

WAKAKIRRI

Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

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YOU CHOOSE THE WINNER! VOTING NOW OPEN FOR WAKAKIRRI'S 2018 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS



Photo: 2017 People's Choice winners Hoppers Crossing Secondary College. Photo: Winkipop Media

Who is the Wakakirri winner in your eyes? Celebrate your favourite performances from Wakakirri's 2018 Primary and Secondary Challenges by casting your vote for People's Choice!

This year thousands of students from 240 schools around Australia hit the stage at 40 events held at professional theatres across the country to perform Story Dances (a short performance using dance and drama to tell a story) that express their thoughts, ideas and aspirations.

The public now has the opportunity to support their school and share their favourite performances with the People's Choice Award. **Voting is easy – from Monday September 24th simply head to Wakakirri's website and 'People's Choice', then select your school, and like and share the video.**

Each People's Choice video contains 1 minute of Wakakirri performance highlights for every school. The Story Dance that receives the most Facebook shares will be named this year's People's Choice Award winner! There will be one school chosen for the Primary Challenge and one for the Secondary Challenge nationally.

The People's Choice Awards were launched in 2015 receiving over 30,000 likes on Facebook alone! This year every school's video will be available to share on Facebook from 9.00am on September 24th, 2018 with voting closing at 9.00am on the 15th October, 2018.

By creating a video highlights package of every single school's performance, the Wakakirri team want to enable a wider audience to see how participating students (we prefer to call them superstars) perceive the world around them and express themselves through performing arts.

Wakakirri's People's Choice and national Story of the Year Award will be announced on Waka TV on October 17, schools will be watching the announcement live via YouTube.

The Wakakirri Story Dance Challenge will return in 2019. Registrations open October 2018, see website for dates and registrations (subscribe to Wakakirri for up-to-date info).

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More about Wakakirri:

Established in 1992, Wakakirri is Australia's largest Performing Arts event for Primary and Secondary schools, involving over 20,000 students across every State and Territory each year. A great story can change the way people think about the world around them and Wakakirri gives schools the opportunity to do just that.

Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story Dances for Wakakirri that reflect their students' thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official 'Wakakirri Panel' who are searching for 'Story of the Year'. Over 1 million people watch Wakakirri performances each year. Performing in Wakakirri is an experience students never forget.

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