Boori Monty Pryor

- PERFORMANCES
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- ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

BOOKS AVAILABLE

Maybe Tomorrow (Penquin 1998) – Boori Pryor & Meme MacDonald

My Girragundji (Allen & Unwin 1998) – Boori Pryor & Meme MacDonald

The Binna Binna Man (Allen & Unwin 1999) – Boori Pryor & Meme MacDonald

Nunjul the Sun (Allen & Unwin 2002) – Boori Pryor & Meme MacDonald

Flytrap (Allen & Unwin 2002) – Boori Pryor & Meme MacDonald

Shake a Leg (Allen & Unwin 2010) – Boori Pryor & Jan Ormerod

LITERARY AWARDS / RECOGNITION

Shake a Leg Prime Minister's Literary Award (2011) Children's Fiction

Nunjul the Sun Victorian Premier's Library Award (2002) Young Adult Fiction

The Binna Binna Man NSW Premier's Literary Awards (2000) Ethel Turner Prize

The Binna Binna Man NSW Premier's Literary Awards (2000) Ethnic Affairs Commission Award

My Girragundji Children's Book Council of Australia (1999) Book of the Year

The Binna Binna Man NSW Premier's Literary Award (2000) Book of the Year

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BOORI MONTY PRYOR

THE PERFORMANCE (Infants – Year 8)

In this performance award-winning author, musician, prolific storyteller, and now filmmaker, Boori Monty Pryor shares his unique perspective on the world. Combining humorous tales from his life experiences, Dreamtime stories, and instructive anecdotes, this presentation offers an insight into the multi-faceted reality of modern-day Indigenous culture. Boori punctuates his storytelling with the music, dances and language of his family and his home. By combining traditional elements of performance with his contemporary stories, Boori helps students better understand both the past and present culture of First Nations People. *(Face painting is possible if time allows – school to provide materials)*

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME (Years 9-12)

This programme is inspired by Boori's personal journey from a young boy spending too much time in the Principals' Office to a Prime Minister's Literary Award Winner. Boori will demonstrate to students that we all have the ability to tell our stories, and by telling our own stories we can find a sense of belonging. Students are encouraged to ask questions about our history and to appreciate the beauty of words and the power of writing. The presentation includes stories from Boori's childhood spent between Yarrabah and Palm Island, his time as a teenager in Townsville, and his experiences leading up to becoming a published author. This presentation blends fact, fiction and Dreamtime stories to inspire and encourage students to pursue their own writing.

DURATION: 50 minutes with Q & A	SUITABILITY: F-12
PERFORMANCE COST $4.50 + $0.45 GST = $4.95 per student	**PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (120 students)*** Total: $540.00 + $54.00 GST = $594 inc GST
*PLEASE NOTE EVERY STUDENT OVER 120 PAYS $4.50 + GST	

Preschool Performance – Flat rate $350 + GST = $385 (for a maximum of 40 children)

****PLEASE PROVIDE A MICROPHONE FOR ALL PERFORMANCES****

ONE DAY IN RESIDENCE- (for a maximum of 100 students)

The in-residence program is intended to give small groups of students (maximum 60 per group) the opportunity to actively participate in dancing, singing and face painting. The program is tailored for different age groups and is designed to fit into school timetables. Boori will contact all schools prior to their booking to finalise the details and to timetable the sessions.

COST: $1300+ $130 gst = $ 1430 inc gst

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Boori Monty Pryor is a multi-award-winning children's author, didjeridoo player, storyteller, dancer and renowned public speaker.

Boori was born in Townsville, North Queensland. His father was from the Birrigubba people of the Bowen region and his mother is from Yarrabah (near Cairns), a descendant of the Kungganji. Boori played Basketball for the Queensland State Under 18's team and went on to play in the Victorian State Championship League for five years. He also coached the first National Aboriginal Women's Basketball team. Throughout the 1970's he worked as a professional model and as a disc jockey at nightclubs around Australia. This time in Boori's life is captured in the ABC series Wrong Kind of Black. He is an accomplished didjeridoo player who has performed solo with the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra. Since the early nineties he has performed internationally at Museums, Theatres and Festivals.

Boori has collaborated with Meme McDonald on five books: Maybe Tomorrow (1998), My Girragundji (1998), The Binna Binna Man (1999), Nunjul The Sun (2002) and Flytrap (2002).
Maybe Tomorrow received a Special Commendation at the 1998 Human Rights Awards and My Girragundji was awarded The Children's Book Council of Australia 1999 Book of The Year Award.

In 2000 The Binna Binna Man received three of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards: Book of the Year, the Ethel Turner Prize and the Ethnic Affairs Commission Award. In 2011 Shake a Leg, a picture book collaboration with Jan Ormerod, won the Prime Minister's Literary Awards for Children's fiction. In 2001, 2006, 2010 and 2013 a stage production of My Girragundji toured throughout most Australian states.

Boori was the Children's Laureate of Australia, sharing this title with Alison Lester in 2012 and 2013. In 2017 the short film Brown Paper Bag (starring Boori and inspired by his work) won the St Kilda Film Festival "Best Achievement in Indigenous Film Making" award. In 2018 Princess Pictures and Youthworx Productions released an ABC series called Wrong Kind of Black based on his extraordinary life. A Youthworx Productions documentary titled Storykeepers about Boori's life long experience as a performer and storyteller is due for release in 2019/2020.

Curriculum links: English, History, Humanities, Social Studies and Music

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