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DRUMS, DANCE AND MARTIAL ARTS A TIMELESS MIX

U- Theatre (Taiwan)

BEYOND TIME

AUSTRALIAN EXCLUSIVE

'Thunderous drumming, sacred dance, martial arts, nomad singing and multimedia projection... A timeless journey in celebration of the awe-inspiring moments in life.' South China Morning Post

Beyond Time takes you into to a different realm of experience in a stunning spectacle of drumming, martial arts, dancing, music and breathtaking visual effects.

A solar eclipse, a shimmering full moon and a torrential downpour descend on His Majesty's Theatre as you step into another world, spun out of whirling bodies, projections of natural images and live percussion you can feel in your bones.

Created after a fifty-day 'walking meditation' across Taiwan, *Beyond Time* investigates the relationship between man and universe in an exhilarating large scale performance on a shimmering reflective stage.

Since 1988 at the core of **U-Theatre** is the exploration of the body and mind through meditation, drumming, martial arts and yunjiao - meditative 'cloud walks'. The results are mesmerising, mysterious productions that leave a deep spiritual impression.

Perth Festival Artistic Director Wendy Martin says:

'Beyond Time is fabulously entertaining and physically immense. There is poetic beauty in music and motion set against the incredible precision and brute force of the drumming. It is an epic, visual spectacle and a captivating theatrical experience.'

Beyond Time is a quintessential festival event and the first of many 2018 Festival productions to explore the joy and connection of rituals in music and movement from across the globe.

Put down your mobile phone, disconnect and let U-Theatre take you on a journey beyond time.

Also, join U-Theatre in a guided Taoist meditation on Saturday 10 February. Learn more at perthfestival.com.au

WHAT: BEYOND TIME

WHERE: His Majesty's Theatre

WHEN: Fri 9 Feb – Sun 11 Feb

BOOKINGS AND FESTIVAL INFO: 08 6488 5555 – perthfestival.com.au



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Wendy Martin is the Artistic Director 2016 – 19.

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