



**MEDIA RELEASE:
A NOT SO TRADITIONAL STORY BY NATHAN MAYNARD**

20 September 2021

Terrapin invites the Tasmanian media to a dress rehearsal of its 2021 theatre production, *A Not So Traditional Story* by Nathan Maynard.

WHAT: *A Not So Traditional Story* Dress rehearsal

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

WHEN: Thursday 23 September, 1.30pm

Special note: Camera and photo opportunities will include performers and puppets in final rehearsals. Interviews will be available with Sam Routledge, Terrapin artistic director and performers Denni Proctor and Jordy Gregg.

Terrapin is in final rehearsals for its first theatre production in two years, *A Not So Traditional Story* by Nathan Maynard, which will be presented at the Theatre Royal during the upcoming school holidays.

After a mammoth tour to Tasmanian schools in 2018, delighting more than 18,000 students, *A Not So Traditional Story* was presented at Arts Centre Melbourne and Brisbane Festival.

“It’s a thrill to be bringing this Tasmanian Aboriginal story back to Tasmanian audiences,” Terrapin Executive Producer Belinda Kelly said.

The play follows the story of Timita and Wurangkili, two kids with very different attitudes towards adventure, who are crashed upon by an alien from a faraway land and must venture far from home to unravel who he is. They encounter unexpected characters along the way, brought to life with Terrapin’s signature high-quality puppetry and physical theatre.

“It’s a classic journey return narrative,” Terrapin artistic director Sam Routledge said. “The two main characters leave their home to fulfil a quest, and come home better improved – and the world is improved.”

Trawlwoolway, palawa/pakana playwright Nathan Maynard worked closely with the Terrapin team to develop the work, which also incorporates storytelling through shadow puppetry and explores ideas of culture, identity, bravery and friendship.

Tickets are on sale now for *A Not So Traditional Story* at the Theatre Royal, 7 – 9 October:
<https://www.theatreroyal.com.au/shows/not-so-traditional-story>

Established in 1981, Terrapin 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. Terrapin creates work for schools, theatres, festivals and public spaces.

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