

## EVENT PRESS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### WILD GROUND CREATIVE ADVENTURES presents *Beneath the Surface: a storytelling adventure in canoes!*

**KANGAROO VALLEY, NSW.** Wild Ground Creative Adventures will present *Beneath the Surface: a storytelling adventure in canoes* at the *Festival of Canoe and Kayak* on June 23-25 2023, featuring award-winning actor Georgia Adamson and actors Niki Read, Amelie Ecologie, Ember Henninger, Luka and Maddie Brett-Hall.

*Beneath the Surface* is a mixed-media art installation and immersive performance by local Blue Mountains artists/writers Danielle Carey and Julie-Ann Henninger.

“The script is playful, humorous and energising”, says Danielle Carey, Creative Director and Wild Ground Business Owner. “And the audience will travel in canoes!”

“It’s a unique immersive experience about some really poignant environmental topics. Our cheeky and hilarious characters will encourage the audience to engage with their connections to the waterway, and our bigger connection to nature: building meaningful ecological relationships”, says Danielle.

The scripted, immersive performance revolves around a floating art installation that will see hundreds of messages in bottles - poems written from community members and festival goers - that will float and hang over the Kangaroo River throughout the festival weekend.

“We’re inviting people to reflect and share their views on what a river needs to be healthy”, says Creative Director Julie-Ann Henninger. “The poems are messages from the river and river beings, creating opportunities for listening, learning and growing together.”

Wild Ground will be hosting an art making day at Horseshoe Falls, Hazelbrook (Blue Mountains) 10-12pm where local families can contribute to Danielle and Julie’s art installation by writing poetry for their bottle collection or helping to weave fish and bubbles with foraged and recycled materials.

“Community art is a pivotal aspect of our creative work together”, says Danielle. “Julie and I love exploring art as a collaborative tool for building community and new ways of understanding.”

*Beneath The Surface* has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Festivals Australia program. It is also supported by the Festival of Canoe and Kayak (The F.O.C.K), Kangaroo Valley Outdoors, Southbound Adventures and Take3 for the sea.

Learn more and get tickets on the [FOCK website](#).