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## Garrmalang Festival

**The Garrmalang Festival is a three-day celebration of music, dance, arts and culture kicking off this Friday 22nd May and running through until Sunday 24th May.**

Darwin Entertainment Centre Indigenous Producer, Ben Graetz said the Festival is a platform for the wider community to experience world-class Indigenous works.

"The Garrmalang Festival presents music, theatre, dance, cabaret and visual arts. It is also an opportunity to showcase some of Australia's most exciting Indigenous talent," Mr Graetz said.

"Garrmalang gives Indigenous artists a high-profile stage to perform their work, helps maintain and strengthen the cultural connections of Indigenous youngsters and gives non-Indigenous people an appreciation of a culture that remains vibrant."

The Festival begins at 6pm on Friday with a Welcome and traditional smoking ceremony to officially open the festival, bringing traditional dance and song right into the heart of Darwin.

It then kicks on to the Opening Night Party where MC Constantina Bush will host a wild evening of extraordinary Indigenous talent from the Top End and across Australia including local comedian Mia Stanford with special guest Steven Oliver (BLACK COMEDY).

Over the weekend there will be performances by Djuki Mala - The Chooky Dancers, and the Four Little Birds featuring Shellie Morris, Leah Flanagan, Ursula Yovich and Catherine Satour as well as a free panel discussion on Saturday afternoon, art displays, a Healing Corner and more.

**Garrmalang Festival | Darwin Entertainment Centre | Friday 21st May - Sunday 23rd May**



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