

# 1994



## of Perth

18 February - 13 March

n the summer of 1994 the 42nd international Festival of Perth celebrates the arts with three and a half weeks of music, dance, theatre, street entertainment, visual arts and film.

The Festival of Perth takes advantage of Perth's glorious weather to offer visitors a summer to remember. Set on the banks of the Swan River, Perth is no stranger to welcoming the best artists from around the world.

The Festival of Perth is the oldest and largest annual international arts festival in the southern hemisphere and a 1993 Sir David Brand Tourism Award winner. It is held throughout the city inspectacular venues, many of them in the open-air including the famous Somerville Film Auditorium.

The full programme will be announced in mid-November. Until then, Festival-goers have the opportunity to purchase subscription and single tickets to the events in the Advance Highlights Brochure at greatly reduced prices.

### LAO JIU (THE NINTH CHILD)

#### THEATREWORKS SINGAPORE

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nto a family of eight daughters, a son is born - the Ninth Child. The child is clearly a boy of outstanding intelligence. Sacrifices are made for him. He is nurtured to achieve the honour of academic success. As so often happens his heart is elsewhere and he turns his back on his family's ambitions, choosing instead to take up the dying art of puppetry.

Using a multitude of art forms including traditional Hokkien glove puppetry, shadow puppetry, Chinese Opera and martial arts,

> Loo Jiu brings to life the clash of East and West cultures, the merging of the

old and the new and the breakdown of the family unit.

In this powerful and emotive work, Singapore's best known company, Theatreworks, explores the issues of power play, psychological pressure,

guilt and the choice between family and destiny. It is aspectacular production embracing a large cast of actors, puppeteers and musicians and has





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justifiably received wide acclaim throughout Asia. Loo Jiu is a play which strikes many parallels in our own Australian society. Performed in English with occasional Hokkien, Cantonese, Mandarin and Hakka dialect.

#### PLAYHOUSE THEATRE

19 - 26 February 8pm (excluding Sunday 20)

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