

🌐 WORLD PREMIERE

# ROLLER COASTER

▼ HOTA, HOME OF THE ARTS  
3-5 August



A production by Everybody NOW!  
Commissioned by BLEACH\* Festival and HOTA, Home of the Arts.

# WELCOME TO ROLLER COASTER

We are thrilled to welcome you to *Roller Coaster*, our fierce and tender production that has been created with roller skaters, about real stories from the roller coaster of life.

This project has been years in the making and first began in late 2019 just prior to the worldwide, lock-down inspired roller revival, when we were fortunate enough to have been ushered into the world of roller skating and gifted some extraordinary stories.

It soon became clear to us that the skating world was a place for fierce inclusivity with diversity at its core. A spiritual home for many. A place to establish community, to experience freedom and expression, and for some, a place of hope and solace when faced with the ups and downs of life.

As skater, Monie Bones would say, "If you want to learn how to fly, you've got to learn how to fall."

In 2022, we took the concept for a music and theatre show about life on wheels to the broader roller-skating community.

We invited the community to come and skate with us. To tell stories, discuss gender, mental health and movement, attend song writing sessions, experiment with choreography and celebrate a shared love of roller skating.

From roller derby, to park skating, to social skating at the local rink, to roller dance on the netball courts; this community has it all.

Together, our award-winning team of Australian musicians and theatre makers have worked with the skating community to craft all new and original music, fuelled by action and inspired by metaphors for life.

These are universal stories full of hope and heart that we are sure will resonate with everyone (on and off skates!).

Tonight, you will see many of these local skaters who have been a central part of the creation of this work, plus many more who have participated in workshops, stepping out of the rink and onto the stage in celebration of roller culture and importantly, in celebration of community.

We thank them immensely for contributing their time, energy, strength, vulnerability, joy and love of all things skate.

We'd also like to most heartily thank our talented collaborating artists, partners and supporters who have gone above and beyond to realise this roller coaster of a show.

We wheely hope you feel uplifted by the resilience, joy and excellent humans you see on stage as part of *Roller Coaster*. If you're ever feeling a little low, remember - if you just lean, you move...

In awe, always, of making art with real people, real stories, Everybody NOW!

Kate Baggerson, Ian Pidd & Bec Reid –  
Co-Artistic Directors  
And the Everybody NOW! Team

# ABOUT EVERYBODY NOW!

We create participatory performance experiences that generate joy.

Based on the Gold Coast as a resident company at HOTA Home of the Arts, we proudly work across Australia to create high-quality, contemporary, community-engaged arts projects, that are made with and for community, alongside outstanding professional artists.

Since founding in 2015 we've reached over 50,000 people aged between 3 - 100 years young, in 200 communities nationally.

Our work extends across art-forms; from slam poetry for seniors, intergenerational radio stations, roller skating rock shows, artists-in-residencies, digital programs, large-scale social dance works, to the occasional hosting of a banging party, industry and community workshops and talks.

At the heart of all our work is Real People, Real Stories, Everybody NOW!

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# CREDITS

## STARRING DOZENS OF INCREDIBLE LOCAL ROLLER SKATERS ALONGSIDE:

Carla Baxter AKA Dead Meat  
Dion Bello from Roll Fam  
East Coast Roller Derby  
Fiona Mackenzie, Paige Hampson, Kiowa Sioux, Ma'ayan and McKenzie Batchelar from Fun Daze,  
Lucy 'Goosey' Millar  
Monie Bones with Celeste, Nikki & Bree  
Sofia Cherchyk  
Bowzer from Chuffed Skates

## CAST

Claire Atkins performing as Sam  
Nico Lennon performing as Tully  
Tnee Dyer performing as Rocky

## MUSICIANS

Dee Bradbery on Drums, Guitar, Vocals  
Ella Fence on Lead Vocals, Guitar  
Luke McDonald on Guitar, Keyboard, Vocals  
Val Valkyrie on Bass, Vocals

## CREATIVE TEAM

Kate Baggerson - Executive Director  
Ian Pidd - Director  
Bec Reid - Movement Director  
Pru Wilson - Producer  
Luke McDonald - Musical Director / Co-Writer  
Guy Webster - Sound Designer  
Dee Bradbery - Co-Music Director and band leader  
Darcie Rae & Ainslee Palmer - Associate Producers  
Jess Hanson & Issac Morrison - Costumes  
Architects of Vibe - Set Design  
Chris Paget - Production Support  
Tal Fitzpatrick - Merchandise artwork  
Dan Bourke - Lighting Designer  
Deb Suckling - Residency Artist  
Nadia Sunde & Monie Bones - Originating concept  
Kirsty Guster - Partnerships & Relationships

# SONGS

**That Girl**  
**My Tribe / On My Own**  
**Hold My Ground**  
**I've Seen The Light**  
**Ride or Die**  
**Gonna Fit**  
**Gravel Rash**

**Lollie Baby**

# SONGWRITER/S

Luke McDonald & Nadia Sunde  
Luke McDonald  
Deb Suckling & Dee Bradbery with East Coast Roller Derby  
Tnee Dyer & Luke McDonald  
Deb Suckling & Dee Bradbery  
Luke McDonald  
Luke McDonald, Ian Pidd & Deb Suckling with skaters in our community song writing workshops  
Deb Suckling with Shae and Fiona MacKenzie in tribute to Lily with Deb Suckling, Dee Bradbery, Luke McDonald and Ella Fence

*"Even if you're feeling hopeless,  
Rolling with no purpose,  
Always framing disappointment like  
a tattoo that you've branded on yourself.  
Just ask for help. Go on, commit.  
These skates... they're gonna fit.*

*Now I am flying, I am two feet off the feet  
ground, I am home now,  
I am free  
I am found."*

Lyrics from Roller Coaster original track 'Gonna Fit'

## A HUGE THANK YOU OUR ROLLER COASTER SUPPORTERS

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# THANK YOU

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Yugambah Language Region and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of the Gold Coast.

We recognise their continuing connection and contributions to country and culture.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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# 3-13 AUGUST

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11-13 August



### KATIE NOONAN JONI MITCHELL'S 'BLUE'

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Roll out the picnic rug, and let ARIA-award winning songbird Katie Noonan serenade you into sunset with tunes from Joni Mitchell's landmark album, Blue.

Renowned pianist Tamara-Anna Cislowska and visionary artist Tarita Botsman, bring together some of the most daring and imaginative female composers and songwriters in the country.

Virtuosic sounds fill the air as the 18-piece Riverside Guitar Ensemble and Queensland Conservatorium Jazz Orchestra, The Con Artists, take to the stage at this outdoor concert.

Composer Vanessa Tomlinson, triple Grammy award-winning flautist Tim Munro and Queensland Conservatorium students take you on a captivating sensory experience.

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