



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **TUTTI LAUNCHES EXCITING NEW PROGRAM "TUTTI KIDS"**

Tutti is proud to announce the official launch of Tutti Kids, an arts program for children with a disability and their siblings.

A partnership between Tutti Inc and Novita Childrens Services, Tutti Kids is a radical new early intervention arts program which supplements therapy services, using activity based programs which involve recreation, imagination, creativity, artistic expression, excitement, and fun. Providing children aged between two and fifteen with the opportunity to explore music, movement, singing and imaginary play, Tutti Kids is aimed at building confidence, self esteem and developing creativity, benefiting education and offering pathways to ongoing participation in the Arts.

The launch of Tutti Kids will take place on Saturday 14 February at 2pm at the Odeon Theatre, Norwood, and will be officially opened by the Honorable Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Disability, and Minister for Families and Communities.

Class Instructor Karen Inwood has more than 20 years experience teaching children. *'We sing, move, use percussion instruments and create together as a group. The best thing is that we have fun - I can see the children's self esteem and confidence grow,' she says.*

Now a key producer with the Australia Council for the Arts and one of Australia's leading community arts organisations, Tutti has staged sell-out concerts and original musical theatre works both in Australia and overseas. Its performances have featured in both the Adelaide Festival of Arts and the 2008 Fringe Festival. Tutti is a pioneer in providing a career in the performing, visual and multimedia arts for people with a disability through Tutti Arts, a full-time day program run in partnership with Minda Inc.

It is this combined with the organisation's artistic success which recently saw Tutti win top honours in the Australian Music in Communities Awards. As the judges said: *"Tutti is a kind of under-the-radar national treasure, using music making and performance opportunities to break down barriers. It is radical social inclusion and artistic excellence combined – a truly tremendous mix!"*

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### **TUTTI KIDS LAUNCH**

Odeon Theatre, Norwood Parade (corner Queen Street)  
Saturday 14 February, 2009, 2 – 3.30pm