

# Parallel sessions (2)

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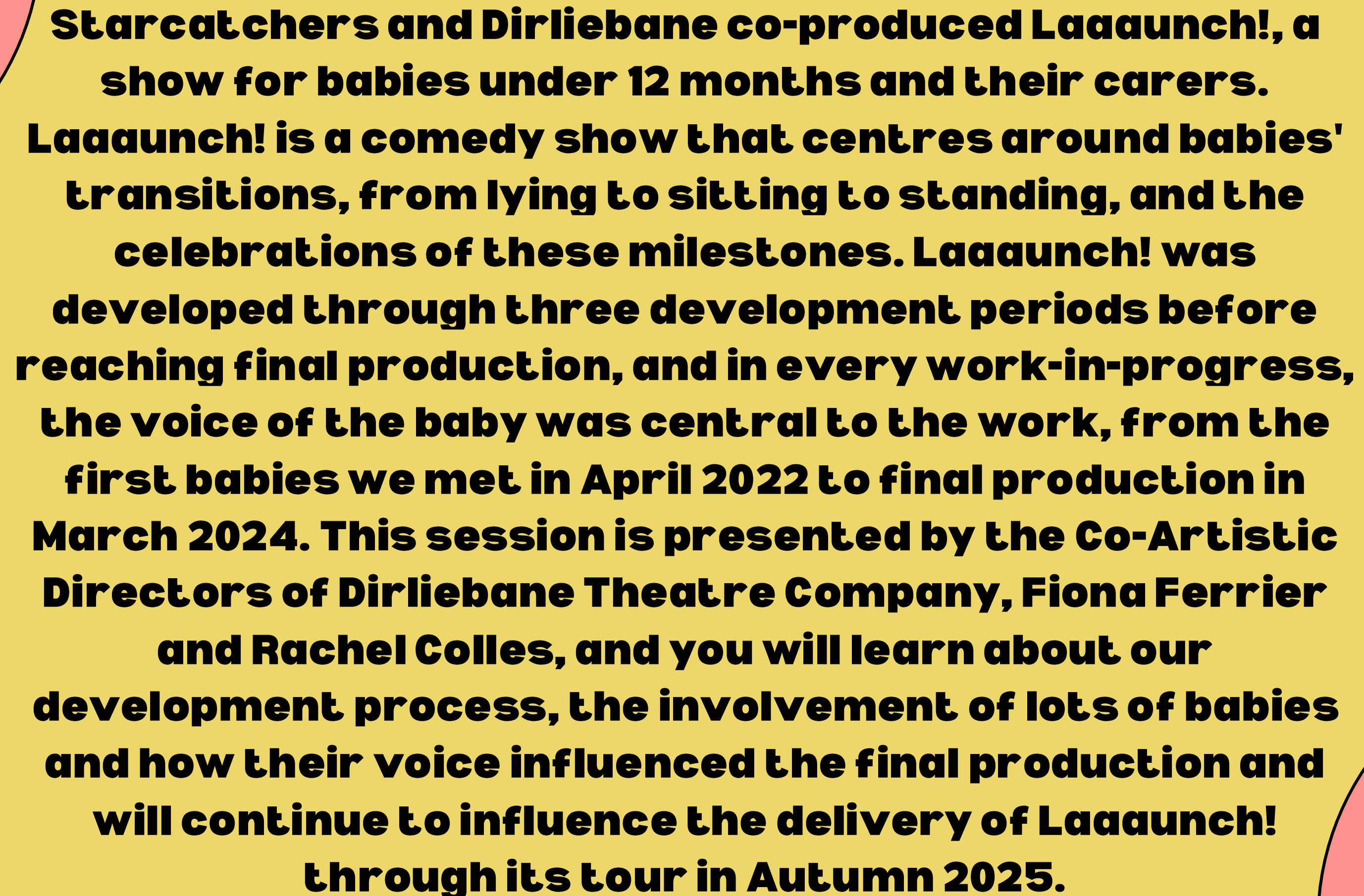


Co-Artistic Directors of Dirliebane Theatre Company,  
Fiona Ferrier and Rachel Colles

**Parallel session 2b: 13:45-14:30**

**The Macphail Room**

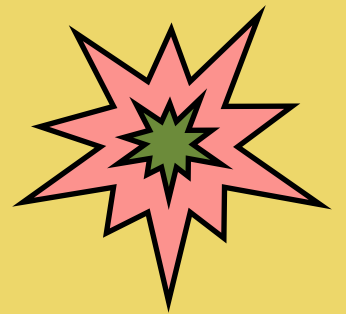
This session explores the development  
process of Ladaunch!



