

# BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

## SPIRIT

*Spirit* draws together the best of Bangarra Dance Theatre's internationally acclaimed repertoire. Inspired by the beauty and spirituality of Australia's rich Indigenous culture, *Spirit* weaves storytelling, dance, theatre and music into an unforgettable theatrical experience. Bangarra's stunning originality has mesmerised audiences from New York and Beijing to Alice Springs. *Spirit* encompasses the soul of Bangarra and will enthrall and delight.

## THE PROGRAM

### **Womens' Creation (Wirrkul Manda)**

Based on the "Two Sisters" creation story from North East Arnhem Land. "They sang the songs and danced over the land...Created all living things." Performed by: Kathy Balngayngu Marika, Frances Rings, Elma Kris, Yolande Brown, Deborah Brown, Rheannan Port, Chantal Kerr

### **Goanna (Djanda)**

Each goanna (male totem) is given his sense of sight, sound, smell, taste, touch. Performed by: Patrick Thaiday, Jhuny-Boy Borja, Timothy Bishop, Sani Townson

### **Slither**

Every one hundred years a sacred creature emerges from its journey through the Earth. The women are chosen as keepers of the knowledge.

Performed by: Sidney Saltner, Frances Rings, Deborah Brown, Elma Kris, Chantal Kerr, Yolande Brown, Kathy Balngayngu Marika

### **Life Cycle**

Metamorphosis, rejuvenation and the passing on of knowledge.

#### **Traditional Leaf**

Performed by: Kathy Balngayngu Marika

#### **Caterpillar**

Performed by: Rheannan Port, Jhuny-Boy Borja, Victor Bramich

#### **Moth**

Performed by: Deborah Brown, Sani Townson

## INTERVAL

### **Stick**

Nganuk or Mimi spirits appear as spiritual messengers – they can come as good or bad signs.

Performed by: Sidney Saltner, Elma Kris, Timothy Bishop, Patrick Thaiday

### **Dots**

An homage to the beauty and vitality of the dot painting, an ancient Aboriginal visual art form.

Performed by: Yolande Brown, Deborah Brown, Chantal Kerr

### **Feather (But'tju)**

Preparing the spirit and body for its journey into the next life cycle.

Performed by: Kathy Balngayngu Marika, Frances Rings

### **The Call**

The effects of western Christian influence on Indigenous beliefs, a struggle in spiritual response to a calling.

Performed by: Jhuny-Boy Borja, Kathy Balngayngu Marika

### **Ceremony**

The cycle of rituals in the celebration of death and rebirth.

#### **Water (Gapu) and Passing**

Performed by: female ensemble & Kathy Balngayngu Marika

#### **The Gift**

Performed by: male ensemble

#### **Clan**

Performed by: full ensemble

"Bangarra takes us somewhere else, an inspiring place that most of us do not want to leave"  
*Herald Sun*

"Spell-binding"  
*The Sydney Morning Herald*

"Bangarra challenges, but also unites us on the common ground of the Australian spirit"  
*Courier Mail*

Bangarra would like to pay our respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather together.

Photo: Greg Barrett  
Dancer: Elma Kris

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## **Creative Credits**

Choreography: Stephen Page and Frances Rings  
Music: David Page and Steve Francis  
Set Design: Peter England  
Costume Design: Jennifer Irwin  
Lighting: Nick Schlieper  
Associate Lighting Designer: Glenn Hughes  
Lighting for *Dots* and *The Call*: Trudy Dalglish

## **Production Credits**

Artistic Director: Stephen Page  
Associate Artistic Director: Frances Rings  
Company Manager: Jasmine Gulash  
Rehearsal Director: Catherine Goss  
Production Manager: Vanessa Hutchins  
Stage Manager: Narelle Lewis  
Head Mechanist: Tim Pack  
Assistant Stage Manager: Linda Jay  
Wardrobe: Rae Spratt

## **DANCERS**

### **Female Ensemble**

Frances Rings, Elma Kris, Deborah Brown, Yolande Brown, Chantal Kerr, Rheannan Port

### **Male Ensemble**

Sidney Saltner, Sani Townson, Patrick Thaiday, Timothy Bishop, Jhuny-Boy Borja, Victor Bramich

### **Guest Performer**

Kathy Balngayngu Marika

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