



***Blak Nite* – our Indigenous art showcase**

Fashion, visual art, music, dance, film and workshops – all that and more will be on display during *Blak Nite* this month.

Blak Nite is a biennial showcase of South Australia's best emerging and established Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth artists and it returns to Carclew House on Saturday, March 26.

Held as part of the Come Out Festival, and presented by Carclew Youth Arts and Kurruru Youth Performing Arts, *Blak Nite* will feature more than 100 young performers from regional, remote and metropolitan areas.

"*Blak Nite* celebrates the best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth arts and culture," said event producer Narisha Cash from Carclew Youth Arts.

"It's the only event of its kind in South Australia and the diverse range of art forms on display means it's an event that offers something for everyone to enjoy."

Along with a broad mixture of artistic offerings there will also be activities for children and stalls selling a variety of wares and food.

Music performances will encompass current and time-honoured styles.

A traditional Aboriginal dance ground will sit beside the event's dance and music stage which will feature everything from hip hop, acoustic and soul to heavy rock and reggae.

The event will be an all-star jam featuring Adelaide MC, producer and DJ Jimblah who is set to launch his highly anticipated new album at *Blak Nite*. The line-up of talented artists also includes; Karnage and Darknis, Mimili Mob, Sunlight Band, Kurruru Choir, Rikina Inma Dancers and Riverland Dancers.

"*Blak Nite* gives talented young Indigenous people the opportunity to experience an event in motion – from stage management right through to performing," Narisha said.

"In the lead up to the event young Indigenous artists are given the opportunity to take part in creative development workshops with skilled professional artists and event managers to create works to put on display."

A team of Indigenous youth also spearhead the event advisory committee, helping to oversee the event artistically, practically and culturally, ensuring that young voices are heard throughout planning and development.

"Workshops extend beyond the metropolitan region to include young people in regional and remote areas and this year they extended to the Riverland and the APY Lands," Narisha said.

"Not only is the event a fantastic opportunity for local artists to display their work but it also gives the public a chance to experience these diverse art forms and meet and talk with the artists about their works.

“It offers young people a platform to showcase their talents and provides an opportunity to celebrate traditional and contemporary dance, music, fashion, comedy and visual arts.”

Blak Nite is funded by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council and Arts SA and is an alcohol and drug free event.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

Interview Opportunity – Narisha Cash (event producer) and/or performer Jimblah

Photo Opportunity – Narisha Cash and Jimblah preparing for the event

WHAT'S ON

WHAT: *Blak Nite*

WHEN: Saturday, March 26 from 4pm – 10pm

WHERE: Carclew House – 11 Jeffcott Street, North Adelaide

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