

## AUSTRALIA / MUSIC



## IN BETWEEN TWO

Two trailblazing stars of the Australian music scene survey the forces that have shaped their way. TZU's **Joelistics** and Sietta's **James Mangohig** are icons of Australian hip-hop, but their family histories are as complex and layered as their lyrics.

Both are half-Asian, and their respective heritages are woven through their experiences growing up in Australia.

The Melbourne premiere of **In Between Two** sees two cultures, two generations and two charismatic wordsmiths mix it up at a singular event, deftly weaving the stories and photographs of their diverse heritages with music.

From a nightclub-owning grandma in an open marriage to globetrotting parents with a political streak, the pair lovingly paint a canvas filled with failed proposals and religious strictures, casual racism and a growing empowerment.

**Joelistics** and **James Mangohig** take centre stage, combining spirited, personal storytelling with a rich, original soundtrack of acoustic and electronic music, presented in an immersive set by award-winning Melbourne designer **Eugene Teh**, with visuals by video artist **Jean Poole**.

Directed by highly regarded theatre and opera director **Suzanne Chaundy** and developed with photographer and master storyteller **William Yang** and writer **Annette Shun Wah**, **In Between Two** is a vibrant, contemporary portrayal of the Asian-Australian experience.

Like an hour with good friends – who just happen to have impeccable taste in tunes – this is a show that keeps to the beat of the human heart.

“...a thrilling hour of theatre and the best kind of example why a diverse cultural landscape should not only be encouraged...but is essential.” ★★★★★  
The Music

“...nothing is more satisfying than stories about people who defied cultural and social conventions to follow their hearts.” ★★★★★ Time Out

**Arts Centre Melbourne, Fairfax Studio**

**Wed 11 – Sun 15 Oct**

**Wed – Sat 7pm**

**Sat also 2pm**

**Sun 2pm**

**1 hr 10 mins, no interval**

**A Reserve \$49 / \$39**

**Under 30s \$30**

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