

Explore the world brick by brick at the interactive exhibition with more than 50 models on display. Come face-to-face with LEGO® versions of world famous landmarks including the Arc de Triomphe, the Empire State Building with King Kong, Big Ben, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and even a version of Michelangelo's Statue of David. \$20-95. Melbourne Museum, Carlton.

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## CHILD Brisbane Calendar Editor, Lara Cain Gray, says:

If you've ever made the mistake of thinking LEGO is just a kids' toy – think again! Wonders of the World showcases LEGO as an artistic medium, with impressive sculptures and creative opportunities for all ages. The Brickman team, led by expert craftsman Ryan McNaught, presents a carefully curated collection of large-scale LEGO structures, based on the world's most extraordinary buildings, inventions and works of art. From the Arc de Triomphe to the Empire State Building, you can travel the world, one brick at a time!

Once you've entered the exhibition, it's easy to forget you're at a LEGO expo. Instead, you begin to feel as though you're strolling through a world class gallery. The lighting is soft, with elegant spotlights above featured creations. Classical music is piped in and visitors approach the displays with reverence. Each model is

accompanied by a detailed information panel, revealing the artist, the construction process and some useful historical context.

Come for the LEGO; stay to learn a few fascinating facts about The Titanic, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon or Big Ben.

The big difference you'll find in this gallery, of course, is that there are plenty of chances to get hands on! Build your own pyramid, create a colourful work of art or construct a car and race it down a track. Building spaces are dotted throughout the exhibition and themed to match the displays. At the feet of Michaelangelo's Statue of David, for example, you'll find tubs of white bricks for you to 'sculpt'. Below the Leaning Tower of Pisa, you can create using windows and doors. With controlled, timed entry tickets, these spaces are never overcrowded, either, so you won't be battling the child alongside for the last set of wheels.

McNaught is the southern hemisphere's only LEGO Certified Professional. This means that the highest of honchos at LEGO HQ respect his building proficiency, along with his ability to inspire, share and teach about this most enduringly popular of 'toys'. At Wonders of the World, McNaught and several of his friendly, approachable team are on hand to answer questions and chat about just how one manages to 'live the dream' and become a pro-LEGObuilder.

Wonders of the World is suitable for all ages. Just one word of warning – save some money for the merchandise store at the end. This is one form of art where 'don't try this at home' doesn't apply!

## **Details**

Date:

April 26

Cost:

\$20 - \$95

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<u>Melbourne</u>

**Event Tags:** 

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## Venue

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