

Kate Elwing presents

An Australian Picture

"Welcome to my kitchen"

a cook's tour through Australia's colonial history.



The Performance

"Welcome to my Kitchen". The year is 1903 and Emma Moore is cooking, it is her birthday. While preparing the meal Emma tells her family history. She tells the dramatic story of her mother, caught stealing a book while employed as a maid in England, her capture and sentencing to a life of penal servitude in N.S.W. Emma Talks about her father, an Irishman who caught 'Gold Fever', went to the goldfields of Bathurst in 1852 and after a year of prospecting, found nothing but fool's gold. She then traces their move to Windsor, N.S.W., and tells of their life on a small farm and of the changes that took place in Australia towards the end of the 1800's and how Federation became a reality in 1901.

Not only does Kate (Emma), the storyteller, cover the history of early settlement, she tells the stories of those colourful identities who made their mark on the Australian landscape. She talks of the Darug people of Windsor, whose lives were changed forever with the coming of the white man.

The students not only learn how to make authentic 'Damper' but also how to make lamb stew!

The Performer

Kate Elwing has worked in Australia and the United States as an actor, director and drama teacher. She has studied with the legendary Stella Adler in New York and performed on the American stage.

While in North Carolina she was regional Artistic Adviser and teacher at the Carborro Arts Centre and many of her students graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. Since Kate's return to Australia, she has toured her very successful programs "Picture This" and "Changing Faiths of Australia" to schools around the country.

DURATION: 50 minutes	SUITABILITY: Years K-6
2009 PERFORMANCE COST Per Student \$4.00 (gst n/a)	2009 PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (100 STUDENTS) Per Session \$400.00 (gst n/a)
2008 PERFORMANCE COST Per Student \$3.50 (gst n/a)	2008 PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (100 STUDENTS) Per Session \$350.00 (gst n/a)