

DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE IS THE OFFICIAL HUB OF GARRMALANG FESTIVAL 2024

Garrmalang Festival acknowledges the Larrakia People as the traditional custodians of the Darwin region and pays respect to their Elders, community leaders and emerging warriors. We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, clans and communities that make Darwin and the Top End region such a diverse and inclusive place, where we can all come together and celebrate as one.

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HOW TO BOOK

Online

Tickets can be purchased, and registrations made, at yourcentre.com.au

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Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and one hour prior to performances.

A one-off service fee of \$5.50 per transaction applies on all purchases online, by phone and at the Box Office. See yourcentre.com.au for full ticket Terms and Conditions.

TICKETS

We are committed to working closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

to celebrate and elevate First Nations culture and increase accessibility and participation in the arts. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can access reserved \$20 Community tickets for Electric Fields + DSO, *The Other Side of Me* and *Big Blak Dot Comedy Spectacular*.

VENUE INFO

Darwin Entertainment Centre is located at 93 Mitchell Street, Darwin.

The venue is smoke free and BYO alcohol is not permitted. Beverages are available for purchase at the venue bars.

Access

For access requirements please contact the Box Office.

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GARRMALANG 2024 22-25 MAY

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DAMARA-LIDJI | WELCOME

Welcome to Garrmalang Festival 2024 a vibrant celebration on Larrakia country, where the spirit of First Nations culture thrives.

As we gather in Darwin's CBD, known to traditional custodians as 'Garrmalang', we come together to honour the richness of the oldest living culture on Earth.

It fills me with immense pride to come on board once again as the Creative Director. Since its humble beginnings in 2014, I've witnessed this Festival blossom into an essential fixture on the national stage, a testament to our unwavering commitment to showcasing the diverse tapestry of First Nations arts and culture.

Garrmalang Festival is more than just an event; it's a testament to resilience, creativity, and community. It's a platform where voices are amplified, traditions are celebrated, and connections are forged. Each year, we weave together a powerful program that reflects the depth and beauty of First Nations storytelling, music, dance, and visual arts from the Top End of Australia to every corner of our vast country.

To all who have supported Garrmalang Festival throughout the years, your contributions have been invaluable in nurturing and preserving our cultural heritage. Together, we've created a space where our stories can flourish, where our voices can be heard, and where our spirits can soar.

So, as we embark on this four-day journey of laughter, storytelling, deep listening and dancing, let us embrace the magic of Garrmalang Festival with open hearts and open minds. Let us come together as one community, bound by tradition and resilience.

Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary celebration. Here's to many more years of arts and cultural exchange at Garrmalang Festival.

Ben Graetz

Creative Director, Garrmalang Festival 2024



FESTIVAL PLANNER

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY	THURSDAY 23 MAY	FRIDAY 24 MAY	SATURDAY 25 MAY
FIRST NATIONS FASHION EXHIBITION 9am-7pm The Gallery FREE	FIRST NATIONS FASHION EXHIBITION 9am-7pm The Gallery FREE	FIRST NATIONS FASHION EXHIBITION 9am-8pm The Gallery FREE	FIRST NATIONS FASHION EXHIBITION 9am-2pm The Gallery FREE
			DARRIBA NARRI MINANGGURGWA YABARRAG ELDERS' MORNING TEA 9-11am The Balcony FREE Registration required
			NUMANGGWA YILI RRIYUNG BLACK MEETING PLACE (Marketplace) 9am-2pm DEC FREE
			DARANIGI GULWA OUR SONGS 9am-2pm DEC FREE
			WEAVING WORKSHOP 10am-1pm DEC FREE
			NUMANGGWA-GUM BLAK TALK 10.30-11.15am The Playhouse FREE Registration required
DARANIGI GULWA OUR SONGS 5-6pm DEC FREE		DARANIGI GULWA OUR SONGS 5-8pm DEC FREE	GULIGI NUMANGGWA BIG BLAK DOT COMEDY SPECTACULAR 2-3.15pm Studio Theatre \$20-\$35
LUGLUG & DAMARA-LIDJI OFFICIAL GATHERING & WELCOME 6-6.30pm DEC FREE		ELECTRIC FIELDS + DSO 8-9pm The Playhouse \$30-\$59	
GARY LANG NT DANCE COMPANY The Other Side of Me 7-8pm Studio Theatre \$20-\$35	GARY LANG NT DANCE COMPANY The Other Side of Me 7-8pm Studio Theatre \$20-\$35	DAMANG - GARRMALANG FESTIVAL CLUB 9pm-1am Studio Theatre \$10-\$15	

KEY FREE EVENT
 HIGHLIGHT EVENT

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GARRMALANG 2024



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

GARY LANG NT DANCE COMPANY The Other Side of Me

Venue: Studio Theatre
Date & Time: Wed 22 &
Thu 23 May 7-8pm
Tickets: \$20-\$35

Born Aboriginal in Australia, adopted by a white UK family, raised in England. Inspired by actual events, *The Other Side of Me* is an aching dance duet of a man's struggle with identity, loss and otherness and the redemptive beauty of singing his spirit home.



