

PaperBag PlayBack Theatre

ABOUT US

PaperBag PlayBack Theatre is a company of improvisational specialists who spontaneously re-create peoples' individual stories and life experiences, and perform them on stage to an audience.

Playback is spontaneous, improvised theatre, and an exciting, creative tool for affirming what it is to be human. It can provide a whole new perspective on your experiences and help you work through organisational and personal issues.

The experience of Playback itself was extraordinary. The whole evening was a journey, beginning with trust, moving to storytelling, arriving at insights, and being left with a sense of wonder.

Bryan Conyer, Director of Education:
Temple Emanuel.

The company is a member of the International Playback Theatre Network (IPTN).

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OUR SERVICES

PaperBag PlayBack provides facilitation, training and consulting for organisations to resolve their most challenging concerns in team-building, communication, and change management. Recent clients include the Benevolent Society; Dialogue Australia Network; St.George area Councils; the NSW Cancer Council; Milton College; RPA Hospital; Burwood Council; the Australian College of Psychological Medicine.

Training, Facilitation, Workshops.

Playback Theatre helps participants define and give voice to their visions, hopes and dreams for themselves, their families, their communities and the world. Organisational workshops are designed to enhance communication skills, creative problem-solving, team work, trust and risk-taking.

The actors captured the 'moments' and presented feelings and experiences of each person's story. Well done!

Skills Training and Resource Services (STARS) for Leichhardt Council.

It is a testament to your dedication that you are willing to share your skills with young people and help in the development of their character.

Youth Outreach Services, Burwood Council

Conferences & Events

As an opening, keynote or closing event, Playback Theatre brings conference participants together to focus on specific issues and celebrate conference highlights.

Extraordinary performance! Nothing but praise from audience. We all want to do it again and again!

Dr Jan Orman – Australian College of Psychological Medicine.

The people involved in the campaign and the broader audience were thoroughly entertained and inspired by the performance.

Graeme Gibson, Community Education Consultant.

Celebrations.

Playback Theatre honours people with stories from their lives and shared memories, commemorating the attainment of a goal or simply celebrating everyday challenges and triumphs.

I want to acknowledge your group's generosity in performing for us and your talent for creating a phrase or image that really resonated with the story tellers and the audience.

Sharon McGann – Sydney Facilitator's Network.

PlayBack

In a Playback performance you might choose to tell a moment or story from your experience. It can be sad, funny, gutsy, hopeful,

.....light and tender as a feather.....

OR

.....as deep as a well

something that touched you in some way. Your story is then played back by the actors and musician as you watch.

They [the actors] displayed extraordinary inventiveness, empathy, understanding, imagination and co-operation. And they were funny when appropriate. This kind of theatre takes courage ... I applaud PaperBag's commitment and energy. And their professionalism.

Martin Wesley-Smith, East Timor Benefit Performance

In addition to its work with groups and organisations PaperBag PlayBack also has a regular program of performances that are open to all members of the general public.

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