

## The Fish That Wanted to Fly



*The Fish That Wanted to Fly* is an enchanting tale about anyone who has dreamt of doing something that was thought impossible. In this case the Fish, who desperately wants to fly, learns that seen from another perspective, he has already achieved his dream. Set in the mangrove swamps of east-coast Australia, *The Fish That Wanted to Fly* is also about native plants and animals and pollution in the Australian environment. It is a magical world populated by colourful puppets created by award winning theatre designer, Jenny Ellis, and enhanced by the beautiful and original songs of Miriam Lieberman as she narrates and accompanies the story with African Harp (Kora), African Xylophone (Balaphone), and guitar.

Company Gongoma's *The Mermaid's Daughter* won *The Melbourne Fringe Festival Children's Theatre Award 2008*.

### The Performers:

**Miriam Lieberman** graduated from UTS in Communications and International Studies, majoring in Creative Writing and Journalism. Since then she has travelled extensively in Latin America, South East Asia and West Africa, gaining experience in traditional folk music as well as finding inspiration for her writing.

**Jenny Ellis** holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Ecology majoring in Environmental Education. She has worked with many Australian puppetry companies including 'Polygot' and 'Nigel Jamieson'. Her studies have taken her from traditional wooden marionettes in Prague to shadow puppetry in Buenos Aires. Jenny has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Puppetry from the Victorian College of the Arts.



**DURATION:** 40 Minutes  
**SUITABILITY:** Infants

**PERFORMANCE MINIMUM** (100 students)  
Per student: \$4.50 (gst n/a)  
Per performance \$450 (gst n/a)

\* preferred audience size – 100 students Maximum