DAMANG - GARRMALANG FESTIVAL CLUB

Venue: Studio Theatre
Date & Time: Fri 24 May 9pm-1am
Tickets: \$10-\$15



Get ready to dance the night away at the official Electric Fields + DSO after-party! Expertly curated by the sensational Larrakia Diva

Mikayla Lee, alongside the dynamic duo BENNYGOLD and Kuya James, *DAMANG* promises an explosive fusion of unparalleled talent and top-notch entertainment with DJ duo 2Lubly, Crystal Love and more special guests to be announced.

GULIGI NUMANGGWA | BIG BLAK DOT COMEDY SPECTACULAR

A tribute to Kumanjai Lewis, hosted by Steven Oliver & Deadly Darwin

Venue: Studio Theatre
Date & Time: Sat 25 May 2-3.15pm
Tickets: \$20-\$35

Closing out the 2024 Festival is a special tribute honouring Warramungu warrior and Deadly Darwin comedy OG, Kumanjai Lewis. Hosted by Steven Oliver - writer, actor and star of ABC TV's ground-breaking sketch comedy series, *Black Comedy* - with Deadly Darwin comedians and special guests.



ELECTRIC FIELDS + DSO

Venue: The Playhouse
Date & Time: Fri 24 May 8-9pm
Tickets: \$20-\$59

Award-winning electronic music duo Electric Fields return to Garrmalang Festival, this time joining the Territory's own Darwin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) with a debut collaboration that will see the original music of Electric Fields' Zaachariaha Fielding and Michael Ross amplified by the full might of the DSO, with supporting vocals from Belle Bangard, Alyson Joyce, and the Antara Singers.



FREE EVENTS

LUGLUG & DAMARA-LIDJI OFFICIAL GATHERING & WELCOME

Venue: Darwin Entertainment Centre
Date & Time: Wed 22 May 6-6.30pm
FREE

Everyone is invited to join Festival Creative Director Ben Graetz, Larrakia woman Nicole Brown and First Nations community members, to a special Larrakia Welcome to Country ceremony, bringing in another year of cultural exchange at Garrmalang Festival.

FIRST NATIONS FASHION EXHIBITION

Venue: The Gallery
Dates & Times: Wed 22 & Thu 23
May 9am-7pm, Fri 24 May 9am-8pm,
Sat 25 May 9am-2pm
FREE

Garrmalang Festival has teamed up with Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation's Indigenous Fashion Projects to take you on a journey through NT First Nations fashion, where tradition meets innovation and heritage intertwines with modernity. From the ethereal elegance of high couture gowns to the vibrant stories woven into bespoke printed materials and fabrics, immerse yourself in a celebration of culture, creativity, and timeless style.



DARRIBA NARRI MINANGGURRGWA YABARRAG | ELDERS' MORNING TEA

Venue: The Balcony
Date & Time: Sat 25 May 9-11am
FREE Registration required

Grab a cuppa and a bite to eat and have a yarn with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders in this treasured Festival event. *The Elders' Morning Tea* is a moment to bring our community together to honour those who have passed on their knowledge, paved the way and continue to inspire us all.

NUMANGGWA-GUM | BLAK TALK Forces of Change

Venue: The Playhouse
Date & Time: Sat 25 May 10.30-11.15am
FREE Registration required

Experience electrifying talks from the Territory's most extraordinary young First Nations leaders and changemakers. Be captivated by the dynamic voices of Mililma May (Uprising of the People), Conor Bowden, and Dante Rodrigues and Jahdai Vigona (One Percent Better Communities). Open to all, this *Blak Talk* session is a celebration of resilience and a testament to the power of collective action.

Join us for a transformative experience that will leave you inspired to make a difference!

Blak Talk will be followed by a closed session (by registration and invitation only) for young First Nations people, offering an empowering gathering for young Territorians to share in conversation and workshops, facilitated by our *Blak Talk* speakers.

NUMANGGWA YILI RRIYUNG BLAK MEETING PLACE (Marketplace)

Venue: Darwin Entertainment Centre
Date & Time: Sat 25 May 9am-2pm
FREE

Browse the rich diversity of products and services from artists and businesses while supporting First Nations people and their communities through ethical purchasing.

WEAVING WORKSHOP

Venue: Darwin Entertainment Centre
Date & Time: Sat 25 May 10am-1pm
FREE

Drop in for a free weaving workshop led by Cyan Sue-Lee. Learn and develop skills in traditional and contemporary weaving and art-making techniques.



DARANIGI GULWA | OUR SONGS

Venue: Forecourt
Dates & Times: Wed 22 May 5-6pm,
Fri 24 May 5-8pm & Sat 25 May 9am-2pm
FREE

Bring your friends and family, kick back with a drink and a bite to eat, as we showcase some of Darwin's finest First Nations musicians.

MAYIMA | EAT & DRINK

Enjoy the true taste of the Territory with bush foods inspired tasty treats and snacks created with locally sourced produce by Soul Essence on the Bay.

Darwin Street Art Festival transforms Darwin Entertainment Centre's walls during Garrmalang Festival!

Come catch a glimpse of the action as a new mural comes to life.

Artwork details: Garrmalang Festival branding by Jenna Lee, inspired by original dragonfly art by Trent Lee.

Images clockwise: *The Other Side of Me* photo Paz Tassone; Electric Fields; Garrmalang Festival Club photo Benjamin Waringundu Bayliss; Steven Oliver; *Big Blak Dot Comedy Spectacular* photo Paz Tassone; Garramilla Dancers photo Benjamin Waringundu Bayliss.