

DANCECLAN

a dramatic new double-bill directed by Stephen Page
with choreography by Albert David, story telling by the Munyarryun Clan

DanceClan is an enchanting new double-bill program which Bangarra Dance Theatre will perform under the stars at sunset, in and around its Pier 4 Studio Theatre from November 10 to 22, as part of the City of Sydney's *Streets Alive* program.

A very special inclusion in the program is the rare opportunity for Sydney audiences to see the men and women of the Munyarryun Clan from Dhalimbuoy, Arnhemland, on whose deep artistry and spirituality Bangarra draws its inspiration. Never before has this clan's storytelling been witnessed by Sydney audiences.

At 7pm, sunset, the Munyarryun Clan will present *Laka Bunkul* (Evening Star) a program of Yungal style dance by the Munyarryun Clan which will take place outside on Pier 4. As the clan draw on their timeless traditions and stories, the harbour will be transformed into the broлга plains of Arnhemland.

Intermission is an event in itself, a chance to have a look at the Boomali Members exhibition aptly entitled *White Men Can't Dance*, and a chance to try some Islander food and drink.

After the break, Bangarra dancer Albert David will make his choreographic debut with *Bipotim* (Before Time) with music by David Page and inspired by the tales of the old people from Albert's beloved homeland, the Torres Strait Islands.

"To see their faces light up as they talk about their youth, and their fathers youth, to hear their stories of war and retribution, dance and feasts, of sorcery and of the camaraderie born from fear of riding a scudding canoe across the heaving sea...the friendship and closeness of that time (bipotim) is unknown to the youths of today."

Albert, who was born on Thursday Island, is a NAISDA graduate. He joined Bangarra in 1995 and has since performed in such works as *Ochres*, *Fish*, the Australian Ballet collaboration *Rites*, and in the Flag Hand-Over Ceremony at the Closing Ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games.

DanceClan
Nov. 10 - 22 at sunset - 7pm
1pm mats Thurs 12th, Fri 13th, Wed 18th, Thurs 19th & Fri 20th
Bangarra Studio Theatre, Pier 4, Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay
Bookings: 92501777 (STC Box Office) or 9266 4800 (Ticketek)
\$25 (full), \$17 (concession), \$12 (schools)
Koori night Nov 15

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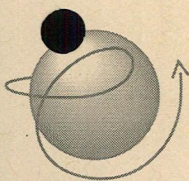
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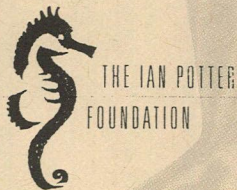
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