

BLUE LOVE AUDIENCE FEEDBACK **REGIONAL NSW TOUR**

Jetty Theatre, Coffs Harbour

"Loved it!...it exhausted me to watch it...a zany, mad ride!" - Amanda Scott

"I came to see the show on Saturday evening and it was just brilliant! Everyone around me was rolling in laughter. Me too. Congratulations on a fantastic creation! Such a breath of fresh air and a treat for us." - Hilary Davies

Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre

"Thank you Dubbo audiences for attending Shaun Parker & Company's Blue Love.

"It was certainly 'Blue', hilarious, poignant, retro and a little non-mainstream. We promised we would 'Shake Things Up' by 'exposing' you to productions that cosmopolitan audiences see regularly." - Linda Christof, Manager

"AMAZING SHOW!! We LOVED it. GO SEE IT!!" Dubbo Theatre

Byron Bay Theatre

"...Was awesome fun tonight! Great Show!!" - Nina Jeftic

"Blue Love was excellent" - Carl Taylor

"The show was really fantastic. The actors really engaged the audience especially when they handed out beer & popcorn!" - Grant Martin

"Great show. The patrons all loved it." - Jeannie Merrit

"Hope to see you back again at Byron Theatre in the future!" - Tanja Greulich

The Glasshouse, Port Macquarie

"Very good!...Actually, 'very good' is probably too tame - it's better than that!" - Mark Parish

"Awesome work!" - Caroline Bindon

"Just made my day!...Loved it!" - Jenny Simpson



'Blue Love can make or break a relationship..

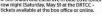
What do Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge, So You Think You Can Dance, the London Olympics cultural festival and Blue Love (showing at the DRTCC this weekend) all have in common? Shaun Parker, that's who. The dynamic talent behind Shaun Parker & Company, which is currently rocking the contemporary dance theatre world, will be joined in Dubbo by stunning TV and film actress, Lucia Mastranone. Together on stage in Blue Love, the pair navigate the clichés of pop culture, romance, coupledom and suburbia with an intense fusion of physical theatre, film and dance, as lovebirds Glenn and Rhonda.

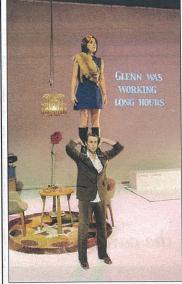
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Expect the unexpected!
This show files through dif-throughout the night so the undience is never sure where it's going to be taken. The main journey will definitely involve the audience hearing this throughout the night on the main journey will definitely involve the audience hearing this throughout the night and laughter.





A unique dance

THIS May the Glasshouse will stage a completely different contemporary dance experience, Blue Love, from Shaun Parker & Company (pictured above).

This exhilarating and bold Australian dance company is known for its critically acclaimed dance productions that deliver a unique blend of entertaining choreography, striking musical scores and theatrical invention.

Inspired by famous works of art, theatre, music and film dealing with the concept of 'love', Blue Love is a quirky, characterbased work it is a multi-media, physical theatre comedy: accessible, challenging and enormously entertaining.

Glenn and Rhonda Flune, played by Parker and Lucia Mastrantone, invite the audience into their Love Arena on an expedition in search of the perfect relationship.

It's a journey that is full of fun and surprises, and demonstrates that the difference between the absurd and the poignant can be just a movement away. Blue Love is a poetic and satirical take on the clichés of pop culture, romance, coupledom and suburbia -

in a collision of TV soap meets art-house film.

This production was devised and choreographed by So You Think You Can Dance choreographer Shaun Parker, who also starred as tango dancer in Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge. Parker is also an awardwinning choreographer whose work has toured the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, The Middle East, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia.

Sunday 17 May, 2pm Tickets: \$49 general, \$39 Glasshouse Member(transaction fees may apply)

To book: www.glasshouse.org.au, call 6581 8888 or drop into the Box Office.