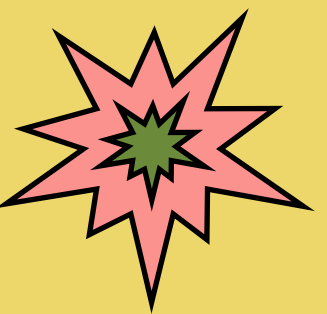
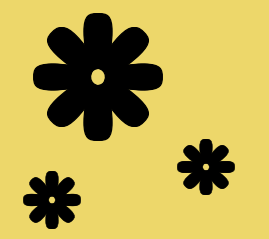
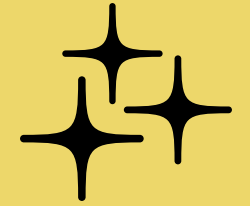
**Starcatchers and Dirliebane co-produced Laaaunch!, a show for babies under 12 months and their carers. Laaaunch! is a comedy show that centres around babies' transitions, from lying to sitting to standing, and the celebrations of these milestones. Laaaunch! was developed through three development periods before reaching final production, and in every work-in-progress, the voice of the baby was central to the work, from the first babies we met in April 2022 to final production in March 2024. This session is presented by the Co-Artistic Directors of Dirliebane Theatre Company, Fiona Ferrier and Rachel Colles, and you will learn about our development process, the involvement of lots of babies and how their voice influenced the final production and will continue to influence the delivery of Laaaunch! through its tour in Autumn 2025.**



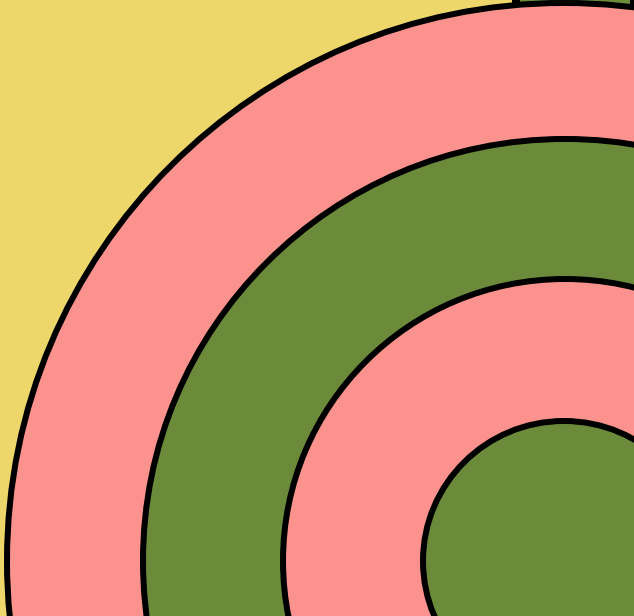
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**LAAAUUNCH!**



