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# NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR UNVEILS BOLD PROGRAM FOR BUNBURY FRINGE 2027

Bunbury Fringe has today launched its 2027 festival program, marking an exciting new era for the beloved South West arts festival under newly appointed Artistic Director, Kerry Shaw.

Celebrating its 11th year, Bunbury Fringe will return from 22-30 January 2027 with a packed program of comedy, circus, music, theatre, cabaret, film, digital arts and family entertainment, featuring artists from Western Australia, across Australia, overseas and the South West region.

Taking the reins from outgoing Artistic Director Jo O'Dea, Shaw said it was both an honour and privilege to step into the role for the festival's next chapter.

*"2027 marks 11 years of Bunbury Fringe and it has been an honour and a pleasure to step into the role of Artistic Director this year, following the fabulous footsteps of outgoing AD Jo O'Dea,"* Shaw said.

*"Bunbury Fringe has grown to become a much-loved and iconic event that is recognised across the country and the world, bringing together artists and community to elevate the arts in regional areas and support artists to continue to make and share art with the world."*

Among the festival's headline attractions is the return of crowd favourite YUCK Circus, bringing its signature blend of high-energy acrobatics, humour and unapologetic confidence to the Alcoa Big Top.
Audiences can also look forward to the wildly entertaining In Pour Taste, a chaotic comedy wine tasting experience that has earned sold-out audiences and critical acclaim around the country. Comedy remains a cornerstone of the festival, with the ever-popular Bunbury Fringe Comedy Gala once again bringing together a stellar lineup of comedians for one massive night of laughs.

The 2027 program also showcases acclaimed vocalist and storyteller Michelle Pearson, alongside a diverse range of music, cabaret, theatre and immersive performances that highlight both established and emerging artists. Meanwhile, Family audiences will find plenty to enjoy, with the return of the much-loved South32 Kids Party, South32 Dog Parade and free local entertainment throughout the festival.

Alongside ticketed performances, the festival precinct in Bicentennial Square will once again come alive with the Fringe Garden, featuring free live music, local food and beverages, interactive installations and community activations in the heart of the city.

The full Bunbury Fringe 2027 program is available now at bunburyfringe.com. For all media enquiries or to arrange an interview, please contact:

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