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Crossroad Arts Inc QLD, and Darwin Theatre Company Inc present

# Melek Mo Hani

Melek mo Hani "Milk and Honey" tells the story of a Pacific South Sea Islander who struggles to convince people of his cultural identity, until a series of extraordinary events propel him into the world spotlight and recognition.

Moses Lingetoo is a free spirited musician who travels from place to place singing the songs of his homeland. This all changes the day he is caught without a busking licence, with an expired visa by a suspicious immigration officer. Moses now begins the fight of his life to establish his identity as he draws upon his family's history from Malaita

Island in 1878 to the Mackay sugar plantations, through to the deportation of his family in 1907.

Melek Mo Hani is a play about finding identity in the 21st century when you have a foot in three countries and a family history involving kidnapping, exploitation and deportation.



## Music & Theatre

### Melek Mo Hani

**Date:** 15 – 17 Aug 6.30pm  
17 Aug 11am  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Browns Mart Theatre  
**Price:** \$16/\$13conc.  
\$11 groups  
10+ /\$6 schools

Chambers Crescent Theatre premieres

# Urban Thrillology\*

Urban Thrillology presents a series of haunting walks that bring to life the history and mystery of Darwin's urban fringe. Local legends such as Pig Man and Poinciana Woman are explored by young urban dwellers through a multi media extravaganza including dance, song, animation and physical theatre. Experience some very famous Darwin myths!

\* Not for the faint hearted!

The production will take place over three Sunday evenings.

Audience limit 40 per show. Audiences will be escorted on a bus from the pick up point outside Darwin Entertainment Centre in Mitchell Street to the Walk and then back to DEC. Show runs 40 minutes.



### Urban Thrillology

**Date:** **Aug 13 Walk One:**  
East Point:  
6:30, 7:30 & 8:30pm  
**Aug 20 Walk Two:**  
Rapid Creek  
6:30, 7:30 & 8:30pm  
**Aug 27 Walk Three:**  
Leanyer Swamp  
6:30, 7:30, & 8:30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Price:** \$15/\$10con  
per walk or book all  
three walks for  
\$30/\$20

Co - Directed by Bunji Elcoate, Samantha Chalmers, Kin Leong, Finn O'Branagain, Lauren Flannery, Jessica Egan & Natalie Leysley. Produced by Bunji Elcoate & Damien Pree.

Darwin Festival presents  
The Drowsy Drivers in

# Keating!

"The country soul opera we had to have!"

After sold out seasons in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, The Drowsy Drivers are venturing further afield. Historically accurate\* and independently verified by skimming through Don Watson's book, it's the simple and time honoured tale of an Australian political superhero and his battle against assorted mugs, dummies, dimwits, gutless spivs and scumbags. Come share in the heady rise, tempestuous reign and tragic fall of the Placido Domingo of Australian politics.

**GASP!** as Hawke ignores the Kirribilli agreement! **THRILL!** as Prime Minister Keating sticks it to the drones opposite! **CHEER!** as he wins the sweetest victory of all! **HISS!** as the evil Howard betrays his colleagues in his thirst for power! **SCOFF!** at the blatant historical revisionism! Folks of all political persuasions are welcome (though some will feel more welcome than others). You'll have the time of your life!\*

\*non-core promise

*"Keating! is brilliant. Smart, funny and performed with snotty insolence"*

Colin Rose, The Sun-Herald, Sydney

*"This is a beautiful set of numbers"*

Paul Keating



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## Keating!

**Date:** 14 - 15 August  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** \$25/\$20 conc.

**WINNER** Most Outstanding Show, 2005 Melbourne International Comedy Festival  
**WINNER** The Age Critics' Award, 2005  
**WINNER** The Golden Gibbo, 2005  
**WINNER** Best Original Songs, Green Room Awards, 2005



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An audience  
with...

The Darwin Festival and Ellis Prater Productions present

# 'Bud' Tingwell



***"....People were entranced by his stories and his insights"***

Rob Robson, Manager -  
Shepparton Arts Festival



An Audience with... Charles 'Bud' Tingwell is an intimate evening with one of Australia's greatest icons of stage and screen. From *The Sullivans*, *Prisoner* and *The Flying Doctors*, through to theatre productions such as *The Carer* and films including *Puberty Blues*, *The Castle*, *The Dish* and more recently *Jindabyne* and *Irresistible* where he co-stars with Susan Sarandon.

