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**AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE/EXCLUSIVE  
XARXA TEATRE (SPAIN)**

**LOTTERYWEST FESTIVAL SPECTACULAR: VELES e VENTS**  
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Rhythmic explosions of music and movement, the elemental collision of fire meeting sea, fireworks shooting an unforgettable array of light into the night sky. Get ready for elated submergence in this dazzling experience.

**Xarxa** (say 'sharsha') are masters of public theatre on the most spectacular scale. With all senses engaged and truly heightened, you will revel in the sheer force of these masterful storytellers.

Perth Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: "**Veles e Vents** premiered for the opening of the Channel Tunnel 20 years ago and has been performed all around the world since then. This beautiful show has not lost any of its brilliance in those 20 years; if anything it has got more and more important."

"It's about a journey of a boat full of people with a clear and evident performed narrative using large-scale bodies, pyrotechnics, sound, lighting, and music. We are offering **Veles e Vents** over three nights to allow audiences to get close to the action."

**Veles e Vents** charts the grand and perilous voyage of a ship on the open sea. It is both a celebration of that charged and dynamic ocean and an explosive reminder that the journey is often just as magical as the final destination.

Inspired by the work of Valencian poet Ausiàs March, Xarxa have created a family-friendly spectacular that will set the Perth skyline alight for three nights to launch our Festival. Find your spot in Langley Park and brace yourself for this exultant start to the season.

Mesmerising in scale and effect, this Festival exclusive will leave our entire city with a pounding heart and indelible memories.

***Miraculous transformations and pyrotechnic wonders abound in this family-friendly show... a terrifying storm at sea is, incredibly, recreated using fireworks – barely a moment passes without something jaw-droppingly spectacular occurring.*** MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

**WHERE:** Langley Park

**WHEN:** Friday 7 February – Sunday 9 February.

Picking welcome from 6:30pm, performance commences at 8pm.

**FREE EVENT.** Paid parking available at the east end of Langley Park.

**Friday's performance will be preceded by a Welcome to Country from Indigenous artists and Elders.**

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***Perth International Arts Festival***

*Founded in 1953 by The University of Western Australia, the Perth International Arts Festival is the longest running international arts festival in Australia and Western Australia's premier cultural event. The Festival has developed a worldwide reputation for excellence in its international program, the presentation of new works and the highest quality artistic experiences for its audience. For 61 years the Festival has welcomed to Perth some of the world's greatest living artists and now connects with over 700,000 people each year.*

*Jonathan Holloway is the Artistic Director 2012-2015.*

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