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Yarta Purtli looks forward to a Big Year of entertainment in 2017

As the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli wraps up another successful year of exhibitions, shows and projects, plans are taking place to finalise the 2017 program of entertainment.

Next year will see an influx of touring shows, particularly in the first half of the year, with 8 confirmed shows visiting Port Augusta between February and May 2017.

Program highlights for the year include **The Lord of the Strings** in February, the annual **Desert Fringe**, scheduled for Friday and Saturday 3-4 March, and the highly acclaimed **Celtic Illusion** show in April. **Adelaide Magic, State Theatre Company South Australia** and **The Imperial Russian Ballet Company** are also planning to visit the city.

On the exhibitions front, there will also be plenty to see, according to Arts Officer, Ellenor Day-Lutz.

“We have some amazing exhibitions planned for 2017, including Jam Factory icon, **Gerry Wedd** who creates the most incredible ceramic works. We’ll also have the **Yidumduma Bill Harney Bush Professor** exhibition direct from Katherine, NT,” Ms Day-Lutz said.

“Of course, we’ll be showcasing local artists as well, throughout the year, with our community exhibition program, and also our annual Malka Aboriginal Art Prize, which is a firm favourite on the gallery calendar of events,” she said.

In addition to shows and exhibitions, the gallery runs a series of art workshops throughout the year. Planned workshops include **Plate Painting, Basic Ceramics** and **Printmaking**.

Anyone interested in finding out about what’s happening locally in the arts, touring shows, exhibitions and workshops, is encouraged to join the Port Augusta Cultural Centre – Yarta Purtli Mailing List. To do so, just phone the Cultural Centre office on (08) 8641 9175 or email ellenor.day@portaugusta.sa.gov.au

The Centre will be closed over Christmas from 4pm Friday 23 December and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

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