

POETRY ACTION



2020 SCHOOLS TOUR

AUSTRALIA'S NUMBER ONE POETRY PROGRAM

BRINGING POETRY TO LIFE THROUGH PERFORMANCE

POETRY IN ACTION IS A THEATRE COMPANY DEDICATED TO UNLOCKING THE POWER OF WORDS FOR EVERYONE.

PIA has been performing since 2006 and in that time we've revolutionised the way hundreds of thousands of young people think about poetry.

Our incredible team of artists come direct to your school and can perform up to four of our captivating 45-minute shows in one day, making it super convenient.

PIA's completely original and dynamic performances are jam packed with amazing poetry, speeches, artistic insights and inspiration.

We utilise Australia's foremost theatre practitioners to create shows that are hugely entertaining, engaging and relevant to a young audience and their studies.

Check out our content online at www.poetryinaction.com.au where you can live chat with us anytime.

Join the 580,000+ students and teachers across Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and UAE that have discovered just how fun poetry can be, book your shows for 2020 now!

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STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE DISCOVERED THE ADVANTAGE THAT POETRY IN ACTION PROVIDES.



What You Get:

- Prior to the performance, you'll be sent a teacher's pack filled with lesson plans and great ideas to engage your students.
- Immediately after each show, your students will have the opportunity to directly interact with the actors in a question and answer session.
- Students can get involved in our monthly poetry competition with the winning poem turned into a short film and posted on our Instagram page .
- At the end of the year, we announce one lucky poet to take home \$500 and have their poem featured in one of next years shows!

GET IN TOUCH



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PRICE: ONLY \$9.95 PER STUDENT, (MINIMUM OF 100 STUDENTS PER SHOW)

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FOURTEEN YEARS OF INSPIRATION.

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BRAND NEW AND EXCITING POETRY PERFORMANCES READY TO TRAVEL TO YOUR SCHOOL IN 2020!



THE ELEMENTS OF RHYME

YEARS 7-8

Returning to our 2020 repertoire due to overwhelming demand is this hugely entertaining performance by Australian Writer's Guild Award winner Caleb Lewis.

This show takes your students on a wild, funny and occasionally ludicrous ride! In the depths of Poet Town, the new kid Tempest is humiliated in a very public rap battle by the baddest bad boy roaming the streets - Byron. Determined that she won't be defeated again, her new friend Sylvia takes her on a weird and wonderful journey to learn about: rhyme, rhythm, imagery, narrative and theme.

A beautifully balanced piece that will have you laughing hysterically and experiencing the extraordinary capabilities of the poetic form. Not one to miss!



INTER-NATIONAL ANTHEM

YEARS 8-10

Set in the crucial last few minutes of a flamboyant and ostentatious International Poetry Extravaganza, our performers are desperately trying to decide on which poem to choose to truly represent Australia on a world stage..

This alternately whacky and touching show engages your students with an incredible range of both Australian and international poetry. We contrast Australian poetry from Indigenous perspectives, migrant poets and modern writers with international poetry from New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

This fun and innovative comedic showdown will leave your students enlightened, inspired and laughing.



WORDS OF WAR

YEARS 9-12

Performed every year since 2006, Words of War seems only to grow in relevance each year. It's back once again in 2020 to bring life to the world and works of Wilfred Owen. This captivating show reverberates with passion, humour and heartbreak.

This performance follows the life and works of Owen and the influences that led him to become one of the most striking and brilliant voices of his era. This dynamic show takes you through the horror, hopelessness and heroism of conflict; we examine people's attitudes to war and how, through his poetry, we can come to a better understanding of war today.

Includes the poems: Spring Offensive, Dulce Et Decorum Est, Mental Cases, A Whispered Tale (Siegfried Sassoon), Disabled, Futility, Parable of the Old Man and The Young, Anthem for Doomed Youth and Last Post (Carol Ann Duffy).



RIOTS & REVOLUTIONS

YEARS 10-12

The people are protesting! A massive crowd is waiting outside and only you have the power to unite them. What will you say? How will you avoid a riot? Or is that something you want?

More than ever, young people are using their voices to change the world.

Riots and Revolutions examines great speeches and poetry from world history, film, theatre and more to enlighten students on the rhetorical techniques used to construct an inspiring movement and either advocate or protest.

