

JUDITH WRIGHT CENTRE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS

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WOMBAT STEW PHENOMENON TO SWEEP BRISBANE

Judith Wright Centre and Gary Ginivan Attractions present
WOMBAT STEW
A BRAND NEW AUSSIE MUSICAL FOR KIDS
BASED ON THE BOOK BY MARCIA K VAUGHAN & PAMELA LOFTS

Thousands of Brisbane children are set to flock to an Australian musical adaptation of the famous children's book **Wombat Stew** at the Judith Wright Centre from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 July 2010.

Selling over 350 000 copies Australia-wide since being first published in 1984, **Wombat Stew** is anticipated to attract thousands of Brisbane children, says Judith Wright Centre Director Ruth Hodgman.

"Gary Ginivan Attractions has developed the book into a true blue Aussie musical combining story-telling, mime, music, dance and puppetry," Ms Hodgman said.

"I am thrilled to be presenting this stage production in Brisbane, and I expect **Wombat Stew** will be the highlight of children's theatre for 2010," she said.

"We're expecting thousands of kids and parents through the venue for this very special production," she said.

Written by Marcia K Vaughan with illustrations by Pamela Lofts, **Wombat Stew** is based on the story of a dingo who catches a wombat and decides to make a stew.

Performed by six multi-talented performers, the stage adaptation of **Wombat Stew** is made complete with mud, fine feathers, creepy crawlies, gum-nuts and a big bubbling billy can.

Wombat Stew follows the success of Garry Ginivan Attractions' adaptation of *Possum Magic*, which in 2008 toured to over 40 theatres to over 80 000 patrons.

Twice winning the prestigious Pratt Prize for Musical Theatre (including the inaugural prize in 2002 for their musical, *Sideshow Alley*) Gary Young (writer/director) and Paul Keelen (original score) have adapted **Wombat Stew** for the stage.

Wombat Stew was first published by Scholastic Australia Pty Limited in 1984. This adaptation was created under license from Scholastic Australia Pty Limited.

In Brisbane for a strictly limited season, **Wombat Stew** plays the Judith Wright Centre from Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 July 2010.

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Date	Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 July 2010
Time	10am, 11.45am + 6pm
Venue	Performance Space, Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts
Tickets	Full \$20, Concession \$15, Children under 15 years \$12, School Groups (10+) \$10 per students + teacher free per 10 students, Family \$60 (2 adults + 2 children) \$60
Bookings	07 3872 9000 or judithwrightcentre.com

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