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SQUARING THE WHEEL BRINGS THINGAMABOBS TO CAIRNS

Cairns, 11th May, 2015 – Audiences in Cairns are in for a treat when quirkologist Jens Altheimer comes to town with his kooky contraptions in tow.

The cleverly crafted award-winning show, *Squaring the Wheel*, will wow children and appeal to every adult's child within when it comes to the Centre of Contemporary Arts from May 14-15

Squaring the Wheel combines circus, clowning, strange mechanisms and contraptions, puppetry, magic and music into an unusual thingamabobbish theatre extravaganza.

Squaring the Wheel will delight young and old and at the end of the performance audiences will be invited to stay for an interactive demonstration of how the machines work.

Winner of the Adelaide Fringe Award for Best Presentation for Children in 2013, the show is unpredictable, funny, touching, highly visual and occasionally out of control. It is a clever theatre adventure for the whole family (ages 5+) in thinking out of the box.

Creator and performer Jens Altheimer trained at the Lecoq International School of Theatre in Paris and relocated from Europe to Australia in 2009.

Mr Altheimer has been performing and teaching for over 25 years, his shows have a distinctly European twist and are developed through his love of exploring the eccentric and wacky side of life.

“Household items will never seem the same again as *Squaring the Wheel* demonstrates new and fun uses for everyday objects.

“It's a great time to be inspired to make something of your own or with your friends when you get home.” said Altheimer.

Squaring the Wheel has toured all over Australia and New Zealand including extensive tours in Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia and New South Wales. And now the crafty contraptions and unusual circus tricks of *Squaring the Wheel* will be visiting 25 regional and metropolitan venues across Queensland from April to July 2015.

The tour is supported by the Playing Queensland Fund and arTour, initiatives of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, part of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. *Squaring the Wheel* is created and performed by Jens Altheimer.

General Admission \$15 / Concession \$10 / Child under 8 \$8 / Child 4 & Under \$6. Tickets can be purchased online at www.artscairns.com.au.



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When: Thursday, May 14 to Friday May, 15

Where: Centre of Contemporary Arts, Cairns

Tickets: GA\$15, C\$10, child under 8 \$8, child 4 & under \$6

Booking: www.artscairns.com.au

For more information visit

squaringthewheel.blogspot.com

artour.com.au/artists/squaring-the-wheel

2015 Queensland Tour dates

27 Apr	Redlands
4 May	Cloncurry
7 May	Tambo
9 May	Hughenden
14 & 15 May	Cairns
19 May	Croydon
21 May	Normanton
23 May	George Town
27 May	Charters Towers
30 May	Yeppoon
1 - 3 Jun	Emerald
4 Jun	Cappella
6 Jun	Moranbah
10 Jun	Middlemount
12 Jun	Dysart
18 Jun	Gympie
20 Jun	Redcliffe
21 Jun	Maleny
24 Jun	Millmerran
26 Jun	Esk
30 Jun & 1 Jul	Toowoomba
6 & 7 Jul	Gold Coast
13 & 14 Jul	Brisbane (QUT Gardens Theatre)
17 Jul	St George
25 Jul	Quilpie