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LIVE Theatre for children is back in regional Victoria

La Mama Theatre has a rich history spanning over 50 years and a national profile, La Mama is Australia's home of independent Theatre. It plays a critical role in the Australian cultural landscape, as a place for responsive, new, risk-taking work to occur.

La Mama Mobile Program increases reach, visibility and engagement with La Mama and the Independent Artists they work with, through touring, regional connection and community building. This program creates a pathway for remote and regional audiences to experience new and independent theatre and performance.

La Mama are thrilled to reignite **La Mama for Kids** – their dedicated program for children and young people. **La Mama for Kids** aims to provide opportunities for young people and children to express their creativity, as well as the chance to engage in performance and art specifically made for (and by) them.

Award winning actress and creative producer, Jennifer Monk, has adapted her online *Super Jenny* series (that was created and released during COVID) into a live touring show.

Super Jenny is a show for pre-school children that is entertaining, engaging, fun and educational. The show incorporates fine and gross motor skills, Auslan sign language, singing, dancing and musical terms. *Super Jenny* encourages creativity, imaginative play and cognitive learning that goes hand in hand to enhance all children's physical and intellectual development.

This *Super Jenny LIV*E production will explore sustainability, mindfulness and coastal care themes through song, dance and play allowing for a young audience to learn while having fun and being entertained in a safe environment. This 30-minute show will encourage a family friendly environment and include musical instrument play and the option for a post-show photo opportunity with Super Jenny.

This outdoor LIVE show is a great occasion for your community to experience independent theatre in the comfort of their own town. It will be a rewarding and welcomed event for families to enjoy post covid and allow the local children to express themselves creatively.



Image by Abigail Wilson at BeScene

Jennifer and a La Mama rep will tour nine towns in regional Victoria during the April school holidays to present this LIVE show to encourage local communities to engage with each other and the art of theatre.

"During the pandemic I was forced to give up my city apartment and relocate to regional Victoria and stay

with family because my creative projects and employment were cancelled and restricted. But it has been great reuniting with a community where I grew up and I am excited that after 2 years of not performing that my first show back treading the boards will be in regional Victoria and with my favourite theatre people at La Mama." - Jennifer Monk

4 STARS - Arts Hub

'Monk has achieved a show that is entertaining, educational and also simply fun – which in my opinion brings it close to super'

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Super Jenny LIVE has been engaged by Hamilton Neighbourhood House, Casterton Community Centre, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre, Simpson & District Community Centre, Camperdown Community House, Deans Marsh Community Cottage, Rye Community Centre, Gippsland Performing Arts Centre and The Stratford Courthouse.

Super Jenny LIVE La Mama For Kids Mobile Tour Dates: April 10th - 22nd. More Info visit: <u>HERE</u>







