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Media Release

B2M MAMANTA FINAL DARWIN SHOW IS NOT TO BE MISSED

B2M bring the Tiwi Islands to Darwin, blending old and new cultures through a unique RnB performance. You'll be left buzzing with energy after their incredible music!

Building on their international touring acclaim, **B2M** (Bathurst to Melville), are on the final leg of their national tour. Don't miss B2M's **FINAL SHOW Mamanta** – meaning 'friend' in Tiwi – at the **Darwin Entertainment Centre, Sunday 18 November, 7pm.**

"B2M's national tour has been met with standing ovations around the country! These men have been touring overseas for so long, so it's exciting to have been able to share them with the nation" said Liz Rogers, Performing Arts Manager, Artback NT.

B2M will present audiences with a pumping RnB performance, Tiwi style! Incorporating footage and imagery of the Tiwi Islands, Mamanta, is a vibrant cultural experience. "It's more than just a normal B2M gig. It's a theatre/gig where these experienced and special musicians tell stories about their perspective of the Tiwi culture, its stories and song, and where it sits in relation to mainstream Australia" said Michael Hohnen, creative at Skinnyfish Music.

From ancient stories to life today, Mamanta honours the past and celebrates the future. "Like the paintings that reflect the depiction of country, our songlines demonstrate our journeys, our history and our community" said B2M band member Jeffrey 'Yello' Simon.

In an historic show of support from Tiwi Elders, B2M have permission to use traditional Tiwi chants and blend them with modern musical elements. Hailed as "Australia's answer to the Backstreet Boys" (Huffington Post), this unique boyband blends contemporary and traditional sound.

Created in Darwin, Yello collaborated with Darwin Director Gail Evans to build a unique performance that has been winning hearts across the nation. "Drawing on a strong tapestry of stories, including our own songlines that have never left the Tiwi Islands before, Mamanta is unlike anything ever seen. We have never created a show that shares our experience this fully," said Yello.

"This new theatre production weaves some of your favourite B2M pumping RnB songs with a whole lot of new music and footage. B2M's final show Mamanta is not to be missed!" said Rogers.

B2M formed in December 2004 and are strong Tiwi men who write, sing and perform music about issues we all face. After a three-month national tour **B2M have announced this will be their final show in Darwin before going their separate ways.**

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Hohnen said "... we [Skinnyfish Music] have so much respect for this group of musicians. They are a quality act embodying culture, music entertainment and humour and we thank them for working with us over 2 decades, in such a positive and real life relationship."

Presented by Artback NT in association with Skinnyfish Music and funded by Playing Australia, Australia Council for the Arts, B2M have visited 5 states, 1 Territory, performed 23 shows and conducted 15 workshops.

SHOW DETAILS

B2M Mamanta

Sunday, 18 November, 7pm

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

Venue: Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre

Cost: full price \$30, concession \$25

Bookings: yourcentre.com.au
(booking fees apply)

Selected B2M band members; Liz Rogers, Performing Arts Manager, Artback NT; and Michael Hohnen, creative at Skinnyfish Music are available for interview upon request.

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