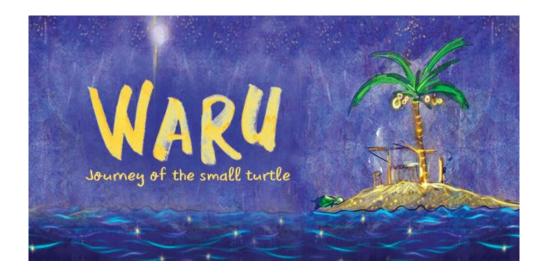


BANGARRA TO TOUR TORRES STRAIT CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION **WARU - JOURNEY OF THE SMALL TURTLE IN 2024**



*** **The Sydney Morning Herald**

"Perfect for the littlest culture connoisseurs" **Time Out Sydney**

"A stunning way of introducing the importance of how we can make a difference to the environment..."

What's On Sydney

"This was my favourite show. I liked the naughty lizard. Can we please see it again?" Sonny (aged 5)

29th April 2024: Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company, Bangarra Dance Theatre will tour their stunning work for children, Waru – journey of the small turtle from 26 June to 9 November 2024. Winner of the Sydney Theatre Awards 'Best Production for Children' in 2023, Waru is a must-see Australian work for children aged 3 and up, having been performed over 80 times across its two critically acclaimed seasons, reaching over 17,000.

A journey of survival and discovery with our heroine Migi the turtle, the contemporary saltwater Lagaw Kazil (Island Children) story is inspired by the totemic system of the green























turtle, in an interactive and immersive introduction to Torres Strait Islander culture and dance for three to seven year-olds.

Under the star-illuminated skies of the Torres Strait, a green turtle navigates her way back to the beach where she was born. The season has started, the turtles are returning to nest, and soon the island will welcome a new generation of hatchlings – amongst them, our small turtle friend, Migi.

Waru is created by Bangarra's former artistic director and multi award-winning choreographer Stephen Page, together with Hunter Page-Lochard (ABC TV's Playschool, Spear, ABC TV's Cleverman), and Bangarra alumni Dancers and Choreographers Sani Townson and Elma Kris.

Waru provides teachers, parents and care-givers with a unique opportunity to open up conversations about climate change, caring for the environment and the traditional cultural values of respect and reciprocity.

Director Stephen Page said: "Waru is about celebrating the connection of Torres Strait Islander people to sea, land and sky. Even though it's a children's show, it carries very old stories of the green turtle's life cycle that will connect to all people today. We're excited to give young people a glimpse into the lives of the Torres Strait people and their stories."

Waru writer Hunter Page-Lochard said: "I'm thrilled to be able to work with my father on a children's show, especially now that I have a two-year-old daughter. Being a part of Playschool has given me an even greater appreciation of the importance of sharing culture with young people in Australia today, and I'm excited to be able to share the culture and stories of fellow creatives Sani and Elma with the youth community".

WARU – JOURNEY OF THE SMALL TURTLE 2024 TOUR

MEANJIN	Queensland	26 th to 29 th	https://www.qpac.com.au/whats-
	Performing	June	on/2024/waru-journey-of-the-small-turtle
	Arts Centre		
TARIBELANG	Moncreiff	25 th September	https://aubundaberg.sales.ticketsearch.com/s
BUNDA,	Entertainment		ales/salesevent/133087
GOORENG	Centre		
GOORENG,			
GURAN, BAILAI			
COUNTRY			
GIABAL,	Empire Theatre	28 th September	Coming Soon
JARROWAIR			
COUNTRY			





















GADIGAL	Sydney Opera	9 th - 10 th	https://www.sydneyoperahouse.com/events/
COUNTRY	House	October	book-now/246960/0
BUNURONG	Bunjil Place	14 th October	https://www.bunjilplace.com.au/events/waru
COUNTRY			
DJAARA	Ulumbarra	17 th – 18 th	Coming Soon
COUNTRY	Theatre	October	
KOMBUMERRI	HOTA: Gold	23 rd October	https://hota.com.au/whats-
COUNTRY	Coast		on/live/dance/waru-journey-of-the-small-
			<u>turtle</u>
TULMUR	Ipswich Civic	25 th October	https://www.ipswichciviccentre.com.au/event
	Centre		/waru-journey-of-the-small-turtle/
BAILAI,	Gladstone	29 th October	Coming Soon
GURANG,	Entertainment		
GOORENG	Convention		
GOORENG,	Centre		
TARIBELANG			
BUNDA			
COUNTRY			
DARUMBAL	Pilbeam	31 st October –	https://www.seeitlive.com.au/What's-
COUNTRY	Theatre,	1 st November	<u>On/Waru</u>
	Rockhampton		
NGUNNAWAL	Canberra	7 th – 9 th	https://www.canberraticketing.com.au/show/
COUNTRY	Theatre Centre	November	<u>waru-2024/</u>

Tickets and more information: https://www.bangarra.com.au/productions/waru-journey- of-the-small-turtle/ or (02) 9251 5333

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