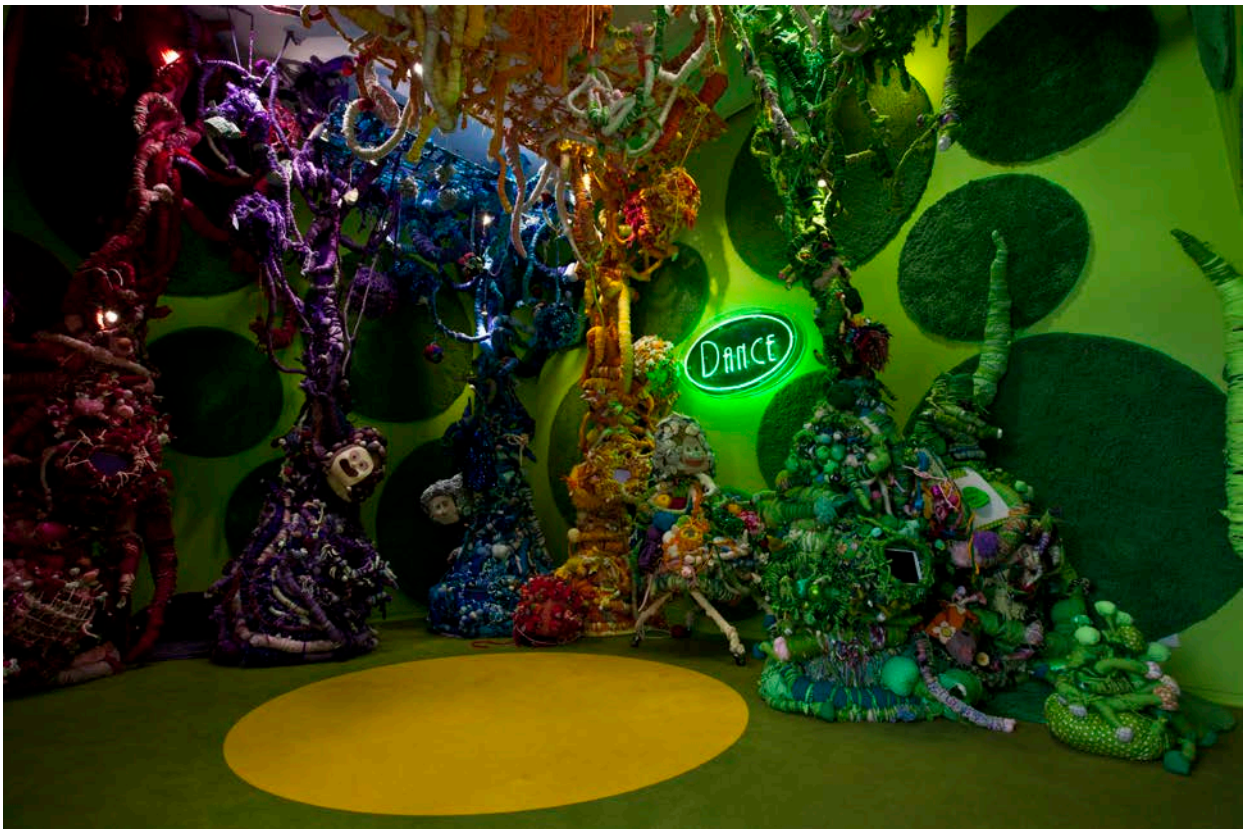


Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

BELLA PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Who can participate in the Bella program? Bella is tailored to the individual requirements of students aged 5 to 18 years with physical, intellectual, behavioural or sensory disability. We also have a Bella Plus program for adults with specific needs.



What is the goal of the Bella Program? Bella is designed to engage and inspire people with specific needs to explore contemporary art. Participants have the opportunity to discover artworks and develop art making skills, with emphasis on social interaction, collaboration and enjoyment.

What happens in the Bella Program? Each program includes gallery exploration, visiting the interactive Bella Room, and art making activities in our creative and digital studios.

Who delivers the Bella program? MCA Learning has a team of Artist Educators experienced in teaching people with specific needs. All staff are trained in disability awareness.

How much does Bella cost? It is FREE. Bella is about providing people with specific needs greater access to gallery based art education programs.

Hiromi Tango, *Dance* 2013, fabric, wool, neon, digital media, Commissioned by the Museum of Contemporary Art, Australia, for the Jackson Bella Room, 2013, © the artist, Photograph: Alex Davies

What times and days does the Bella program operate? The regular Bella program runs every Monday during school term time. We offer sessions between 10-11.30am and 12.30-2.00pm. Wherever possible we accommodate requests for programs on different days and times including weekends and school holidays.

How long do Bella sessions run for? Each Bella session runs for 60-90 minutes, but can be adapted depending on the needs of participants.

How large are the group sizes? Bella is flexible, with group size dependant on the specific needs of participants. Talk to MCA Learning about your individual group requirements.

Do you have accessible facilities? All public access areas of the MCA are wheelchair accessible. Accessible toilets are located throughout the building. Level access is available at the George Street entrance and lift access at Circular Quay West.



Can we park at the MCA? There is limited designated 15 minute parking on George Street opposite the MCA. Nearby 1 hour public parking is also available in The Rocks with unlimited parking available for Disability Permit holders. Please discuss your needs with MCA Learning.

Can I bring my group more than once? Depending on demand, we may offer your group additional Bella visits.

Where should we meet? Please bring your group to the information area on Level 1 where our Artist Educators will meet you.

What should we bring? Please bring along

any personal possessions that you will need during your visit. Bags can be cloaked on Level 3.

How did Bella begin? The MCA Bella Programs were established in 1993 through the generosity of longstanding MCA patrons, Dr Edward Jackson AM and Mrs Cynthia Jackson AM, and the Jackson family, in memory of their late daughter and sister, Belinda.

How long has Bella been running? Bella began with a one-day workshop in 1993 and expanded to become a highly popular seasonal program. In 2012, for the first time, Bella was offered throughout the year.

How do I book Bella sessions? Visit our MCA website to book online: <http://www.mca.com.au/mca-learning/bookings-schools/bella-bookings/> Contact MCA Learning on learning@mca.com.au or call 02 9245 2400 if you require more information.

Bella program, Photograph: Lisa Andrew