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Indigenous Female Dance Group pays tribute in Spectacular.

The Gold Coast Show's Centenary Show Arena Spectacular will feature a special tribute to Indigenous Australians by a group of female aboriginal dancers. The talented dance troupe Nyulejam pronounced (Newly-Jim) meaning 'Without Him' will appear each night in the show to represent Gold Coast aboriginal culture. Nyulejam are excited as it will be the first time they have performed at the Gold Coast Show.

Though it is a female dance group they do have two males that perform with them. Head dancer Julie Tyler said, "You don't see (aboriginal) women's dance troupes, it is usually a mixture." The men play the didgeridoo as culturally women are not allowed to play. "We have men dancers but it is specifically just women because it is such a dominant role for men dancers. So it is very rare and we like to just keep it with women but we do invite men to dance with us for unisex dance routines." she said.

The group was formed in 1997 when they had the opportunity to learn the aboriginal culture and dance. They decided to become a performance group as female dance groups were unheard of before then. Nyulejam have been performing for eight years now and have performed at various venues such as, 'The Woodford Folk Festival' and "International Women's Day'. Nowadays they can be seen performing at 'Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary'. As far as their future is concerned, they have been invited to perform internationally. They also plan to record a CD in the near future.

The Gold Coast Show's creative producer Mark Eady said, "It is great to have the indigenous group perform in the Arena Spectacular, paying tribute in traditional song and dance to the original custodians of this land we now call the Gold Coast."

Nyulejam will be the opening act in the Arena Spectacular performed each night of the show in the main arena at 7pm. Show dates are 31st of August to the 2nd of September.

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