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We accept the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and support a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

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The year in numbers



457 performances

157,034 total paid attendance

6,538paid attendance at performances outside Melbourne





339 schools

attended a Melbourne Theatre Company performance



4,590+
subsidised
school tickets



1,370km+
travelled for
SLAP. BANG. KISS.
regional tour



1,560+participants in workshops and engagement programs



40k+

unique visits to our digital education resources

Chair's report

Jane Hansen AO



After two years of gruelling pandemic conditions that were undoubtedly the most difficult in Melbourne Theatre Company's history, 2022 brought us a cautious sense of relief, and reason to hope again. With lockdowns behind us, the Company was able to return to the stage for a full season, ensuring ongoing employment for our staff and artists, enjoyment for our audiences and a crucial sense of community and connection for our industry, and our city.

Fittingly, 2022 was a year of new beginnings, although we must also acknowledge a couple of endings. First and foremost, 2022 was the final season programmed by former Artistic Director & Co-CEO Brett Sheehy Ao. I am delighted that the Company and its community were able to enjoy the full, uninterrupted extent of Brett's vision for the year, and remain extremely grateful to Brett for his many years of dedication and outstanding leadership – including during the pandemic.

I also want to offer my sincerest gratitude to Virginia Lovett, who served alongside Brett as Executive Director & Co-CEO for the past ten years. Together, Virginia and Brett steered the Company through an extraordinary decade of growth and success, overseeing the introduction of award-winning education, writing, and digital access programs and building a passionate and dedicated Subscriber base pre-COVID – the largest of any theatre company in the country. Their combined leadership ensured that Melbourne Theatre Company was able to weather the harrowing challenges of the past two years, and they have left the Company in an enviable position, both artistically and operationally.

Happily, Virginia isn't going far. In her tenure as the inaugural Director of Performing Arts at the University of Melbourne, she will no doubt continue to engage with the Company and our community of artists and creatives, students and audiences.

I must also offer my sincerest gratitude to our wonderful Donors, and all those who supported us by buying tickets and attending shows: you stuck with us through the difficulties of the past two years; you showed patience and understanding as we navigated through the masked and vaccinated economy; and you were rewarded with a brilliant season of world-class theatre – and the promise of many more to come.

Central to that promise has been the significant pandemic relief and recovery funding provided by State and Federal Governments over the past two years. Although we are still operating in highly challenging financial times, I remain optimistic that as we continue on our journey of COVID recovery, both the Andrews and Albanese Labor Governments will not only continue to support the Company and the arts and cultural sector more broadly, but will continue to recognise the essential role we all play in the economic, social and cultural life of Victoria, and Australia.

Last but by no means least, I thank my Board of Management colleagues, Foundation Board members, the Executive team and Company staff. Their tireless passion and unparalleled expertise is an ongoing inspiration. In particular, I want to offer my warmest thanks to those who stepped down from the Foundation Board in 2022, including Jonathan Feder, Paul Bonnici and Shane Gild. Your valued service and wise counsel have helped ensure that Melbourne Theatre Company remains on solid ground as we look to the future.

Season 2023 ushers in a new era, as Artistic Director & Co-CEO Anne-Louise Sarks presents her first season of shows for the Company. It's a fresh and invigorating season of exciting programming that has already been generating much praise from our audiences and within the wider arts community. Anne-Louise has recently been joined by our new Executive Director & Co-CEO Sally Noonan, and along with the highly experienced and talented Martina Murray stepping into the newly created leadership role of Executive Producer & Deputy CEO, I have no doubt that Season 2023 and beyond will continue to see the Company go from strength to strength.

Jane Harry



Artistic Director (Season 2023+) & Co-CEO's report

Anne-Louise Sarks



My tenure with Melbourne Theatre Company started as caretaker for Brett Sheehy Ao's final season. A season that showcased brilliant Australian voices, remarkable actors and theatre makers, and the passion of our wonderful audiences and wider community.

This time was a great opportunity for me to get to know the company intimately, while crafting my first season as Artistic Director and planning for the change required to support it. This past year has been an extraordinary time in which to begin with the Company, with the deprivations of pandemic lockdowns behind us and the official start of our COVID-recovery period – and with recovery comes hope and a view to the future. There could be no better time to take the reins of Victoria's state theatre company.

As we look to the future, I also acknowledge the dedication, hard work and success of outgoing Executive Director & Co-CEO Virginia Lovett for her outstanding leadership of the Company over the past decade, and in particular the tumultuous COVID years.

