

WELCOME MESSAGES

JO DUFFY

Darwin Festival Artistic Director

The Northern Territory is an immensely creative place, the credit for that goes to the artists who call this spectacularly fertile environment their home, be that for a few years or a lifetime. They share their stories, their ideas and talents with us. They may come and go, they may collaborate with others across the region or the world, but their work is so often inextricably linked to this landscape and all that comes with it.

This Festival is a tribute to the artists, and to everyone who supports them.



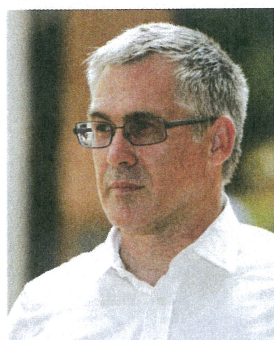
PAUL HENDERSON
NT Chief Minister

Darwin Festival brings the Top End to life!

It showcases our local talent and unique Territory culture and brings national and international acts to our part of the world.

As one of our social calendar highlights and attracting over 94,000 people, Darwin Festival is a major contributor to the economy. It provides a real boost to the development of local artists and invaluable experience for organisers, producers and of course volunteers.

The Territory Government is the Festival's Principal Partner and I'm very proud that we provide ongoing support to continue the Festival's growth.



GRAEME SAWYER
Lord Mayor

Darwin City Council is extremely proud to be able to again sponsor the 2011 Darwin Festival.

Darwin Festival is recognised widely as the premier arts festival for the 'Top End' of Australia as well as the Asia Pacific Region.

The Festival highlights the multicultural diversity of our city and the contemporary and traditional Indigenous cultures of the Northern Territory as well as showcasing an array of theatre, dance, music, comedy, film, children's activities, galleries and more.

Darwin Festival is a firm favourite amongst locals and tourists and I am looking forward to another series of fantastic events.



KAREN BROWN
Darwin Festival Chair

The Darwin Festival Board is once again delighted to be unveiling all the exciting events for you to enjoy at this year's Festival.

The diverse program comes together from our team of dedicated staff and enthusiastic volunteers, and is only possible with the generous support of our Government and funding partners, sponsors, financial supporters and the donors to our giving program.

Thankyou for making Darwin Festival a highlight in our city's life! I look forward to joining you during the Festival.



RAYLENE SINGH
Larrakia Traditional Owner

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Welcome to Larrakia Country. We are the true Dangkalabba, the Larrakia Traditional Owners of this Country.

Welcome to Larrakia Country here in Darwin. This is our country given to us by our ancestors to look after and enjoy for future generations. Long may we celebrate our cultures, languages, through art, song and dance and follow the path of our ancestors wherever we go.

When you leave Larrakia Country always remember the Larrakia and that you have travelled the sacred lands of our ancestors.



There are a lot of roads in the Territory. Sometimes there is nothing but a 'Great Australian Disappointment' at the end of a lot of them, but sometimes the low clouds on the horizon lift and let the setting sun shower you with light and you remember again why you do what you do and why you do it in the Territory **Glenn Campbell (Cover image)**