

Two hundred and fifty Queensland students offered fully subsidised places on Sydney Dance Company's DancED Program



In June 2014 Sydney Dance Company is paying a special visit to five towns across Queensland, offering 250 students at seven regional schools the chance to experience a fully subsidised world-class contemporary dance experience, with Australia's leading contemporary dance company.

From Cairns to Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and the Gold Coast, Sydney Dance Company will be presenting free in-school workshops – taking Year 7 to 12 students through a contemporary dance warm up class, before teaching them some of the choreography and composition tasks that were used in the making of Sydney Dance Company's multi-award winning production, *2 One Another*.

Students who participate in the subsidised workshops have also been offered complimentary tickets to attend a performance of *2 One Another* when Sydney Dance Company visits their town in July.

Participating schools have already received a comprehensive *2 One Another* Resource Pack to support engagement with the production. The pack includes reference material to deepen understanding of the performance, pre-show tasks to prepare students for seeing the show and post-show composition and appreciation tasks to do back at school.

Full details of the subsidised workshops are included below and overpage:

Date	Town	Venue	Time	Year	Number of students
June 11	Cairns	Mareeba State HS	10am to 12pm	10	25
	Cairns	Mareeba State HS	1pm to 3pm	11 & 12	17
June 17	Townsville	William Ross	1.30pm to 3pm	9	25
June 19	Mackay	Mackay Northern Beaches	2pm to 4pm	9	25

June 23	Rockhampton	Rockhampton SHS	3.30pm to 5.30pm	8 to 12	27
June 24	Rockhampton	Glenmore SHS	9am to 11am	10 to 12	25
June 26	Gold Coast	Loganlea SHS	9.30am to 11.30am	10 to 12	25
June 27	Gold Coast	Benowa SH	9am to 11am	8 to 12	30

Sydney Dance Company Executive Director Anne Dunn says, "The Company is thrilled to present this opportunity to regional Queensland schools in 2014 and to introduce 250 additional students to contemporary dance through our DancED initiative."

"Over the past three years since 2011, almost 20,000 students from around Australia have taken part in our dance education program activities – including school matinees, workshops, masterclasses and specially developed behind the scenes Sneak Peek events. Education is a key element of our role as Australia's leading contemporary dance company, and of utmost importance when we are on tour."

This special Sydney Dance Company DancED Queensland program is being presented totally free of charge, thanks to generous donor support.

Dancers Yahna Fookes and Craig Cathcart will present the workshops ahead of the Queensland leg of Sydney Dance Company's national tour, in July 2014.

The Company will perform their critically acclaimed work, *2 One Another* on:

11-12 July at Cairns Civic Theatre
16 July at Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre
19 July at Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton
23 July at Townsville Civic Theatre
26 July at The Arts Centre, Gold Coast

For more information and bookings, go to www.sydneydancecompany.com

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Image: Sydney Dance Company dancers at open rehearsal for *Les Illuminations*, as part of DancED in 2013. Photo by Cynthia Sciberras.

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ABOUT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia, and internationally under the artistic direction of Rafael Bonachela. More information, www.sydneydancecompany.com

ABOUT DancED

DancED is a national initiative supporting dance education for all ages, through strategic curriculum relevant programs for primary and secondary students and career focused study for pre-professional school and university graduates. The program comprises workshops, masterclasses, intensives, and specially developed studio and theatre based presentations, presented by members of Australia's leading contemporary dance company at home, and on tour. More information <http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/danced/>.