In September 2022 we launched Season 2023, and with it the first glimpses of my vision for the Company. It's a vision that is centred on the new. It's about bold and exciting untold stories, and your old favourites explored in breathtaking new ways. It's about putting new Australian stories front and centre while presenting an invigorating mix of fresh voices and familiar faces. And it is about heralding a new era for Melbourne Theatre Company.

As part of that new era, I was thrilled to be able to oversee three exciting new appointments. Accomplished director, writer and dramaturg Tasnim Hossain joined us as Resident Director, a key new artistic role that will work closely with me and the wider creative team. Meanwhile, two longstanding Company superstars have stepped into newly created positions: Acting Literary Manager Jennifer Medway was promoted to Head of New Work and we have already commissioned many exciting new artists and plays for future presentation; and our Director of Artistic Operations and Senior Producer Martina Murray has become the Company's new Executive Producer & Deputy CEO.

All three new roles will form a vital part of the creative leadership steering the Company as it embraces our new vision, purpose and values that centre on equity, inclusion, creativity and connection. Underpinning it all is our new Company pledge, the core tenet of which is that 'theatre is for everyone'. The pledge is designed to strengthen our commitment to the new Company values and artistic vision.

This vision is to share stories that reflect the diversity of the human experience and that help us to better understand ourselves and the world that we live in.

I look forward to sharing this vision through all Melbourne Theatre Company does – on and off the stage – over the coming years.

See you at the theatre.





Executive Director & Co-CEO's report

Virginia Lovett



After an extraordinary ten years, 2022 was my final year with Melbourne Theatre Company. And what a year to finish on

Despite ongoing challenges following the brutal pandemic period, we enthusiastically welcomed actors back onto our stages, and audiences back into our theatres.

It has been wonderful to witness, and 2022 will be remembered as the beginning of our COVID-recovery era. However full recovery will take time. The impacts of the past couple of years will continue to be felt throughout the sector. Within the Company this will necessitate new ways of thinking and fresh approaches to creating and staging theatre, dealing with the short-term disruption to audience behaviours and the increasing other headwinds of rising costs and inflation.

I cannot think of a better team than Melbourne Theatre Company's to do just that. It is easier leaving the Company knowing that it is in excellent hands – led by our new Artistic Director & Co-CEO Anne-Louise Sarks and from April 2023, new Executive Director & Co-CEO Sally Noonan.

Anne-Louise hit the ground running at the start of 2022, with her exciting vision and creative energy helping to inspire and propel us all through the continuing uncertainties of the year. With the launch of her debut season, we ushered in a new era of artistic evolution and a raft of new artists and creatives to the Company.

Season 2022 will also be remembered for the brilliant final season programmed by Brett Sheehy Ao. As the first season in two years not mired by lockdowns and forced cancellations, it was a fitting farewell to our former Artistic Director. It was also a privilege to work alongside Brett for so many of his seasons and jointly lead this iconic cultural institution.

Across Season 2022, we produced 457 performances and employed 571 actors, creatives and industry professionals. We performed to a total paid attendance of 157,034, resulting in a box office of \$12.9 million. Overall, we will report \$26.8 million in total revenue and a surplus of \$3.4 million; being a one-off surplus that was only achieved due to the substantial Federal and State Government pandemic-relief grants we recognised in 2022 and which have repaired our balance sheet after the damage inflicted in 2020 and 2021.

The emergency support from Federal and State governments was essential for a company impacted by six lockdowns. The Federal Government's Arts Sustainability Fund has enabled the Company to repair the damage to the balance sheet from major revenue losses of the past two years. It enables the Company to be ready for a new artistic era and not be hobbled by the COVID years. The ongoing support by the Victorian State Government recognises the important role Melbourne Theatre Company plays in the arts and cultural ecology of Victoria.

As we emerge from difficult conditions, the much-needed and valued support of our Donors and corporate partners remains as vital as ever, and in 2022 accounted for 12% of our overall revenue.

Season 2022 was marked by many highlights. Among them were the long-awaited and successful stagings of shows originally programmed for 2021, or 2020, including:

- Cyrano, written by Virginia Gay to celebrate Melbourne's revival after the lockdowns of 2020, only to be cancelled on opening night in 2021 due to another lockdown. Being able to finally stage this joyous celebration of theatre and seeing it programmed to open Black Swan State Theatre Company of WA's 2023 season in partnership with Perth Festival was the sweetest success
- The Heartbreak Choir, Aidan
 Fennessy's final play, performed
 in-person with a rotating roster
 of community choirs bringing
 the house down every night. It
 was also filmed for MTC Digital
 Theatre and anchored our firstever in-cinema season, at Cinema
 Nova in Carlton
- Sunshine Super Girl, written and directed by Andrea James and telling the life story of tennis superstar Evonne Goolagong Cawley through movement, performance and the extraordinary transformation of Southbank Theatre via 'courtside seating' on the stage to evoke the magic of Wimbledon.

