

**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **GET CREATIVE IN THE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES**

### **Powerhouse Museum**

#### **KID COUTURE – 29 September – 14 October, 10am - 5pm**

Free with general admission to Powerhouse Museum

Unleash your inner fashion designer at **KID COUTURE!**

Children and their families can create their own wearable fashion pieces using paper, fabric and recycled materials. Bring in an old piece of clothing and transform it into something new – perhaps an old shirt can become an amazing new headpiece with a few stitches, some buttons and a little imagination?!

Children under 5 can explore and play with dress-ups and fabrics in the dedicated tactile zone. Add in a visit ***Reigning Men: Fashion in Menswear 1715 – 2015***, currently on loan from Los Angeles County Museum of Art and draw inspiration from over 130 outfits from some of the biggest names in fashion, including Alexander McQueen, Burberry, Calvin Klein, Chanel, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Jean Paul Gaultier, Louis Vuitton and Yves Saint Laurent.

#### **UNITY GAME DESIGN: 3D SCAVENGER HUNT – 2, 3, 11 and 12 October**

Children 9-10 years, 2 and 3 Oct 10am to 4pm, Child: \$200, MAAS Member Child: \$180

Children 11-12 years, 11 and 12 Oct 10am to 4pm, Child: \$200, MAAS Member Child: \$180

Develop your own action-inspired game using the professional game engine Unity 5 at the Powerhouse Museum! This two-day workshop focuses on behind-the-scenes development of games with the quality software that brings a game to life. Make a 3D scavenger hunt game with custom characters and collectables and use professional tools used by some of the world's largest companies.

*Unity Game Design Workshops with full day sessions for ages 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15*

### **Sydney Observatory**

#### **SYDNEY OBSERVATORY EXTRAVAGANZA - 10 October, 10am – 1:30pm**

Child (4 years and over): \$15, MAAS Member child: \$13, Free entry for parents and carers (max. two per child). Planetarium session an additional \$5 charge per participant.

Visit Sydney Observatory to peer through telescopes and binoculars with our expert guides and learn how you can build your own scientific investigations at home. Get set for a moonwalk at our Astronaut Obstacle Course, explore the solar system at the gravity table and launch with space themed arts and crafts. Budding archaeologists can unearth the Observatory's historic site and grounds at our dig pit.

## **ROCKET DAY – 2 and 11 Oct 10am to 4pm**

Child: \$110, MAAS Member Child: \$100, full day program for ages 8-10

3.. 2.. 1...blast off at Sydney Observatory! Start the day by constructing and decorating your own rocket to take home along with plans for a launch pad pump. While these dry and set, pilot a simulator game to design, build, launch and fly your own digital rockets. Finally, finish the day on a high by launching our pre-made rockets with Arduino sensors and a video camera that record the height and path of each rocket.

### **Museums Discovery Centre**

#### **MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE FAMILY DAY - 12 October, 10am – 1:00pm**

Child (4 years and over): \$15, MAAS Member child: \$13, Free entry for parents and carers (max. two per child).

Join in an array of hands on activities exploring the collections of the Sydney Living Museum, Australia Museum and Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences. Kids of all ages can explore the mechanics of flight by crafting their own paper planes in the engineering zone, or investigate architecture using a range of Lego, Meccano, block and construction materials.

#### **JUMP INTO....**

Workshops are \$22 per child or \$20 for MAAS Member children

Jump into 2-hour creative workshops at the Museums Discovery Centre where kids can experiment by making their own songs and stop motion animations, as well as program their own Mbots, get messy with our Super Science workshops and explore electronic design and augmented reality.

Workshops include:

- Jump into: Songwriting (ages 9-12) **3 Oct 1-3pm**
- Jump into: Program an Mbot (ages 8-10) **4 and 9 Oct 1-3pm**
- Jump into: Super Science (ages 6-7) **5 and 13 Oct 1-3pm**
- Jump into: littleBits (ages 8-10) **8 Oct 10am to noon**
- Jump into: Stop Motion (ages 7-9) **7 Oct 10am to noon and 8 Oct 1-3pm**
- Jump into: Electronic Design (ages 8-12) **10 Oct 10am to noon**

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#### **About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences**

Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and Discovery Centre, is part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australia's contemporary museum for excellence and innovation in applied arts and sciences. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences founded in 1879 has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.