

LIGHTING THE DARK

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and inclusivity."*

BRISBANE STAGE



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
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Dancenorth Australia & Araluen Arts Centre present Lighting the Dark. A journey to the very centre of what it means to be human.

Lighting the Dark is a bold new work by Chris Dyke, a Kaurna (Adelaide) based dancer and choreographer living with Down syndrome.

Chris, the embodiment of love itself, emanates compassion, transcending limitations and inviting us all into his radiant embrace. Yet, amidst his rich internal landscape of dreams and boundless imagination, the world often fails to see beyond the cover of the book – a book that if we dared to open, would reveal a radical inspiration, creative brilliance, hope and love.

With the mesmerising Dancenorth Ensemble by his side, Chris leads the way, transforming the stage into a portal where love and light illuminate the darkness. A masterpiece of collaboration and community, Lighting the Dark reminds us of the complexity of life's challenges.

Inspired by the iconic figures of Banksy, David Bowie and Freddie Mercury, Chris finds kinship in their revolutionary spirit, each serving as a reflection of his own vision.

Lighting the Dark is a profound celebration of the human experience, a transcendent journey that traverses individual and universal truths in a dance to the very centre of what it means to be human.

Saturday, 17 October | 7pm

To book tickets call (08) 8951 1122 or visit:

<https://araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au/whats-on/lighting-dark-dancenorth-australia>

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