**Transcript**

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**Anchorwoman:**

Well back home, and more than 3000 students have put on a blockbuster performance in the annual Schools Spectacular. The cast from more than 200 Victorian schools has been rehearsing all year and they took Madeline Slattery back stage.

**Madeline Slattery:**

Hisense Arena transformed into a giant pyjama party. It’s the work of 3000 students from all over the state coming together for the annual Schools Spectacular. From larger-than-life puppets to scenes from the Roald Dahl classic *Matilda*, [student sings from the musical Matilda], this year’s theme is *Dare to Dream*.

**Neill Gladwin, Creative Director:**

That’s literally what you’re going to see is 3000 dreams all on stage, all at one time.

**Madeleine Andreopoulos, Student Performer:**

And it’s all done by school kids so it’s just amazing. It’s incredible.

**Madeline Slattery:**

It’s been a year-long preparation for the cast, and moments before show time some last-minute fine-tuning [student performers sing *Brave*].

**Unnamed Student Musician:**

We’re about to play about six hours and in between we have a 30-minute break.

**Madeline Slattery:**

And what would a Schools Spectacular be without a jam-packed wardrobe department with more than 6000 costumes. Designers have gone through kilometres of fabric, not to mention countless sequins. Organisers say the production gives these students the rare chance to work alongside professionals.

**Neill Gladwin, Creative Director:**

We’re literally working with the same lighting company that’s just come off the Pink tour.

**Jayde Gray, Student Performer:**

It’s a great opportunity for those who live far away to come and do a huge show like this. So it’s an honour.

**Madeline Slattery:**

Or perhaps, in this case, a dream come true.

Madeline Slattery, Channel 9 News.