ENTERTAINMENT **Blue Love** Grab your friends, shake off your blues and indulge in a little 'Blue Love'. Shaun Parker's 'Blue Love' appears at the Coffs NFUSED with intense physical theatre, film and dance, 'Blue Love' is a poetic and satirical take on Coffs Harbour, on May 2 at 2pm and 8pm. Tickets cos \$50 premium/\$45 adult and \$40 concession. For m the cliches of pop culture, romance, coupledom and suburbia. From a fantastic place where TV soap information or to book, visit www.jettytheatre.com meets art-house film, stars Glenn and Rhonda Flune or telephone the box office on 6652 8088 betwee take the audience on an expedition in search of the midday-4pm Tuesday to Friday. Famous works of art, theatre, music and film - all of which deal with the concept of love - are the inspiration for Blue Love. This quirky, characterbased work is a multi-media, physical theatre comedy: accessible, challenging and enormously entertaining. Shaun Parker, who has been heralded as 'genius' and danced the Tango in Baz Luhrmann's 'Moulin Rouge', created this very cool, very clever and very funny show.

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THINK Blue Love is inspired by the sixty shades of love. This piece always reminds me how extreme the emotion of love is. It can fill you with pure joy and then seconds later pure misery! That same person you find irreststible that swells your heart with love is the same person in another instant that you can't wait to get away from and swells your spleen with bile! I think everyone knows a Glenn and Rhonda or has a bit of Glenn and

PRESS ARTICLES



IF YOU'VE EVER WONDERED WHY THERE ARE OUITE SO MANY LOVE SONGS AND WHAT CAN GO WRONG TO CAUSE ALL THE BREAK-UP SONGS TOO, THEN **BLUE LOVE**, **A COOL**, **CLEVER**

AND VERY FUNNY SHOW TOURING TO THE JETTY THEATRE ON 2 MAY, COULD BE THE IDEAL MATCH FOR YOU.

he show is described as a delightful infusion of intense physical theatre, crossed with dance, film and staire. The Daily Telegraph heralds it as Trilliant! The Sydney Morning Herald agrees that "it's so much fun it can't be good for you." Shaun Farker, the show's choreographer, lauded as "genius" has danced the Tango in Baz Luthmanni Moulin Rouge, and choreographer, lauded as "genius" has Vou Can Dance and the London Olympics Cultural Festival. We caught up with him to find out what a trast wer eal in for when Blue Love comes to town.

"Blue Love is more of a theaster show than a dance performance," says Shaun. The show follows the lives of Glenn (performed by shaun himself) and Rhonda Flune, a very furnry and likeable married coulpe who believe that they are in fact the "perfect couple", From a fantastic place where TV soap meets retor Art-House film, the show offers a poetic and satrical take on the clickes of pop culture, romance, coupledom and suburbia.

"The idea for Blue Love came when I was singing in a Karaoke bar in Vienna, Austria", recalls Shaun. "Il belie Love at when I vas omany pop songs were about love, and that so many pop songs were about love, and that so many pop songs were about love, and that so many pop songs were about love, and that so many pop songs were about love, and that so many for the life. The show feather that been broken at some stage in their lives. The idea for a dance theatre work, about romantic love in art and popular culture was born." One part of the show features a very creative interpretation of a lovers' tiff, cleverly using popular song lyrics. loving feeling" (The Righteous Brothers) and "I

was made for loving you baby" (Kiss) Rhonda responds with "Don't call me baby!" (Madison Avenue). This genius word play is accompanied by some seriously hilanious action. The crowd can't contain their laughter.

**Blue Love was originally created as a short dance film, which was later developed over a number of stages, into a full-length dance theatre production. That full-length production was developed for the Sydney Opera House. The season sold out and attracted critical displayed and audience acclaim.