This is a very special evening that brings together both star and audience in a

conversation format. Bud is joined onstage by an interviewer who asks him questions about his on screen/ stage career including some "behind the scenes stories" from his time spent working in Hollywood, London and Australia.

At various points throughout the evening, the interviewer invites the audience to ask their own questions and it is at this point that the evening takes on its own life. Bud always pops into the foyer afterwards to answer any remaining questions!

***Meet Bud after the show in the foyer if you have any unanswered questions***

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### Bud Tingwell

**Date:** Aug 11  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Studio Theatre  
Darwin  
Entertainment  
Centre  
**Price:** \$30/\$25 conc



An Australian Government Initiative



# FREE Reckless Circus

Presented by Corrugated Iron Youth Arts

Reckless Circus will take things that are familiar and with a twist, swirl, flip and juggle, turn them into something else, distorting your vision and disrupting your senses. Reckless Circus is a troupe of young adults training in circus, physical theatre and clowning at Corrugated Iron. Be warned, these shows pack out so get there early! Suitable for all ages.



Barking Gecko Theatre Company and Regional Arts Victoria present

# hidden dragons



The award winning production Hidden Dragons is a colourful adventure, complete with billowing silk, dreamscape dragon battles and martial arts action to rival any Jackie Chan movie! Brendan is a young boy fascinated by dragons. His dreams are filled with mythical creatures and dragons. Led

by his ancient Grandma Popo and cheeky best friend Scottie, Brendan embarks on a journey of dragon exploration and self-discovery. Hidden Dragons is a mystical play that confronts the issue of what it means to be Chinese-Australian.

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## Reckless Circus

**Date:** 22 & 25 Aug  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Star Shell  
Darwin Botanic  
Gardens  
**Price:** FREE \*

\*This show is free but you will need to collect your free ticket from the Star Shell entrance. Limit of 400 per show, available from 5.30pm

## Hidden Dragons

**Date:** 18 Aug  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Studio Theatre  
Darwin  
Entertainment  
Centre  
**Price:** \$15/\$12/child/  
conc/group and  
DEC members



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**FREE**  
event

# Pesona Indonesia

Presented by Persatuan Indonesia

Discover the  
traditions, cultures  
and music of  
the Indonesian  
Archipelago.

Lose yourself amongst the  
colour and excitement of this  
unique cultural event. Bring  
along your family, your friends  
and blanket, sit back and enjoy  
the beautiful dances and  
performances



# surrender

**Three different musical worlds, two nights, a unifying sound.**

The spacious interior of The Tank, will set the scene for a sensory immersion as the air comes gently alive amidst a trio of contemporary and classical musicians.

Acclaimed Sydney-based improvising pianist, **Chris Abrahams**, will be performing a solo piece on grand piano in surround sound.

**Robert Curgenvin** creator of evocative pieces with piano harmonics and field recordings, performs a short solo piece and a specially composed duet with world renowned classical Sitar player **Kabita Ghosh**.

featuring Chris Abrahams, Robert Curgenvin & Kabita Ghosh



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## Pesona Indonesia

**Date:** 19 Aug  
**Time:** 5pm onwards  
**Venue:** Amphitheatre  
Botanic Gardens

**Price:** **FREE**

## surrender

**Date:** 19 - 20 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** The Tank  
Darwin High School  
Bullocky Point  
**Price:** \$16/13 conc.  
Tickets available  
at the performance

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# Duo Lointain

## Sound and Vision

Internationally renowned German guitarist and composer Wulfin Lieske and Australian cellist Rebecca Harris are Duo Lointain.

With a flair for the new and avant-garde performing compositions from around the world, Duo Lointains repertoire includes Djilile and Tailitnama Song by Australia's Peter Sculthorpe, Spiegel im Spiegel by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, Suite Espagnole by Cuba's Joaquín Nin and Germany's Wulfin Lieske's own composition. Dramatic projected N.T. images by award winning photographer Bronwyn Wright inspire an improvised musical feast.

Performed in the historic Qantas hangar surrounded by the MVEC's notable vehicles in addition to the fusion of sight and sound, local historian Bob Alford will talk about the historical significance of the hangar.



