

WILDHONEY

PERFORMING ARTS



About

WildHoney is a small, humming hive of designers, performers and makers based in the Otway Ranges. Drawing inspiration from the ancient roots of art and theatre, this team of visionary creatives conjures otherworldly stiltwalking acts, audacious performance projects, pop-up installations and collaborative outdoor community events.

To ride wild wings, take risks, and walk the edges....

The Mission

To create performance works that fire the imagination, stretch the boundaries of reality, and shine wonderment into the hearts of humanity. To develop a rich and transformative arts culture in regional communities, where artists experience the beauty of collaboration and diversify their practices and self-expression.

Ethos

Earth cycles, wild beauty, illumination, and mythology.



The WildHoney Story

The first seed was planted in 2017 when a group of artist friends came together to work on Bonfire, an outdoor performance for Apollo Bay's first WinterWild Festival in south-west Victoria. Amazing alchemy was forged and the outcome was extraordinary, gaining much attention in the community, region and media. Eloise Wood, a key performer and choreographer amongst the group, was then invited to direct a follow-up show at the festival finale. The seed really began to germinate and grow as she called upon the same artists to work on Phoenix Rising and came to full blossom shortly after when Eloise and partner Hoya Wolfgang were commissioned to produce works for the Birregurra Ballyhoo Ball, enLIGHTen Me Project. It was here she founded and launched the group as WildHoney Performing Arts, the name embodying the creative hive and wild spirit of the Otways. The production was titled The Illuminates and featured its newly trained stilt walkers and live musicians - the event was a sell-out and the rest is up up and away.

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Collaborations and Commission

Working with the Otway's community is at the heart of the WildHoney story. It has collaborated and produced eight outdoor community productions since its formation. This can be seen through its partnership with WinterWild. Eloise and team, and WinterWild Director, Roderick Poole, have co-created six large-scale performances for its Dogwatch event. Roderick has gone on to work with WildHoney, independently, as a stilt performer, collaborator and mentor. WildHoney have also worked alongside Creative Otways for the Colac Otway Arts Trail launch, and Birregurra Arts Group - enLIGHTen Me Project.



Productions History

2019

Colac Otway Arts Trail North Launch, Cororooke, Collaboration, *Birth of Light*, October 25

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay, Dogwatch, Collaboration, *Redemption-Resurrection*, August 30

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay, Dogwatch, Collaboration, *Redemption-Immolation*, August 17

2018

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay, Dogwatch, Collaboration, *Candescence*, August 23

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay, Dogwatch, Collaboration, *The Sacrifice*, August 11

Birregurra Ballyhoo Ball, Commission, *The Illuminates full production with Live Musicians*, April 28

enLIGHTen Me Birregurra Project, Commission, *The Illuminates Project*, December 15 - April 28

2017

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay Dogwatch, Commission, *Phoenix Rising*, July 12 Collaboration, Bonfire, July 2

Collaborative Productions List

Birth of Light,
Redemption/Resurrection,
Sacrifice/Candescence,
Phoenix Rising,
The Illuminates full performance,
Bonfire.



Mobile Acts

WildHoney invites you into a unique world of interactive and illuminated street theatre. Standing tall on stilts or dancing among the crowds, its characters add a shimmer and shine to events or festivals and can be performed day or night. WildHoney has delighted audiences in Melbourne, regional Victoria, and New South Wales. A highlight was White Night Reimagined Festival choosing to feature The Elementals at their official Media Launch with Martin Foley Minister for Creative Industries and White Night Artistic Director David Atkins. The work was also included in their program for Sensory Realm over three nights.



