

## **Media Release: Larrikin Puppets Launches Its Debut Song For Kids**

MONDAY 30 MARCH, 2020: Popular Queensland children's act Larrikin Puppets has released its debut song for kids 'Dance Like A Unicorn' with vocals by puppet monsters Scrambles and Marina.

Well-established puppetry arts company Larrikin Puppets (Brett Hansen and Elissa Jenkins) perform colourful and exciting puppet shows and interactive puppetry workshops featuring zany characters and catchy songs.

Highly entertaining and captivating, Larrikin Puppets' fast-paced, feel-good puppetry celebrates fun, kindness and diversity while nurturing child development, encouraging audiences to talk, dance, sing and play along.

Larrikin Puppets recorded four songs prior to lockdown and will be releasing them as singles in the coming months, with a view to completing their kids' album by the end of 2020.

Musician and Larrikin Puppets' principal puppeteer Brett Hansen said he's always valued the concept of not talking down to kids.

"I was keen to create music for kids that featured simple lyrics, but didn't talk down to them musically," he said.

"Already we've had a fan compare us to early 'Tu-plang' era Regurgitator which is a huge compliment for us as we recently performed puppets on stage and in the music video for Regurgitator Pogogo Show's 'Best Friends Forever'.

Prior to running the successful puppetry arts company, Brett Hansen performed for 15 years in several Brisbane bands and played piano for improv theatre and kids theatre sports for six years.

"It may seem strange for a puppet act to release songs for kids, but we are pretty renowned for doing things differently," he said.

Larrikin Puppets, whose live performance work has been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19, will continue to perform to online audiences via live streamed shows.

Larrikin Puppets artistic director and co-puppeteer Elissa Jenkins said their live shows were highly interactive.

"For us, we don't want to stream a concert that the kids just sit back and passively watch.

"We want to continue to talk and interact with the kids – that's an essential part of language learning and creative play.

"Fortunately Brett and I are married so we have transformed our living area into a home studio featuring three different stage sets – a puppet only camera, a set for our story time show and a spot for me to dance with the kids.

“It’s going to be fabulous to be able to share these new songs with our live-stream family audiences, many of whom will be chomping at the bit for a bit of high energy fun.

“We’ve already had interest from a Melbourne community non-profit looking to provide something for the children of their staff who are all now working from home.

“We expect more corporations and government services to be contacting us within the coming weeks.

“We were going to launch our new songs to be enjoyed by our live audiences, so this will be different – but super exciting,” she said.

Listen to Dance Like A Unicorn on [larrikinpuppets.bandcamp.com](http://larrikinpuppets.bandcamp.com)

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