

# Majeda Beatty

## MURRI ISLAND GIRL



### THE PERFORMER

Taking you on a journey of Australia's First Nation dreamtime through an interactive and vibrant experience, **Majeda Beatty presents both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island** cultures as well as sharing her perspective on being an indigenous millennial woman. She believes in the importance of cultural pride and carrying on past traditions as well as moving forward in a modern world.

Majeda is a Sydney based singer, actress and dancer who comes from a proud Wuthathi mother, her roots stemming from Far North Queensland and an African American father. Growing up she was taught the importance of her culture from her mother through movement, song and storytelling. At five years of age Majeda started performing in schools with her family's cultural dance group and over the years her talents have seen her perform over a wide variety of mediums. In recent times she has become well known for her starring role in the ABC3 Drama series 'Ready For This'.



### THE PERFORMANCES

K – 6: The richness of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures will be shared in this two part, immersive performance which is tailored to the age groups of the audience through song, dance, stories and language, all with high levels of participation. The flags will be discussed and Majeda will present and demonstrate various instruments, artifacts and costumes specific to each culture as well as the importance of ochre and the significance of the body paint designs in aboriginal culture. She will perform and teach dances for audience participation.

Years 7 – 12: Similar to the above whilst providing more mature, age appropriate content. Students will learn about indigenous inventors and freedom leaders through an insightful and inclusive experience. Preconceptions will be challenged with teachings of traditions, history and even thought provoking insights into the future the First Nation communities hope for.

SUITABILITY: Years K - 12

DURATION: 55 minutes

REQUIREMENTS: 1 table, 1 microphone, 1 sound system (to play music); a smartboard (or projector) can be useful especially for older audiences



Price: \$6.50 per student +GST Minimum audience: 120 students

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## FEEDBACK

Majeda had the entire Junior School engaged, entertained and learning for the entire hour. Her dances were **inclusive** – those who wanted to dance were able to – and every student left having learnt multiple Torres Strait Islander words. From a teacher's point of view, Majeeda's behaviour management was fantastic as at no point did we feel required to step in and she had her own strategies to positively reinforce those who were behaving appropriately. **Highly recommend!**

- P. Bell, Head of Drama, Haileybury College City Campus, VIC

We absolutely LOVED Majeda's presentation this afternoon. Every child was very engaged and enjoyed participating in the different dances. The students particularly loved Majeda's stories and cultural information.

Thank you, Majeda. Your **excellent control and passionate delivery were a joy to watch** and a highlight for our students.

- Danielle Lupi, Donvale Christian College, VIC

Majeda is just wonderful!! A gorgeous person and a brilliant presenter. Our boys were enthralled throughout the time they got to spend with Majeda and came away so much more knowledgeable on the Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal cultures.

- Amy Casey, Toowoomba Grammar School, QLD

Thanks so much for recommending Majeda. Her performance was excellent. Her presentation was **informative, interactive and entertaining**. The students and teachers loved her natural manner and were eager to dance and sing under her guidance. Her perspective of both the Torres Strait and Indigenous cultures was **invaluable**.

I would highly recommend Majeda to other primary schools.

- Dominique Gardiner, St Finbarr's Primary School, Ashgrove, QLD

High school Years 7-10: There was a fantastic response from students – we really noticed that students who are sometimes disengaged loved the audience participation. There was lots of energy with the dancing and music and this was fantastic! Overall all staff and students really enjoyed the performance and we would definitely like to have Majeda back as a performer in following years.

- Jacqueline Diaz, Lindfield Learning Village, NSW

Majeda performed yesterday at our centre and was **SENSATIONAL!**

- Clarendon Children's Centre, VIC

Majeda Beatty came to our school yesterday. She was **absolutely brilliant!** So full of energy and had our Kindy-Year 6 so engaged for the entire performance. I had plenty of teachers come up to me afterwards telling me that was the best performance they have seen in a long time.

Thanks so much!!

- Natalie Rawle, Fairholme College, Toowoomba QLD

I would just like to say we were **overjoyed** with the performance by Majeda today.

She was SO engaging and entertaining, even our Stage 3 students were up there dancing and singing! It was the **perfect mix of movement and education**.

We are so happy that we would like to re-book her for next year please!

- Chloe Earl, Dobroyd Point PS, NSW

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Majeda's performance was awesome and amazing. The students were so engaged.

- Rachel Berry, Oran Park High School, NSW

Thank you so much for connecting us with Majeda. Her performance was wonderful and we will be recommending her to our Junior School and most definitely look to book her for future events at our Senior campus

- Emily Mannix, Abbotsleigh School, NSW

Students loved it. They were singing and dancing and engaged the whole time!

- Ali & Sarah, St Ives Public School, NSW

Majeda was wonderful. Highly recommended

- Jo Fulham, Bardwell Park Infants School, NSW

The students and staff absolutely loved it. She had the students eating out of the palm of her hands the whole time. We would happily rebook Majeda next year. She was fabulous

- Tiffany Farlow, Pymble Ladies College, NSW

Students loved it and thought she was very funny. They learnt a lot

- Lauren Corbett Hambledon PS NSW

Majeda taught the students well. Her control over 900 students was impressive

- Garth Chapman, Fort Street High School, NSW