



VOICES SHAPING THE FUTURE

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QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

PRESENTED BY **QPAC** AND **WOW – WOMEN OF THE WORLD AUSTRALIA**



Queensland Performing Arts Centre acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, upon whose lands these performances are held.

We pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestors of this land, their spirits and their legacy. We consider it a privilege to continue the traditions of those who have danced, made music, and told stories on this land before us.

The foundations laid by these ancestors – our First Nations peoples – gives strength, inspiration and courage to current and future generations.

WELCOME FROM THE MINISTER



Welcome to *Voices Shaping the Future*, presented by WOW – Women of the World Australia in partnership with Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

The Queensland Government is delighted to support this important event celebrating the achievements of women and girls, and promoting a world in which gender equality is the norm.

We are guided by our *Queensland Women's Strategy 2022-27* which sets out the key commitments to achieve gender equality for all women and girls across Queensland, including listening to the voices and stories of Queensland women and girls. This is critical in considering how to face the ongoing challenges in our community and how we create change.

When we lend our voices to the conversation about how we can break down gender barriers, we foster a Queensland where women and girls dream big and have equal access to the choices and opportunities to bring their dreams to fruition.

Together, we are shaping the world today for a brighter tomorrow for women and girls.

Shannon Fentiman MP

Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services, Minister for Women

WELCOME FROM QPAC



The arts have long been a vehicle for change and social impact, often willing to tackle challenging issues and step into discussions that might not be easy but are necessary for societies to move forward. As a performing arts centre what we present on our stages entertains, provides escape and pure joy and also moves and inspires change.

It is powerful to gather en masse to experience something together, to learn from others' experience and see ourselves reflected on stage. Supporting this kind of positive impact and connection is at the heart of what we do.

A driving force behind our decision to partner with Of One Mind to present these important events, was that the program is shaped and led by young people. We are passionate about helping to amplify a diversity of voices through our programs and *Voices Shaping the Future* calls attention to voices that need to be heard and topics that demand action.

We hope this event brings new voices to a wide audience and that the discussions happening here spark broader and deeper conversations beyond.

John Kotzas AM
Chief Executive, QPAC

WELCOME FROM OF ONE MIND



This celebration of young people's work, in building a gender just and more sustainable world, is the first in a two-year program of festivals and activities we are developing with QPAC, to grow the WOW – Women of the World movement in Australia. Our shared belief in the power of cultural celebrations and the work of artists, to stimulate new ideas, and showcase the best of our shared humanity, makes us ideal partners.

Joining us to put this exciting event together, have been our Youth Program Team, the Global Institute for Women's Leadership at the Australian National University, Commissioner Oscar's team at the Australian Human Rights Commission, our colleagues at Griffith University and our great friends at Gondwana Choirs – we thank you all.

Our plans for 2024 include taking WOW once again into regional Queensland, as well as creating a major international festival here at QPAC in October, to celebrate the voices of women and girls across Oceania, as we build relationships in the lead up to the Brisbane Olympics. Join our Principal Partner the Queensland Government in making this a reality!

Cathy Hunt AM
Executive Director Of One Mind
Global Advisor WOW Australia

'BOYS WILL BE BOYS'

Thursday 19 October, 5pm | Cremorne Theatre

When we call out the inappropriate behaviours of boys and young men, we still hear the refrain 'ah well, boys will be boys' – in schools, in the workplace and at home. And with younger and younger boys being drawn to harmful social media influencers, this issue is becoming increasingly urgent. This panel will unpack these issues around toxic masculinities, incel culture and male mental health and share solutions to move away from the norm of 'boys will be boys' and promote healthy models of masculinity for young men.



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THE CHANGEMAKERS, TAKING THE LEAD

Thursday 19 October, 7pm | Cremorne Theatre

Traditionally, we have thought of leaders as people in position of power and influence – statesmen, high professional achievers, business leaders, team captains. What we sometimes overlook is that there are leaders all around us in our everyday lives – people whose lives are an example of advocacy and service, people who stand up or speak up for a principle when it really counts, people who risk disapproval, people who put time and effort into a campaign for change just because it's the right thing to do.



Sue Harris-Rimmer (F)

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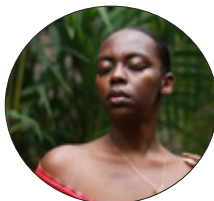
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BLOW THE WHISTLE

Friday 20 October, 4pm | Cremorne Theatre

With the FIFA World Cup behind us and the 2032 Brisbane Olympics on the horizon, let's sit down for a conversation about gender equality in the sporting world as a lens for exploring gender inequities in Australia today with a panel of young sports stars and behind the scenes professionals. Just how far have we really come and what mountains are left to climb? We'll explore all the issues, from the gender pay gap to trans rights, media treatment, access to facilities and training, and everything in between.



Prof Simone Fullagar (F)

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THE F-WORD – ARE WE THERE YET?

Friday 20 October, 5.30pm | Cremorne Theatre

Labels are a problem. They divide and confuse as much as they unite, and the term feminist is a great example. For some it's out of date, for some they feel excluded by its focus, and for others, it's too aggressive. But what have we learned from these discussions? What work do we still have to do to achieve gender equality for all? And how do we do that in ways that unite and strengthen us all, whatever our story and starting point? This intergenerational panel of leaders will share their insights.



