



UNIVERSITY of
TASMANIA

Friday 8 May 2020

Twenty-year evolution of community circus captured through the lens

A unique photographic exhibition marking the 20th anniversary of the North-West's iconic youth circus is being 'virtually' presented by the University of Tasmania.

Dream, Believe, Create features 20 images of the Slipstream Circus captured by North-West photographer John Fisher.

The collection shares a snapshot of key moments and achievements which have shaped the group's creative development and community impact.

John has been documenting Slipstream's performances from the perspective of the audience since 2003 after his children commenced classes with the circus. They have gone on to become professional circus performers, appearing internationally at events including the Edinburgh Festival.

"Our 20-year evolution to become one of Australia's best-loved youth circuses has been tenderly and expertly guided by a succession of dedicated volunteers and staff, united in their passion for performance art, circus skills and youth engagement," he said.

Dream, Believe, Create forms part of the University of Tasmania's annual exhibition program in the Cradle Coast region which seeks to promote cultural and creative learning opportunities and experiences.

Usually on show inside the Makers' Space, at Burnie's Makers' Workshop, the current COVID-19 restrictions have seen several upcoming events transitioned online.

Cradle Coast campus Arts and Public Programs Coordinator Joanna Gair said the University was proud to be celebrating a group embedded deeply in the local community.

"Over the past 20 years, Slipstream Circus has grown to become one of the most dynamic and engaging youth programs in our region," Ms Gair said.

"It is an incredible achievement and our whole community can be proud of this milestone for Slipstream Circus.

“Although we are unable to exhibit the entire selection of photographs we had planned, the opportunity to present 20 curated pictures representing 20 years is a lovely way to look back on Slipstream’s two decades of community, creativity, entertainment and learning.”

Dream, Believe, Create can be viewed on the Makers’ Workshop Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/makersworkshopburnie/>

Media contact: Shantelle Rodman, 0428 197 878

Information released by:

Communications and Media Office

University of Tasmania

+61 3 6226 2124

Communications.Office@utas.edu.au

[Twitter.com/utas_](https://twitter.com/utas_)