

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## **Something for everyone at local inclusive arts showcase, Don't Stop Me Now**

**The Activ Heartbeats performance group proudly presents their musical extravaganza, Don't Stop Me Now, to be held at 5pm, 17 July 2021 at Curtin Theatre, John Curtin College of the Arts.**

This inclusive variety show is about breaking down barriers and showcasing the singing, dancing and acting abilities of people with disability.

Created by talented Activ Community Services Beaconsfield customers and their dedicated support staff, the show raises the voice of people with disability through creative expression, and makes a valuable contribution to the diversity of the Western Australian arts scene.

Audiences can expect to see gifted musicians, comedy acts, singing and dancing to a mix of classic and modern music, homages to musical theatre favourites Grease and Frozen, and a moving performance using AUSLAN (sign language).

Activ customer and Activ Heartbeats member Davina Weeks, is extremely excited for the show. The routine using sign language is especially meaningful to her, as she has a friend who is hearing impaired who may attend the show.

"I'm excited to do the Activ Jazz dance, and the song where we're using sign language, that's for my friend," said Davina.

"The rehearsals are fun because I feel like we're all in this together and my dance moves have been put into the show."

Activ support worker Lauren Ranger, who has worked with the performance group to develop and rehearse the show, hopes audiences will come away with a special message.

"The show celebrates the abilities of the Activ Heartbeats group – it's not about what we can't do, it's about what we can do," said Lauren.

"Shows like ours do so much for representation. For people with disability to see people just like them doing what they love, it's a vital part of why we do what we do. I'm so proud of them, and I know audiences will be too."

To attend the Don't Stop Me Now variety show, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BQYAZ> to purchase tickets.

### **Event details:**

Name: Don't Stop Me Now – an inclusive musical extravaganza  
Date & Time: 5pm-7pm, Saturday 17 July 2021  
Location: Curtin Theatre  
John Curtin College of the Arts  
90 Ellen Street, Fremantle WA 6160

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**About Activ**

Activ is the largest disability support provider in Western Australia. We provide individualised services for people living with intellectual disability. We offer services in accommodation, community, employment, training and education, short-term accommodation and behaviour support. Activ was founded in 1951 by a group of families who wanted more for their children who lived with disability and had become marginalised by society. Today, we support more than 1,900 individuals and their families across WA.

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When referring to people with disability, we ask that you use the term 'living with disability', rather than 'disabled person' or 'the disabled'. The term 'Supported Employee' is used when referring to an Activ employee living with a disability. The term 'customer' is used to refer to a person living with disability that Activ supports.