

MEDIA RELEASE

## UNLEASH YOUR IMAGINATION WITH THE MAAS APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Create your own video game, sleep over at the Powerhouse Museum and build rockets at Sydney Observatory these school holidays. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) is the home of creative children from 9 to 24 April. In addition to popular workshops in LEGO® stop motion animation, Minecraft, computer game design and music video creation, four new workshops have been added to the Museum's **THINKSPACE** program.

THINKSPACE programs are designed to get kids excited about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and maths) using fun and engaging formats. MAAS Digital Learning Manager James Oliver believes the workshops empower children to find their voice through technology. "THINKSPACE workshops allow learners to create and produce videos using inspiration from around the museum and professional filming and editing techniques," said Mr Oliver.

Back by popular demand, the **Powerhouse Museum Sleepover** will bring the museum to life after dark for kids big and small on 15 April. Dress up as your favourite Super Hero for **THE ART OF THE BRICK: DC COMICS** and take a torchlight tour to explore the Museum in a whole new light. Join fellow Museum enthusiasts for dinner in the Museum and a screening of the LEGO® movie before sleeping amongst historical objects, under suspended planes.

Star gaze in the daylight with impressive telescopes at **Observatory Kids Extravaganza: Space Exploration** at Sydney Observatory on 20 April. Launch rockets, build your own rocket to take home and learn about Mars exploration from the Mars Lab team.

The school holidays are also the perfect time to see **THE ART OF THE BRICK: DC COMICS** before it closes on 1 May. A new sculpture will be added to the exhibition to coincide with the film release of Batman v Superman on 24 March. See this and over 120 artworks inspired by the most enduring Super Heroes and Super-Villains: from Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman, to The Joker and Harley Quinn.

### THINKSPACE

**YouTube Creator Crash Course**, 21 April at the Powerhouse Museum

Ages 10 – 12 \$180

Learn how to create original YouTube content and promote your videos using creative thumbnails and channel art.

**Next Big Music Hit**, 19 April at the Powerhouse Museum

Ages 9 – 12 \$100

This is a great chance to meet like-minded people who can collaborate on your project. If you are passionate about song writing come and join us to write the next big hit!

**Unity Multiplayer Game with C#13-15**, 21 April at the Powerhouse Museum

Ages 13 – 15 \$180

Create your own multiplayer game using Unity 5 then play it on your device at home.

**Physical Computing and Rockets**, 11 and 22 April at Sydney Observatory

Ages 9 – 12 \$100

Learn how to manoeuvre electronic components with code. Control lights, make music and use sensors to read the environment in this exciting workshop that encourages children to explore the maker space.

## **THE ART OF THE BRICK: DC COMICS** at the Powerhouse Museum

\$26 Adult, \$16.60 Child, \$64 Family

### **Free activities at the Powerhouse Museum**

#### **Giant Comic Strip**, 9-25 April, 9.30am-4.30pm

Draw your favourite super heroes to life as you contribute to the Museum's giant comic strip.

#### **Green Screen Super Hero Photos**, 9-25 April, 9.30am-4.30pm

Dress up as your favourite Super Hero, take a photo, and send a copy home to astound your friends!

### **Powerhouse Museum Sleepover**

15 April 5.30pm – 16 April 8.00am

\$160 Adult, \$140 Child, additional children (within same booking) \$70

MAAS Members \$125 Adult, \$100 Child, additional children (within same booking) \$50

Ages 5-10 (with children to be accompanied by an adult)

### **Observatory Kids Extravaganza: Space Exploration**

20 April, 10.00am-1.30pm

\$15 child 3 years and over / \$13 Members child, free entry for parents and carers (max 2 per child)

Ages 3-8

Enquiries and bookings: [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) Info: [www.maas.museum](http://www.maas.museum)

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

The Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and the Museum 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 has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.