Natasha Mitchell (F)
PRESENTER OF BIG IDEAS, ABC
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SPINFEX GUM FEATURING MARLIYA

Friday 20 October, 8pm | Concert Hall



Celebrate the passion and talent of our youth with ***Spinifex Gum***.

Spinifex Gum combines the beauty of a choir of young Indigenous female singers from Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait with contemporary songwriting that speaks to issues of our time.

Disarming and uplifting audiences across Australia, ***Spinifex Gum*** brings together the sound of the **Marliya** choir led by **Lyn Williams AM**, with the music of **Felix Riebl** and **Ollie McGill (The Cat Empire)** and choreography by **Deborah Brown**.

Joining the **Marliya** choir for this memorable event are young local singers from **Brisbane Birralee Voices**, **Hillcrest Christian College**, and the **Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir**, bringing their voices together as one.

In this breathtaking concert, their unique blend of choral music and contemporary song combine with dance in a performance like you've never seen before.

Commissioned to write a song cycle for the choir, **Felix Riebl** spent several years visiting the Pilbara to build relationships and gather stories. He and co-creator **Ollie McGill** went on to write the album ***Spinifex Gum*** about the region's local tales and characters, true stories of racism and injustice, and the legacies of colonisation with music production that's staunchly modern, built from found sound samples of the Pilbara – rustling leaves, bouncing basketballs and chugging trains.

High energy, high impact, and hauntingly beautiful, this fearless music lays bare the injustices faced by Indigenous Australians and shines a light on the strength of those who fight for their community.

Nominated for Best New Australian Work at the 2019 Helpmann Awards®, it has the power to disarm, inspire, and speak to us in a way that no individual voice can.

SCHOOLS DAY

Friday 20 October, from 9am | Cremorne Theatre

To celebrate October's UN International Day of the Girl, 200+ students will participate in an inspiring day of activities as part of **Voices Shaping the Future**.

CONVERSATION

WOW BIG IDEAS – NATASHA MITCHELL AND ABC RADIO NATIONAL

At some point we all have big ideas on how we would like to change what is wrong with the world, or how we might create a community organisation or business to meet the needs of ourselves and our friends. But how many of us get a chance to put those ideas into practice – what does it take, what skills do we need, what lessons will we learn along the way? Meet some of the most dynamic young leaders and changemakers in Australia today.



SPEAKERS: (LtoR) Natasha Mitchell (F), Chanel Contos, Semara Jose, Isabelle Reinke, Sarah Brown

PERFORMANCES: Lamise Hamouda

WORKSHOPS

MONEY QUEENS

An interactive finance workshop with Michelle Bowes on everything you need to know about money before you leave high school.

BRING A PLATE – INCLUSIVE DANCE WORKSHOP

Get moving with Erika Jayne Goldsmith and Zoe Mitchell who will lead participants through a dynamic inclusive dance workshop for all abilities and bodies!

CONSENT BY TRUE RELATIONSHIPS AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Join the team from True Relationships and Reproductive Health exploring how young people can navigate sexual relationships, make healthy choices, access services and stay safe whilst partying.

WOW SPEED-MENTORING

Women from across business, academia, sport and the arts will mentor local students in a fun packed session on the Wheel of Brisbane.

GIWL YOUTH SUMMIT

Thursday 19 October, from 10.30am | Playhouse Lounge

The **Global Institute for Women's Leadership (GIWL)** is a research institute combining research, practice and advocacy to make sustainable change towards a more gender equal society, chaired by the Hon Julia Gillard – the only woman to have served as Prime Minister of Australia. The GIWL Youth Summit will bring together passionate young people to explore the most pressing gender-based issues facing this generation. The Youth Summit will create a platform for young people to share the issues that are most important to them and their ideas to increase the pace of change on gender equality. Led by trailblazing activist, Chanel Contos and facilitated by leading gender researchers and GIWL's newly elected Youth Committee, the Youth Summit will feature interactive workshops, expert panels and networking and career development opportunities, with sessions on everything from climate gender justice to putting ideas for change into action.

Alongside the Youth Summit, Commissioner June Oscar AO and her team at the Australian Human Rights Commission will be hosting a **Wiyi Yani U Thangani Youth Focus Group** for young First Nations women. Building on the 2023 Wiyi Yani U Thangani National Youth Forum, this focus group will be an opportunity to revisit the Youth Statement and strategise for the road ahead, providing a platform for young women to share their insights, collaborate, and provide input into the design of Australia's first ever National Framework for Action and First Nations Gender Justice Institute.



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Panel members subject to change without notice.



Of One Mind (OOM) a Brisbane based non profit has worked in partnership with **The WOW Foundation** in London to facilitate the delivery of **WOW – Women of the World** festivals and activities in Australia over the past decade and particularly in Queensland from 2018. Through festivals, events, schools programs and digital engagement, WOW challenges the belief that gender equality has already been achieved – and hopes to join the dots between people, movements and ideas to change the world. *Voices Shaping the Future* is our first event in a major new partnership with QPAC to grow the WOW movement in Australia from Queensland.

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And to our partners and sponsors for 2023



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WOW - Women of the World Australia is seeking partners who believe that our actions today can create a gender equal world tomorrow.

Organisations and individuals are encouraged to reach out to cathy@wowaustralia.com.au and discuss how we can work together to deliver this vision.