



COMPANY BIO - 2013

Onyx Productions has fast established itself as a leading Australian production house, with a portfolio of multi-disciplinary contemporary works targeting the youth and family demographics.

Founded in 2011 by producer and performer Gene Peterson, Onyx Productions has exploded on to the scene achieving instant success both nationally and internationally. Within its first 3 years of operation, Onyx has created 3 different productions, produced 10 tours across Australia, Europe & Asia, and has delivered over 700 performances and workshops!

Onyx is proud to work with a number of world-class high profile artists in their touring productions including;

- 2x World Champion BMX Flatlander, Peter Sore (Hungary)
- World Champion Breakdancer, Bboy Physicx (Korea)
- World Champion Breakdancer, Bboy Leerok (New Zealand)
- World Champion beatboxer, Tom Thum (Australia)
- Basketball freestyling sensation, Basketball Man (USA)
- New Zealand tap champions and world hip hop finalists, 'TMC' (New Zealand)
- Live looping and beatbox whiz kid, Sam Perry (UK)
- Multi-instrumentalist and virtuosic saxophonist, Adam Page (New Zealand)
- International freelance Roue Cyr Artist, Rhys Miller (Australia)

Onyx Production's touring achievements to date include:

- **'LOOP THE LOOP'**
Delivered over 140 shows and workshops in 2011
Listed as one of the top 10 touring productions in 2011, by Stage Whispers magazine.
Featuring at the Uijeongbu International Music Theatre Festival (Korea) in 2012.
- **'GENE PETERSON LIVE'**
Over 160 performances and workshops around Australia in 2012.
Featured at The Australian Ultimate Drummers Weekend, the Palmer St Jazz Festival and the Fun4Kids festival, to name just a few.
- **'360 ALLSTARS'**
More than 450 shows and workshops scheduled across Australia and Europe in 2013!

On top of Onyx Productions' self-produced national and international tours, Onyx has also had their works selected by government funded touring bodies, to tour Onyx's shows regionally. In the past 2 years Onyx has partnered with:

- **Arts On Tour** (NSW) to deliver a Playing Australia national tour focussed on regional venues
- **arTour** (QLD): 2 separate tours around QLD and 1 national tour to regional venues
- **Country Arts WA**: 1 regional WA tour, and 1 Indian Ocean Territories tour (Cocos 'Keeling Islands, and Christmas Island)
- **Artback NT**: 2 tours, delivering performances at the Darwin Entertainment Centre and a workshops program in Arnhem Land.

Aside from Onyx Productions' theatre-based touring, Onyx also works regularly with festivals and events providing a range of services from roving entertainment, live music and street performances, right through to full-scale productions.

Onyx Productions founder, Gene Peterson, has received much recognition nationally and internationally for the works he has produced and his professional approach to touring. As a result Gene has been asked to speak at a number of international performing arts conferences, markets and events including:

- **TPAM** (Tokyo Performing Arts Market), Japan
- **PANZ** (Performing Arts Network New Zealand), NZ
- **UIMTF Symposium on Parody**, Korea
- **Australia Council for the Arts** (guest speaker at an event dedicated to educate producers on how to promote themselves at international arts markets).

To find out more about Onyx Productions, and to view all of their touring works, please visit: www.onyx-productions.com

