

Bronwyn Vaughan presents

# Aditi and her Rickshaw

A joyous multicultural storytelling performance for students aged 5-12 years.

Performed and devised by Bronwyn Vaughan

Directed by Brian Joyce

Designed by Catriona Caw and Janet Clouston.

## Department of Education and training

Bronwyn presents a wonderful theatrical production of Aditi and her Rickshaw. The three wonderful stories presented are based on traditional stories from China, Nepal and India. The presentation successfully integrates many curriculum areas including creative arts, HSIE and also language. Bronwyn immediately engages the audience through her beautiful costumes, vocal inflections and skill on musical instruments. A highlight is the Bollywood section which brings great amusement for everyone.

## The Performance

The creative team that collaborated on the highly acclaimed *At The Foot Of The Storytellers Chair* and *When Camels Could Fly* are now thrilled to present their latest production, ***Aditi And Her Rickshaw***.

The show depicts the life of Aditi, a rickshaw driver, who shares with the audience stories from her own experience and those told to her by her passengers and the people she meets on the road. People like Chang, who tells the story of 'The Yellow Thunder Dragon', Ravi, the Snake Charmer and his adorable cobra, Pavarti and the old Nepalese woman, who shares her story of 'The Silk Brocade'.

While Aditi's life is harsh and poor, her imaginative world is rich and this is expressed in the fantastic, traditional children's stories she tells from India, China and Nepal. The stories tell of bravery, kindness, acceptance, ingenuity, resilience, home, family and joy. They also tell about the human will to survive and, through the imagination, keep hope alive.

Aditi shares her own story of being separated from her family during a war in her country. All she has now is her rickshaw. With it Aditi makes her living, connects with people by sharing stories and searches for her lost family. The rickshaw holds the key to her survival in the world and is also, for her, a symbol of the imagination.

Indeed, the centre piece of the show is a magnificently decorated rickshaw, resplendently adorned like the marvelously colourful rickshaws used in Bangladesh. The rickshaw is a treasure trove which reveals, throughout the performance, a wealth of fabulous and amazing props, costumes, puppets and musical instruments.

As always, the performance by Bronwyn Vaughan is a thrilling and inspiring experience for any audience. Bronwyn's highly theatrical storytelling style and her gripping stories filled with drama, action, humor and wit will please children of all ages. Using movement, music, dance, puppetry and characterisation as well as a sumptuous array of exquisitely designed props, costumes and sets this tender and beautiful show will entertain, educate, inspire and enthrall. The show compliments curriculum areas of English, Creative and Practical Arts and HSIE.

## The Performer

Bronwyn Vaughan has worked as a performer, writer, musician and storyteller in the field of Theatre-in-Education, Children's Theatre and Community Cultural Development for the past 28 years, touring extensively throughout Australia to schools, community venues, libraries and art galleries. She was founding member of Pipi Storm and her many credits include: *Pipi Storm Children's Circus*, *Kids Cabaret*, *Carburettas and Dummy Half*, *The Bombshells*, *I Know That Now and Stories Given...Handed On* and *At the Foot of the Storyteller Chair*. Her school programmes include *When Camels Could Fly*, *Miaow the Storytellers Cat*, *Stories in the Shade of a Tree* and *Floating on a Sea of Stories*.

<b>DURATION: Infants – 45 mins + question time Primary – 50 mins + question time</b>	<b>SUITABILITY: Years K-6</b>
<b><u>2009 PERFORMANCE COST</u></b> \$4.00 per student \$0.40 GST Total: \$4.40 (Incl. GST)	<b><u>2009 PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (100 students)</u></b> \$400.00 per performance \$ 40.00 GST Total: \$440.00 (incl. GST)
<b><u>2008 PERFORMANCE COST</u></b> \$3.50 per student \$0.35 GST Total: \$3.85 (Incl. GST)	<b><u>2008 PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (100 students)</u></b> \$350.00 per performance \$ 35.00 GST Total: \$385.00 (incl. GST)

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