

100 CAPE 100 STORIES

A CHORAL MUSIC INSTALLATION
CREATED BY DANIELLE O'KEEFE AND MELANIE LIETZ



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We walk through a field of red capes. We might be in bushland, an old house, a gallery, or a stone courtyard. The capes float above and around us like so many invisible girls as we hear stories of women's lives braided together with a stirring chorus of women's voices.

A folktale born of our time, 100 CAPES 100 STORIES is an installation that was handmade by women from across the country, and brought to life by music inspired by their stories.

I am grandmother who lives on the same land as my children and grandchildren. I am a Sunshine Coast costume designer. I was born in 1939, 1951, 1967, 1975. I have been sewing for Rescue Craft Co. I'm a qualified dressmaker, taught to sew by my mother who was a dressmaker as well. I sew for myself, my family and friends. I was born in 1945, I did technical teacher training. I raised a family of three then retrained as a library officer....



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"One day you will meet
the person you were meant to be"
I could barely hold a needle
when she said this to me



She was a bloody rock my mum, solid.
Grounding as she guided me through life
I loved watching my mum pulling things apart
to make something new for us



She loved to sing and often did. As she snipped and sewed
Soft sounds of a seamstress accessorising gentle song.
And she was wise, bursting at the seams
with advice and worldly knowledge.
"Comparison is the thief of joy" she declared to her
audience of myself and 100 scraps of fabric.
"Ignore what the others think," she added.
She said it in many different ways.



For a while I listened to her advice,
until cutting remarks were whispered,
slicing through me like her scissors.
Constricted. Suffocated.



As her words came back to me
I picked up the loose threads from before,
joining them together, and
it was like breathing fresh air.

lyrics compiled by Audrey Ormella

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GETTING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC TOGETHER

During the 2020 lockdowns, The House That Dan Built recruited 100 women from around Australia to participate in a multi-faceted community engagement project. They shared stories of resilience, connection to community, and reflections on their lives through one on one interviews and group interactions - and simultaneously stitched together a garment (a red cape) that would be passed onto 100 girls.

HOW THE STORIES BECAME MUSIC

These stories of girlhood dreams and meaningful, vital, and ordinary life formed the genesis of the original music that accompanies the 100 CAPES installation: 100 WOMEN 100 STORIES.

In 2022 The choral work 100 WOMEN. 100 STORIES. was created by 6 award winning female composers. Together they listened to the interviews and pulled out both common threads and unique details to thoughtfully compose the score.

In 2023 The work is touring to regional and metropolitan towns where local choirs of women will sing the music live on closing night. Deniiquin had three participants in the 100 Capes project and is the first regional town to have the works brought to the community.



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100 WOMEN. 100 STORIES.

a choral performance

100 WOMEN is a symphony of women's voices from around the country, performed by local women.

On the final night of this exhibition women from all over the Deniliquin region will come together to sing this beautiful new choral work.

We invite you to sing with us!
Look at the back page of this booklet for more information.

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DANIELLE O'KEEFE, AD & CEO

Founder, Artistic Director and CEO of The House that Dan Built. Danielle is recognised as a leader and innovator in the youth arts sector. An award winning conductor and director, Danielle is a creative entrepreneur whose interdisciplinary productions with young female vocalists are recognised and awarded locally and internationally. Having worked in the Arts for over 18 years, she has identified a way of working that cultivates collaborations between female artists and young girls across Sydney and regional Australia, finding the intersection of access and opportunity for all girls who raise their hands.



THE HOUSE THAT DAN BUILT

The House that Dan Built invests in girls and women now, for a voice tomorrow.

Founded in 2015, 'The House' is an arts organisation creating immersive works exploring Australian women's stories. We create choral music and contemporary opera works that communicate through the female lens. We invest in young women and girls with voice and performance training and, most importantly, empower their ongoing success by building their confidence to perform.

In a world of challenges we give women the creativity, dedication and skills to succeed. We believe we can change the world by creating platforms for more women to be heard.



