



MEDIA RELEASE: SCAREDY CAT SCHOOLS TOUR LAUNCH

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Terrapin invites the Tasmanian media to the launch of its 2021 schools tour program *Scaredy Cat*, which will premiere in more than 65 Tasmanian schools around the state in Terms 3 and 4.

WHAT: Launch of 2021 Schools Tour Program – *Scaredy Cat*

WHERE: Terrapin Studio, Salamanca Arts Centre, 77 Salamanca Place, Hobart

WHEN: 10am, Tuesday 4 May 2021

Special Note: Camera and photography opportunities will include a rehearsal of *Scaredy Cat*.

Terrapin Artistic Director Sam Routledge said the schools tour marks Terrapin's return to in-school programming after being forced to postpone planned visits in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're thrilled to be returning to tour Tasmanian schools in 2021. Terrapin puppeteers are in the studio this week to rehearse *Scaredy Cat*, which tells the story of a rodent-hunting cat who is afraid of mice," Mr Routledge said.

"Visiting schools is a critical part of our work in reaching audiences in all corners of the state. This year we'll even be travelling to Flinders Island, bringing performance and workshops to students there."

Terrapin also welcomes Blundstone as its new Access Partner. Blundstone's support will allow Terrapin to grow the reach of the tour to 14 additional schools in remote and regional locations, bringing *Scaredy Cat* to 4000 extra students.

"As a proud Tasmanian family business, we are pleased to support the work of Terrapin and to assist more kids around Tasmania to have the chance to experience and enjoy their creativity," said Adam Blake, Blundstone Joint-CEO.

"Since we started in 1870, we have sought to be a positive and contributing member of our local community. We are thrilled to be a part of taking this world-class troupe to all the corners of our island home."

Scaredy Cat, written by Finn O'Branagain, is a funny, fantastical story of courage and friendship across generations. Terrapin resident designer Bryony Anderson has created a cast of lively puppet characters that includes Scaredy Cat, three marauding mice and creaking, elderly furniture.

Terrapin has been touring Tasmanian schools since its inception, visiting over 180 schools in the past 15 years and reaching upwards of 15,000 children annually.

Established in 1981, the company is known for innovation and quality. Its core activity is the creation of new original works of contemporary puppetry for children, families and intergenerational audiences. Beyond its school program, Terrapin creates work for theatres, festivals and public spaces.

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