

2022 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

MECC LINKS TO THE CLASSROOM

AN ENSEMBLE THEATRE PRODUCTION BY GEOFFREY ATHERDEN

BLACK COCKATOO

DIRECTED BY WESLEY ENOCH

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Over 150 years ago, 13 brave Aboriginal men in Western Victoria picked up their cricket bats and embarked on a treacherous voyage to England and into the unknown – all in the name of sport. Risking illness and persecution, Australia's first international cricket team – including Australia's first Indigenous sporting hero, Johnny Mullagh – amazed the English crowds with astonishing talent, personality and grit. They should have returned to Australia as celebrated heroes. Instead they came back to find the world they once knew was no longer there.

This is not just a story about cricket – this is story of strength, resistance, hope and possibility. When a group of young present-day activists sneak into the Wimmera Discovery Centre to expose the truth of what happened to Johnny and his team mates, a hidden legend of triumph and tragedy unfolds.

SHOW DETAILS

- School Holidays
- Thursday 14 April - 7.30pm
- 90 minutes, no interval
- Ages 12 years +
- Content warning: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences are advised that this show contains depictions of people who have died.

PRICES

Student \$22 | Friend / MECC Member \$38 |
Concession \$38 | Adult \$42

For every 10 students you will receive 1 complimentary teachers' ticket, every teacher above this threshold will be charged at \$22 each.

SUBJECT LINKS

English:

- > Texts which are widely regarded as quality literature.
- > Australian literature, that give insights into Aboriginal experiences in Australia.
- > A wide range of literary texts from other countries and times, including poetry, drama scripts, prose fiction and picture books.

History:

- > Aboriginal and Indigenous Peoples, Colonisation and Contact History.
- > Australian and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

Drama:

- > Theatrical Traditions and Performance Styles.
- > Compulsory Study of Theatrical Form/Style.

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BLACK COCKATOO EDUCATION KIT

A comprehensive educator's resource kit will be available upon making a reservation to this show.

USEFUL LINKS

- > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0oO4VXtoRs>
- > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YX-UGXIFYE>

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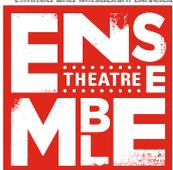
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