

Introducing our Artists & Workshop Facilitators

'Stand-Up Comedy' Get your laugh on with Shiralee Hood:



Shiralee Hood is a Noongar-Kurnai-Gunditjmara woman. She is Australia's premier Indigenous female comedian, writer, director and cultural education practitioner. Shiralee has blown away audiences throughout Australia with hilarious stories and an outrageously funny take on life. Her recent awards include: Melbourne International Comedy Festival "Deadly Funny" 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2014, Deadly Awards - Sydney Opera House 2013, Canberra Festival Gala 2013, Canberra Comedy Festival "all Fired Up (solo show) 2013.

Shiralee will our deadly MC for our 'Show & Share' Celebration and will be having us in hysterics with a solo Stand Up Comedy Performance, just for us!!

'Too Much Drama! - Fun-filled workshops of physical games, expression and storytelling through theatre' with Kamarra Bell-Wykes:

Kamarra Bell-Wykes is a Yagera and Butchulla woman. Kamarra began her professional arts career in 2001, best known for her playwriting on ILBIJERRI's award-winning health-education works *Chopped Liver* and *Body Armour*; before moving into the role of director/dramaturg on ILBIJERRI's 2018 production VIRAL. She combined these works and toured for 15 years sharing with over 50,000 people in prisons, schools and Aboriginal communities.

In 2012 Kamarra graduated with honors in a *Bachelor of Education*, working as a teacher and youth worker across the Northern Territory before working with ILBIJERRI Theatre Company as the Education and Learning Manager and Creative Director. Kamarra has recently

decided to pursue her passion of creative healing and community activating through the arts as a freelancer. We're very proud to welcome Kamarra and her wealth of knowledge, skill and passion as a director, dramaturge, performer, playwright and fabulous workshop facilitator. We're in for a treat!



'Circus Skills' with Sal & Tom from Circus Oz:



This workshop will introduce you to various circus skills, such as: Juggling, Diabolo, Devil Sticks, Plate Spinning, Performance Exercises, Hula Hooping and/or Acro-balance.

Circus Oz run an exciting range of circus classes for children and young people, catering for beginners through to advanced.

Circus classes are a fun and healthy way for kids of all ages to get super active, make loads of new friends, AND learn incredible skills - including devil sticks, diabolo, plate spinning, juggling, poi, hula hooping, performance games & activities and much more.

Physical benefits include improved hand-eye coordination, flexibility and strength. Children and young people will also develop essential life-skills, including self-confidence, teamwork and trust. The professional trainers are all highly skilled and experienced, and many of them are also practising performers.

Circus Oz also have a 1-week program that brings together 10 emerging First Nations artists from across Australia to hone their skills and share their infectious humour under the guidance of highly skills Circus Oz trainers.

<https://www.circusoz.com/sidesault/blakflip.html>