

MEDIA RELEASE - THE TWYFORD, MERIMBULA - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STARDUST + THE MISSION - DOUBLE BILL COMING TO THE TWYFORD IN MERIMBULA

Two powerful yet forgotten Australian stories uncovering our past to reveal who we are today, performed by award-winning ABC presenter & performer, Joel Carnegie, acclaimed Gunditjmara actor, Tom Molyneux and members of the The Bega District Brass Band.

STARDUST tells the story of bandleader and trumpet player, Col Brain. Before he died, Col placed his most prized life possessions into a cupboard and locked it up, never to be opened again. But what was inside?

Told through the eyes of his grandson – award winning ABC presenter & performer, Joel Carnegie – herein lies the discovery of a time capsule of Australian musical life, in a heart-warming quest to uncover what Col wanted us to know about his life by the things he left behind.

THE MISSION follows the journey of “Fighting Gunditjmara” man, Allan McDonald – one of the first Aboriginal soldiers from Victoria to enlist for war. He fought at Gallipoli and Beersheba, only to be denied a soldier’s settlement on his ultimate return to Australia and forced from his land at the Lake Condah Mission.

This captivating and rollicking story, told by his great, great nephew, Gunditjmara man Tom Molyneux, tells the truth of Uncle Allan’s struggle; fighting for Country, for love, and for justice.

This project is proudly supported by Regional Arts Victoria, the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, Playing Australia and the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund – an Australian Government initiative.

Experience this award-winning double bill at The Twyford in Merimbula from 7-8 May 2022 and meet two ordinary individuals, whose extraordinary lives still reverberate to this day.

More details and tickets available online at <https://thetwyford.com.au> or call Lis on 6495 7435.

COMPANY BIO

The Space Company is an award-winning creative team making original theatre shows for touring across Australia and beyond. We create shows that make people think – offering a mirror to a changing world, as a challenger of the status quo. Our shows are grounded in place and community. We explore the boundaries between fact and fiction, reality and digital, past, present, and future – and respectfully acknowledge that we live, work and create on Wadawurrung Country in Geelong.

More information: www.thespacecompany.com.au.

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REVIEWS:

“This show (Stardust) truly is a treat...” ABC Radio National

“The Mission is a beautiful, touching, rich tribute...” Keith Gow Reviews

AUDIENCE QUOTES:

“What an absolute triumph. I was blown away by the stories, both so, so powerful. I feel so moved.”

“It was awesome. I was spellbound from start to finish.”

“Big respect and congrats to Joel Carnegie & Tom Molyneux, two stand-out performers sharing their history and craft.”