



THE SUARA INDONESIA DANCE GROUP

THE PERFORMERS

The Suara Indonesia Dance Group present an energetic mix of music, dance, body percussion, and song in an informative and entertaining show for all ages. They have performed and conducted workshops across Australia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, New Zealand, Germany, Czech Republic, France, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom and Palestine. They have worked with school groups, refugees and disaster survivors using music and dance as a medium for healing, self-expression and education.

THE PERFORMANCE

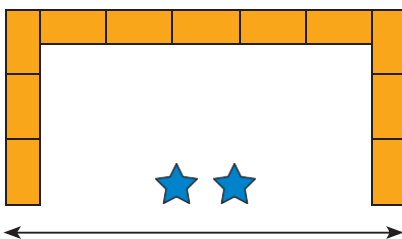
The performers take participants on a journey through Indonesia introducing **music, dance and theatre** traditions from across the archipelago, including genres from **Java, Bali and Sumatra**.

Interaction is encouraged with **Randai** - a rhythmical circle dance based on martial arts from **West Sumatra**, where rhythms are made by hitting large colourful pants, a particular favourite with all ages. The session culminates in a group performance of **body percussion dances** from **Aceh, North Sumatra**. These highly rhythmic body percussion dances, accompanied by drumming and distinctive chanted melodies, are fun and fulfilling. Individuals feel like they belong within a group and in turn the group feels like a community, boosting self-esteem and confidence.




Body percussion is a fun, communal way of learning and practicing **RHYTHMS!**

The development of musical rhythm, motor coordination and ensemble skills is essential for growing brains and bodies! The show has curriculum benefits for Music/Dance/Drama students as well as LOTE, Society & Environment and Asia in the classroom. Suitable for Pre-school to year 12 students with movement and songs selected for the specific needs of an age group.

REQUIREMENTS



Sessions can be held in a hall with gym/yoga mats for the students to sit on. If there are no mats, then a carpeted area is suitable. Part of the workshop involves kneeling on a surface that is not too hard.

-  = Gym mats
-  = Performers
-  = Sound System to plug in an iPad to play our music, access for performers to operate.

COMMENTS FROM SCHOOLS

'Outstanding. The professionalism, obvious passion and shared knowledge 100% engaged our students.'

Newtown PS, NSW

'It was more than just a performance – it was a great experience integrating performing arts and culture.'

Ashcroft PS, NSW

'Every student wanted to participate and a genuine smile was on every student's face.'

Thirroul PS, NSW

SUITABILITY:

Years K-12

DURATION:

45 minutes - 1 hour (or structured for full day workshop, on request)

COST PER STUDENT:

\$8.80 (\$8 + 80c GST).

MINIMUM PER SESSION:

\$1320 (\$1200 + \$120 GST) if less than 150 students.

* Concessions available for small/rural schools.

** The number of performers may vary.