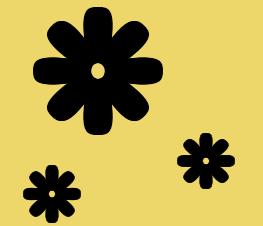
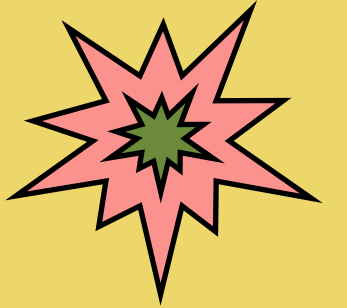
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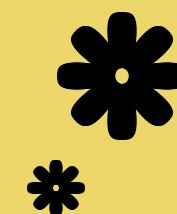
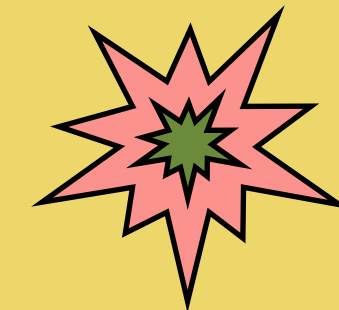
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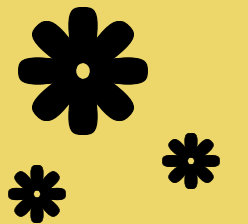
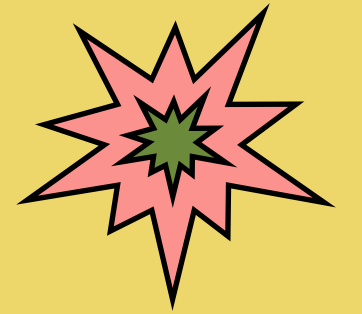
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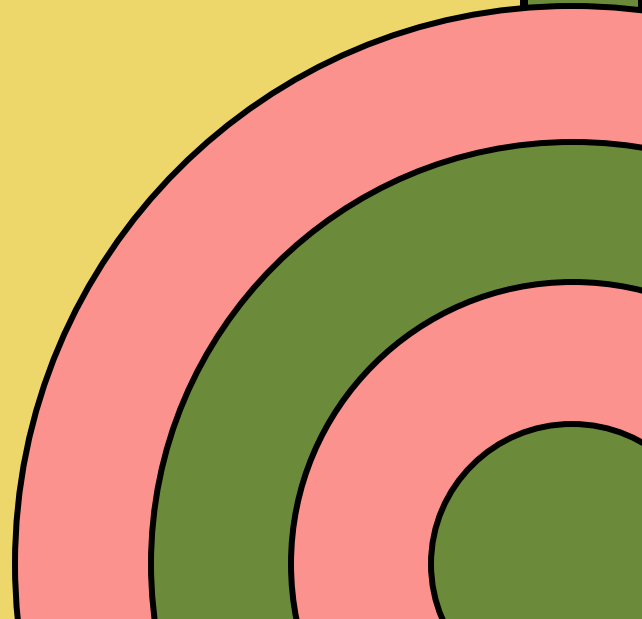
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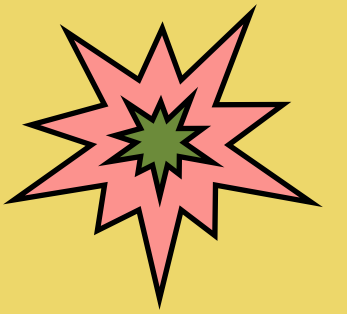
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**“Loved how you really captured all the movements the babies make as they develop”**

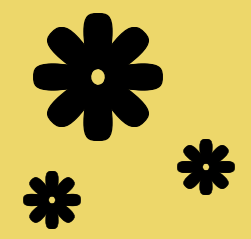


**“I was surprised how much Ronan engaged with the show,  
how long he sat and watched”**

**“It was very interesting; my child was interested the whole way through it”**

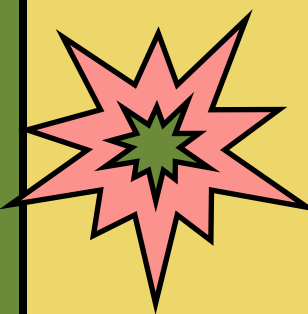


**“The favourite moment I observed was when Rowan was interacting with yourself making the 'da' sound and bumping up and down. The squeals of delight as she carried this out then watched and waited for you to imitate was funny. The progression on to bum shuffling with you copying her moves and sounds was a natural follow on and continued to be enjoyed by her. Also, with the shaker eggs it was great to see how she used and responded to these in different ways. E.g banging on the scraper, placing through the tube etc.”**



**“The concentration and attention she had was amazing.”**

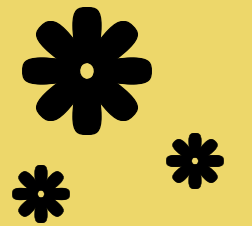
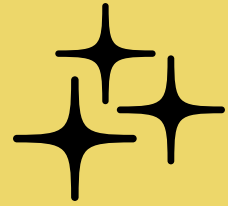
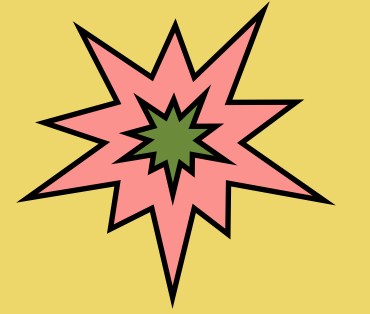
**“From today's session I will look to give her more opportunities to explore instruments and play together exploring different sounds that can be made. Also, I will look to explore the different sounds and movements she makes and make a more conscious effort to imitate and take her lead on this.”**



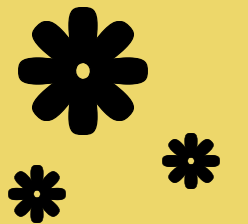
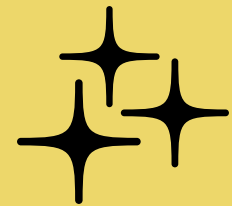
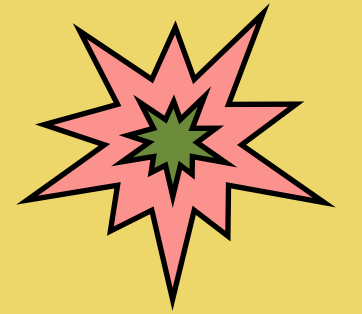


