



DANCENORTH ANNOUNCES NEW MAJOR WORK TO PREMIERE AT NORTH AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Exploding onto the Townsville Civic Theatre stage in a kaleidoscopic fusion of dance, music, and visual art, the local premiere of *Wayfinder* promises to be one of the great theatrical events of the year.

After captivating Adelaide audiences with their critically acclaimed run of *NOISE* at WOMAdelaide 2022, internationally acclaimed Townsville-based dance company **Dancenorth** will wow local audiences when their brand new work *Wayfinder* premieres at the **Townsville Civic Theatre** as part of **NAFA** from **24 - 25 June**.

A summoning of collective awe and wonder, Dancenorth have gathered an all-star artistic hive mind to create this new work from their studios at Dancenorth Theatre in Townsville.

Dancenorth joins forces with three-time Grammy nominated Australian band **Hiatus Kaiyote** and sound artist **Byron J. Scullin** to create a soaring composition evoking pleasure and possibility. An immersive, undulating sound sculpture condenses and expands this scintillating score. Japanese-Australian visual artist **Hiromi Tango** offers her joyful, heart expanding artwork to both the stage design and costumes for this sublime new performance, featuring lighting design by **Niklas Pajanti**.

"*Wayfinder* is a moment of celebration, positivity, and togetherness - an antidote to the fear and anxiety permeating all corners of the globe. Speaking to our sensorial nature, *Wayfinder* recognises connection as the central axis of the universe. *Wayfinder* is an exhilarating explosion of heart," said Dancenorth Artistic Director Kyle Page.

"This is the first time Dancenorth have performed at the Townsville Civic Theatre in decades, and we are thrilled to be partnering with NAFA to share a work of this scale with Townsville," Mr Page added.

With a national reputation for consistently producing works of the highest quality, *Wayfinder* has been commissioned by **Brisbane Festival** and the **North Australian Festival of the Arts**.

Townsville City Council Community and Cultural Development Committee chairperson Cr Ann-Maree Greaney said this announcement highlighted Dancenorth's position as an important cultural ambassador for Townsville.

"Council has worked hard to establish Townsville as the arts and culture capital of northern Australia, and helping to foster and enhance Dancenorth's exceptional national and international artistic reputation is part of our strategy," Cr Greaney said.

"Dancenorth is Townsville's greatest cultural export and Council is incredibly proud to invest in one of Australia's major performing arts companies and commission this new Australian work. We are delighted to have secured the local premiere of *Wayfinder* for the North Australian Festival of Arts so Townsville audiences can see this work before anyone else in the country."

Set to be one of the great theatrical events of the year, tickets and more information are available via dancenorth.com.au

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