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## South Australian Game Exhibition: SAGE 2024 Adelaide's biggest games showcase – free & family-friendly Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February @ Adelaide Studios

Adelaide's newest and most exciting video games expo is back as the **South Australian Game Exhibition** (SAGE) takes over Adelaide Studios on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February for two actionpacked days of free fun suitable for the whole family – this year as the flagship event on the **Adelaide Fringe** Interactive program!

Presented by the **South Australian Film Corporation** (SAFC), SAGE is a super showcase of South Australia's video game development sector, with a huge range of locally made games on display to see and play. SAGE allows video game fans, players, enthusiasts and everyone in between to experience exciting new South Australian made games first-hand and meet the people behind them.

Come and try a range of awesome South Australian made video games across mobile, PC, console and VR, including some exclusive first-looks at unreleased games; meet the local creators, developers and studios behind the games, and find out more about their work; learn about South Australia's video game development sector and how the SAFC supports it; find out how you can pursue a career in game development, and more! And it's all FREE!

Building on the success of the inaugural event last year, SAGE 2024 has doubled in size with an extended program featuring:

- 34 total exhibitors across the main SAGE Showcase and new Elevate section, spread across both sound stages at the SAFC's Adelaide Studios screen production facilities in Glenside;
- Informative displays from partner organisations across industry, education and more;
- A new Refuel Zone featuring food trucks and refreshments, and
- A brand new "SAGE Advice" program of panel discussions featuring local game developers and national industry experts.

The 26 South Australian games studios and developers and their games selected for the main SAGE Showcase are:

- A Few Dragons <u>The Sacred Acorn</u>
- Catalyst Games <u>Dungeons and Dining Tables</u>
- Daytime Devs <u>Super BAWK BAWK Chicken</u>
- Dino Rocket <u>Kadomon: Hyper Auto Battlers</u>
- Fringe Realities <u>Project: Nightlight</u>
- HellByte Studios <u>Blood Reaver</u>
- Kungfu Takeaway <u>Secret Agent: Cold War</u> <u>Espionage</u>
- Kye Elliott-Moyle <u>Vincent the Vampire</u>
- Lamplight Forest <u>The Infinite Fortress</u>
- Makers Empire <u>Makers Empire</u>
- Mighty Kingdom <u>Star Trek Lower Decks Mobile</u>
- Mini Mammoth Games <u>Roving Rovers</u>
- Ortum Games <u>Belt it Out!</u>
- Paper Cactus Games <u>Fox and Shadow</u>

- PixelCake <u>Cozy Commons</u>
- Pond Games *Pipsqueak!*
- Quiet Rift Studios Arena Tails
- SPG Games Puzzledorf
- Split Symmetry <u>Tech Hunter</u>
- Stellar Advent Lucie's Potager
- Stout Heart Games & Amythica <u>Pick-a-</u> <u>Pocket</u>
- Toasterface Games <u>Pedal Rebel VR</u>
- Two Lives Left Punchimals
- We Have Always Lived in the Forest <u>darkwebSTREAMER</u>
- Wemat Studios <u>Box Knight</u>
- yofrancisco <u>Meowing Point</u>

SAGE Elevate is a new section on the SAGE exhibition floor created especially for this year's event. With an overwhelming number of exhibitor applications in 2024, Elevate will boost the main SAGE Showcase exhibition with additional exhibition space for South Australian developers. The eight SA companies and their games selected for SAGE Elevate are:

- 7D Games Studio <u>Spellborn</u>
- ABM Visual Cryptic Cabin
- Cerulean Creative Studios <u>Crimson Cutlass</u>
- Golden Age Studios Seeker Neeko
- Jazz King <u>Beach Bums</u>
- Jonniemadeit <u>Uncle Unco</u>
- Solar Lightshow <u>The Lights I Promised You</u>
- Towerpoint Games <u>ANVILHEART</u>

Also new in 2024 is the SAGE Advice program of talks and discussion panels, with a range of national industry experts, local developers, funders and more speaking on topics including:

- Power up: Getting a job in game development presented by Big Ant Studios;
- SA Great: South Australian games getting national support presented by Screen Australia;
- Education Pathways: Finding your way into a games career through education and training;
- Supporting Game Makers: Grants, rebates, subsidy programs and support services and how to access them.

The full SAGE Advice program will be announced closer to the event – stay tuned to the SAGE website for details: <u>www.sagameexhibition.com</u>

**Arts Minister Andrea Michaels** said: "Australia's video game development industry is worth \$4.21 billion, and the video game development sector in South Australia is booming, growing at 47 per cent per year - the fastest employment growth of digital game development businesses in the nation.

"The SAFC's SAGE: SA Game Exhibition is the perfect showcase for this exciting growth industry, with games on show across mobile, console, PC and VR from both emerging and established local developers highlighting the full range of creativity and capability of our local games sector.

"Congratulations to the 34 South Australian games studios and developers selected for exhibition this year – I look forward to playing their games at SAGE."

**SAFC CEO Kate Croser** said: "After the mammoth success of the inaugural SAGE: SA Game Exhibition last year, the SAFC is thrilled to be presenting our exciting new South Australian video games expo again in 2024, this time even bigger and better with an expanded program, double the exhibition space and more local game studios exhibiting their works.

"Along with the SA Video Game Development Rebate, SAGE is another innovative way the SAFC supports South Australian video game development and production, and games businesses, as part of our commitment to supporting and championing all segments of South Australia's screen industry, cementing the state's reputation as a leading location for game development.

"We would like to thank all our generous partners and sponsors who have made the expanded SAGE 2024 program possible. We can't wait to welcome everyone to our wonderful Adelaide Studios production facilities to see and experience the best South Australia's games sector has to offer."

SAGE: SA Game Exhibition is FREE and open to all at Adelaide Studios, 1 Mulberry Road Glenside, Friday 16 February 1.00pm-6.00pm (Official opening by Arts Minister Andrea Michaels at 1.30pm) and Saturday 17 February 10.00am-6.00pm. Get your free tickets now via the <u>Adelaide Fringe</u> and find more information at <u>sagameexhibition.com</u>

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