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SCULPTURE AT SCENIC WORLD NOW OPEN IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Sculpture at Scenic World is now open in the Blue Mountains, providing the perfect excuse to escape the daily grind and reconnect with art and nature these school holidays.

Returning after a two-year hiatus due to coronavirus, <u>Sculpture at Scenic World</u> will transform the ancient rainforest into an outdoor art gallery from April 1 – May 2, showcasing 25 world class artworks from established and emerging artists.

Subtle sculptures and bold installations will capture the imagination of young and old, inviting visitors to experience nature and art in new ways beneath towering rainforest canopy.

Now in its ninth year, Sculpture at Scenic World has earned a solid reputation as a must-see family event, accessed by the world's steepest railway with the iconic Three Sisters as a backdrop.

Free Kids' Trail Guides will keep the little ones guessing on a nature-based adventure, while everyone will enjoy entry to *Sculpture Otherwise* – an indoor exhibition of smaller works held at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.

Visitors can also extend their Blue Mountains discovery with a range of exclusive accommodation packages catering to families, couples and everyone in between. Packages are available from just \$98 per person for a two-night stay.

Sculpture at Scenic World Curator, Justin Morrissey, said the exhibition provided a memorable way for families to unplug from digital distractions and enjoy quality time together these school holidays.

"The Blue Mountains puts on a show in autumn and Sculpture at Scenic World ticks all the right boxes for a weekend getaway that creates lasting memories," he said. "It's a privilege to collaborate with such a high calibre of artists to create an iconic outdoor exhibition that resonates with visitors of all ages."

Scenic World Chief Experience Officer, Amanda Byrne, added that the exhibition was recognised by Destination NSW as a Regional Flagship Event for its proven track record in boosting visitation to the Blue Mountains.

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"Sculpture at Scenic World is a major drawcard for visitors, who travel from near and far to experience stunning artworks in the unique rainforest setting," she said. "Tourism plays a vital role in the Blue Mountains economy and we're thrilled to bring the exhibition back at a time when our industry needs it the most."

Ms Byrne also made a special mention of *Twist & Shout*, an outdoor exhibition of larger works which invites visitors to explore iconic locations in the Blue Mountains, including the Fairmont Resort & Spa, Braemar Gallery, Mountain Heritage Hotel, and the Carrington Hotel.

"Sculpture at Scenic World is a celebration of art, nature and culture that has become a favourite among families, couples and art lovers alike," she said. "Where else can you descend into ancient rainforest to explore stunning artworks via the world's steepest railway?"

Sculpture at Scenic World is now open until May 2, including access to the exhibition and travel on the Scenic Railway, Cableway and Skyway. Entry also includes access to Sculpture Otherwise at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre.

Tickets are priced from \$49.90 for adults and \$27.90 for children under 14 years. Season passes are also available, including unlimited entry to Sculpture at Scenic World from April 1 – May 2. Online earlybird savings also apply for entry before 10am during the school holidays.

Scenic World is a COVIDsafe business and capacity limitations are in place to meet physical distancing guidelines. All rides are regularly deep cleaned and hand sanitising stations are readily available in high contact areas. Please note, face masks are mandatory on all Scenic World rides.

Scenic World is currently accepting Dine & Discover NSW vouchers, providing \$25 off entry to Sculpture at Scenic World. Vouchers can also be used for food and beverage purchases on site.

Scenic World is open every day of the school holidays and Friday – Monday outside these times. Tickets are now available. Plan your autumn arts escape today at <u>www.sculptureatscenicworld.com.au</u>.

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