

## **Black Swan broadcast extends regional reach**

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- \$181,486 Lotterywest grant for live transmission of Tartuffe
- \$20,000 for history project to mark theatre company's 25th birthday

Regional audiences will be able to enjoy the Black Swan State Theatre Company's upcoming production of Tartuffe The Hypocrite, thanks to a \$181,486 Lotterywest grant.

Announcing the funding this week, Culture and the Arts Minister John Day said it would enable Moliere's classic 17th century satire to be broadcasted live to regional audiences.

"For the sixth consecutive year, Black Swan will broadcast across the State," Mr Day said.

"This will allow people in regional and remote communities to participate in a live production and share the experience with the broader Western Australian community.

"Audiences will be able to watch the show at 11 regional performing arts centres and more than 100 community resource centres, or they can source it online at home through the Westlink TV channel."

The Minister said a second Lotterywest grant of \$20,000 would go towards a community history project to coincide with Black Swan's silver anniversary.

"This will help the company create a digital platform to capture stories that chronicle its strong contribution to WA over the past 25 years," he said.

"The platform will link arts organisations and individuals from around the world, enabling them to share images, video and text, resulting in a digital archive of the company's history and achievements."

### **Fact File**

- Tartuffe The Hypocrite will be broadcast on Friday, November 4, at 7.30pm
- The 11 participating regional performing arts centres are located at Broome, Bunbury, Onslow, Port Hedland, Geraldton, Busselton, Margaret River, Merredin, Kalgoorlie, Esperance and Karratha
- Black Swan is one of WA's four major performing arts companies

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- The company is jointly funded by the State Government through the Department of Culture and the Arts and the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts
- For more information on Black Swan, visit <http://www.bsstc.com.au>
- Last financial year, Lotterywest gave 963 direct grants totalling \$118.84 million to 814 not-for-profit organisations and local government associations, with a statutory allocation of \$162.57 million provided to hospitals, sports and the arts
- WA is the only State where the money raised from lottery products is distributed directly back to the community to support not-for-profit organisations
- For more information, visit <http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants>

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