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COUNCIL

PARTICIPANTS

1	Brenda	Elizabeth Bay	NSW	51	Bianca	Morayfield	QLD
2	Tracey	Glenview	QLD	52	Melissa	Crace	ACT
3	Glenda	Handorf	SA	53	Diane	Lara	Vic
4	Sylvia	Silverdale	NSW	54	Tina	Ayr	QLD
5	Cheryl	Glenmore Park	QLD	55	Patricia	Warner	QLD
6	Brenda	Paddington	NSW	56	Rachelle	Kiama	NSW
7	Danielle	Arncliffe	NSW	57	Selina	WOOLLOONGABBA	QLD
8	Maureen	Burnie	Tasmania	58	Sonya	Andergrove	QLD
9	Meredith	Albury	NSW	59	Rosie	Waterloo	Nsw
10	Yvette	Newport	NSW	60	Janine	Wonthaggi	Victoria
11	Kate	East Albury	NSW	61	Riette	Coolum	QLD
12	Sarah	Marrickville	NSW	62	Dianne	Milsons Point	NSW
13	Jane	Castle Hill	NSW	63	Emma	Tamworth	NSW
14	Faye	WILBY	Victoria	64	Oriel	Port Fairy	Victoria
15	Melanie	Mount Gambier	SA	65	Karen	Ashgrove	QLD
16	Katrina	Banks	ACT	66	Karen	Ashgrove	QLD
17	Sue	Perth	WA	67	Danielle	Ashgrove	QLD
18	Rebecca	Palmerston	NT	68	Jane	Deniliquin	NSW
19	Joey	OXLEY	QLD	69	Margaret	Bookaar	Vic
20	Michelle	Kotara	NSW	70	Jacinta	Hamilton	VIC
21	Catherine	Turvey Park	NSW	71	Nina	Deniliquin	NSW
22	Leeah	Gravesend	NSW	72	Jeanette	Port Fairy	Victoria
23	Jodi	Salisbury North	SA	73	Ardleigh	Nambour	Qld
24	Bronwyn	Port Victoria	SA	74	Amanda	Redan	Victoria
25	Dayle	South Morang	Vic	75	Becky	Warrnambool	Vic
26	Ruby	Colebee	NSW	76	Glenis	Wentworth	NSW
27	Lynda	Aldgate	Sa	77	Jacquie	Condah	Vic
28	Tahlee	Flora Hill	Vic	78	Bernice	The Hill	NSW
29	Belinda	Australind	WA	79	Ella	Cooloolabin	Qld
30	Tracey	Townsville	QLD	80	Jools	Woodford	QLD
31	Julie	Dandenong	Vic	81	Fiona	Alexandra Headland	Qld
32	Eily	Raymond Terrace	NSW	82	Ash	Sawtell	NSW
33	Pam	Rothwell	Qld	83	Kelly	Belrose	NSW
34	Katrina	Penguin	TAS	84	Monica	Toowong	QLD
35	Zharon	ORANGE	NSW	85	Lauren	Summer Hill	NSW
36	Lauren	Glenwood	QLD	86	Amanda	Maribyrnong	Victoria
37	Lesley	Beaudesert	Qld	87	Joanne	Redcliffe	QLD
38	Gianna	Carlton North	Vic	88	Deb	Casino	NSW
39	Karli	Sharon	QLD	89	Judy	Traralgon	Vic
40	Leonie	Brisbane	Qld	90	Yondette	Melton South	VIC
41	Julie	Como	WA	91	Jodie	Adelaide	SA
42	Terri	Caboolture	QLD	92	Jane	Castle Hill	NSW
43	Marcie	Nimmitabel	NSW	93	Cressida	Urraween	QLD
44	Ariett	Beecroft	NSW	94	Darrah	Telarah	NSW
45	Jemma	Tuart Hill	WA	95	Lisa	Railton	Tasmania
46	Julie	Townsville	Qld	96	Hannah	Marnoo	Vic
47	Bianca	Moranbah	Qld	97	Georgianna	Blackburn South	VIC
48	Tracy	Alfred cove	Wa	98	Emma	Mount Melville	WA
49	Lynda	Salisbury	Qld	99	Meaghan	Warragul	Vic
50	Rachel	Rosebery	NSW	100	Caitlin	Goondiwindi	QLD

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We would like to **INVITE YOU**
to **SING WITH US**
in Deniliquin!

July 27th we will have our closing night party.
We are looking for women and girls to sing with us.

We have 3 songs sessions. You can join one or all!
July 12th. Wednesday. 4-6pm. With Jayden and Zara.
July 23rd. Sunday. 2-4pm. With Danielle and Delena
July 26th Wednesday- 5.30-7.30pm. With Danielle and Delena

CONCERT July 27th. 7pm
pre-show rehearsal 6-7pm.



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