## **Scott Wings'**

# COLOSSI

**Presenter Pack** 









## Can't always get to the theatre?

Or just want to see something different? COLOSSI, by the internationally acclaimed performer Scott Wings, is an event that can go anywhere!





## What is COLOSSI?

Scott and his imaginary friend Jack hunt monsters and play with dragons.

However when the giants stomp through, these Colossi devour everything in their path. In this imaginary world Scott created, he can't seem to imagine a thing to stop them...

COLOSSI is a one-man, site-based performance by the award-winning Scott Wings. It is different to many shows for the following 3 unique reasons.

COLOSSI is site-based theatre:

Site-based theatre means the performance of COLOSSI is held in places not normally associated with theatre. It could be a backyard, a

bridge or at the base of a huge tree.

This is because Scott Wings is
passionate about putting art in every
day spaces. He believes that creating
art in unique locations promotes art for
everyone and opens up the potential in
the natural environment.

COLOSSI is traditional storytelling:

There are little to no props, lights or sets in COLOSSI. The sense of spectacle is reserved for the performance itself and the imagination of its audience. In this sense COLOSSI is very much a return to the origins of storytelling. It is raw and real and all the more beautiful a tale for it. Plus it makes it easy to set-up and pop-up in a variety of every day locations.

Mental Health discussion:

The subject matter of the show touches on matters of mental health, depression and anxiety. For this reason it is useful to have adults to explain to young people what some of the concepts might mean. Many moments of COLOSSI can seem like a children's fantasy, however it quickly delves into a darker, more adult headspace that anyone over the age of 15 will understand. Regret, loneliness, sadness, these are all issues that Scott will have to face with the help of his imagination.





## COLOSSI in your neighborhood

#### **DURATION**

Act 1 - 55 mins

#### **SUITABLE VENUES**

*COLOSSI* is most suited to interesting, unique and every day non-traditional theatre spaces, however traditional theatre venues are also suitable.

Scott Wings is a performer who works directly with his environment, and adapts his performance to the site specified. The company is particularly interested in presenting *COLOSSI* in unexpected spaces where the work can take on new life.

## MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES PER WEEK

8 performances

## MINIMUM BREAK BETWEEN PERFORMANCES

90 minutes

#### **MUSIC**

No music is currently used in COLOSSI.

#### **TOURING PERSONNEL**

The touring party consists of 2 people

Scott Sneddon - Producer and Presenter

Meg Bartholomew - Producer

#### PERFORMANCE HISTORY - COLOSSI

Year	Venue or Site	Number of
		performances
2015	Anywhere Festival	9
2013	Allywhere restival	
	Highgate Hill	
	Footbridge, Brisbane	
2015	ArtShed	2
2015	Artsneu	2
	Labrador Park,	
	Singapore	
2015	Haque School Of	1
2015	Acting & Creativity	1
	Acting a creativity	
	Little India, Singapore	
2015	Crack Theatre Festival	2
2013	Crack illeatie restival	2
	Pacific Park,	
	Newcastle East	
2015	QPAC Lunchtime Live	1
2013	QI AC LUIICITAINIC LIVE	_
	QPAC, Brisbane	
2015	Kelvin Grove State	1
2013	College	
	Kelvin Grove,	
	Brisbane	
2015	Canberra chessboard	2
	in the park	
2015	Hadau Tha C	
2015	Under The Hammer	2
	Coburg, Melbourne	

## Audience Engagement

# COLOSSI as a learning experience

#### **AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT**

#### **OVERVIEW**

*COLOSSI* provides audience engagement opportunities, and the company is flexible to tailor them to your community. The team are dedicated to audience engagement and are keen to do after show discussions in addition to workshops.

## Workshop: Physical Theatre, Monster Creation, Performance Poetry

Scott Wings is an award-winning performer and poet in Australia and can offer a 3-hour or 2 day workshop (or a time frame to suit your group or organisations) for local students, poets and performance makers. Scott is an experienced workshop facilitator and has run workshops around Australia and internationally. These workshops include techniques on writing and creativity as well as physicality and voice work.

#### **COLOSSI at Schools and Education Packs**

These performances and packs offer a unique learning opportunity to understand storytelling, alternatives to stage-based theatre, open discussions around mental health and to inspire students to create their own variety of physicality using physical theatre training methods.

#### Community Engagement: Local Poet/MC

Scott Wings is world-class physical performer, performance poet, hip-hop artist and MC with a grand repertoire. Bring Scott to MC or open your show/event.

#### **COST**

Performance Workshop: Either \$110 per participant (3 hour), \$220 per participant (two days) or a \$1200 fee for Scott.

## TARGET AUDIENCE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

15+ for adult workshops – target audience is people interested in creating performance/ with a passion for music and theatre.

Scott is an experienced school's workshop facilitator, and can tailor workshops for particular school age groups.

Scott Wings has promoted performance, poetry slam, creative writing and hip-hop through workshops in Hobart (Hobart schools cluster of 9 different schools), Kelvin Grove State College (lower and upper schools), Brisbane Writers Festival (grades 6 & 7), Skateboard Factory (Arethusa College), QLD Poetry Festival Regional Roadshow (including high school groups in Rockhampton, Bundaberg and Townsville), The Wallaby Creek Festival, Slam Qld, The Edge, Ascot State School, Mabel Park State School, Jam Jar Poetry and The Qld Writers Centre.

These workshops enable students/participants to discover writing, build on their language and their performance, or simply engage with creativity in a new and dynamic way.

Whether purely for confidence or to hone their skills, these workshops contribute to a wide range of abilities for both young people and adults alike. His workshops are inclusive of all ranges, abilities and backgrounds.

