

## Waterfall Swing at Darling Harbour

AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

Dash 7 Design, USA



Photo: Waterfall Swing © Mathias Lauringer

*"This swing won't make you wish you're a kid again, it will make you forget you're an adult."* **TECHLY**

*"It's part art installation, part engineering marvel and part play structure. By all accounts, they succeeded beyond their wildest dreams—or perhaps ours."* **YAHOO!**

Staged in Darling Harbour for the enjoyment of the young and not-so-young alike, *Waterfall Swing* is the ingenious high-tech creation of a team of artists, designers and engineers from New York, making its Australian debut at Sydney Festival in 2015.

This perfect summertime play set creates a cascading curtain of water that miraculously opens just in time to allow the rider to pass through to feel only the slightest touch of water.

**Mike O'Toole, Andrew Ratcliff, Ian Charnas** and **Andrew Witte** from **Dash 7 Design** collaborated on and built the giant, interactive twelve metre swing, commissioned especially by Sydney Festival 2015. The swing can also function as a water writer, capable of printing images 270 pixels wide. The water recycles back through the structure of the swing allowing for hours of fun in the sun this January.

The perfect combination of summer and childhood fun, smaller versions of the *Waterfall Swing* have travelled the world with installations across the United States for the World Maker Faire in 2011 and to the Netherlands for the STRP Biennial in 2013. The installation is considered an engineering wonder with the YouTube video of their swing in action receiving more than one million views online.

With a vision to make extraordinary places in Sydney that the world talks about, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority has proudly partnered with Sydney Festival since it first launched. As part of Sydney Festival 2015, the Foreshore Authority is thrilled to present the Waterfall Swing at Darling Harbour for the first time in Australia, ensuring the precinct thrives as Sydney's great celebration space.

Make a lasting playground memory with the kids or revisit your own childhood glee of flying through space with the added thrill of narrowly missing the sheets of falling water.

Where Darling Harbour  
When 8-24 January, 9am–Sunset Daily  
Price FREE  
[sydneyfestival.org.au/waterfall](http://sydneyfestival.org.au/waterfall)

\* Ride duration will be timed.

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