

# Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre



**PROGRAM** February – July 2016

# Exhibitions



Alison Muir, *Rip Curl*

## ***Australia Wide Four***

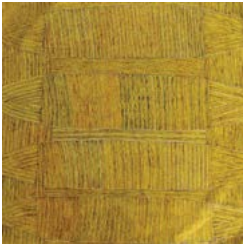
28 January – 5 March

*Australia Wide Four* is the fourth touring exhibition developed by the Ozquilt Network Inc and features work by former Katherineite and inaugural recipient of the Katherine Arts Community Service Award, Kerryn Taylor.

## ***Big Rivers: West to East***

11 March – 30 April

*Big Rivers: West to East* includes an exhibition and the launch of a short film that celebrates the unique character of four remote Katherine Region art centres: Durrmu Arts (Peppimenarti), Merrepen Arts (Daly River), Djlpin Arts (Beswick and Katherine) and Ngukurr Arts (Ngukurr). Film produced by Godinymayin and directed by Harry Sanna and Charles Taperell. Curated by Clare Armitage.



Regina Wilson, *Message stick*

## ***Yidumduma Bill Harney: Bush Professor***

6 May – 16 July

One of the last fully initiated Wardaman elders, Yidumduma Bill Harney is regarded by many as a national living treasure; the quintessential Renaissance man using his paintings, carvings, songs and storytelling to communicate his Indigenous knowledge to the world. Curated by Margie West AM.



Yidumduma Bill Harney,  
*Flying Fox Fire Dreaming*

**K space will have its own program of exhibitions running concurrently from February to July 2016.**

# Performances



## Aboriginal Comedy Allstars

Saturday 19 March 8pm

From the oldest culture on earth comes the freshest and funniest stand-up comedy around. It's the all-original *Aboriginal Comedy Allstars* showcase – featuring Matt Ford, Shiralee Hood, Kevin Kropinyeri and introducing Dane Simpson.

*Suitable for 16 and over. Running time 105 minutes including one 20 minute interval.*

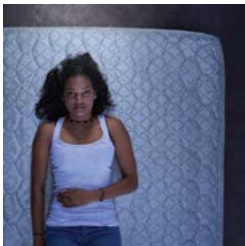


Photo: Zan Wimberley

## Sugarland

Saturday 16 April 7:30pm

The theatre production *Sugarland* is returning to Katherine to kick off a national tour following sold out shows at the Darwin Festival in 2014. *Sugarland* explores the issues young people face in remote Australia.

Directed by Australian Theatre For Young People's Artistic Director Fraser Corfield in collaboration with David Page.

*Suitable for 14 and over. Running time 80 minutes with no interval.*



Photo: Dylan Evans

## Beyond

Friday 10 June 7:30pm

Blending dynamic circus acts with cheeky feats of strength and multiple bunny heads, Circa's show *Beyond* is warm, surreal and strangely beautiful. Set to a bewitching mix of show tunes, ballads and electronica, this creation will delight and enchant. Created by Yaron Lifschitz with the Circa ensemble.

*Suitable for 8 and over. Running time TBC.*



Photo: Clive Hyde

## **Katherine Beat 2016 'Riversong'**

Friday 17 June 5:30pm

Presented by NT Music School and community partners, *Katherine Beat 2016 'Riversong'* is a showcase of creative talent, including music, storytelling, dance and theatre, from primary and secondary aged students of Katherine and the surrounding remote communities.

*Running time 70 minutes with no interval.*



Photo: University of Qld

## **Bilarni**

Saturday 25 June 7:30pm

*Bilarni* tells the story of the greatest yarn-spinner of them all, Bill Harney\* – a soldier who returned from WWI to live among the local Indigenous people as a lover, husband and father who lost it all.

Written and performed by Jan 'Yarn' Wositzky from Harney's books, radio broadcasts, papers and others' recollections. Directed by Paul Hampton.

\* Bill Harney is the father of Wardaman elder Yidumduma Bill Harney.

*Running time 80 minutes with no interval.*



## **Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow 2016**

Saturday 9 July 8pm

Performing for one night only and for the first time in Katherine, this travelling band of intrepid funny-makers is taking over Australia one town at a time! Featuring a cast of local and international comedy talents with Dave Callan as MC.

*Suitable for 15 and over. Running time 135 minutes including one 20 minute interval.*

# Special Events



## **WOW Katherine 2016 Think-in**

Tuesday 8 March 5pm – 6pm

Celebrate International Women's Day at the *WOW Katherine 2016 Think-in*. Help create the third *WOW (Women of the World) Festival Katherine 2016* (16–18 September) program by telling us about your issues as women living in remote Australia, and the inspiring speakers you would like to hear at *WOW*.

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Photo: Fiona Morrison

## **Territory Day Celebrations and K-town's Dance Massive**

Friday 1 July 6pm – Katherine Showgrounds

Last year's Territory Day saw the community come together en-masse for the inaugural dance spectacular *K-town's Dance Massive*, a large-scale community dance event celebrating life in the Territory. We're doing it again this year, kicking off the Territory Day celebrations and fireworks with a bang!

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**Above:** Territory Day 2015 – K-town's Dance Massive. Photo: Fiona Morrison

**Front cover:** Yidumduma Bill Harney, *Waring (Young Initiate)*, *Warranggin (Ceremonial) Law Man* and *Gujingga (Law Man)*, 2012, natural pigments and feathers on wood. Photo: Jayne Nankivell

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