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The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

WORLD PREMIERE



The Very Hungry Caterpillar by **Eric Carle** has been delighting readers for 45 years. Now the caterpillar makes its way off the page and onto the stage.

Featuring four stories by Eric Carle, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show* combines a marvellous menagerie of lovable puppets, and all the timeless charm of Carle's original tales and illustrations. Created by **Jonathan Worsley**, directed by **Naomi Edwards** and with puppets by New York's acclaimed **Puppet Kitchen**, story time doesn't get any more magical.

This brand new Australian made show will excite, educate and delight and bring Carle's bestselling classics tales to a whole new generation. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* will appeal to anyone who grew up with one of the most popular children's books ever written, as well as first time readers who can meet Carle's charming and much-loved characters for the very first time. Theatre goers will be transported into a rich and wondrous giant pop-up book adventure that will inspire imaginations of every age.

"The world around us is filled with wonderful animals and creatures. I've tried to capture my fascination with nature in my pictures and my stories, in my own particular style. I hope my books and this show will inspire you and your imagination," Eric Carle.

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a seminal children's book, one that has introduced generations of children into the wonderful world of storytelling. And now, we have the opportunity to do the very same – to introduce a whole new generation to the story telling through theatre. For many, this will be their first theatre experience and we want to make it a magical one. To faithfully take a book that means so much to so many people, and create a new interpretation for the stage is both a privilege and an honour," adds Jonathan Worsley.

Puppet Kitchen comprises some of the world's master puppet makers. Boasting four Daytime Emmy awards and alumnus from **Jim Henson's** Muppet Workshop, staff have worked on smash hit shows like Avenue Q on Broadway and Sesame Street.

When 8-18 January at 10am & 12pm

Wednesday & Saturday at 10am, 12pm & 3pm

No performances on Monday

Duration 50minutes





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Where Lennox Theatre, Riverside Theatre

Price \$30 (Under 2s free)

Relaxed performance: \$20

Duration 60minutes

Bookings Sydney Festival 1300 856 876

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