



Touring the Top End of the Northern Territory, August 2022  
Ngukurr | Numbulwar | Darwin | Jabiru | Beswick

### COLLABORATION CHALLENGES BOUNDARIES, TOUCHES THE SOUL

Artback NT and the Australian Art Orchestra (AAO) are proud to present **Hand to Earth**, a powerful performance that incorporates ancient song, contemporary rhythm, electronica and shamanic energy.

Developed during an AAO residency in Tasmania, the group of sound artists with ancestral roots from Korea to Arnhem Land will open the **Hand to Earth** tour in the NT community of Ngukurr, home to participating Yolngu songman Daniel Warathuma Wilfred, and yidaki (didgeridoo) performer David Yipininy Wilfred.

*“Working with the Orchestra, I can share my culture with other musicians, tell them my stories, sing my songs. They learn from me, and I learn from them,”* says Daniel Warathuma Wilfred, encapsulating the collaborative nature of the project.

His hypnotising traditional song is entwined with vocals from Korean artist Sunny Kim to produce a mesmerising soundscape that transcends geographic and cultural boundaries.

*“In our performances, you’ll hear us share ancient ideas and stories told in a way that’s quite contemporary - you’re going to experience friendship,”* says Kim.

Daniel Warathuma Wilfred, David Yipininy Wilfred and Sunny Kim are joined by clarinettist and sound artist Aviva Edean, and multidisciplinary musician Peter Night, who together take the audience on an exciting sonic journey.

Artback NT has worked with the Territory’s remote First Nations communities and supported local artists and touring for more than 20 years. *“We are really proud the **Hand to Earth** tour will open in Ngukurr, home to Daniel Warathuma and David Yipininy, and tour remote NT,”* says Artback NT CEO, Shay Vigona. *“This not only respects elders and the cultural origins of the performance, but it will also inspire the next generation of artists and encourage further collaborations,”* Ms Vigona said.

The tour incorporates nearby Numbulwar; the Darwin Festival; Marrawuddi Arts and Culture Centre in Jabiru; and finally the Beswick community as part of *Djarmalk*, the monthly Sunday sessions organised by Djilpin Arts and The Australian Shakespeare Company.

Australian Art Orchestra Artistic Director Peter Night says **Hand to Earth** expresses something of the here and now in music. *“It represents contemporary Australia at its best; sophisticated, inclusive, diverse and forward looking.”*

**This is a concert you will not want to miss!**

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Artist bios, and ticket links to all shows are available through the Artback NT website: [Hand to Earth - Australian Art Orchestra - Artback NT](http://www.artbacknt.com.au)

### Hand to Earth itinerary

Tuesday 16 August | Ngukurr Art Centre  
Thursday 18 August | Numbulwar School  
Sunday 21 August | Darwin Festival  
Wednesday 24 August | Marrawuddi Arts & Culture, Jabiru  
Sunday 28 August | Djilpin Arts, Beswick

Hand to Earth is part of Artback NT’s Performing Arts Touring Program. Artback NT proudly works with artists from across the Northern Territory to develop & tour their work to local, national, and international audiences.

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