Other highlights of Season 2022 included *Laurinda*, written by Diana Nguyen with Petra Kalive and based on the beloved novel by Alice Pung, which attracted a new, diverse and younger audience.

Our Education & Families production *SLAP. BANG. KISS.* toured to regional venues in Victoria for the first time since before the pandemic, bringing professional theatre to students and educators across the state.

Melbourne Theatre Company is at the heart of the Melbourne Arts Precinct, and supported by the Company's new Executive Producer & Deputy CEO Martina Murray, Anne-Louise Sarks has big plans. Exciting plans. Plans that will involve and engage the entire Melbourne Theatre Company community.

It has been the professional highlight of my life to lead this wonderful Company. The passionate and dedicated staff and remarkable artists that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past decade – as well as the generous and committed audiences, Subscribers, Donors and partners – have made my time with Melbourne Theatre Company extraordinary.

I would like to thank our Chair Jane Hansen Ao, members of Board of Management and Foundation Board for their support throughout the year. I would also like to thank my outstanding colleagues and our passionate Donor community without whom none of our achievements would have been possible.

Thank you.

Melbourne Theatre Company Season 2022



Touching the Void BASED ON THE BOOK BY Joe Simpson ADAPTED BY David Greig 17 JAN-19 FEB



Fun Home MUSIC BY **Jeanine Tesori** BOOK AND LYRICS BY Lisa Kron BASED ON THE GRAPHIC NOVEL BY Alison Bechdel 7 FEB-5 MAR



Admissions BY Joshua Harmon 5 MAR-9 APR



SLAP. BANG. KISS. **BY Dan Giovannoni** 19 APR-30 APR



The Heartbreak Choir The Sound Inside BY Aidan Fennessy 25 APR-3 JUN



BY Adam Rapp 20 MAY-2 JUL



Come Rain or Come Shine BOOK BY Carolyn Burns MUSIC BY Tim Finn LYRICS BY Tim Finn & Simon Phillips BASED ON THE STORY BY **Kazuo Ishiguro**

20 JUN-23 JUL



Laurinda A NEW PLAY BY **Diana Nguyen** with Petra Kalive BASED ON THE NOVEL BY Alice Pung 6 AUG-10 SEPT



Cyrano BY Virginia Gay AFTER Edmond Rostand 25 SEPT-29 OCT



Girls & Boys BY Dennis Kelly 21 OCT-26 NOV



Sunshine Super Girl BY Andrea James 9 NOV-14 DEC

Donor events

Our Donors (\$1,000+) enjoyed access to informative and intimate post-show events throughout the year with the chance to meet members of the cast and creative teams behind our productions.

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(Top left) Virginia Lovett speaks to Donors at the *Touching the Void* Backstage Insight 7 February 2022; (top right) Jock and Jenny Jeffries, Anne-Louise Sarks, Geraldine Laycock and Kevin Walsh at the *Fun Home* Donor Event 21 February 2022; (centre left) Ian and Jill Buchanan pictured at *The Heartbreak Choir* Donor Event 12 May 2022; (centre right) Donors attend *Admissions* Backstage Insight 28 March 2022; (bottom left) Nick Rudge, Adrian and Louise Nelson, Rowena Rudge and Sebastian Rudge at the *Sunshine Super Girl* Donor Event; (bottom right) Virginia Lovett

Donor preview

Our Donors enjoyed an exclusive reveal of Season 2023 from Anne-Louise Sarks in late August 2022.













(Top left) Roger and Jan Goldsmith, Julie and Stefan Mystkowski, Liz and Kevin Walsh, Tony Hillery and Warwick Eddington; (top right) Karen Cusack and Rachel Cusack; (centre left) Christine Williams, Ann Tonks, Pat Burke and Jan Nolan; (centre right) Petra and Larry Kamener, Sally and Tim Scott, Sue and John Denmead; (bottom left) Dr Richard Simmie and Dr Andrew McAliece, Virginia Lovett and Diana Burleigh; (bottom right) Tasnim Hossain, Kay Ronec and Guy Blay

Education & Families

Melbourne Theatre Company's Education & Families program enables students, young people and educators to access high quality arts experiences, provides unique insights into professional theatre making, and supports the development of students' creative practice.

Education Giving Circle

The Education Giving Circle supports the annual Education & Families production and tour in addition to core activities, along with Donors and foundations that support our signature programs.

Welcome back

In 2022, after two years of disruption, we were thrilled to welcome back students and young people to our theatres and rehearsal rooms, deliver in-person performances and workshops to communities throughout Victoria, and continue our award-winning digital education programs.

