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MEDIA RELEASE

A mother's loss. A nation's obsession.

***Letters to Lindy* travels throughout the Northern Territory.**

Artback NT is thrilled to present the NT tour of *Letters to Lindy*, a stunning work by award-winning playwright Alana Valentine, produced by Merrigong Theatre Company in association with Canberra Theatre Centre.

Travelling from Nhulunbuy to Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, *Letters to Lindy* is a moving exploration of the public's relationship with Lindy Chamberlain – one of Australia's most iconic figures.

A mother accused of murdering her child, her claim – that the baby was taken by a dingo – denied and discredited by zealous police and a flawed legal system. The media circus, the rumours, the mob mentality and a nation's prejudices laid bare.

Based on actual letters received by Lindy Chamberlain from members of the public, *Letters to Lindy* is touching, authentic and provides a deep insight into one of the most compelling legal and human dramas of our times. It paints a singular portrait of the heartbreak, wisdom and resilience of a grieving mother and her 30-year fight for justice.

The NT touring production will feature the original cast of Jeanette Cronin (TV's *Crownies*, *Janet King* and *Rake*) as Lindy Chamberlain, alongside Glenn Hazeldine, Phillip Hinton and Jane Phegan, and is skilfully directed by Darren Yap (*Ladies Day*, *Miracle City*).

Artback NT Executive Officer, Louise Partos, said: "This story has incredible resonance for Territorians and remains extraordinarily relevant and topical. Artback NT is proud and excited to be touring this stunning production. We are also thrilled to have award-winning playwright Alana Valentine travelling with the tour to conduct workshops along the way and to participate in some specific post-show Q+A's. This is an experience not to be missed".

In addition to the *Letters to Lindy* performance at Darwin Festival, Darwin audiences can also enjoy the related panel 'Women in the Spotlight' as part of the *Words & Ideas* programming. Presented by Artback NT, 'Women in the Spotlight' will see *Letters to Lindy* playwright Alana Valentine joined by Colleen Gwynne, former Chief Investigator of the Peter Falconio case and now NT Children's Commission, and Clare Martin, former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, discuss what it's like to be a woman in the public eye.



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Tour dates/ venues:

Nhulunbuy - Play reading, The Cell Theatre, 11 August

Darwin - Darwin Festival, Darwin Entertainment Centre, 14 - 15 August

Darwin - Darwin Festival, 'Women in the Spotlight', CDU, 1:30pm, 19 August

Katherine - Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre, 18 August

Tennant Creek - Play reading, Barkly Regional Arts, 22 August

Alice Springs - Araluen Arts Centre, 24 August



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