



# FLiNG PHYSICAL THEATRE

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## FLiNG HALF HIGH IN APRIL

Performers from fLiNG Physical Theatre Bega will meet with performers from Half High Circus Wollongong Youth Circus again for the second of a series of exchange rehearsals for a brand new show called **I Wanna Be I Wanna Be** will be a fast moving fun show highlighting the vocational aspirations of young people. Under the direction of Lee Pemberton the show will be developed in collaboration with Jane Davis, Artistic Director of Circus Monoxide and Adam Wheeler Artistic Director of 2ndToe Dance Collective and Stompin. The show promises to be an amazing piece of family entertainment by fLiNG Physical Theatre but with a circus twist combining tissu, globe, stilts, dance and physical theatre.

Lee Pemberton says she has "always had a love of Australian Circus. It is the larrikin element combined with great circus tricks conveying a message that attracts me. Integrating a strong dance and physical theatre skills of fLiNG performers with some very skilled circus performers is going to be challenging and exciting. I am really looking forward to it. The young people from both companies are handling it really well and it is fantastic to see the transfer of skills and new friendships being made."

The cast rehearsed full time during the first week of school holidays in April and July and for the first time with all the collaborating artists Wheeler, Davis and Pemberton. **I Wanna Be** will be performed in Bega in September and will involve special circus rigging. There will only be 5 shows in Bega as the company will tour in October to Merrigong Theatre in Wollongong to perform at Wollongong's Children's Festival.

*I Wanna Be was made possible by the Australian Government's regional arts program, the Regional Arts Fund, which gives all Australians, wherever they live, better access to opportunities to practise and experience the arts.*



Above: fLiNG Physical Theatre and Half High Circus at the January workshops.



### I WANNA BE • DRAWING COMPETITION • ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 2011 •

ITS SIMPLE, USING THE ENTRY FORM (AVAILABLE AT FLiNG OR AT LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) DRAW, PAINT & COLOUR-IN WHAT YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP, PLACE YOUR ENTRY IN THE BOX AT YOUR SCHOOL'S OFFICE OR MAIL IT TO FLiNG PHYSICAL THEATRE PO BOX 30 TATHRA NSW 2550, BEFORE AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> FOR A CHANCE TO WIN. WINNERS ANNOUNCED SEPT 5<sup>TH</sup>.

PRIZES INCLUDE: FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN) TO SEE I WANNA BE • CANDELO BOOKSHOP GIFT VOUCHER • MAGPIE MUSIC GIFT VOUCHER • COMPETITION IS OPEN TO 4 TO 13 YEARS.

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## FLING FLASH AT MERIMBULA

### JAZZ FESTIVAL PARADE

It was a chilly Saturday Morning and once again fLiNG brightened up the day with a flash mob performance.

Held at Merimbula's Jazz Festival Parade, seventeen fLiNGers jumped, danced, slid and glided through the 5 minute flash mob in front of a large crowd. A number of people were amazed by the energetic dancing and we heard people asking the question "Who is this dance group?" Next time we need to remember our own sound system and the fLiNG Flags to help with publicity as obviously there are a lot of people in the Valley who do not know who we are or what we do.

What else can we do to promote fLiNG?



#### fLiNG Physical Theatre Online on Vimeo.

During April fLiNG participated in workshops led by ABC's online producer Vanessa Milton. The company had prepared some works on site inside the Stadium and Vanessa's skill at transferring ideas from place onto video informed the method which flingers chose to video their works. The second workshop Vanessa worked with flingers to coin a phrase describing their pieces by writing a short paragraph supporting their artistic ideas. To see works made by fLiNG Physical Theatre go online to:

<http://vimeo.com/> and search for fLiNG Physical Theatre



**I Wanna Be** with fLiNG and Half High showing September 22 to 24 at 12.30 and 7.30pm. Tickets will be available online in August.

#### FLING WEEKLY TIME TABLE ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT BEGA INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND COST \$10 1 CLASS AND \$15 FOR 2 CLASSES.

##### TUESDAY

4PM – COMMUNITY GYM

5PM – 7PM FLING COMPANY TRAINING

##### FRIDAY

4.30PM – BOYS ONLY

5.30PM – FLING COMPANY CLASS

##### SATURDAY

10AM – COMMUNITY DANCE CLASS

11AM – 12.30 – YFLING

1PM- 5PM – COMPANY REHERASALS

##### JULY HOLIDAY INTENSIVES

I WANNA BE JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> 9.30am to 5pm

SOCIALSIZE ME JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> 10am to 3pm

COMMUNITY CLASSES CONCLUDE JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> AND RECOMMENCE JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>

##### ARTISTIC TEAM

###### Artistic Director

Lee Pemberton, founding director of fling Lee is a dancer, teacher and choreographer and trained at the VCA School of Dance Melbourne University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance, a Post Graduate Diploma in Choreography and a Diploma of Education from Hawthorn Institute.

Don Asker – Don has an illustrious career in Dance including House choreographer Netherlands Dance Theatre, Founding Director Human Veins Dance Theatre and currently Don is Senior lecturer at Melbourne University's Victorian College of the Arts School of Dance.

Jane Mortiss – Jane was a founding member of Human Veins Dance Theatre and has worked for many of Australia's leading dance companies. Jane was lecturer in dance at Melbourne University's Victorian College of the Arts School of Dance.

###### VISITING ARTISTS I WANNA BE PROJECT

Adam Wheeler Adam currently holds two key positions within the contemporary dance industry. He is the Artistic Associate of Stompin', a dance company based in Tasmania, which specialise in making dance work with young people. In 2008 he was the inaugural recipient of the Stompin Fellowship and has made three works for the company 23 (Official opening for The Launceston Aquatic Centre, 2009) Uncover This (2008) and Bone Dry and Green (2006).

Jane Davis . is currently working as the director of Circus Monoxide, which is based in Wollongong, NSW. Jane is the founder director of Half High Circus, Monoxides children's and youth circus. In this role, she has directed shows including Madness in the Riot Acts (2005), Superheros (National Circus Conference, 2006) CR (Merrigong, 2007), Aerials Away (Viva La Gong, 2008), Encounters (Merrigong, 2009), and Elements (2010). Jane has also been Assistant Artistic Director for Monoxides' professional shows, including the Crash 'n' Burn 2007 tour, and superb & broken (2009).

###### OUR COACHES

Maddy Phillips, Cassia Jamieson, Alex Davies, Adrienne Reardon, Kyall Shanks and Matt Hyde -Trainee tutors and senior members of fLiNG who have been performing for three years or more.

**fLiNG Board Members Debbie Tatzenko, Jen Hunt, Meagan Beaumont, Rod Llewellyn, Chris Nazer, Leanne Carter and Lyz Nelemaat**

*The Mission of FLiNG Physical as a flagship performance company for the region is to inspire young people through original contemporary dance and physical theatre*