Perth International Arts Festival - takes place 11 February - 5 March. The festival integrates several other events, including Perth Writers Festival (23-26 February). PIAF opens with a commissioned work from Western Australia: **BOORNA WAANGINY - THE TREES SPEAK**. Over three extraordinary nights Kings Park transforms into a cathedral of light, sound and imagery to explore the biodiversity and beauty of the six seasons of South Western Australia.

Among the stand out programme for 2017 from Asia and Europe:

- **The Nouveau Cirque du Vietnam** make their Australian debut with a contemporary circus production set to amaze and delight the whole family. Accompanied by live music, a cast of 15 acrobats and five musicians whisk us away to a village in Vietnam with a dazzling array of juggling, balancing, contortion and daring feats.

In **A O Lang Pho**, the serenity of rural life is dashed by progress and a once quiet hamlet becomes a bustling city where traditional Vietnamese music (Cai Luong) gives way to hip hop. Bamboo baskets are ingeniously repurposed to create peculiar creatures and spectacular stunts.
for the festival, from the UK, Amy Sharrocks MUSEUM OF WATER (Produced by PIAF and ARTSADMIN). What water will you keep? A vial of tears, melted ice from Antarctica and a plastic bottle of billabong water – every drop tells a story. Choose your water, find something to put it in and tell us why you brought it. PIAF Artist-in-Residence Amy Sharrocks invites you to consider your relationship with the world’s most indispensable liquid as we build the WA edition of the award-winning Museum of Water. Surfing, swimming, desalination, irrigation and thirst – the pleasures and politics of water affect us all. Set to open in PIAF 2018 before becoming part of the Western Australian Museum’s permanent collection, Museum of Water is a radically different kind of museum.

- Opus No. 7 by Dmitry Krymov Laboratory (Russia)
- The Manganiyar Classroom by Roysten Abel (India)
- The Encounter - Complicite & Simon McBurney (UK)
- Perth Writers Festival

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