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## **Paradise City Spectacular Coming to Alice Springs**

What do a BMX rider, a skater and a B-boy have in common with an acrobat, a dancer and a fallen diva?

They're all part of the high-energy dazzling show, Paradise City, which turned the Sydney Opera House into a skate park and is set to make a pit stop in Alice Springs to wow Central Australian audiences.

The Araluen Art Centre Theatre will play host to the spectacular show for their two night stint, with performances scheduled for 7.30pm on the 18 and 19 April 2008.

Alice Springs Cultural Precinct Publicity and Promotions Manager Kelsey Rodda said the production, by Branch Nebula, is a must-see for its unique and impressive fusion of street-style, dance and physical performance.

"Paradise City features amazing choreography that combines impressive displays of skate-boarding, BMX riding and break-dancing with acrobatics, dance and music," Ms Rodda said.

"The set's a stark urban space that features minimal props of road barriers, a skate ramp and a plush red velvet curtain to signify the urban world they inhabit.

"The sheer raw energy of the performance shows Australia's finest urban artists battle to reclaim the city with body, board and bike.

"Some of Australia's biggest talents are part of the show including Australian BMX Champion and X Games Gold Medallist Simon O'Brien.

"It also stars B-boy Anthony 'Lamaroc' Lawang, skateboarder Petera Hona, vocalist Inga Liljestrom, dancer Kathryn Puie and physical street performer Alexandra Harrison.

"Paradise City has toured nationally and internationally to sell-out audiences and we're thrilled that Alice Springs will be part of the action."

Tickets to Paradise City are available through the Araluen Arts Centre, corner of Larapinta Drive and Memorial Avenue, Alice Springs or by calling 8951 1122.

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