



Experience the magic of blacklight theatre!

Darwin | Katherine | Nhulunbuy | Alice Springs | June – July 2022

This show is in Auslan & English

Trash Magic uses the magic of blacklight theatre to create a puppet show for the young and the young at heart.

Trash Magic tells a story about family, nature and MESS! Ruby, a girl who is deaf, goes camping with her family in the NT bush. Ruby loves to be in nature and her family loves to have fun. She watches in horror as they set about making as much mess as possible. Later that night Ruby wakes up to see that the rubbish is alive! The discarded rubbish has magically metamorphosed into the different animals from the bush, AND they can talk!

This delightful project is presented by Artback NT & Luminous Productions, an all-abilities theatre company based in Darwin with an artist ensemble of multi-skilled performers of all abilities. The team have been experimenting with black light, the use of UV lights bouncing off the fluorescent and neon paints to create a truly magical and engaging puppet show for all ages.

Writer, producer and director, Tania Lieman, leads the ensemble of this inaugural project by Luminous Productions. *“Behind the light and under the black light all performers are equal”*, she says of the inclusive approach to professional theatre production that the Luminous project was established for. *“One of our major goals of this project is that everyone’s skills will be enhanced and developed for their future paths as professional creatives.”* Lieman continues.

Rachel Kroes, Executive Officer, Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory commends this approach. She says *“The ‘Luminous’ project addresses the shortage of post-school options in the arts for people with disability in Darwin by providing development and employment opportunities of emerging artists with disabilities that will build their confidence to present their work and determine their next steps as artists”*.

Lieman stresses that, *“with Trash Magic, we are providing our audience with a professional piece of theatre, first and foremost”*, pointing out that the all abilities cast and crew are committed to high quality production and performance, and anticipate a great response to this touring show.

“They are going to have fun, and they are going to be laughing their head off”! Kyle Adams. Puppeteer, performer, creative collaborator



Cast & Crew

Tania Lieman | Creative producer | director | writer | puppet designer and set concept | additional design

El Ibo | Puppeteer | creative collaborator | performer

Thomas Midena | Puppeteer | creative collaborator | performer

Kyle Adams | Puppeteer | performer | creative collaborator

Omri Mason | Puppeteer | performer | creative collaborator

Bryn Wackett | Puppeteer | creative collaborator | performer | choreography

Liz Rogers | Stage/production manager | set design and additional puppet design

Matthew Cunliffe | Tour Manager | sound designer

Trash Magic itinerary

30 June – 2 July | Brown's Mart Studio, Darwin

6 – 7 July | Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre, Katherine

20 – 21 July | Gove Arts Theatre, Nhulunbuy

26 – 27 July | Araluen Art Centre

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