

# THE BOOK OF

# REVELATION

## HOSTING INVITATION LETTER

"BLESSED IS THE ONE  
WHO READS ALOUD  
THE WORDS OF  
THIS PROPHECY  
AND BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO HEAR..."  
**REVELATION 1:3**

*The Book of Revelation* is without doubt the most controversial book in the Bible. Some regard it as the ravings of a lunatic, others dissect it for insight into the modern geopolitical world but most simply ignore it as out of their reach. Yet, amid the strange beasts and confusing numbers, few parts of the Bible convey the glory and ultimate victory of God as vividly and powerfully as *Revelation*.

This year *The Backyard Bard*, Melbourne's Biblical Storytelling theatre company, is presenting this extraordinary book in the Melbourne Fringe Festival.

**You have the opportunity to host this ground-breaking performance.**

## THE PERFORMANCE

This new storytelling performance comes word-for-word from the entire book of *Revelation*. It is performed solely by myself, Robert Turnbull, in *The Backyard Bard's* style of Biblical Storytelling. It spans 90 minutes in two halves.

Storytelling is an ideal medium to communicate this riveting book, which was originally intended to be read aloud. Its grand themes are unmistakable as the graphic visions of the book unfold. Not only will the audience have entered into a greater understanding of *Revelation*, they will come away with a far deeper and larger understanding of God.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS

"Wow. Absolutely mind-blowing." - Jane  
"...sent shivers up my spine." - Anthony  
"I no longer fear the book of Revelation." - Daniel  
"That is the best thing I have ever seen!!!" - Anon  
"Stunning. Love it. More please." - Pat  
"Anyone who says the Bible is boring should come and see you tell it!" - Anon  
Almost 100 similar comments on the [website](#).



Hearing the Bible really well read is a thrilling experience - but, sadly, an all too rare one. The Backyard Bard delivers the word of God to us in the way God meant it to be delivered to us: with impacting faithfulness.

**Mike Raiter**  
Principle, Bible College of Victoria



God's word is alive! The Backyard Bard helps us know this in a fresh way... Do your church a big favour, let your souls be nourished by inviting them to come. God uses them greatly.

**Nicky Chiswell**  
Singer/Songwriter



## SUGGESTIONS FOR USE

There are a great variety of ways that this storytelling could be used at your community.

Here are some suggestions to spark your creativity:

- in place of a regular church service,
- a Mid-week or Saturday evening "Wine and Cheese Night",
- Christian Education classes,
- a special Youth Group night.

Please contact us to discuss ways to incorporate it in your calendar this year.

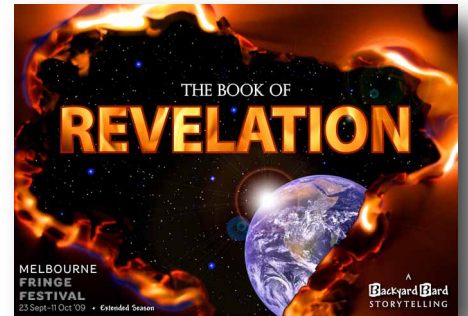
## WHAT WE PROVIDE

In our experience, your people will find it easy to invite friends and family to a theatre performance (especially with the natural curiosity about this particularly notorious subject!).

We seek to make that invitation as effective as possible by providing you with compelling promotional material to encourage people to come and hear the Gospel through this storytelling.

We provide the following at very low cost:

- Promotional Video Clips on a DVD,
- Postcards,
- A3 Posters



**A3 Posters Available**

**Check out our website to preview this material: [www.theBackyardBard.com/revelation](http://www.theBackyardBard.com/revelation)**

## HOW TO HOST

Backyard Bard storytellings are an extremely simple way to host a quality event at minimal cost. We can charge \$12 for tickets, in which case there is no cost for you as the host. Alternatively, you can pay for the performance outright for \$440. Discounts may be available in appropriate situations.

**Please contact us immediately to express interest and we can discuss together how you can host this arresting production.**



Personally, I am very excited by this project. *Revelation* was the first complete book of the Bible I ever read because it was so fascinating. Even though I didn't understand much of it then, I'm sure that it consolidated for me the cosmic significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. I'm confident it will bring much blessing for those that hear it this year.

**Robert Turnbull**

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