

LUKA LESSON CV 2020



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LUKA LESSON IS A SPOKEN WORD POET AND RAPPER WHOSE WORK ENGAGES WITH THE GREEK MYTHOLOGY OF HIS FAMILY HOMELAND, THE FIERCELY POLITICAL AND THE VULNERABLY SELF-REFLECTIVE. LUKA HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA, BLEACH* FESTIVAL AND LA BOITE THEATRE. HE HAS ALSO RELEASED TWO MUSICAL ALBUMS AND TWO INDEPENDANT BOOKS AND BEEN PUBLISHED IN A NUMBER OF POETRY COLLECTIONS.

LUKA HAS TOURED WITH THE LIKES OF OMAR MUSA, AKALA (UK), LOWKEY (UK), TIKI TAANE (NZ), NAHKO AND MEDICINE FOR THE PEOPLE (USA), XIUHTEZCATL, AND DR CORNEL WEST (USA). LUKA LESSON HAS ALWAYS USED EDUCATION-BASED PROGRAMS AS A MEANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE BOTH WITHIN AUSTRALIA AND ABROAD AND HIS WORK IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED IN ENGLISH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

IN 2017 LUKA ESTABLISHED HIS FIRST POETRY RETREAT. THE RHODES POETRY RETREAT IS BASED IN HIS GRANDFATHER'S VILLAGE ON THE ISLAND OF RHODES AND WELCOMES POETS OF DIFFERENT LEVELS AND STYLES FROM ACROSS THE PLANET. IN 2018 LUKA ESTABLISHED **THE FUTURE ANCIENTS PTY LTD**, AN ARTS-BASED COMPANY WHICH HOUSES HIS CREATIVE PROJECTS, EDUCATION PROGRAMS & RETREATS.

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2020

- | ESTABLISHED: 'THE FUTURE ANCIENTS' PODCAST
- | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: CHINA, AUSTRALIA
- | FESTIVALS: ONE EARTH LIVE, 4E SYDNEY, RED DIRT POETRY FESTIVAL

2019

- | SINGLE RELEASE: WELCOME TO PARADOX
- | TOURS: AUSTRALIA, LONDON, ATHENS
- | FESTIVALS: BLEACH FESTIVAL, MELBOURNE SPOKEN WORD + POETRY FESTIVAL
- | PUBLISHED: 'POEMS FROM A GREEN AND BLUE PLANET' EDITED BY SABRINA MAFOUZ (HACHETTE, UK), 'SOLID AIR' EDITED BY DAVID STAVANGER + ANNE-MARIE TE WHIU (UQP).
- | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG, MALAYSIA, VIETNAM, SINGAPORE
- FACILITATED: RHODES POETRY RETREAT

2018

- | ESTABLISHED: 'THE FUTURE ANCIENTS' PTYLTD (CEO)
- | WORK IN PROGRESS SHOWING: 'ODYSSEUS', FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- | SINGLE RELEASE: LIVING ARTEFACT
- | TOUR SUPPORTS: TIKI TAANE (NZ), NAHKO + MEDICINE FOR THE PEOPLE (USA)
- | FESTIVALS: WAVE FESTIVAL, HORIZON FESTIVAL
- | COMMISSIONS: 'MACQUARIE' QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA, VIETNAM, HONG KONG
- | FACILITATED: RHODES POETRY RETREAT

2017

- | RESIDENCY: SCOTTISH POETRY LIBRARY
- | FESTIVALS: EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL (UK), WANDERLUST (NZ), SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS (AUS)
- | TOUR SUPPORT: AKALA (UK)
- | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA, CHINA, SCOTLAND
- | ESTABLISHED: RHODES POETRY RETREAT, GREECE

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2016

- | FIRST WORK IN PROGRESS SHOWING: 'ODYSSEUS' - SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
- | TOUR SUPPORT: AKALA (UK)
- | FESTIVALS: SOMERSET CELEBRATION OF LITERATURE
- | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA, CHINA, NEW ZEALAND

2015

- | ALBUM & BOOK RELEASE 'ANTIDOTE'
- | TOURS: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA
- | TOUR SUPPORTS: DR CORNEL WEST (USA)
- | FESTIVALS: ONE BLOOD FESTIVAL (SA), QUEENSLAND POETRY FESTIVAL, UPLIFT FESTIVAL
- | PUBLISHED: 'HOME IS WHERE THE MIC IS' EDITED BY MANDI VUNDLA + ALLAN HORWITE (BOTSOSO)
- | | EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, CHINA

2014

- | ALBUM RELEASE: 'EXIT'
- | TOURS: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND
- | RESIDENCY: BEIJING BOOKWORM WRITERS FESTIVAL
- | FESTIVALS: SPLENDOUR IN THE GRASS, RAINBOW SERPENT FESTIVAL
- | EDUCATION TOURS: AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

2013

- | EP RELEASE 'PERASMA/PASSAGE'
- | BOOK RELEASE: THE FUTURE ANCIENTS
- | TOURS: AUSTRALIA, GREECE
- | FESTIVALS: WORD TRAVELS FESTIVAL, UPLIFT FESTIVAL, HONG KONG YOUNG READERS + WRITERS FESTIVAL, MAKASSAR LITERATURE FESTIVAL, BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL
- | EDUCATION TOURS: AUSTRALIA, CHINA

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2012

| ALBUM RELEASE: 'PLEASE RESIST ME'

| TOURS: UNITED STATES, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA

| TOUR SUPPORT: SHANE KOYCZAN (CANADA), JIVE POETIC (NYC), KEN ARKIND (USA), MAHOGANY L. BROWNE (NYC)

| FESTIVALS: UPLIFT FESTIVAL, AUCKLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL, SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL, BEIJING BOOKWORM LITERATURE FESTIVAL, UBUD WRITERS FESTIVAL

| HEADLINE SHOW: NUYORICAN POETS' CAFE (NYC)

| EDUCATION PROGRAMS: AUSTRALIA

2011

| COMMISSION: 'LUKA LESSON ART SERIES' NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

| POETRY SLAMS: WINNER - AUSTRALIAN POETRY SLAM NATIONAL FINAL. PLACED 19TH OUT OF A FIELD OF 80 - INDIVIDUAL WORLD POETRY SLAM, CHARLOTTE, USA

| TOURS: UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA

| PUBLISHED: 'SOUTHERN SUN, AEGEAN LIGHT: POETS OF SECOND-GENERATION GREEK-AUSTRALIANS' EDITED BY NICK TRAKAKIS (ASP)

2010

| EP RELEASE 'CHILD'S PLAY'

| POETRY SLAM: WINNER - MELBOURNE POETRY FESTIVAL SLAM, WINNER - GREENS POETRY SLAM

| CO-CURATOR: 'TELL IT LIKE IT IS' SPOKEN WORD SERIES, FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

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TERTIARY EDUCATION HISTORY

- MASTERS IN SOUND DESIGN (PERFORMANCE POETRY), VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

- FIRST CLASS HONOURS, INDIGENOUS STUDIES, MONASH UNIVERSITY

- BACHELOR OF ARTS (ANTHROPOLOGY), UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

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