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Buzz Dance Theatre
2009 Program - *Being Here, Going there*

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King St Arts Centre

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Being Here - Going There ...

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Ms Lisa Scaffidi launched the 2009 program of Buzz Dance Theatre (BDT), the state's nationally awarded, premier dance theatre company for children and young people.

2009 will see BDT undertake a year of vibrant activity around the world, Australia and at home in Western Australia, with an international tour, three new work world premieres, and Western Australian regional tours and performances in Brisbane and Canberra. Interstate partnerships also flourish with a creative partnership with Jigsaw Theatre Company and an educational partnership with Queensland Ballet.

Artistic Director Felicity Bott said that 2009 will be an year of invigorating expansion as the company approaches a milestone Anniversary. "As we head towards our 25th year in 2010, we are broadening our sights and reinvigorating all areas of our work in dance theatre and education," she said. "The 2009 program projects Buzz Dance Theatre's long history of valuing and developing expert knowledge on the nature of creativity and how to ignite it with and through contemporary dance theatre in children and young people into new places and onto new terrain."

In January, 2009 the company will present its highly acclaimed *Cinderella Dressed in Yella* season in Seoul at the 5th ASSITEJ Korea Winter Children's Festival 2009.

In May, the first of two world premieres *Depth Charge* will take place at the Playhouse Theatre. Choreographed by Felicity Bott with a new score by Leon Ewing, *Depth Charge* is a wild futuristic take on genetic engineering.

In July, the company returns to Subiaco Arts Centre for the school holidays with *Genie(us)* a magical new work for primary aged children about a Porsche driving hip-hop genie by rising choreographer Alice Lee Holland. *Genie(us)* will then tour in WA, Northern Territory and presentations in Brisbane in association with Queensland Ballet.

An exciting creative partnership with Jigsaw Theatre Company sees a new work, *Walk the Fence* premiere in Canberra in May before a September holiday season in Perth at the King Street Arts Centre.

A remarkable new educational partnership with Queensland Ballet will see Buzz Dance Theatre lead the ballet company in their delivery of their arts educational program.

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