

THE
Backyard Bard
PRESENTS

ELIJAH

his name was his message

An evil King wears the crown, a pagan Queen pulls the strings,
and one man is called to be the mouthpiece of God.

Come hear storytellers, Rob Turnbull & Simon Camilleri share Elijah's epic story.

Showing across Victoria
this September/October

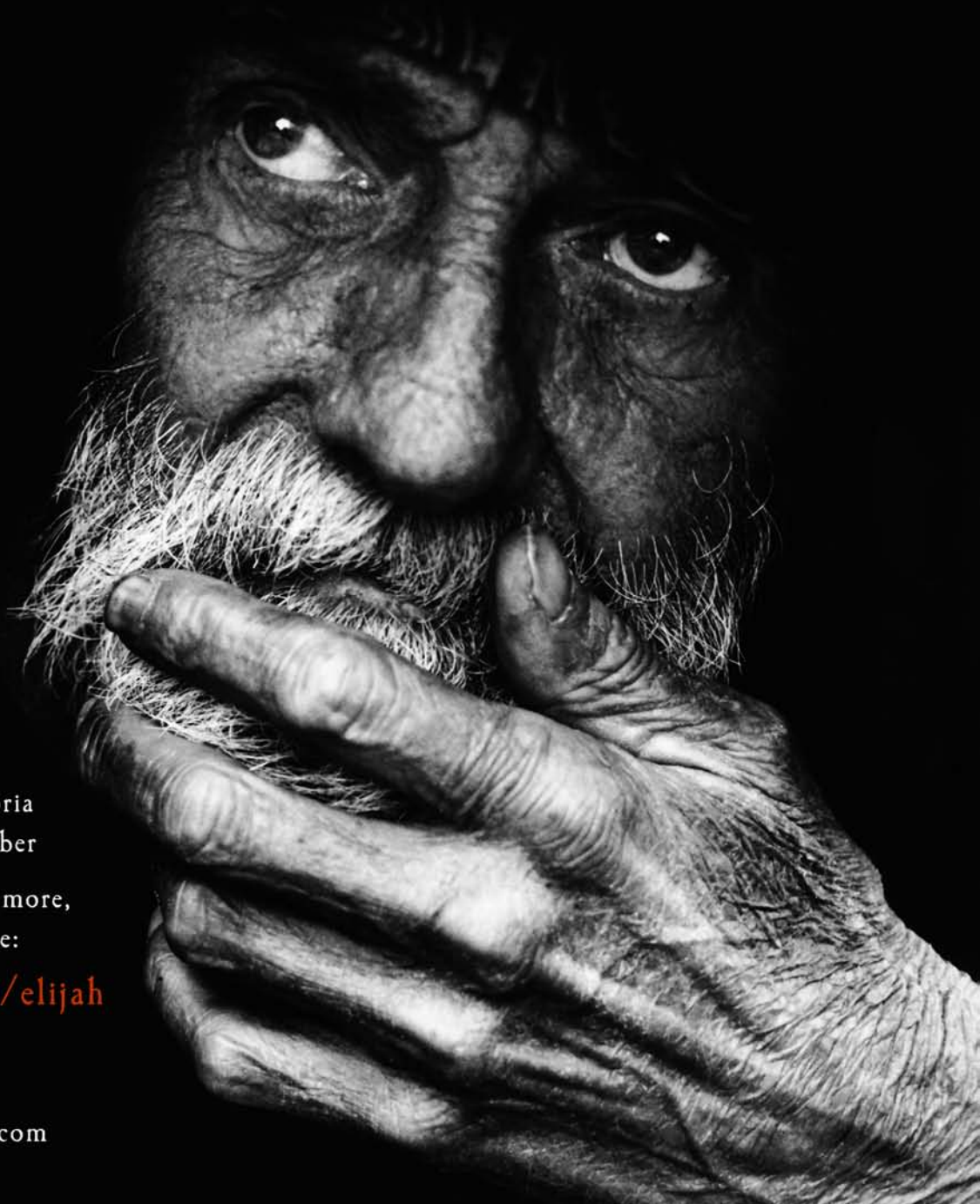
For dates, venues & lots more,
check out the website:

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To the ministry team,

For the past six years, The Backyard Bard, a Melbourne-based Christian theatre group, has produced several large-scale Biblical Storytelling productions. We have brought stories from the Gospel of Mark, Judges, Daniel and Esther to communities across Victoria. This year we are excited to announce that we are preparing to tell the amazing story of **Elijah**.

