

**MEDIA RELEASE****WORLDWIDE FAVOURITE THE GRUFFALO ADVENTURES TO HOTA**

**Based on the award-winning picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, the delectable tale *The Gruffalo* plays at HOTA from March 8-9.**

After sell-out seasons across the world, including London's West End and Broadway, this classic musical adaptation of the renowned picture book lights up the Home of the Arts with a trio of bright, new performers that fill the forest with colourful characters and toe-tapping songs to sing along to.

Audiences will eat up this story about the clever mouse that embarks on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in search of hazelnuts, only to end up telling the story of a terrifying Gruffalo.

Described as smart, funny and charming, the commended and hugely popular show perfectly captures the magic of Donaldson and Scheffler's adored story, suitable for children and their grown-ups.

HOTA CEO Crena Gehrke is confident audiences will love this bold and funny rendition of the classic picture book.

"We're raising the bar about what you can expect from a performance for kids. This is a very clever take on the classic children's book from one of Australia's best children's theatre companies.

"To see kids absolutely mesmerized by live theatre is very special. It sparks joy and creativity so much more than looking at a screen," she said.

**The Gruffalo** is sure to bring HOTA's house down from March 8-9 with its jam-packed production of scary fun.

*"While your children are having a whale of a time at *The Gruffalo*, you will too."* - Courier Mail

*"Beg, borrow or steal tickets. Your kids will love you for it."* – Stage Whispers

*"The cast of three bring the story to wonderful life...This is an irresistibly charming tale told with refreshing simplicity."* – The Times (London)

For more information and to book tickets, visit: [www.hota.com.au/theatre/the-gruffalo/](http://www.hota.com.au/theatre/the-gruffalo/)

Dates: Friday 8 March - Saturday 9 March

Times: 1pm; 10.30am & 1pm

Cost: \$22.50 / Family \$69 / Student Group (6+) \$12.50 each

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

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