



Barkly on show



BARKLY Regional Arts will present the 21st Desert Harmony Art and Culture Festival (Anyingninyi Manu) in Tennant Creek, in central Australia, later this month.

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This annual event celebrates the region's thriving and vibrant cultural mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists, musicians, dancers and writers, and visitors will be able to soak up music, film festivals, visual arts, performance, poetry, traditional dance, circus and more.

Rich mixture

Highlights of this year's line up will include, as the festival opening on Saturday, 28 August, the annual Multicultural Night featuring Mandinka Sound, two Melbourne-based West African acts, One Africa and Muhanamwé, toured by Artback NT and Kultour.

Following the annual Street Parade on Friday 3 September, there will be the *Birds of Tennant Creek* Youth Performance – involving puppetry, live sound, music and multi-media – at Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Cultural Centre. This is a collaboration between Barkly Regional Arts, Australian Theatre for Young People, Beyond Empathy and The Song Room.

The Artists of the Barkly Marketplace will be held on Saturday 4 September, followed by the launch of the Barkly



Tennant Creek kids having fun during last year's Desert Harmony Art and Culture Festival.

Artists Installation Project in the main street alive with temporary public art.

As a part of the Poetry Readings, the Indigenous Publishing House, IAD Press, is launching an anthology of Indigenous NT writers.

Also on Saturday 4 September, Artback NT: Arts Development and

Touring are presenting their '2010 DanceSite' event, a showcase of central Australian Indigenous Traditional dance.

On the final day, 5 September, the Sunday Festival Showcase will highlight talent from the Barkly region including local bands, music, song, circus and fire.