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[The Early Early Late Show](#)

Directed by Brendon Bennetts

7 – 21 July 2018

Featured in KidsFest

The former Christchurch District Courts, 290 Durham Street North

Short Show Description:

The family-friendly favourite which delivers the fun of *Scared Scriptless* to an audience of all ages is back.

Christchurch's Court Jesters are the masters of fast, funny, improvised comedy. They'll create scenes, stories and songs on the spot with nothing but your ideas to inspire them.

COURT JESTERS SET TO BRING THE LAUGHTER FOR ALL AGES THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

IN-BRIEF:

Family favourite *The Early Early Late Show* is back to bring the laughter for your 6 - 13-year olds these school holidays.

Director Brendon Bennetts is excited to be sharing the fun of The Court Jesters' late-night comedy show *Scared Scriptless* with an audience who have slightly earlier bedtimes.

"*The Early Early Late Show* is an improvised comedy show where a group of four actors and a musician have to make up hilarious scenes and stories based on whatever gets thrown at them."

Bennetts, a cast member himself in the show's last three seasons, is looking forward to sitting in the director's chair – and extracting his revenge.

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The Early Early Late Show runs at the new Science Alive! building (the former Christchurch District Courts) as part of KidsFest from 7 – 21 July 2018 at 6:30pm Monday – Saturday. Recommended ages are 6 - 13 with all tickets \$15.

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“*The Early Early Late Show* is an improvised comedy show where a group of four actors and a musician have to make up hilarious scenes and stories based on whatever gets thrown at them. In this version the Jesters will be put on ‘trial’.”

The structure for the show comes from voice-over instructions provided to the Jesters from an omnipresent ‘Judge’. Based on these instructions and audience participation, the Jesters make up new and hilarious skits and stories for each performance.

Although sure to make audiences of all ages laugh, *The Early Early Late Show* was created in 2015 to provide live comedy for a group often underrepresented in the arts.

“There aren’t enough live shows designed for young people in the 6 – 13 age range, so that’s the group *The Early Early Late Show* is focused on. The Court Jesters have been doing our late-night comedy show *Scared Scriptless* for almost 30 years now and we love it, but not everyone can come being on so late at night. *The Early Early Late Show* is our way of bringing the comedy and chaos of our late-night show to audiences with slightly earlier bedtimes,” Bennetts said.

The cast providing the entertainment is a mix of veteran *Early Early Late Show* & *Scared Scriptless* performers and upcoming talent including Kathleen Burns, Jeff Clark, Criss Grueber, Gabby Wakefield and musician Jack Page.

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Cast

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Director [Brendon Bennetts](#)
Stage Manager/Operator [Ben Freeth](#)
Costume Department [Deborah Moor](#)
Properties Manager [Christy Lassen](#)
Head Technician [Giles Tanner](#)
Construction Manager [Bryce Goddard](#)
Production Manager [Flore Charbonnier](#)

Ticket Prices

All tickets \$15

Show Times

- 7 – 21 July:
- Monday – Saturday 6:30pm

Bookings: phone 03 963 0870 or visit www.courttheatre.org.nz

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