

Blak Cabaret

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A majestic trip to our nation's heart in a unique brand of blak brilliance



Photo: Blak Cabaret © Andrew Gough

"Constantina Bush is not afraid to push boundaries ... Her demeanour – totally unaffected by her own jokes – was similar to that of Kim from Kath and Kim, and so too was the feigned ignorance to her own inappropriateness." **ABC Online**

"A revolving door of talent from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community." **The Age**

"A wild celebration of colour and song to salve the weary soul." **Time Out Melbourne**

Blak Cabaret raucously injects new life into the treasured oral histories of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. After a sell-out run at the Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival in 2014, *Blak Cabaret* will heat up the The Famous Spiegel tent stage in the Festival Village this summer.

Presenting a deadly funny take on black/white relations, a thunderous mob of poets, dancers, comedians and music-makers will dazzle the audience with a vision of blak invasion that flips our Australian history on its head. Unstoppable diva **Constantina Bush** will blaze onto the stage with her take-no-prisoners approach, bringing with her a ball-bustingly subversive perspective on Australia's cultural identity.

Blending tradition with innovation, legends of Australian performance take to the stage alongside emerging artists to set the night ablaze with music, comedy and dance. *Blak Cabaret's* established performers have been entertaining audiences for over 30 years, creating contemporary songlines throughout the country. Their emerging performers continue to forge their own footprint with the show engaging local dancers and performers to tell their unique stories.

Blak Cabaret will be a revolving door of talent from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community with acts featuring **Kamahi Djordan King** as Constantina Bush, **Kutch Edwards**, **Deline Briscoe**, *So You Think You Can Dance* hip-hop dancer **Nikki Ashby**, **Bart Willoughby** and **Emma Donovan**, this glorious and subversive take on sovereignty will make you laugh, cry, and sing your heart out.

Kick up your heels as an outstanding posse of performers inject new life into treasured oral histories and spin some new ones along the way.

Creative producer & Concept **Jason Tamiru**
Writer **Nakkiah Lui**
Directing Consultant **Matt Lutton**

Where The Famous Spiegel tent, Festival Village

When 20 – 25 January, 8.00pm

Price Priority Entry \$55 (15 minutes before show time)
General Admission \$45/ \$41

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