Inspired by a girl's journey between two cultures, *Mathinna* traces the history of an Aboriginal girl removed from her traditional life, adopted into Western Colonial society to be ultimately returned to the fragments of her original heritage. Mathinna became the archetype of the 'stolen child' and in this work, Bangarra Dance Theatre recreates her powerful story of vulnerability and searching in an era of confusion and intolerance.

## **MATHINNA – BY STEPHEN PAGE**

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BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE MATHINNA A GIRL'S JONRNEY BETWEEN TWO CULTURES

# MATHINNA

#### CAST

MATHINNA LADY JANE FRANKLIN GOVERNOR JOHN FRANKLIN TOWTERER (FATHER) ELMA KRIS YOLANDE BROWN SIDNEY SALTNER PATRICK THAIDAY

#### COMPANY

WAANGENGA BLANCO JHUNY BOY BORJA TRAVIS DE VRIES TARA GOWER ELLA HAVELKA

CHOREOGRAPHY MUSIC SET DESIGN COSTUME DESIGN LIGHTING DESIGN

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR REHEARSAL DIRECTOR PRODUCTION MANAGER STAGE MANAGER ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER HEAD ELECTRICIAN HEAD MECHANIST

DANIEL RILEY MCKINLEY LEONARD MICKELO TARA ROBERTSON JASMIN SHEPPARD KAINE SULTAN-BABIJ

STEPHEN PAGE DAVID PAGE PETER ENGLAND JENNIFER IRWIN DAMIEN COOPER

STEPHEN PAGE CATHERINE GOSS PHOEBE COLLIER KATE WILLIAMS MILLIE ADAMS PADRAIG O SUILLEABHAIN KAYNE JOHNSON

There will be no interval. Please note strobe lighting, smoke and haze will be used during the performance.

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