



Western Australian playwright wins prestigious national award

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Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation congratulates Western Australia playwright David Milroy for winning another prestigious national award for his play Windmill Baby.

The 2007 Kate Challis RAKA Award was presented to David for the best Indigenous play of the past five years.

The Award is recognised as Australia's richest and most valuable award for Indigenous creative artists.

David Milroy has had a long association with Yirra Yaakin - he was the company's first Artistic Director and Yirra Yaakin has been presenting his play WINDMILL BABY since its world premiere in 2005.

Yirra Yaakin Executive Producer Sam Cook said David Milroy's RAKA Award is further recognition of the quality of work presented by Yirra Yaakin.

"Not only does this award confirm Yirra Yaakin as Australia's leading Indigenous Theatre Company, it confirms David Milroy's place as one of the most successful and prolific Indigenous playwrights of his generation." said Ms Cook.

David Milroy's other awards for WINDMILL BABY include the 2003 Patrick White Award, 2005 WA Equity Award for Best New Play and the 2006 Deadly Award for Best Theatrical score.

Windmill Baby has launched Yirra Yaakin on to the international arts scene, receiving critical acclaim at major arts festivals in England, Northern Ireland, Canada and India.

"Yirra Yaakin is proud to be taking authentic Indigenous theatre to the world and I don't think its even come close to realising its international potential.

" I think that is also true of its Australian opportunities as we have yet to tour to major capital cities nationally.

“Now is the time to strike while the iron’s hot and present world class multi-award winning Aboriginal theatre. This play can do no wrong.” said Ms Cook.

Yirra Yaakin hopes to tour WINDMILL BABY to the Kimberley next year and there’s also a possibility the play could return to the United Kingdom.

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