



NORTHERN TRAX



The **ANTI RACISM ACTION BAND** presents **Northern Trax** in association with the Melbourne International Arts Festival.

A.R.A.B. 200 youth. 50 cultural backgrounds. Body percussion. Belly dance. Spoken word. Krump. Hip hop. Dance Hall. Parkour. Instrumental composition. Vocal harmony. Video. Sound Design.

Northern Trax Secret Installation: There's a wedding on tonight one stop down from Flinders Street station in Zone 1. Southside. It's a disapproved of union. A cultural, religious, family clash. Too different. Too off-the-wall. Too difficult. Bigger than that, a Zone 2 is marrying a Zone 1. Despite the disapproval in the community our northernsiders from Epping to Cragieburn to Upfield are riding the train lines into the wedding. They are voting with their feet and along the way challenge themselves on their futures inside and beyond Zone 2.

Northern Trax Random Installations
Check www.arab-vass.com daily from 1st October for 'Random' times & locations **Mon 18 - 23 Oct FREE**

Northern Trax Secret Installations
Meet at Degraeves Lane (entrance to Platform Artist Spaces) **Tue 19 - Fri 22 Oct at 7pm & 8pm \$5**

Northern Trax Finale
Meet at Signal, Northbank (behind Flinders St Station) **Sat 23 Oct at 7pm \$5**

bookings: 93593670
www.arab-vass.com

A.R.A.B. is a Victorian Arabic Social Services program that began in 2004 as a creative response to the racial vilification of young Arabic people in Melbourne's north. It now works with over 200 young people from 50 cultural backgrounds, has performed at 300 events to over 70,000 people and toured everywhere from the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre to the Gotham Comedy Club New York.

Collaboration! The Northern Trax Team:

The **A.R.A.B.** youth ensemble / Creative Producer, Co Writer, Co Director Kate Gillick / Co Director, Co Writer Jeremy Angerson / Guest Director Nadja Kostich/ Program and Project Manager Marline Zaibak / Production Manager Emily O'Brien / Composer, Musical Director & Sequencing Irine Vela/Sound Artist Kelly Ryall / Musicians and Vocalists, MC Yung Philly (lyrics) Bikram Malhar, Zein Mehrez, Josh Vuocolo, Irine Vela, Corey Ifi, Kevin Nugara, DJ Ming Ling / Actors Ritchie Hallal / Youth Actors Maysa Abouzeid, Jehad & Jehana El Zaayat, Bree Synot, Andrew & Orion, Nirvair Singh, Sunny, Mani, Harry, Harjinder / Lighting Designer Richard Vabre/ Design Marg Horwell / Media Artist Michael Carmody / Costume Design tutor Sarah Martinus / Choreographers, Dancers, Tutors Deon Nuku, John Gray, Melissa Cristina, Cat Sweeney, Casey Hill, Marlee Daly, Binny / Sound and Tech Patrick Dunn, David Butterworth / Crew Nina Sawtell, Monique Revell Robin Vaauli / Teacher Partners Kris Nelson, Ben Woods, Jacqueline Bonis, Liam Walsh, Tamara Macanovic, Heather Wilson, Simon Harvey, Kristen Versteegebrown, Delwyn Castellano, Mark Hynes Community Cultural Development Worker Jessica Wraight / Cultural Liaison Hala Saba / Disability Support Sally Jones/Admin Stephanie Kukala.

Northern Trax stories are researched and developed within the **A.R.A.B.** youth ensemble. They are not autobiographical. A special thanks to Jasmine Ouaida, Maysa Abouzeid, Bree Synot & Corey Ifi for their interviews.

School, local council and community partners:

MacLeod Secondary College • Reservoir District Secondary College • John Fawcner Secondary College • Hume Central Secondary College (Blair St, Dimboola and Town Park campuses) • Glenroy Secondary College • Ruthven Secondary College (Merrilands & Lakeside Campus) • Koori Unit Kangan Batman TAFE Broadmeadows Campus • Glenroy Specialist School • Brunswick Secondary College Language Centre • Platform Youth Theatre • The Social Studio • Wick Studios • Jungle City Dancers

Moreland City Council. City of Whittlesea. City of Darebin. City of Melbourne. Hume City Council

Other partner organisations:

Metro Trains • pilotlight • Melbourne International Arts Festival

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