Morgan Schatz Blackrose & Roman W. Schatz **Story Arts**

strengthening communities through music, story and art









Morgan and Roman are diverse community artists who bring their skills to schools and communities to achieve desired outcomes. Morgan is an oral storyteller, musician and author. Roman is a visual artist working with photography, and conceptual art to document and create specific projects. They work with Community Elders, Health and Education Professionals, and communities themselves to challenge prejudices, celebrate diversity and promote tolerance and resilience in the participants.



Examples of Health Promotion through Arts Projects:

Give Me Strength: performance & community weight training programmes addressing bone health in older women.

Tales for Terrific Talkers: collaborative project with speech therapists to address speech and language delays in young children.



Storytelling for Literacy & Connectedness: outreach story times for young mothers, Aboriginal & supported playgroups.

Everyone has a place: positioning Aboriginal kids in the world through the presentation of world folktales.

Basket of Hope: Intergenerational & inclusive project to strengthen & connect all members of a community. (Java)









What Can We Offer Your **Community in 2016-2017?**

Storytelling and Oral Literature for Early Childhood Educators. Parents and Carers.

Photography for both adults and children.

Family Storytelling.

Training Workshops:

Music-making for all ages.

Programmes, Projects & Performances:

We work with all sectors of the community and offer a variety of programmes, activities and events that can be undertaken concurrently. We consult with the organising/funding body to tailor a project to their required outcomes, noting that our philosophy of inclusion and empowerment is integral to all our work. We will travel to all areas of Queensland including remote communities. Our Arts practice spans three decades and includes visual, conceptual and musical mediums. We believe every human being has a story to tell and that the Arts are paramount in promoting the well-being of everyone. To this end we are committed to working on projects that make a difference to people's lives.

Select Biographies

Presenters:

Early Years Conference, Cairns Australia 2016

Shanghai Literary Festival China 2010 & 2011,

International School Librarian Conference, Brisbane 2010 European Council of International Schools Conference France 2008

Publications:

The Koala went Cooee CD 2015 Tell Me: Storytelling as a Global Language 2008

Talkabout: raps, rhymes, songs and stories promoting speech and language development in children

Performances, Workshops and Arts Residencies for Schools and Communities in 23 countries

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