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### DAVID MILROY A FINALIST IN THE WA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company congratulates acclaimed playwright David Milroy on his selection as a finalist in the prestigious 2011 WA Citizen of the Year Awards.

Mr Milroy is a finalist in the Arts, Culture and Entertainment category, which acknowledges his significant contribution, development and promotion of the industry.

David Milroy is a multi award-winning writer and is widely regarded as one of Australia's leading Aboriginal playwrights.

His most recent work, WALTZING THE WILARRA, was critically acclaimed and sold out during the Perth International Arts Festival's 2011 season. Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company proudly produced the play.

David Milroy has strong ties to Yirra Yaakin. He served as the company's artistic director for ten years and he has written and directed most of the company's most successful productions.

Yirra Yaakin Chairman Clem Rodney congratulated David on his selection as a finalist.

"These awards recognize outstanding achievement and contribution to the industry. To be selected as a finalist is a great honour and the company is delighted that David's commitment and passion for the arts has been recognized" said Mr Rodney.

David Milroy has won several major theatre awards, including the WA Equity Guild Award, Patrick White Award, Deadly Award and the Kate Challis Award.

The WA Citizen of the Year Awards will be announced at a gala ceremony at the Burswood Entertainment Complex on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

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