This show will give students a clear understanding of how words have had the power to change the world in the past and how they can change the world today.

TOUR DATES:*

ADELAIDE METRO
MON 11 MAY - FRI 29 MAY - T2 WEEK 3/4/5
MON 10 AUG - FRI 28 AUG - T3 WEEK 4/5/6

ALBURY/WAGGA
MON 27 APRIL - FRI 1 MAY - T2 WEEK 1

BRISBANE METRO
TUES 9 JUNE - WED 10 JUNE - T2 WEEK 7
MON 15 JUNE - TUES 16 JUNE - T2 WEEK 8
MON 13 JULY - WED 15 JULY - T3 WEEK 1
MON 7 SEPT - TUES 8 SEPT - T3 WEEK 9
MON 14 SEPT - WED 16 SEPT - T3 WEEK 10

CAIRNS/TOWNSVILLE
MON 20 JULY - FRI 24 JULY - T3 WEEK 2

CANBERRA
MON 30 MARCH - THURS 2 APRIL - T1 WEEK 9
MON 4 MAY - WED 6 MAY - T2 WEEK 2
MON 18 MAY - TUES 19 MAY - T2 WEEK 4
THURS 24 SEPT - FRI 25 SEPT - T3 WEEK 10

CENTRAL COAST/NEWCASTLE
MON 16 MARCH - FRI 20 MARCH - T1 WEEK 8
WED 1 JULY - FRI 3 JULY - T2 WEEK 10
MON 27 JULY - FRI 31 JULY - T3 WEEK 2
COFFS HARBOUR/

PORT MACQUARIE/MAITLAND
MON 22 JUNE - TUES 30 JUNE - T2 WEEK 9

DARWIN
MON 7 SEPT - FRI 11 SEPT - T3 WEEK 8

DUBBO/ORANGE/BATHURST/YOUNG
MON 23 MARCH - FRI 27 MARCH - T1 WEEK 9

GOLD COAST
WED 17 JUNE - T2 WEEK 8
WED 9 SEPT - FRI 11 SEPT - T3 WEEK 9

**LOXTON/CLARE/PORT PIRIE/
PORT AUGUSTA**
MON 31 AUG - FRI 4 SEPT - T3 WEEK 7

**MANDURAH/BUNBURY/
BUSSELTON/MANJIMUP**
MON 2 NOV - FRI 6 NOV - T4 WEEK 4

PERTH
MON 10 AUG - FRI 28 AUG - T3 WEEK 4/5/6
MON 26 OCT - FRI 30 OCT - T4 WEEK 3
MON 9 NOV - FRI 13 NOV - T4 WEEK 5

ROCKHAMPTON
THURS 16 JULY - FRI 17 JULY - T3 WEEK 1

SUNSHINE COAST
THURS 11 JUNE - FRI 12 JUNE - T2 WEEK 7
THURS 17 SEPT - FRI 18 SEPT - T3 WEEK 10

SYDNEY METRO
MON 2 MARCH - FRI 13 MARCH - T1 WEEK 6 & 7
MON 6 APRIL - THURS 9 APRIL - T1 WEEK 11
MON 27 APRIL - TUES 12 MAY - T2 WEEK 1/2/3
MON 1 JUNE - FRI 5 JUNE - T2 WEEK 6
TUES 9 JUNE - FRI 12 JUNE - T2 WEEK 7
MON 3 AUG - FRI 7 AUG - T3 WEEK 3
MON 14 SEPT - FRI 25 SEPT - T3 WEEK 9 & 10
MON 12 OCT - FRI 23 OCT - T4 WEEK 1 & 2

TASMANIA
MON 25 MAY - FRI 5 JUNE - T2 WEEK 5 & 6

WOLLONGONG/MITTAGONG
WED 13 MAY - FRI 15 MAY - T2 WEEK 3

* DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PLEASE CONTACT US TO CONFIRM
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THE PERFORMANCE WAS FANTASTIC AND THE STUDENTS

LOVED IT! I THINK ALL YOUNG AUSTRALIANS SHOULD

HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND HEAR



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- BERNIE MCINERNEY - ST MARY'S COLLEGE, SA