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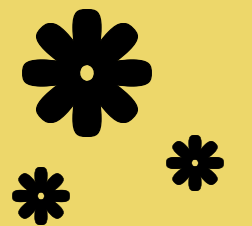
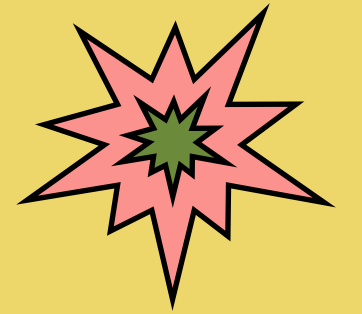
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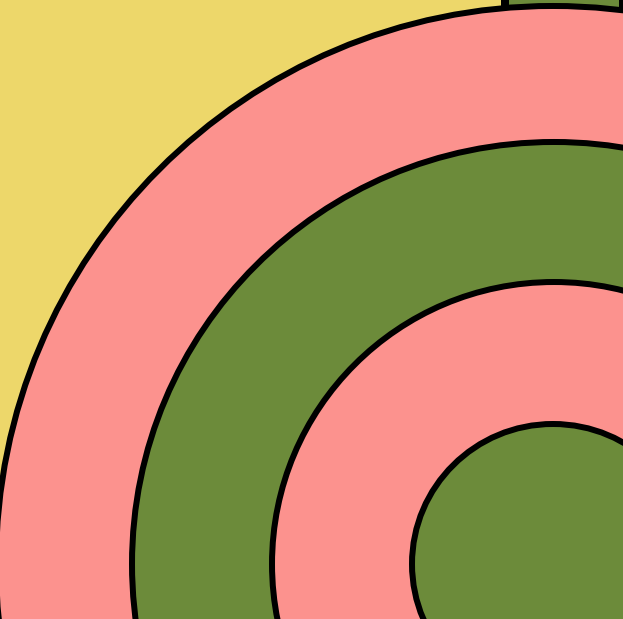
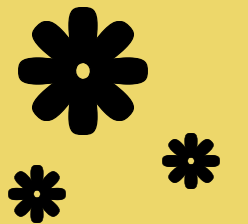
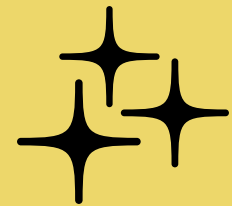
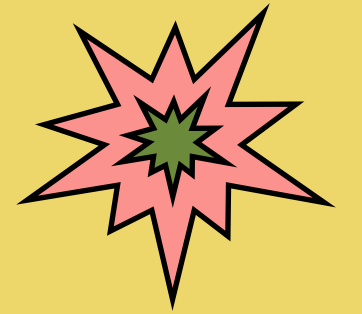








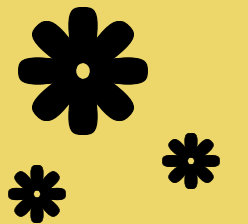
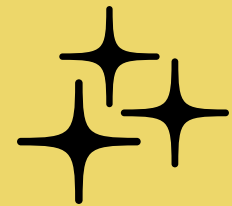
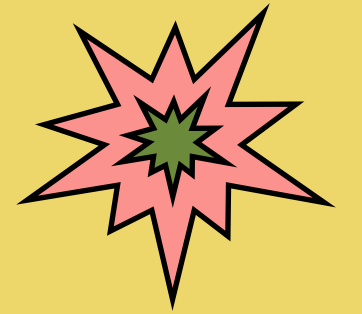




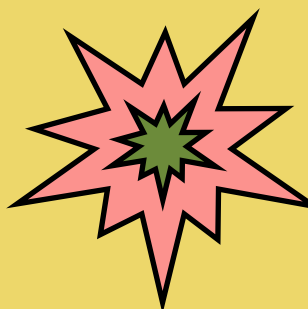


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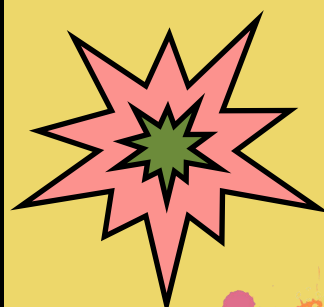
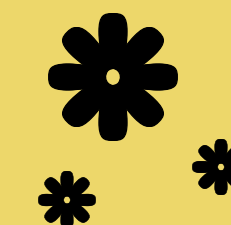
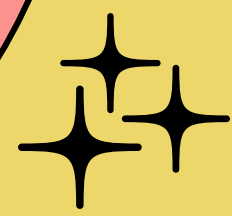
## PRODUCTION









