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Christine Anu Stars in *Rainbow's End* at the Centre

Alice Springs locals and visitors can enjoy a night of feel-good theatre as renowned Australian performer Christine Anu stars in the inspiring play, *Rainbow's End*, at Araluen Arts Centre on Tuesday, 26 July 2011.

Araluen Arts Centre Director Tim Rollason said they are thrilled to present this successful production by award-winning playwright Jane Harrison.

"*Rainbow's End* celebrates the transformative power of learning and the fierce optimism of three generations of Koori women in the 1950s as they struggle for community acceptance in conservative, rural Australia," said Mr Rollason.

"It's a funny, tender and thought-provoking story about hope and the triumph of the human spirit.

"Though it is set in a different era, its message is still relevant today, and I think it will resonate with the people of Central Australia.

"Araluen Arts Centre strives to bring high-quality local and national productions to the Centre and *Rainbow's End* will certainly provide a great night of entertainment."

Directed by Craig Ilroy, *Rainbow's End* features film and television veteran Lillian Crombie as Nan Dear, Anu as her daughter Gladys and Chenoa Deemal as her teenage granddaughter Dolly.

While Nan believes the family's shack on the outskirts of a country town represents progress to some extent, Gladys has bigger ambitions for a real house and job for Dolly.

When Gladys takes on buying the Encyclopedia Britannica from a city salesman, played by Garth Holcombe, to improve Dolly's chances, their lives take an unexpected turn.

The one-night performance of *Rainbow's End* begins at 8pm on Tuesday, 26 July 2011 at Araluen Arts Centre.

For tickets, contact the Araluen Arts Centre Box Office on 8951 1122. Ticket prices are \$40 for adults, \$35 for concession and \$35 for Friends of the Araluen Arts Centre.

For more information about upcoming events at the Araluen Cultural Precinct, go to www.araluen.nt.gov.au

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Image – *Rainbow's End* cast includes (clockwise from top right) Christine Anu, Lillian Crombie and Chenoa Deemal. Photo credit: Branco Gaica.

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