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## NOONGAR DREAMING STORIES TO TOUR PILBARA SCHOOLS

Primary school students throughout the Pilbara will have the opportunity to see an exciting collection of plays performed by Australia's leading Indigenous Theatre Company.

Yirra Yaakin Noongar Theatre is taking its latest family show on the road for a four-week tour of the Pilbara and Kimberley in May.

IN THE NYITTING TIME is a delightful collection of short plays based on traditional stories about the waterways and native animals of the South West.

IN THE NYITTING TIME translates to "in the cold time" and is the traditional way Noongars used to start their stories. The play interweaves messages about conservation, creation and respect with contemporary theatre practice.

Yirra Yaakin Associate Director Derek Nannup said the company was looking forward to sharing Noongar stories with Northwest communities.

"Not only is the play entertaining and educational, we believe it will be inspirational to community audiences because it's a quality piece of theatre that is written, produced and performed by Aboriginal artists" Mr. Nannup said.

IN THE NYITTING TIME stars actors Maudie Sketchely, Amy Smith and Sean Dow, who are all graduates of the acclaimed Aboriginal Theatre Course at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Yirra Yaakin is a multi-award winning theatre company with more than fifteen years experience in delivering quality Aboriginal productions and workshops throughout Western Australia.

Yirra Yaakin proudly supports the Healthway message Respect Yourself, Respect Your Culture and the tour is produced in partnership with Country Arts WA.

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## Tour information:

Mon	30 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	Paraburdoo Primary School
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am	Tom Price Primary School
Thur	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.00am	Onslow Primary School
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Pannawonica Primary School
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am	Tambrey Primary School Karratha
Wed	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Cassia Primary School Port Hedland
Thur	10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	South Headlland Primary School
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	St Cecelia's Catholic Primary School
Mon	14 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Roebuck Primary School
Thu	17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Bayulu/Djugerari/Yakanarra Fitzroy
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	Halls Creek DHD
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> may	9.00am 1.00pm	Wyndham DHS St Josephs'
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Kununurra DHS
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	St Joseph's