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MEDIA RELEASE

Something hilariously rotten is headed your way!

Hillbilly Horror, a work of horrifying hilarity, written and composed by Gail Evans with musical arrangement by Yoris Wilson, is headed down the Stuart Highway in March.

Presented by Artback NT and The Royal National Theatre of Jingili, *Hillbilly Horror* is a musical comedy guaranteed to have you in stiches!

Something's rotten in the Cooters' backwoods cabin – and it's not just Granma's guts.

The play begins, like all good setups for a story, in England with the tragic death of Sin Jin's parents who were mistaken for grapes and trampled to death. They leave a huge fortune to their son and some cousins he's never heard of from America. He sets off to deliver them the good news and discovers more than he bargained for. A maelstrom of misadventure ensues!

With a stellar cast of some of NT's best performers, *Hillbilly Horror* stars Gail Evans, Nicola Fearn, Tania Lieman, Ciella Williams and Yoris Wilson. Performing with no set, minimal props and accompanied by two live musicians, these five actors play over thirty characters, filling the stage with their energy and physical skill.

Following a popular season in Darwin in 2016, Sean Pardy, Artistic Director of Brown's Mart Theatre, says he is thrilled *Hillbilly Horror* is back – 'this is physical, slap stick comedy at is best'... 'When it played in our SHIMMER season it had the audience howling with laughter and asking for more.'

Just be warned – musical comedy this funny can be dangerous! As one audience member revealed: 'I laughed so hard something broke, or was fixed, truly'!

Hillbilly Horror returns to Darwin for two shows, before travelling to Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Visit <u>Artback NT's website</u> for dates, venues and how to purchase tickets.

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