

A woman is shown from the chest up, wearing a bright red strapless top. Her skin is covered in black body paint with handwritten text in Indigenous Australian languages. On her upper chest, the words "Song Tongue" and "Love Spirit Dance" are visible. On her red top, the word "yoga/Djalan" is written. The background is a light blue wall with more faint, handwritten text in Indigenous languages.

WilinWeek'08 Keep the Fire Burning
VCA **21-24 APRIL**

MotherTongues: Honouring Indigenous Australian Languages

Lost Found Surviving: Sustaining Aboriginal cultural, creative & spiritual knowledge

Drawing on the UN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LANGUAGES 2008, this year's Wilin Week Indigenous Celebration at the VCA will honour all Indigenous Australian Languages – lost, found and surviving. Our languages connect us to ancestors, and keep Indigenous creative fires burning. Our Indigenous Australian Languages are lost, found and surviving and ultimately sustain Aboriginal cultural, creative and spiritual knowledge. Come and celebrate the strength of Aboriginal creativity in language – our mother tongues with special guests Ray Kelly, a performing artist and Indigenous languages researcher, and Acclaimed actor Tom E Lewis with an array of Aboriginal musical performances. **ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND CATERING PROVIDED.**

MONDAY 21 APRIL: OPENING CEREMONY: language, dance, song, tongue, spirit
1PM: BRYAN BROWN STAGE: Wilin Week Opening Ceremony featuring acclaimed singer/songwriter Kutcha Edwards and Didgeridoo player Ron Murray with the VCASS Choir performing a special piece: *Arafura*
WELCOME TO COUNTRY: Aunty Joy Wandin Murphy Artist in Residence: Performance by Ray Kelly
5PM: TALKING CIRCLE: Story Telling and a feed with Ray Kelly: Wilin Garden fire bowl
8.30PM: CINEMA 2 FILM: Australian Film premiere screening *Time and Tide* in partnership with Kiaga Tuvalu.

TUESDAY 22 APRIL: YOUTH DAY: hip-hop, beats, soul, lyrics
11AM: YOUTH WORKSHOPS featuring Aboriginal language, dance and stories
1PM: BRYAN BROWN STAGE: Indigenous Hip-hop featuring the *Yung Warriors* and MC Johnny Mac.

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL: COMMUNITY DAY: Corroboree, unity, tribes, languages, one love
1PM: BRYAN BROWN STAGE: Community Day Concert featuring MC Kutcha Edwards, language and traditional dance with Wayne Thorpe and soul sounds with our sisters.
6PM: CINEMA 2 FILM: Screening *Crocodile Dreaming* with Tom E Lewis.

THURSDAY 24 APRIL: CLOSING CEREMONY: roots, family, brothers, sisters, people
1PM: BRYAN BROWN STAGE: Wilin Week Closing Ceremony featuring the *Brown Roots Collective* International Indigenous performance and Tom E Lewis and VCA Music with a special Closing Ceremony performance.



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