

Tech-talking mayhem for children has adults LOL too

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The List Operators ... Matt Kelly and Rich Higgins are serious fun.

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THE LIST OPERATORS FOR KIDS DO COMPOOTERS
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THEATRE can open a child's eyes to a world of myth, art, music and history. Happily, The List Operators For Kids are having none of that.

Rather than speaking to parents' aspirations for experiences that have an educational bent or uplifting moral quality, Listies Matt (Kelly) and Rich (Higgins) serve up entertainment that celebrates the joys of childhood inherent in, say, sniggering over an Andy Griffiths book, or running around the playground screaming "smell my finger!"

Do Compoopers is the comedy duo's romp through cyber history and pop culture, stuffed with terrible puns, helpful hints (putting sliced cheese in the DVD drive is a definite no-no), cyber glossaries (we all know what LOL means, but what about ROFLSHALBOWCO?) and poo jokes.

An on-stage Pong tournament results in a humiliating defeat for those who remember playing it back in the day. In the adventure game *World of Wool-craft*, Rich, dressed as a Viking, rides around on a trusty sheep called Justin Bieber.

Matt and Rich have the children fully engaged and laughing uproariously in a matter of seconds. Likewise the adults, who enjoy the duo's goofy antics - classic straight man/funny man stuff - as much as their charges' uninhibited embrace of the mayhem. Sound effects and snippets of giddy pop music add to the party atmosphere, as do the water pistols, beach balls and tea towel "aliens" under the seats. By the end, the children were jiggling in the aisles.

In case you were wondering, ROFLSHALBOWCO is a Listies acronym for Rolling On Floor Laughing So Hard A Little Bit Of Wee Came Out. I wouldn't be surprised.

The List Operators For Kids Do Compoopers also plays the Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, from January 17 to 21.

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