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Fire Bucket

Uncle Wes Marnie, Australia

Stories, dreams and wisdom in the backyard.



Photo: Amanda James

Aboriginal Elder **Uncle Wes Marne** will be joined by former Urban Theatre Projects Artistic Director **Alicia Talbot** in a unique intimate show performed around a fire bucket in back yards of Sydney's Inner City and Parramatta.

Uncle Wes Marne is a Bidjambul man. At the age of nine, the Government walked his family off tribal lands from the Stanthorpe Hills to Deadbird Mission, Ashford in a journey that took three weeks. At 93, Uncle Wes Marne is sharing his stories – of his grandfather's dreaming, of bitterness and love, and of his life as an Elder living in Mt Druitt.

Over the last year, Alicia Talbot has been recording his stories encouraging Uncle Wes to share his fascinating history with the rest of the world. Sydney's backyards will provide an intimate setting for a small gathering around the fire bucket as Uncle Wes moves backwards and forwards across time with his stories. No night will be the same.

Where Inner City and Parramatta
When 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 January at 7.30pm
Price \$49

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