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# Djuki Mala

Australia

**A joyous celebration 40,000 years in the making.**



*"Djuki Mala present more to the audience than one could imagine possible"*

**Herald Sun**

*"A vibrant celebration of ingenuity and energy"*

**The Age**

*"their enthusiasm is infectious"*

**SMH**

*"a marvel of timing, comedy and clowning, warming both the heart and soul"*

**Arts Review**

*Photo: Sean Young Photography*

Direct from Elcho Island in North East Arnhem Land, (home of Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, the Saltwater Band, birthplace of the late lead singer of the *Warumpi Band* and former home of the late lead singer of Yothu Yindi), **Djuki Mala** (Djuki meaning 'chooky' with a Yolngu accent and Mala meaning 'mob') perform a high-energy and stunning fusion of traditional Indigenous culture, contemporary dance and storytelling.

Since their 2007 clip of 'Zorba the Greek' went viral, (it now has over 2.5 million views), they've thrilled audiences worldwide with reinterpretations of popular culture and traditional dances in juxtaposition with contemporary Yolngu culture. Djuki Mala have performed at major festivals and events throughout Australia, the UK and Europe, China, Taiwan and Canada, attracting massive interest and multiple awards and nominations. Members of Djuki Mala have also appeared in film and television including; *Secret River*, *Move It Mobstyle* and ABC TV's *My Place*. They have also performed alongside **John Butler**, **Jessica Mauboy** and **Blue King Brown** to name a few.

The show tells the genesis of Djuki Mala, formerly known as The Chooky Dancers, interspersed with video. Audiences are given the opportunity to experience some of the more intimate moments and turning points that have shaped the group in a show that is a marvel of timing, comedy and clowning, with a hefty dose of heart and soul.

Artistic Director **Joshua Bond**  
Lead Dancers **Baykali Ganambarr, Wakara Gondarra and Bapadjambang Atu**

Where Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent, Meriton Festival Village

When 19, 20 & 24 January at 7.30pm  
21 – 23 January at 5.15pm

Duration 60 minutes

Tickets Suitable for ages 6+  
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