



# Voices of past take to stage

A UNIQUE view of Geraldton's past will be unveiled in Theatre Eight this evening.

Voiceprints of Geraldton is an audio-visual presentation of six stories based on Aboriginal, maritime, migrant and fishing themes.

Each story is presented against a backdrop of historical photographs, rare film footage and an original soundtrack.

ABC presenter Bill Bunbury will guide the audience on this journey in sound, image and story, in which rarely-heard tales of Geraldton's past unfold.

Stories told by some of Geraldton's own

raconteurs are brought together with images of past and present, creating a fascinating portrait of people and place.

These often deeply personal stories travel through time and memory, creating a gentle portrait of a community through its living inhabitants.

Described as a beautiful evocation of life on

the West Coast, the presentation includes live interviews and live music performed by Peter Grayling on cello and Rod Vervest on guitar.

Voiceprints of Geraldton is jointly presented by the Perth International Arts Festival in association with Voiceprints Inc and the Geraldton-Greenough Regional Library.

The unusual project

was made possible through a Lotterywest grant and with the support of the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

Following its debut presentation in Geraldton at 8pm tonight at Theatre Eight, to which entry is free, Voiceprints will be presented in Perth as an element of the Perth Writers Festival.