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Performances The Star Gold Coast 28-29 September 2018 Civic Theatre
Newcastle 2-3 October 2018 Darling Harbour Theatre, ICC Sydney 5-6 October 2018 Bookings: ticketek.com.au More information: dunhuang.com.au About The Legend of Dunhuang Show Storyline (in Acts) About the performers About the crew Images are available on dropbox; <http://ow.ly/Cc1730kRa3l> For interviews and further information contact Thurnham Teece 4961 6010; Lyn Thurnham lthurnham@thurnhamteece.com.au Tara Fohmsbee tfohmsbee@thurnhamteece.com.au

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