

## BANGARRA'S AWARD-WINNING WORK *TERRAIN* RETURNS FOR 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR



## *"Intricate and hypnotic, Terrain manages to be breathtaking – even mindblowing"* – The Australian

In 2022, Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing arts company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of iconic work *Terrain* with a special tour to Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane. This is a rare opportunity to see the multi-award winning work re-staged: an insight into a world where the connection to land is ever present and everpowerful.

*Terrain* was the remarkable first full-length commission choreographed by Bangarra's Associate Artistic Director, Frances Rings. After its acclaimed world premiere season, it went on to win two Helpmann Awards including Best Ballet/Dance Work, and was also selected as a text for the HSC Dance curriculum as a defining piece of Australian choreography.

Terrain explores the timeless wonder of Kati Thanda (Lake Eyre) in South Australia, Australia's largest salt lake and one of the few untouched natural waterways in the world. Created in consultation with Arabunna Elder, Reginald Dodd, it explores the fundamental connection between people and land – how our land looks after us, how we connect with its spirit, and how we regard its future.

A breathtaking nine-part performance, *Terrain* is an homage to Country, inspired by the power of natural forces and the vulnerability of ecosystems within a landscape that has existed across millennia. As the power of body and land converge, spirit and place meet to connect us with our ancestral past, and empower and inform our contemporary lives.

Bangarra Associate Artistic Director, Frances Rings, said: "I am excited and thrilled to return a new season of *Terrain* to our audiences. The inspiration for *Terrain* is as enduring today as it was when it was created 10 years ago. I look forward to staging *Terrain* on a new generation of young artists and share the rich Cultural and geographical wonder that is Kati Thanda."

*Terrain* showcases outstanding Australian creative talent, featuring David Page's irrepressible score. The textures of Kati Thanda take shape in Jacob Nash's sets, Jennifer Irwin's costumes and lighting by Karen Norris, with Cultural Consultant, Arabunna Elder Reginald Dodd, sharing with Bangarra his role and responsibility in caring for the land, waters and precious cultural resources of the region.

Also in 2022, Bangarra will tour critically acclaimed production, *SandSong: Stories of the Great Sandy Desert* to audiences across Australia from June to November.

Tickets for *Terrain* are available from <u>https://www.bangarra.com.au/</u>.

## TERRAIN – 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR DATES

Sydney Opera House | 9 June 2022 – 25 June 2022 Canberra Theatre Centre | 28 July 2022 – 30 July 2022 Queensland Performing Arts Centre | 4 August 2022 – 13 August 2022

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