



Desert Harmony

Art and Culture Festival 2010

Anyingninyi Manu

August 28-September 5

Tennant Creek

Media Release

Barkly Regional Arts is proudly presenting the Desert Harmony Art and Culture Festival in Tennant Creek, which is celebrating its 21st year in 2010. The Festival is an annual event celebrating the region's thriving and vibrant cultural mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists, musicians, dancers and writers.

The highlights of this year's line up include:

Opening the Festival on Saturday 28th August will be the annual **Multicultural Night** featuring **Mandinka Sound**, two Melbourne based West African acts, **One Africa and Muhanamwé**, toured by Artback NT and Kultour.

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Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring are presenting their '**2010 DanceSite**' event, a showcase of Central Australian Indigenous Traditional dance on Saturday 4th September.

Following the annual **Street Parade** on Friday 3rd September there will be the '**Birds of Tennant Creek**' **Youth Performance** at Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Cultural Centre. This is a collaboration between Barkly Regional Arts, Australian Theatre for Young People, Beyond Empathy and The Song Room. This is an original and unique work performed by the youth of Tennant Creek involving, puppetry, live sound, music and multimedia.

Saturday 4th September, as part of the **Artists of the Barkly Marketplace**, will see the launch of the **Barkly Artists Installation Project** bringing the main street alive with temporary public art celebrating the diversity of community culture in the Barkly.

As a part of the **Poetry Readings**, the Indigenous Publishing House, IAD Press, is launching an anthology of Indigenous NT writers.

On the final day is the **Sunday Festival Showcase**, highlighting talent from the Barkly region including local bands, music, song, circus and fire.

Over the 9 days visitors are invited to stay and share in the music, film festivals, visual arts, performance, poetry, traditional dance, circus and other festivities.

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