



## LIVING CULTURE UNDER THE STARS IN ROEBOURNE

Under the stars on **Tuesday 4th September at 8:30pm**, in the outside amphitheatre of the Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation's Ngurin Cultural Centre in Roebourne, there will a special showing of **Big hART's** work in development - **Tjaabi, Flood Country**. Featuring Ngarluma performer Patrick Churnside and made with the Roebourne community, Flood Country is a feature of the national **Performing Arts Conference (PAC)** and is part of the **Red Earth Arts Festival (REAF)**.

Flood Country is simultaneously music, mystery and life. Living culture and country wrapped in sound, image and story. An intersection between old and new. The work has been developed since its 2016 preview as part of the Roebourne 150 celebrations, and it is hoped that it will be picked up by major festivals and go on to tour nationally in 2019, profiling the strength of Roebourne nationally.

"We would like to thank all the elders and families who have supported the development of Tjaabi, Flood Country over the years" said Scott Rankin CEO of Big hART and Flood Country Director. "The community's ongoing support has ensured that the stories, dances and songs are culturally safe. It has been humbling to experience the remarkable culture and talent of this community, we have learnt so much and it has been a much cherished exchange."

Big hART has been working for over 8 years with the community of Roebourne, producing many highly acclaimed, award-winning projects, including Hipbone Sticking Out which toured to theatres around the country, and Neomad which toured to Asia and also captured the 2016 Gold Ledger Award, the top award for comics in Australia. Big hART's works are often staged thousands of kilometres from population centres in dry riverbeds, outdoors, or in inner city housing estates. Our works have been included in festivals nationally and globally, highlights include Namatjira Project, Blue Angel, Ngapartji Ngapartji and multi-genre outdoor spectacles Stickybricks and Junk Theory, alongside film, video, documentaries, digital and TV projects.

Tjaabi is proudly supported by Wirru-Murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, Ngarluma Yindjibarndi Foundation, the Australia Council, Indigenous Language and Arts Program, Performing Arts Connections Australia, Fortescue Metals Group, Pilbara Development Commission and City of Karratha Council.

Big hART's work focuses on what is strong, working with communities to tell their stories and reimagine their future, and gain the skills – the gift of their story can help drive generational change. To date Big hART has worked in over 50 communities, alongside over 8000 individuals in urban, rural, regional and remote Australia and won over 45 awards.

Bring a rug and a picnic and enjoy a special preview of Tjaabi, Flood Country under the stars. Please note, Flood Country is a free event but seating is limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

**WHAT:** Tjaabi, Flood Country

**WHERE:** Ngurin Cultural Centre, Roe St, Roebourne

**DATE:** Tuesday 4th September, 8:30pm

**DOORS OPEN:** 8:15pm

**TIX:** Tickets are free, but seating is limited so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.



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