

BANGARRA

*dance theatre
touring*

ARNHEM LAND
Northern Territory

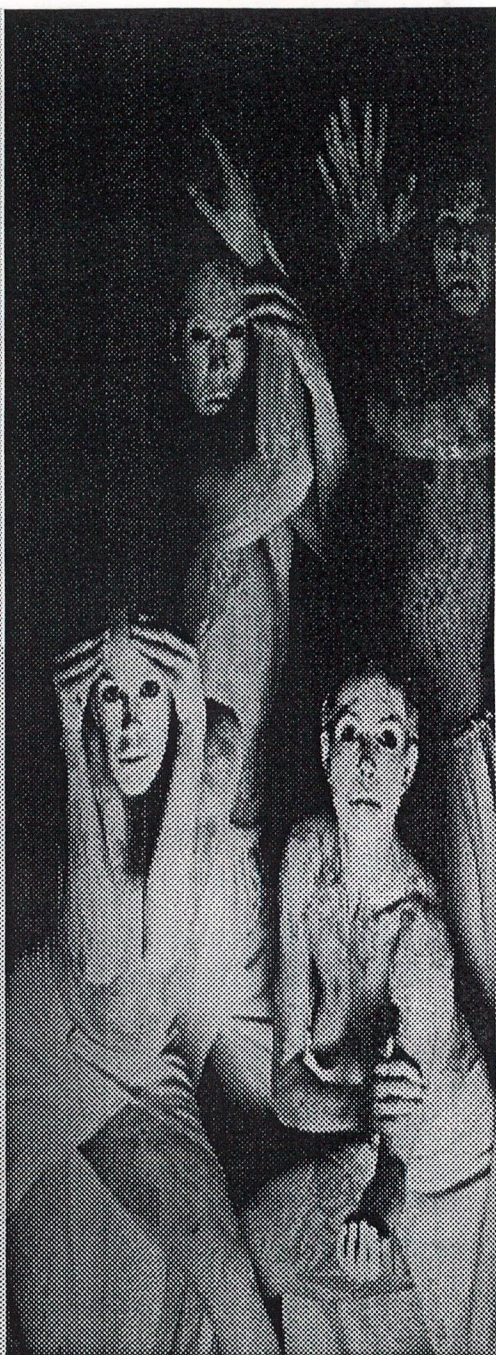
23 August to 9 September
1995

Yirrkala
Aug. 23-27

Dhalinybuy
Aug. 28-31

Milingimbi
Sept. 1-3

Galawinku
Sept. 4-8



HISTORY

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE AUSTRALIA respectfully embraces the cultures of both indigenous peoples of Australia - the mainland Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander.

The company was formed in 1989, by graduate dancers and staff of the Aboriginal Islander Dance Theatre, who saw the need for a professional dance company, which would reflect the indigenous and contemporary dance cultures of Australia.

Under the artistic direction of Stephen Page, this young dynamic company has spearheaded a bold new dance style. Closely linked to this new dance style is the rich contemporary music that is produced for each new work by the company's resident composer David Page.

Together with Traditional Cultural Consultants, they have developed a way of blending their cultural heritage with today's social and cultural issues in their environment.

Bangarra has toured Australia, from Yirrkala to Adelaide, and Broome to Sydney. Internationally they have thrilled audiences in Indonesia, China, Hong Kong, North America, England and Germany.

They have also been commissioned to create dance works for award winning television programmes and films. In 1993 Bangarra won the prestigious Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award.

PROGRAMME

1. Dances of the Torres Strait Islands

Siko - Yam Island wave dance

Paddle Dance

Tangi Ma - Play dance

Gesambo - Play dance

Glada - Mens Bow & Arrow dance

Zordhali - Bamboo rattle dance

28 Kulup - Rythm

2. Ochres

Yellow - Womens business

Black - Mens business

Song - The Light

3. Dances from Yirrkala

4. Wanem Time song by Christine Anu

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

Artistic Director

Stephen Page

Music Director

David Page

Assistant Artistic Director

Bernadette Walong

Production Manager

Jo Mercurio

Cultural Consultants

Djakapurra and Guypunura Munyarryun

Dancers

Djakapurra Munyarryun

Russell Page

Albert David

Gary Lang

Kirk Page

Frances RIngs

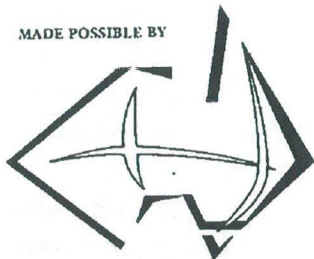
Gina Rings

Marilyn Miller

Jan Pinkerton

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