

Introducing our Artists & Workshop Facilitators (for ages 5-18)



Bush Animals & Traditional Weaving with Aunt Bronwyn Razem:

Bronwyn Razem is a Gunditjmara Master Weaver born in Warrnambool. She comes from a long lineage of Traditional weavers and learned from her grandmother Georgina and mother Zelda Couzens. Through her work, Bronwyn acknowledges the importance of maintaining the cultural knowledge behind the weaving and the role this played in times past. Teaching traditional weaving techniques asserts the strength of this cultural practice that was utilized for everyday life. Aunt Bronwyn's teachings make an important contribution to reconnecting Aboriginal people with

their culture and strengthening their identities.

'We will be constructing our precious native animals using bush animal techniques and creating features of the animal using weaving techniques and joining all the animal parts together to make it one piece.'

'Liyan': Connected Story Telling Through Dance & Movement with Sermsah 'Suri' Bin Saad:

As a multifaceted personality, Sermsah's name in the Indigenous community is synonymous with theatre, television, films, festival circuits, opera, dance and choreography. After cracking into the tough Top 14 on "So You Think You Can Dance", he also led the dancers in memorable musical numbers in the crowd-pleasing, mega hit movie Bran Nue Dae. Currently a member of



the Melbourne Playback Theatre Company and a Radio Broadcaster for Joy 94.9 with his own show 'Urban Dreaming' about Bridging the Gap between two Worlds. A facilitator on empowerment of cultural and spiritual education and uses the medium of the Arts as a tool to educate society.

Above all of his artistic achievements, Sermsah values his heritage. He believes in 'Liyan Ngarn', a Yawuru saying springing from his hometown of Broome in WA meaning 'Coming together of the Spirit' and the 'Understanding of your instinctual Knowledge'. Affectionately known as Suri, this vibrant and award-winning artist aims to entertain with style and incredible magnetism.

'Wayapa': 'Earth, Mindfulness & Connection with Thaedra Frangos



Thaedra is a yoga and somatic meditation practitioner and teacher, a Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapist, Registered Wayapa Wuurrk practitioner and mother of 2 young children. She is a Wemba Wemba woman through her mother's lineage and in recent years, following a humbling healing and connection with elder Uncle Bunna Lawrie, she has been exploring connection with her ancestors. Thaedra received a scholarship to complete the Wayapa Wuurrk diploma in June.

The week of training was life changing, healing and extraordinary on so many levels and she's really excited to share the practice. Thaedra has a desire to support awareness of and reverence for the incredible wisdom of our first peoples in a present day context as a pathway to healing, wellness and connection.

Wayapa Wuurrk (<http://wayapa.com/>), Jamie Marloo Thomas (Gunditjmara and Gunnai) and his partner Sara Jones means connect country and is an earth mindfulness, narrative meditation and movement practice based in Aboriginal wisdom.