like the book, features a new language of all things gross for little ones and lots of toilet humour.

Kelly and Higgins met in 2002 when they were both cast in a stage production of Andy Griffith's *Just Disgusting*, directed by Lynne Ellis at RMIT University. Influenced by classic comedy duos like Los Trio Ringbarkus, Lano and Woodley, Morecombe and Wise, Terrance and Phillip, Spongebob and Patrick, they made an absurd show for adults all about lists called *The List Operators*. The work received Melbourne International Comedy Festival's coveted Golden Gibbo award for best independent show.

In 2009 they made a show for Kidults (kids and their adults) called *The List Operators for Kids: More Fun than a Wii!*, the first kids show ever to be nominated for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Barry award. Their



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other shows include *The Listies Do Compooters*, *Earworms*, *6D (Twice as Good as 3D)*, *The Listies Make U LOL* and *The Listies Ruin Xmas!*

The Listies' shows have been praised for their ability to make the whole family laugh, not just kids. For the past eight years they have been selling out venues around the country and most recently premiered a new work *Hamlet: Prince of Skidmark* at Sydney Theatre Company to sell-out audiences.

Alongside the Golden Gibbo award, the pair have also won the HaperCollins Best Designed Children's Fiction award (2016), Sydney Theatre Awards Best Production for Children (2013) and Melbourne Fringe Best Emerging Producers award (2008).

"Nobody else does comedy for kids this brilliantly, but what's more astounding is that adults have just as much fun".

★★★★ ½, *The Age*

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11am & 2pm

Ages 4+

Arts Centre Melbourne, Fairfax Studio

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