## Music

## Sound & Vision Duo Lointain

**Date:** 13 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Qantas Hangar  
 MacDonald Street  
 Parap  
**Price:** \$23/\$17conc  
 under 12 \$13

A partnership between Duo Lointain, Charles Darwin University's 2006 Concert Series and The Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club of the NT

# Groovin' the Moo <sup>10 BANDS</sup> 10 HOURS

Though it has only appeared in the form of rumor and speculation thus far, we're here to tell you that your wait is finally over. **Gomez** are coming to town. And with them a head-spinning display of diversity and poundage, including **Augie March**, **Youth Group**, and an array of shooting stars and rare breeds from the NT. So for all you committed music fans who have been holding vigil since the Black Keys for another Big Gig, pony on down to the sonic village that is the Amphitheatre on the last Saturday in August and rock til you drop.

**GOMEZ • YOUTH GROUP**  
**AUGIE MARCH • THE DRONES**  
**TRUE LIVE • ASH GRUNWALD**  
**THE MESS HALL + DJs & more**



## Groovin' the Moo 10 Bands 10 Hours

**Date:** 26 Aug  
**Time:** Gates Open 2pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
[www.groovinthemoo.com](http://www.groovinthemoo.com)  
**Venue:** Darwin Amphitheatre  
 Botanic Gardens  
**Price:** earlybird \$53.50  
 pre-sale \$63.50  
 at the gate \$70



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presented by the Australian Darwin  
Cantonese Opera Association

# Cantonese Opera

Once again Cantonese opera fans and lovers of stage art can indulge their passion with the return of the Cantonese Opera following the success of previous Darwin Festival performances. The evening will include four opera extracts in full costumes, Erhu solos,

Chinese music and dance. Each of the extracts will be subtitled in English and MC's will address the audience in both Chinese and English. Take this opportunity to experience the sound, costume and energy of Cantonese culture created by these lively performances.



## George Bernard's Shorts

presented by Cavanagh Theatre

Two One Act staged play readings of G.B. Shaw's The Fascinating Foundling - A Disgrace to the Author and Passion, Poison and Petrification or The Fatal Gazogene - A Brief Tragedy for Barns and Booths.

Discover another side of GBS with these two very funny one act plays. Rehearsed readings, acted with script in hand.



OperatuNiTy and Charles Darwin University present

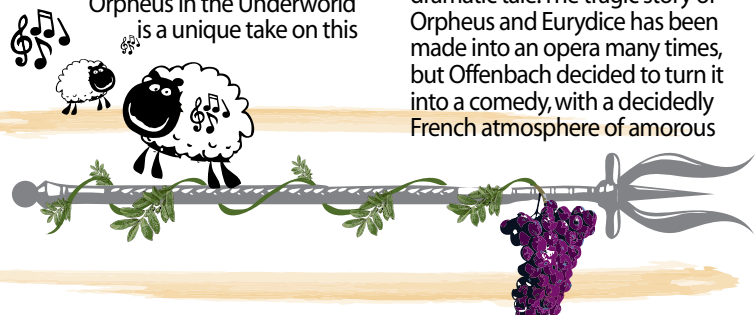
## Orpheus In The Underworld

By Jacques Offenbach

Offenbach's comic operetta "Orpheus in the Underworld" is a unique take on this

dramatic tale. The tragic story of Orpheus and Eurydice has been made into an opera many times, but Offenbach decided to turn it into a comedy, with a decidedly French atmosphere of amorous

misbehaviour and ensuing complications. The gods and goddesses of classical mythology, with a great deal of fuss and bother, all get involved in trying to sort out the problems caused by Pluto's abduction of Eurydice. It all ends happily ever after, with lots of comic moments on the way.



## Music

### Cantonese Opera

**Date:** 12 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
 (English only)  
**Enquiry:** 8946 6143 (English)  
 8928 0079  
**Venue:** Playhouse Theatre  
 Darwin  
 Entertainment  
 Centre  
**Price:** \$15/10 conc.

### George Bernard's Shorts

**Date:** 25 - 26 Aug  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Book:** 8948 0049  
**Venue:** Theatrette  
 Museum and Art  
 Gallery NT  
**Price:** \$12/\$10 conc.

### Orpheus in the Underworld

Sung in English

**Date:** 15 - 19 Aug  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Book:** 8980 3333  
**Venue:** Charles Darwin  
 University Theatre  
 Building 17  
**Price:** \$27/\$22 conc.