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**The present generation of Kingsford-Smiths pioneer at the Adelaide Fringe 2010.**



Charles Kingsford Smith



Leof Kingsford-Smith



James Kingsford-Smith

There are certain families where daring to be different seems infused in the DNA. One such family are the Kingsford-Smiths, a name familiar to many Australians.

**Charles Kingsford Smith**

Charles Kingsford Smith (1897- 1935), Australia's most famous aviator, made the first trans-Pacific flight from the USA to Australia in 1928. He also made the first non-stop crossing of the Australian mainland, and the first flight between Australia and New Zealand, the first successful crossing of the Atlantic, UK to USA, and was the first aviator to circumnavigate the globe crossing the equator.

Indeed this legend of the sky is honored in the eponymous Sydney Kingsford Smith International Airport, and the sixth Qantas Airbus A380 'superjumbo' christened the "Charles Kingsford Smith" appropriately departs from Sydney to Los Angeles, an event which is now a daily occurrence thanks in no small part to this pioneering aviator.

**Leof Kingsford-Smith**

Preserving this legacy, Leof Kingsford-Smith (1954- Present), a former CEO turned accomplished actor, portrays one of his great-uncle's contemporaries, the aviator Bill Lancaster this Adelaide Fringe 2010.

*Mission of Flowers* is a beguiling true story chronicling Bill's life from his 1927 flight from Britain to Australia, his tempestuous love affair with Jesse "Chubbie" Miller, his trial for murder in the first degree, and his final 1933 flight in the Southern Cross Minor, the biplane that Bill purchased from Charles Kingsford Smith.

Leof's acting credits geographically extend from London's West End and English repertory to the Sydney Opera House and a host of smaller Australian theatres. In almost four decades he has played everything from Shakespeare to Ayckbourn, Emyln Williams and David Williamson in roles ranging from the tragic King Lear and Mark Antony to The Coroner and Rex in two of Australia's hottest TV series, Underbelly11 and Home and Away.

**James Kingsford-Smith**

Continuing the pioneering 'aerial' work, James Kingsford-Smith (1985- Present), Leof's son, makes his solo debut at the Adelaide Fringe. Beginning his training in gymnastics at the age of 5 and performing since the age of 15, James is a trained actor, stuntman, high diver, physical comedian, acrobat and aerialist.

In *Unenlightened & Alone*, James weaves this dramatic mix of skills, strength and agility, in a provocative and personal story of estrangement, revelation and sensibility that will resonate with many.

James is a graduate of the National Institute of Circus Arts, has worked for Circa, one of Australia's most innovative circus companies, and was formerly with Cirque du Soleil.

Don't miss Leof and James this Adelaide Fringe 2010 as they follow Kingsford-Smith family tradition and, in their own separate ways, take to the skies.

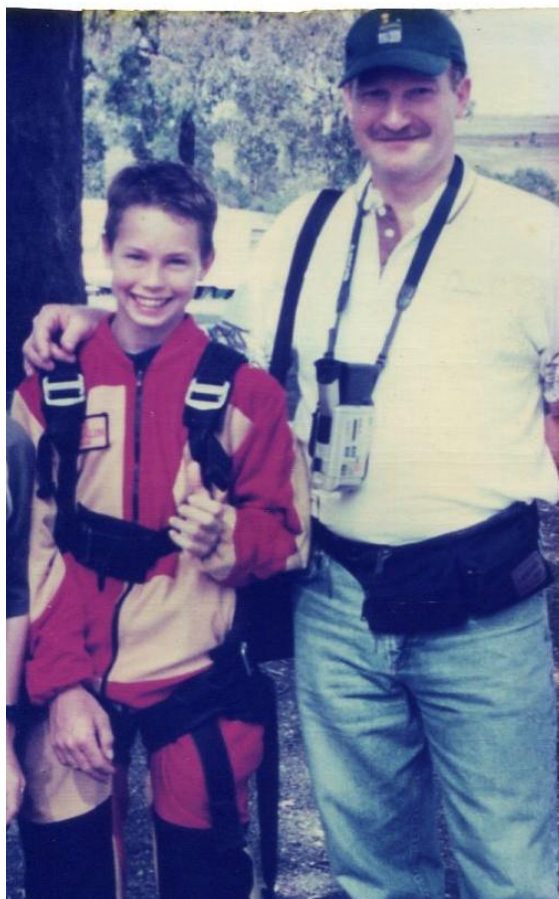
#### **MISSION OF FLOWERS LISTINGS INFORMATION**

Venue: Jah'z Lounge, 7 Cinema Place (off Vaughan Place), Rundle Street, Adelaide  
Dates: 20-22, 24-28 February; 1, 3-8, 10-13 March 2010 (no performance Tuesday nights)  
Time: 17:30 (ends 18:40)  
Tickets: \$25.00 Full, \$20.00 Concession  
Box Office: 1300 FRINGE (374 643) / [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)



#### **UNENLIGHTENED & ALONE LISTINGS INFORMATION**

Venue: The Garage International @ NACC, 176 Tynte Street (Rear of), North Adelaide  
Dates/Time/Tickets: 21 February at 21:30,  
2 March at 19:00, 9 March 2010 at 20:45. \$20.00 Full, \$16.00 Concession  
5-7 March at 19:00, 12-14 March 2010 at 20:45. \$25.00 Full, \$20.00 Concession  
Duration: 40 minutes  
Box Office: 1300 FRINGE (374 643) / [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)  
Rating: Parental guidance



*James Kingsford-Smith and Leof Kingsford-Smith*

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