Performance History

2020

Torquay Nightjar Festival, *Wild Blooms*, January 02

2019

Great Australian Beer Festival Albury, *Wild Blooms*, *The Elementals*, October 19

White Night Reimagined Event, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne, *The Elementals*, August 24, 25, 26

White Night Reimagined Media Launch, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne, *The Elementals*, June 26

White Night Reimagined Meet and Greet, Liminal Melbourne, *The Elementals*, June 26

Mansfield Lantern Festival, *The Elementals*, June 22

Torquay Nightjar Festival, *The Elementals*, January 24

Torquay Nightjar Festival, *The Illuminates*, January 03

2018

Birregurra Festival and Art Show, *Wild Blooms*, October 12

Mobile Acts List

The Illuminates,
The Elementals,
Wild Blooms,
High Priest and High Priestess,
Phoenix,
Merwitch and the Fisher,
Sea Nymphs



Workshops

WildHoney's workshops and theatre packages are an exploration into creativity, art and movement. The Hive offers stiltwalking, creative dance, performance and costuming workshops and provides a unique hands-on experience in craft and design. Production packages are designed to coincide with and support performance projects, collaborations and commissions. Individual one-day workshops also available. Suitable for all ages.



Community Workshop History

2019

Birth of Light Workshops and Performance Series

Birth of Light Performance, Red Rock Regional Art and Gallery, Cororooke, October 25

Birth of Light Dress Rehearsal Workshop, Red Rock Regional Art and Gallery, Cororooke, October 22

Birth of Light Choreography and Dance Workshop, Red Rock Regional Art and Gallery, Cororooke, September 22

Birth of Light Costume Makers Workshop 2, Barwon Downs Public Hall, Barwon Downs, September 18

Birth of Light Costume Makers Workshop 1, The Makers Space, Colac, September 08

WinterWild Festival - Redemption Workshops and Performance Series

Mothers, Fishers and Children Choreography Workshop, Senior Citizens Centre, Apollo Bay, August 27

Full Cast Onsite Workshop and Rehearsal, Apollo Bay Foreshore, August 15

-Mothers, Costume, Singing and Chorography, Senior Citizens Centre, Apollo Bay, August 02

-Fishers Dance and Chorography, Senior Citizens Centre, Apollo Bay, July 29

-Mothers Dance and Chorography, Senior Citizens Centre, Apollo Bay, July 17

-Mothers and Fishers Creative Dance, Singing, Choreography, Apollo Bay Leisure Centre, August 13

2018

WinterWild Festival, Apollo Bay P-12, *Children's Mask Dance and Choreography Workshop P-12*, July 09



Meet The Founders and Creators

From the initial spark of inspiration to costume design and making of the props, if you witness WildHoney close up and personal you will see the signature work of Elle and Hoya, and the culmination of decades of dedication to their practice in the Arts. This duo and partner team in real life has worked together in various outfits of all shapes and sizes for over 20+ years.

The Hive

The Hive is made up of, and welcomes artists with varying backgrounds in dance, drama, circus, textiles, technology, music and production. Every artist is credited, valued and integral to the creative process and bringing the works to life. The Hive philosophy aims to elevate the people under its wings and provide a platform and opportunity to grow and expand, to hone skills and explore new ones.

Hive Creative Team

Eloise Wood- Founder and Guide, Artistic Director, Conceptual Designer, Choreographer, Sound Designer, Workshop Facilitator

Hoya Wolfgang- Founder and Guide, Props and Headpiece Designer and Maker, Stage Manager, Workshop Facilitator

Roderick Poole- Collaborator, Mentor

Fiona Harper-Harwood- Costume Designer and Pattern Maker

Rebecca Hosking- Photographer and videographer

Jade Forest- Web Developer, Graphic Design

Hive Artists

Eloise Wood- Stilt Performer, Dancer, Singer, Musician

Roderick Poole- Stilt Performer, Actor

Amanda Magan- Stilt Performer, Dancer

Liza Freddi- Stilt Performer, Dancer

Hoya Wolfgang- Musician, Singer, Actor

Hive Technician

Oberon Wood- Sound Technician and Tech Support - Training

WildHoney HQ

Eloise Wood- Manageress, Administrator, Bookings and Enquiries

Hoya Wolfgang- Administrative support



Eloise Wood



Hoya Wolfgang



Roderick Poole



Fiona Harper-Harwood



Liza Freddi



Amanda Magan



Rebecca Hoskaing



Oberon Wood



Jade Forest

