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A GHOST IN MY SUITCASE

Barking Gecko Theatre

The spirits you carry, they carry you too.

Twelve-year-old Celeste arrives in China to scatter her mother's ashes, but in no time flat she's thrust into a terrifying world of magic and adventure. Her grandmother has carried on the family tradition of ghost catching, and Celeste finds she's got a knack for the hair-raising pursuit herself.

Barking Gecko's play is visually spectacular with its impressionistic design which brings the supernatural thriller to life.

This world premiere stage version of ***A Ghost in My Suitcase*** is adapted from Gabrielle Wang's thrilling Aurealis award-winning novel of the same name. From contemporary Australia to cosmopolitan Shanghai to the misty byways of rural China, Celeste's tale takes place in the overlap of cultures and histories both big and small. A rip-roaring adventure with a tender and moving seam running throughout, *A Ghost in My Suitcase* will enchant audiences of any age.

Barking Gecko Theatre is Western Australia's locally cherished, nationally significant company that creates and tours world-class theatre for children and families. Inspiring audiences of all ages, Barking Gecko encourages its

audiences to embrace a creative life full of curiosity, empathy and play.

Melbourne Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: 'Part coming of age story, part adventure and part ghost hunt, Gabrielle Wang's book is a modern classic and Barking Gecko have used all the bells and whistles and lights to make it a thoroughly thrilling ghost tale.'

'**Children's theatre at its best.**' – Seesaw Magazine (on Barking Gecko Theatre)

'**A perfectly formed masterpiece.**' – The Australian (on Barking Gecko Theatre)

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