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Yellamundie National First Peoples Playwriting Festival

Moogahlin Performing Arts, Australia



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Presented by **Moogahlin Performing Arts** and **Carriageworks**, and taking its name from the Darug word for storyteller, **Yellamundie National First Peoples Playwriting Festival** provides a platform for emerging and established playwrights from all over Australia.

Since its inception in 2013, this biannual festival has developed 12 new scripts from beginner, mid-career and established playwrights from regional, remote and urban areas. 16 scripts in total have had public readings; with 7 scripts selected for further creative development and 3 new works produced professionally. One such script is **Nathan Maynard's** *The Season*, which was read at 2015's *Yellamundie Festival*, is now being produced by **Tasmania Performs** and will make its world premiere as part of 2017's Sydney Festival.

This year's *Yellamundie National First Peoples Playwriting Festival* will provide a platform for the work of six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander playwrights: **Henrietta Baird, Ken Canning, Andrea Fernandez, Maryanne Sam, Glenn Shea** and **Megan Wilding**. In 2017 the Festival program will expand to encompass international collaboration, exchange, and public talks and script readings with other First Peoples, including Canada's **Cliff Cardinal**, whose work *Huff* is presented as part of Sydney Festival's theatre program.

With networking opportunities for artists, industry forums, and readings of six new national and two international plays, Carriageworks becomes a thriving artistic and cultural meeting place. This is a chance for audiences to be part of the discovery and championing of First Peoples playwrights, and to catch new and distinctive voices in Australian theatre.

Where	Carriageworks, Bay 20
When	27-29 January
Duration	Times Vary
Tickets	\$15 per event \$90 for a Season Pass (all events) + booking fee

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