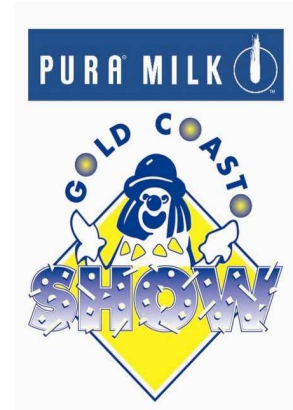


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AAPT Gold Coast Centenary Show ARENA SPECTACULAR



This is the 5th year in a row that the Gold Coast Show has presented a feature attraction each night of the Show in the main arena. Hundreds of performers volunteering their skills and abilities under theatre lights in front of up to 10,000 people per night. Concert standard sound and High-Tec production has ensured that the themed arena shows are enjoyed by the whole family.

“As this year is the Centenary of the show we thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to present an Arena Spectacular that acknowledges Gold Coast Icons and the people who make the Gold Coast what it is today” said creative director Mark Eady of Ozworks Entertainment Pty Ltd.

With over 400 local performers and an army of backstage assistants the Arena Spectacular will have something in it for everyone. The Nyulejam Aboriginal Dancers will pay tribute to the original custodians of the land followed by the awesome Show Band and lead male singer Scott Muller who will crank up the Showgrounds for the big one!

Bikini Girls and Hundreds of Street Jam dancers will prove more than the eye can handle with their tribute to 100 years of beach fashion and those notorious pajama parties that nobody these days are admitting they attended in the 50's and 60's. People in pajamas jumping out of 50's cars and rock n rolling for as far as the eye can see has got to be seen to be believed!

Then it's time for a special wiggly appearance from The Wiggles Friends including Dorothy the Dinosaur, Wags the Dog, Captain Feathersword and Henry the Octopus all the way from Wiggles World at Dreamworld. It's the world's first mini theme park for under fives and the only place to ride in The Big Red Car and meet The Wiggles Friends live every day of the year. Thanks to Dreamworld in a special acknowledgement to the endless entertainment options that the Gold Coast has to offer with our large and small tourism operators.

As the audience is taken on a journey of the last 100 years by the talented Bush Poet Wally “the bear” Finch our story wouldn't be complete without acknowledging the community that we live in today. A vibrant multicultural mix of ethnic groups that call the Gold Coast their home. A larger than life Multicultural Dance routine involving many of these groups will be performed along with the Street Jam dancers in full cultural costumes. A spectacular mix of color, culture, dance and music from across the world!

The Rosella Jam Mass Choir especially put together for the centenary show Arena Spectacular from choral groups around the Gold Coast, will back our two teenage singing sensations. 14 year old Lauren Clare and 13yo David Norris are stars of the future and no production has been spared to ensure that their musical tribute to the Gold Coast is something to remember.

The Outback Riders are back! The Centenary Show Heritage Ride will feature 24 horses and riders each holding a flag representing the ethnic groups living on the coast while riding choreographed routine to music. Gold Coast's Lydia Emery who rode in the 2000 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony is coordinating the ride. "We're all very excited about performing in the centenary show and look forward to being part of such a great event" Said Ms Emery.

Show Manager Doug Reiser says, "The stars of this production are really the people of the Gold Coast because they are who make this place so special. People should walk away from this production feeling pretty good about being a Gold Coaster"

Mark Eady

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