2011 SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, tonight launched the Sydney Opera House’s 2011 education program – House:Ed.

Ms Firth said the program offers young students the opportunity to experience the highest quality live performing arts and film.

“The 2011 House:Ed season will deliver 10 live productions and two film festivals to an audience of around 23,000 students.

“The Sydney Opera House and the Education Department have been working together to enrich and extend the quality of arts education to both students and teachers through this exciting program.

“The 2011 House:Ed season will showcase work from some of Australia’s most respected and innovative theatre and dance companies.

“Students will work directly with artists in significant projects that will be seen around the world.

“Teachers will also be given the opportunity to share their experience using classroom resources provided online by the Sydney Opera House.

“New initiatives for House:Ed 2011 include a teachers’ masterclass series.

“Teachers’ creativity will be nurtured through the establishment of a network of arts professionals.

“Teachers will be able to interact with artists and other arts teachers, engage in practical masterclasses and take what they learn back into classrooms to inspire students and colleagues.

“I congratulate the Sydney Opera House on its 2011 season of House:Ed.”