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WINDMILL'S FILM DEBUT PREMIERES IN LITTLE BIG SHOTS

Ngura ini Mimili nya – A Place Called Mimili, the first film to be produced by Windmill is set to premiere tomorrow at the Little Big Shots Film Festival.

The short documentary film, commissioned by Windmill and directed by SA filmmaker Simone Mazengarb, is one outcome of a four year multifaceted residency Windmill has had with the Mimili Anangu School in the remote APY lands.

A Place Called Mimili, charts the story of a group of children from Mimili Anangu School in the remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands as they prepare to compete in the annual Ernabella interschool Dance Off.

From the creation of the dance to the road trip to Pukatja and all the excitement of the hotly contested interschool dance competition, this story is told through the eyes of these children, in their own voices and offers a unique insight into life in a remote community.

The film also has an associated Accelerated Literacy Teaching package that is designed to provide an educational resource for children on the lands. Significantly it also provides main stream school students with a unique insight into Aboriginal culture and life in a remote community. The teaching package will be launched by Windmill later this year.

The Windmill/Mimili partnership which began in 2005, took the form of a residency which included several visits to the lands by Windmill's Arts Project Officer Julie Orchard and other artists, and trips to Adelaide by the Mimili children and community. This residency which culminated in December 2008 was designed over this lengthy period to allow a depth of relationship between Windmill and the Mimili community.

Artistic Director, Rose Myers commented on the residency saying, "The friendships, trust, shared cultural experiences and mutual understandings that formed between Windmill and the Mimili community during this time created a unique environment for organic and truthful growth of artistic endeavour.

"We are so proud of our first documentary film and look forward to showing it to many different audiences through the Little Big Shots Film Festival," she said.

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