Each year we offer churches, high schools and universities the opportunity to host performances, and we would like to extend this invitation to your community.

Our Biblical Storytelling productions are a unique way of communicating a large section of God's Word in a medium that is both powerful and entertaining. We have also found that that they are a fantastic event for communities to run for several reasons:

- **It's effective evangelism.**
The Word of God is declared clearly and boldly and we go to great lengths to ensure that the message is understood and that Jesus is the ultimate focus.
- **It's an easy event to invite friends and outsiders to.**
Storytelling is naturally interesting and unthreatening for a post-modern culture.
- **The audience becomes interested in reading the Bible for themselves.**
Both Christians and non-Christians are often surprised that the Bible contains such exciting and entertaining content.
- **It is low-effort to host.**
The entire event, from the performance itself to the front of house, can be run by The Backyard Bard team. Also, Storytelling always works best with minimal sets and props so there is minor disruption to your venue. All we ask of our hosts is that they support the event and get excited about promoting it to their community. We will provide a short audio-visual promo, as well as all the posters and postcards you need to help you do this.

The story of Elijah is from 1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 2 and our production will run for about 90 minutes. It contains some of the most remarkable stories in the Bible whilst declaring the powerful message about the reality of God. We will be performing the show from the middle of September through to the end of October, so please book us in as soon as possible. You can see the dates that have already been booked on our website: www.thebackyardbard.com/elijah

We will be charging tickets for the show at \$10. When it is inappropriate to charge an entry fee (for example, if the storytelling is in the place of a normal church service) we ask the host to pay \$450. These arrangements are flexible and we are happy to discuss them together.

It is a privilege to be able to share God's Word in this way and we are excited to offer you this production this year. Please contact us soon to express your interest and we can discuss with you how to bring this incredible story to your community.

Yours in Christ,

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Recommendations



Simon's presentations bring the people of the Bible to life. They help people to relate to the Bible stories and see them as relevant for today.

*All of this stems from Simon's personal connection with the Scriptures and his passion to see the Bible impact people today. It has been really encouraging to see people respond to *The Backyard Bard* and I am very happy to recommend them to others.*

Tony Crook
Executive Director
Bible Society VIC.



Biblical Storytelling is more than what it sounds like at first. It is one of the most impacting biblical experiences I have had. It is the word of God delivered by someone who has internalised it in many different senses and has the skill to communicate it with drama and dynamism.

I have found this more powerful than the best of sermons.

It is the pure spoken word of God, nothing more and nothing less.

Matthew Jacoby
Associate Pastor of Barrabool Hills Baptist Church
and lead singer of Sons of Korah



Who doesn't love a good story?

Hollywood exist to tell them, Mills and Boone make millions selling their romantic pulp fiction and many an hour has been spent at the bars of Australia's pubs telling extremely dubious fishing stories.

*Biblical Storytelling conjures up all sorts of images such as the rather longwinded Sunday school flannelgraph stories of David and Goliath. Not so with *The Backyard Bard*. Simon's ability to draw you into the amazing world of the Bible is a unique gift. Why not experience it for yourself?*

Steve Davies
Executive Director
Bible Society QLD.



One of the highlights of 2005 for me was a presentation on the book of Judges which Simon Camilleri and his theatre group, The Backyard Bard did at St Hilary's Church in Kew. Simon works at telling the stories of the bible in a way that capitalizes on their narrative form and he is committed to doing this in a way that helps people really connect with the story. He is a very talented young man.

Revd Rod Morris



I met Simon Camilleri during Ignition Creative Artists gathering back in April 2005, and was very inspired by him. The workshop that I did with Simon on Biblical Storytelling was very impactful for me personally. I am convicted that this is a powerful way of communicating the spoken Word of God.

**Kitty Cheng
World Team Australia
Central Chinese Baptist Church
Mission Mobilizer & Creative Arts
Coordinator**



Biblical Storytelling is a very powerful and moving theatrical and spiritual experience! The concept has the simplicity of all good ideas, but the vigour and passion for the story.

**Stephen Leslie
Principal Northside Christian College**

The Backyard Bard, Simon Camilleri, and his team have turned storytelling into a 21st century art form and made hearing the Bible a not-to-be-missed event!

**Helen Woodall
NEW LIFE Newspaper**

The Backyard Bard is turning Biblical Storytelling on its head... Simon is now bridging the gap between the contemporary world and Biblical times.

SOWER Magazine Victoria