

When Camels Could FLY....

A multicultural storytelling performance for children aged 5-12 yrs

Performed and Devised by Bronwyn Vaughan.

Directed by Brian Joyce.

Designed by Janet Clouston

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When Camels Could Fly is an inspired multicultural storytelling performance for K-6, relevant to English, HSIE and the Creative Arts. The set, costumes and props- especially the talking camel- adds colour and visual interest to the highly theatrical storytelling. The stories are extremely entertaining and beautifully told. Bronwyn skillfully utilizes movement, song and musical instruments in her performance. Audience participation adds humour to the telling of these stories collected from migrant communities in the Illawara region of NSW. Highly recommended.

The Performance

Bronwyn Vaughan, Brian Joyce and Janet Clouston collaborated on the highly acclaimed *At the Foot Of The Storyteller's Chair* and are now very pleased to present *When Camels Could Fly*...

"In the days when cats had wings and camels could fly..." so begins one of the traveller's many tales, collected on her many journeys. Now the traveller is in Australia where she meets a camel by the side of the road. This camel loves stories and so the traveller obliges, telling tales from different cultures along the silk road....Macedonian, Afghani, Vietnamese, Russian.... The amazing thing is she heard them all while travelling through Australia.

When Camels Could Fly...is an inspiring and uplifting performance which celebrates our rich cultural diversity through story, song, music, dance and puppetry. With the use of dramatised storytelling and beautifully designed props and costumes the show unfolds revealing some fantastic, traditional children's stories. As well we hear a little of the amazing personal stories of the people who told their tales to the traveller and we meet a fabulous camel whose own story and endearing personality adds colour and charm to the performance.

The performance is based on stories told to Bronwyn by people from non-English speaking backgrounds living in the Illawarra region of NSW. In 2001 Bronwyn was funded by the NSW Ministry for the Arts to record the traditional and personal stories of these people and to write and produce a performance for primary school aged children based on this research. In developing the performance, Bronwyn was inspired by these people, especially their accounts of how they came to live in Australia. Like the traditional tales, the personal stories are about bravery, sacrifice, strength, self-respect, resilience, joy, success, home, family and acceptance. She has seamlessly interwoven the traditional and personal stories together in creating *When Camels Could Fly*...

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 throughout Australia. She was founding member of Pipi Storm and her many credits include: *Pipi Storm Children's Circus*, *Kids Cabaret*, *Carburetta 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*.

The show compliments curriculum areas of English, Creative and Practical Arts and HSIE.

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

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