

BLURB & SHOW SYNOPSIS

Leaders and innovators in Australian Hip-hop Dance and Culture; Elements Collective are branching out from their regular workshops, classes and programs, to use their cast of world class b-boys & b-girls to present a unique and new style of hip-hop dance theatre.

We are thrown inside a mind full of thoughts and mixed emotions. Confronting Fear, Joy, Ego and Frustration head on.

M.I.N.D.E.D. is a hip-hop dance theatre piece exploring way's the mind can create altered perceptions of reality and the effects it has on the body.

Pushing boundaries of hip-hop theatre with pristine acrobatics, expert breakdancing, choreography and contemporary theatrics.

Elements Collective bring us on an emotional journey through movement and character connection. Using their expertise in world class break-dancing and contemporary theatrics this show pushes the boundaries of hip-hop theatre with pristine acrobatics, visual choreography and intense body awareness with an entirely QLD based cast of performers.

Leah Tilney (Artistic director and Owner of Elements Collective) is a multi-national champion b-girl (breakdancer) and an established performer & choreographer working on extensive international tours in the past with companies such as Stalker Theatre (Syd) & Tom Tom Crew (Strut n Fret).

She has selected a cast of award winning break & freestyle dancers: Brad "Yogi" Harrison, Benny Garcia & Travers Ross to work with her alongside musical genius Ben Ely (Regurgitator) composing a completely original soundtrack and Dramaturgy by Emma Serjeant of ESP (EmmaSerjeantPerformance).

Elements Collective received funding to create M.I.N.D.E.D from the Australia Council for the Arts Project Fund in 2016.

ABOUT THE CAST

Leah Tilney aka B-girl Flix (Artistic Director/Performer) is the current Australian & Pacific B-girl Champion and represented Australia in the World Finals in Montpellier France in 2012 and most recently in NZ 2016 at Battle of the Year.

Brad "Yogi" Harrison is the current R16 Australian B-boy Champion just returning for South Korea representing Australia in the R16 World Finals 2015.

Benny "Bucho" Garcia is a multi-award winning b-boy and performer with commercial dance groups Swagamama & Equals Crew and recently placed 2nd at the National final for the Redbull BC One Competition.

Travers Ross, A freestyle dancer and choreographer has worked in the Australian dance scene as a facilitator of regional workshops in communities to choreographing some of the largest commercial dance shows in Australia including the Aria's and So You Think You Can Dance as well as European tours with Sydney's Stalker Theatre Company.

Ben Ely (Music Composition) is an Australian musician and artist best known for his work with Brisbane indie/alternative rock band Regurgitator, a multi-ARIA Music Award winning group from Brisbane.

Emma Serjeant (Dramaturg/Producer) Co-Founder of international touring and award winning Casus Circus and Creative Director of ESP-Emma Serjeant Performance is an experienced director and creator. Emma came on board as a dramaturg for the creative development to ensure this production reaches it full potential as a polished and touring work.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Elements Collective have been leading the way in the production of new hip-hop dance works in QLD and creating opportunities for professional street dancers to work in the industry, create and inspire a broader audience.

They use music & movement to introduce Hip-hop Culture to diverse audiences and leaves a lasting impression of how hip-hop can inspire creativity and culture in a new light.

Elements Collective are one of very few companies in Australia collaborating contemporary settings with professional b-boy's/b-girl's and hip-hop dancers showing that they are building demand for their unique and new hip-hop dance theatre.

Elements Collective are interpreting a classical emotional script through hip-hop dance in a way that makes art more accessible and appealing to youth and younger audiences.

Elements Collective have worked closely with community organisations and programs around QLD providing workshops, mentorships & facilitation for at-risk and disadvantaged youth, multicultural groups and charity organisations such as Canteen, Young Carers, Create Foundation, Quandamooka Youth and Brisbane Youth Service to name a few, as well as running over 20 public classes a week from their Fortitude Valley studios.

They have a strong support network of creative's highly regarded in their fields who have pushed them to progress, inspire and creative innovative work in the dance & theatre circuit.

OUR AUDIENCE

Hip-hop dance is an integrated dance culture of young people today and is a fantastic way of bringing younger audiences to the arts.

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LINKS

FULL VIDEO (of first development showing 2016) <https://vimeo.com/183804476> Password: mindedec

CONCEPT VIDEO PROMO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MX7TIlzW4Q>

FACEBOOK PAGE for MINDED <https://www.facebook.com/mindedproduction>

INSTAGRAM for MINDED <https://www.instagram.com/m.i.n.d.e.d/hiphopshow>

FACEBOOK PAGE for ELEMENTS COLLECTIVE <https://www.facebook.com/ecstudios/>

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