House. The season sold out and attracted critical and audience acclaim. Bit racial and audience acclaim. Bit racial states are also accepted to the control internationally and nationally since and on 2 May, we are lucky that it will be the touring to Coff Hurbour. Shaun, whose artistic mission is to make people "think, feel and laugh" is understandably delighted with the incredible audience feedback that he receives for the show, let alone the acclaim of the international press. On seeing Blue Love, one audience member words to him to say, "I completely loved this show. Simply the best thing: intelligent, inspliftul, interogative and injurious to your health, because it provokes so much laughter!" And to think that we could have missed out on all this creative fun and genius ... Shaun only got into dance by accident! A severe stutter during his childrood in Victoria led him to therapy (singing and drama lessons), however, he had never tried dance classes. Aged 13, he watched his sister in a dance school performance. Afterwards

he started "pulling off the moves".

as he describes it, turning double priouettes and drawing the attention of the teacher. "She sort of fercuited me, so that's how I started." Vest as later from his enthusiastic beginnings, Shaun now heads up his own dance company, which has exploded onto the scene with works like Bike. Love, which are exhiliarating and bold. Shaun says. "I think people find the works really accessible and engaging, and I have some of the best dancers in Australia in my company!" Shaun draws his inspiration from human behaviour, from finding out what makes us all tick. "I am absolutely intrigued by the complexites of humans," he says. "We are fragile, crazy, complicated, funny and diverse creatures. It seems that people really like our work because it reminds them of themselves, and they seem to find it really funny!"

This will be Shaun's first visit to the Coffs

Coast. He says, "I have always heard so much about it, so I am stoked we are bringing the show up there to the Atty Theatre! I love regional audiences. They are fun and up for a good time! The characters in Blue Love are quite nauptly and a bit rasy... I think the Coffs audience will love them. Blue Love is definitely a fun ingith out. And besides ... our characters Glenn and Rhonda give out free hoers at the beginning of the should not free beer at the beginning of the show! And popcorn!" Who couldn't fall in love with that

GLENN WAS LONG HOURS

ℰ the plug!

Blue Love will be performed at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday 2 May at the Jetty Memorial Theatre.

For more information and to book tickets, go to jettytheatre.com call or vist the box office from 12pm - 4pm, Tues to Fri 6652 8088.

Spice up Sunday

what: Blue Love when: Sunday, 2pm, where: Glasshouse

IF you are looking to spice up your Sunday check out Blue Love

at the Glasshouse. Devised, choreo-graphed, directed by and starring Shaun Parker with Veronica Neave, the theatrical piece blends dance, music, film and song in a surprising one

hour performance. Parker was the tango dancer in Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge and is a choreographer on televi-sion talent search So You Think You Can Dance. Blue Love is a poet-

ic and satirical take on the clichés of pop culture, romance, modern couples, and suburbia, where tele-vision soapie meets art-house film.



It is full of kitsch. drippy love song clichés and touching sentiment, delivered with a certain amount

The couple in Blue Love are Glenn and Rhonda Flune, who take the audience on a search for the perfect relationship.



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searching for the perfect relationship amid the cliches of pop culture and

"Blue Love is so much fun it can't possibly be good for you."

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

Saturday 2 May • 2pm & 8pm



The Australia Day committee is gearing up to put on their country town's biggest bash — but everyone wants a piece of the party pie.

. A thoroughly modern ripper of a comedy, by acclaimed satirist Jonathan Biggins.

Saturday 20 June • 2pm & 8pm



Festival is on the road again with three riotous nights in Coffs!

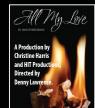
There will be laughs a plenty. 2015 will be bigger and better than ever be prepared for an unforgettable experience of untamed hilarity.

Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 & Friday 26 June • 7:30pm



The Melbourne Ballet Company is back by popular demand. With the striking program Divenire. Encapsulating the beauty, athleticism and passion of Contingency Pullet, making for a program of Contingency Pullet, making for of Contemporary Ballet, making for a

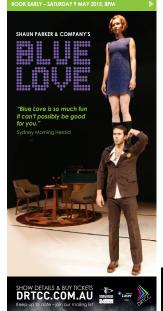
Saturday 1 August • 2pm & 8pm



so differently: the story of Henry Lawson and Mary Gilmore's lost love Henry Lawson is one of the nation's favourite writers and poets. His contemporary, Mary Gilmore, was a literary icon and radical socialist.

Wednesday 30 September • 8pm







Blue Love has been seen in Singapore, Sydney, Melbourn and New Zealand and was originally created as a short fi which screened internationally and won numerous aware including: Best Dance Film, Videodance in Athens.







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