

Revolt of the Mannequins set to perform

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LIVING mannequins might be the stuff of nightmares, but a troupe of plastic people will come to life in Perth this week.



As part of the Perth International Arts Festival, city shop windows will play host to bizarre scenarios played out by mannequins.

More than 170 carefully crafted faces have been transported to WA for a comic-strip-style performance co-ordinated by French street theatre company Royal de Luxe.

Each shop window will be updated daily to tell a story throughout the week. A melting man, a rapidly inflating child and a woman experiencing a strange pregnancy are among the mannequins.

In the past 30 years Royal de Luxe has triggered the imaginations of millions with mechanical puppetry and street theatre.

Founder and director Jean-Luc Courcoult, in Perth to oversee the mannequins project, says he lives to evoke fresh thoughts and feelings from the public.

A map of Revolt of the Mannequins locations is available at www.perthfestival.com.au.