With a Post-Graduate Degree in Education (Primary School), a background in hip-hop, theatre and poetry, as well as a Bachelor in Creative Industries - Scott Wings facilitates high quality workshops with a unique and engaging slant on words, delivery and presentation.

### **Marketing**

COLOSSI is a theatrical investigation of imagination, the mind and mental health using physical comedy, physical theatre, pantomime and poetry.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The target audience for *COLOSSI* is 12-30 with a particular interest in drawing young men into the audience to open discussions around mental health in young adults, particularly males.

Besides this target demographic *COLOSSI* has captivated children as young as 5 years old with it's irreverent physical comedy and imagination.

It is well suited thematically to a young adult audience and engages with audiences interested in contemporary theatre, comedy and hybrid arts, as well as people interested in the life and trauma of young men in today's society.

#### MARKETING COPY

#### Short

COLOSSI is a physical comedy with an overdose on imagination. Scott and his imaginary friend Jack battle trolls and monsters, but can't fight the giants in Scott's head. What do you do when even your own mind fails you?

#### Extended

Scott and his imaginary friend Jack love to play. However, in a world of depression and anxiety, what can they do to fight the giants that devour everything that is good?

colossi (pronounced Col-Os-Eye) is a one-man show that combines physical theatre, poetry and play to create an imaginary world of trolls, goblins, giants and fairies. Join Scott Wings and his imaginary friend Jack in the outdoors as they catapult into the fray with ninja swords and bazookas at the ready. It's all pretend of course, obviously... actually, is it? Those Colossi seem to be doing some pretty serious damage to Scott's mental health.

Site-based, physical, playful and raw, COLOSSI utilises found, openair sites as a catalyst for childhood play that is reminiscent of bulletresistant- suits and sticksthat-becomelightsabers. Unfortunately this imaginative world also has to contend with the realities of adulthood - regret, depression and suicidal thoughts - conceptualised by the titular Colossi.

A playful yin to the dark yang of 2014/2015's sellout award winner *Icarus Falling, COLOSSI* sees Scott Wings physicalize the world of his psyche.

Using site-based theatre techniques to re-invent and invigorate common spaces, *COLOSSI* is a treat for anyone that loves play and whimsy, balanced with the realities of depression. Peter Pan meets Labyrinth by way of Fight Club, COLOSSI is an interactive mind-warp told through pure, raw physicality and words. All done in fifty short minutes.

#### MARKETING SUMMARY

Marketing will include a video short, with posters, flyers and marketing release included.

#### **MEDIA QUOTES**

"It's impossible to look away as he contorts himself physically and mentally, struggling to carry himself and a world of mental constructs through the mindscape he has created - one replete with wonder, comedy and drama."

Jason Lomas, Anywhere Theatre Festival

'Scott Wings is possessed with an infectious Dionysian spirit - casting a spell over his enthralled audience ...If you get a chance to see him - GRAB IT!'

Lynne Bradley, Founder/Director, Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre

#### Icarus Falling:

This piece is a white-knuckle ride for the male psyche...50 minutes of extreme performance by a truly talented man.

ScotsGay, Zander Bruce

He gives the audience his all and this honesty rewards him tenfold with a show that is an unforgettable.

The New Current

#### **COLLEAGUE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Lynne Bradley, Co-Director, **Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company**, Brisbane.

lynne@zenzenzo.com

Zoe Tuffin, Programming Assistant, **Brisbane Powerhouse** ZoeT@brisbanepowerhouse.org IMAGES

Production Images available on request

#### **CONTENT WARNINGS**

Adult themes, pretend violence, 15+ guidance recommended.

## **COLOSSI**

## How to host a giant imagination

PRODUCTION DETAILS

#### **TECHNICAL SUMMARY**

COLOSSI has been designed as a lo-fi touring show and thus has minimal staging requirements. It is a one-man show, relying on minimal lighting.

#### **EXAMPLE SCHEDULE**

An example bump-in schedule for *COLOSSI* would be 4 hours get in/bump in and test. 2 hours plot and focus, 2 hour technical/ dress rehearsal

#### CREW REQUIRED FROM VENUE

COLOSSI requires 1 x support staff for technical issues (torches, seating, mattresses, lighting and candles etc.) As well as audience guide to the space for the show.

#### **STAGE**

COLOSSI is a minimal show and operates in unique environments. The staging is adaptive, but ideally the minimum size is 1 x 5 meters flat space with climbable objects.

#### **MATTING**

COLOSSI requires matting or soft

cushioning for Scott to perform on to avoid injury.

#### **WEATHER & BUGS**

Being outside presents many unique opportunities, however it would be remiss to forget about the power of the Australian weather. From rain to sunburn, mosquitos to spiders, the outdoors creates a wide range of issues for performance.

A general COLOSSI performance consists of identifying a number of indoor or undercover options in case of bad weather. The performance space should have natural shading for audiences and Scott. Mosquito repellent and sunscreen will be provided in the necessary situations.

Venue to supply

#### LIGHTING

COLOSSI can be performed with or without a lighting rig. Torches and candles are ample to provide lighting.

COLOSSI will supply

SOUND

# Production Details

N/A

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N/A

#### WARDROBE

The costume is simple and needs to be washed after each show.

Venue to supply

A dressing room with room for 1 person and Washing Machine required.

#### **FREIGHT NOTES**

There is no freight required for the show.

#### **TICKETING AND SALES**

Despite the use of outside spaces, COLOSSI is easy to collect tickets and create a "door". Previous shows have included the space being cut-off from wandering public and/or taking the audience into the space itself.



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