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## **HOTA Celebrates the Silly Season with Hilarious Christmas Comedy Kids Show**

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**This December at HOTA, Home of the Arts, the knee-slapping comedic duo Richard Higgins and Matthew Kelly, better known as The Listies, put on a cracking show about the reality of Christmas in Australia.**

**The Listies Ruin Xmas** is set on Christmas Eve in Melbourne, where the comedy duo serve up an hour of messy fun, gross humour and a few new Christmas carols that are sure to leave the audience in fits of laughter.

Described as an amusing and boisterous performance, the acclaimed and hugely popular show is perfect for people of all ages.

HOTA CEO Crena Gehrke expressed that she is confident audiences will not be disappointed with the playful and humorous performance.

"These kidult comedians are masters of comedy and it is their silly sense of humour that has led them to receive four and five-star reviews from theatre critics all over the world," she said.

"Their delivery of bad puns and goofy Christmas jokes is what makes their show a hysterically engaging theatre experience for the whole family to enjoy."

Jam-packed with plenty of laugh out loud moments and engagement from the audience, The Listies bring their uproarious take on a holiday panto over three days of amusing fun from 14 – 16 December 2018.

"Perfect end-of-year family amusement". ★★★★★ – Sydney Morning Herald

"Like the paper crowns issued at the theatre door, one size really does fit all in this excellent 'kidult' show." – The Australian

"I dare any grownup to not laugh as much – and sometimes more – than the kids. A gazillion billion mazillion stars". – Aussietheatre.com

For more information and to book tickets, visit: <https://hota.com.au/theatre/listies-ruin-xmas/>

Dates: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Times: 11am, 2pm

Cost: \$22.50 / Family \$69

\*Images available for download from this [LINK](#).

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## Awards and Nominations

- Nominees - Best Theatre Ensemble Greenroom Awards 2016
- WINNERS - Best Designed Children's Book Ickypedia, Australian Book Design Awards
- WINNERS - Best Production for Children, Sydney Theatre Awards
- Nominees- "Barry" Best Show, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- WINNERS - "Golden Gibbo" Best Independent Production, Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- WINNERS - "Auspicious Arts Award", Melbourne Fringe