



## HeapsGood Theatrical Walks at the Adelaide Botanic Garden

Is your class heading into the Adelaide Botanic Garden either this term or next? Are you making plans for 2017 to head into the Adelaide Botanic Garden, and wondering what's on offer? If so, give some thought to including in your plans one of several theatrical walks through the Gardens by Heaps Good Productions' Creative Director, and 2014 Unsung Hero of Science Communication, Michael Mills.

### Singing in the Rainforest...

This is a one person, multi-character experience that sees participants explore the main features of a rainforest. We discover what is important about rainforests from some very different points of view. Through studying the role of sunlight, water and nutrients in rainforests, we are able to better understand their role in other habitats and ecosystems. Through learning about the importance of rainforests, we are better able to understand why it is so essential that we take steps to save them. In **"Singing in the Rainforest"** we learn the power that our individual actions can have, and of how we can take those steps together.

### Dinner with the Dinosaurs

Have you ever made a dinosaur nest? Do you know how enormous some of the long neck dinosaurs were, how much they needed to eat to get that way, and how much methane they created in doing so? Find out by joining singing palaeontologist Professor Flint on a journey through the Adelaide Botanic Garden in search of prehistoric plants. While most of the dinosaurs went extinct, (other than some of the raptors that we now call birds), many of the plants, and their relatives from that period remain with us today. In **"Dinner with the Dinosaurs"** find out how and why, as we are reminded that the study of prehistoric life must always include a study of the plants that made that life possible.

In these walks, you are not a member of an audience... You are an active participant. You do not go along to watch a story... You join us and become part of the story. Steve Meredith, retired long term Education Officer at the Gardens once wrote of Michael's work...

*"Michael transforms and weaves information into delightful theatrical performances... He is able to powerfully deliver unique, entertaining integrated curriculum based programmes to school groups using institutional collections and displays."*

Here is a link to a short video in which Michael outlines some of the available experiences... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKF2ADd2wf0>

Additional walks include **"A Greek Odyssey"**, **"A Pharaoh's Journey through Ancient Egypt"**, and **"Travels through China"**. In each of the walks, the plants of the Adelaide Botanic Garden are not simply a back drop for a show. They are an integral character of the story, without which the story would not exist. Suitable for Primary aged students, though we can also tailor something to your particular curriculum and age specific needs.

**For further details and bookings, contact Michael Mills on 0411287381, or [michael@heapsgood.com.au](mailto:michael@heapsgood.com.au).**

For further information about the range of excellent services and downloadable resources available through the Adelaide Botanic Garden's Education Service, head to <http://www.botanic.sa.edu.au>.

