



FROM BOORLOO TO NYINGGULU: JOURNEY WITH THE MAAMANG EDUCATION PACK & RESOURCE

ABOUT THE PROJECT

From Boorloo to Nynggulu: Journey with the Maamang is a contemporary First Nations performance work exploring the migration journey of whales along the Western Australian coastline. Through live music, storytelling, language, and performance, the work invites audiences to think about culture, Country, environment, and connection.

WHAT IS MAAMANG?

Maamang is the Noongar word for whale.

Whales hold cultural significance for many First Nations communities across Western Australia and are deeply connected to stories of Country, migration, family, and environment. The migration journey of whales along the WA coastline provides the foundation for this performance experience.

THEMES IN THE WORK

Connection to Country

The performance explores the relationship between people, ocean, land, and environment.

Storytelling

Music and performance are used to share stories, ideas, and cultural perspectives.

Language

The work incorporates First Nations language as an important way of strengthening cultural identity and connection.

Environmental Awareness

The project encourages audiences to think about ocean conservation and the environmental challenges whales face.

Community & Identity

The work celebrates community, creativity, and cultural expression through contemporary performance.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Students and audiences may explore:

- First Nations storytelling through music
 - The importance of language revitalisation
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Whale migration patterns
 - Contemporary First Nations performance practice
 - Community arts and cultural leadership
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can music and performance help share stories and culture?
 2. Why is language important to identity and community?
 3. What environmental challenges do whales face?
 4. How does the performance connect audiences to Country?
 5. What role can the arts play in creating awareness about environmental issues?
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CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Music & Rhythm Activity

Create rhythms or sounds inspired by ocean movement and whale migration.

Storytelling Activity

Write or share a short story inspired by the ocean, migration, or connection to place.

Environmental Reflection

Research whale migration and discuss ways communities can help protect ocean environments.

Language Exploration

Learn and discuss First Nations words connected to animals, Country, and environment.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL RESPECT

Boss Arts Creative encourages respectful engagement with First Nations culture, language, and storytelling.

The project supports opportunities for learning, connection, and cultural exchange through music and performance.

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