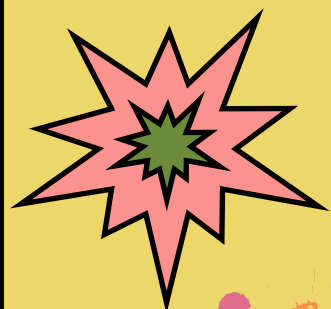
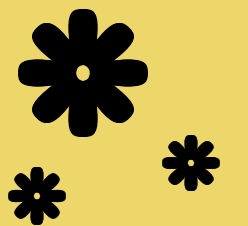
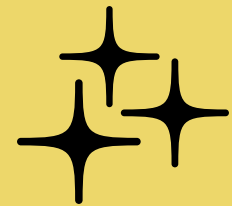
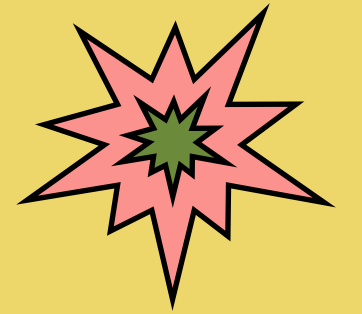


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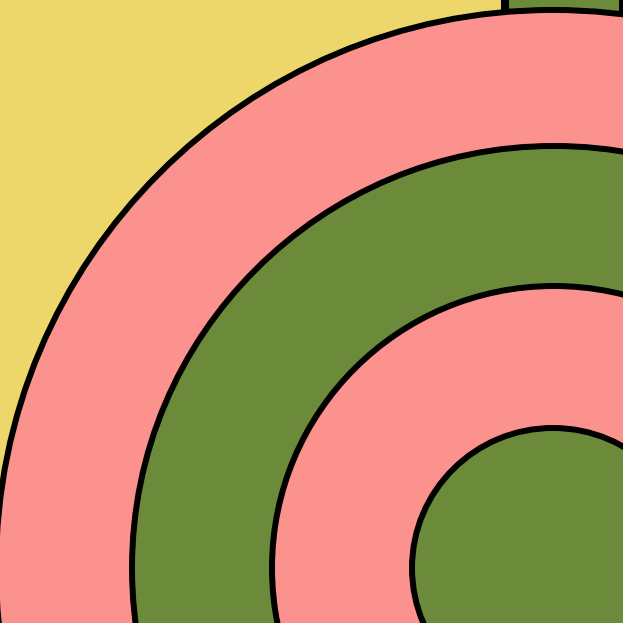






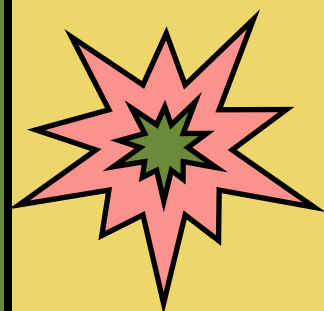
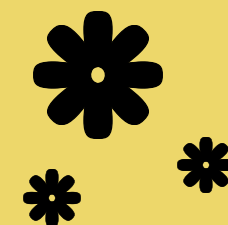
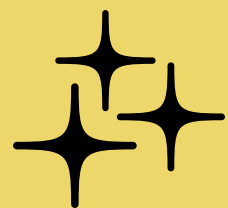
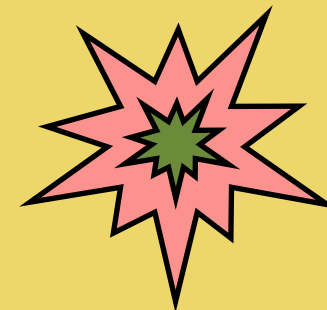
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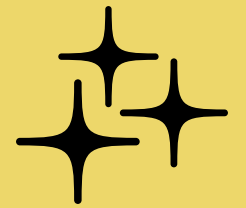






Starcatchers and Dirliebane Theatre Company present Laaaunch!, an adventure of galactic proportions, made especially for tiny humans.

It's perfect for babies up to 12 months who truly understand the challenge, peril and pleasure of lying, rolling, stretching, sitting up and making it to standing.



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