



A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION TO TRADITIONAL SHAKESPEARE

A very cheeky, clever and funny riff on Shakespeare's classic play *Hamlet* is coming to the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) to amuse young audiences these July school holidays, as part of a 16-city national tour. The Listies' cheeky show is back on the road, after being stalled in 2020, and they're bringing with them some side-splitting laughs and entertainment.

The Listies have pulled apart Shakespeare's classic and glued it back together, with some creative additions, including hilarious costumes, plenty of interactivity with the audience, and loads of silliness. The duo saying they are looking forward to coming to the DRTCC on Friday 5 July at 6:30pm.

"This is a great opportunity for us to revisit an important work like *Hamlet*, and put in more zombies, fart jokes and body flossing – which, to be frank, it needed. *Hamlet* is already full of things kids love in a good story – ghosts, castles, sword fights, body fluids and fun spooky stuff. So why not add to the mix some supersonic gags and expertly timed stage magic and you have a brilliantly disguised Shakespearean tragedy for everyone

aged five and over,” they said.

Expect bonus pillow fights, pirates, ninjas, ninja pirates, aliens, ninja pirate aliens, zombies and a bunch of other hilarious stuff as The Listies take kids, and their adults, on a fun-filled hour of theatre. The only thing you can be sure of is that everyone dies at the end - including the audience.

Manager DRTCC Linda Christof says this isn't the first time the Listies will be coming to Dubbo, and this show will still have the same humour and wit, but will take on more of a narrative-style.

“We have presented the Listies before at DRTCC, and they have generally done sketch comedy, but this show is more of a narrative and takes some of the best and grisly parts of *Hamlet* – like murder and mayhem and they kid-a-fy-it. There are neon lights, poo jokes, videogame inspired fights and a list that involves hilarious audience participation. Can't get your 10-year-old to the theatre? This show will have them wanting to come back for more,” said Ms Christof.

The Listies are one of Australia's most popular entertainment duos for young people, with multiple awards and sell-out seasons at the Melbourne Comedy Festival and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, audiences love their silly yet smart approach to their work, which now encompasses two books, three albums, a DVD special, and the ABC iView series *The Listies Work for Peanuts*.

To get your hands on tickets, visit the Box Office in person, online at www.drtcc.com.au or by calling (02) 6801 4378.



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