The generous support of our work enabled us to find innovative ways to support Victorian students and teachers, particularly through ongoing pandemic restrictions which impacted schools' ability to attend the theatre in early 2022.

World premiere

In April, we celebrated the long-awaited world premiere of *SLAP. BANG. KISS.* by Dan Giovannoni at Southbank Theatre, followed by a tour of regional Victoria, bringing theatre designed specifically for secondary school audiences to geographically remote students.

Online resources

In addition to in-person activities, we continued to expand our free online resources for students and teachers, including VR tours of set designs for *The Heartbreak Choir* and *Laurinda*, and a self-guided course on our 2021 production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. These award-winning resources enhance the theatre experience for young people and speak both to curriculum and to future careers in the performing arts.

As a result, Melbourne Theatre Company is making a difference to the lives of thousands of young Victorians, including many in our most disadvantaged communities.

It is only thanks to the generosity of our Donors that we can continue to deliver affordable and meaningful access to theatre for young people across Victoria, and for that, we are extremely grateful.

'One of the rare moments where I have truly seen myself on stage.' Laurinda audience member, Nossal High School

The Laurinda cast with a group from South East Community Links



Education & Families production

SLAP, BANG, KISS,

By Dan Giovannoni

Directed by Katy Maudlin

Cast Sarah Fitzgerald, Conor Leach and Tsungirai Wachenuka

Originally programmed for 2020, *SLAP. BANG. KISS.* had its long-awaited world premiere in April 2022. The show had a new relevance in the pandemic context, and its themes of activism and advocacy resonated with student audiences. Select performances were followed by a Q&A session that elicited powerful conversations about race and representation.

Regional Tour

Following its sell-out season at Southbank Theatre, *SLAP. BANG. KISS.* toured to outer-metropolitan and regional Victoria with performances at Bunjil Place Narre Warren, The Potato Shed Drysdale and Mildura Arts Centre. Tour audiences responded with particular enthusiasm to the storyline set in a country town.

'As a kid from a conservative rural town, the relatability of SLAP. BANG.KISS. was uncanny and really moving.'

- Student, Mildura Arts Centre

Commissioned and developed through Melbourne Theatre Company's NEXT STAGE Writers' Program, supported by our Playwrights Giving Circle. Regional tour supported by Linda Herd, The Bonnici Family and the Education Giving Circle.

Livestream performance and MTC Digital Theatre

We presented the first livestream of a performance from Southbank Theatre, enabling young people isolated by distance, medical or social factors to access live theatre. The performance was followed by a Q&A with the actors, with the livestream audience able to ask questions remotely through an online chat portal.

The livestream performance was also recorded and distributed through MTC Digital Theatre for schools to purchase and watch on demand.

In addition to students watching the recording to revise for exams, *SLAP. BANG. KISS.* is now reaching new audiences at schools across Australia.

'Having a livestreamed professional production is such an invaluable asset.'

- Teacher, Warrnambool

Melbourne Theatre Company acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government Department of Education through the Strategic Partnerships Program.



BEST PERFORMANCE BY A THEATRE COMPANY FOR VCE DRAMA

Drama Victoria Awards



EXCELLENCE IN THE DIGITAL/ONLINE DELIVERY OF DRAMA

Delivery of Drama Slap. Bang. Kiss. livestream and digital resources

Enhancing the theatre experience

School tickets sold



Touching the Void

56





SLAP. BANG. KISS.

981



The Sound Inside

139



Cyrano

145



Sunshine Super Girl

1.660

000

Come Rain or Come Shine

The Heartbreak Choir

87

Total paid attendance 3,610



Pre-show talks

Students gained unique insights into professional theatre through pre-show talks and post-show Q&As at designated education performances.

Fun Home 2 Mar Teaching Artist Nick Tranter Paid Attendance 452

SLAP. BANG. KISS. 26 Apr, 28 Apr Teaching Artist Nick Tranter Paid Attendance 232

Laurinda 31 Aug

Teaching Artist Roshelle Fong Paid Attendance 121

Revision webinars

Paid Attendance 110

Students and teachers revisited productions in live, interactive webinars for VCE Theatre Studies and VCE Drama students.

SLAP. BANG. KISS. 13 Oct Teaching Artist Nick Tranter Guest Artists Conor Leach, Amelia Lever-Davidson, Katy Maudlin, Tsungirai Wachenuka Paid Attendance 44

Fun Home 20 Oct Teaching Artist Nick Tranter Guest Artists Dean Bryant, Euan Fistrovic Doidge, Isabel Hudson, Lucy Maunder

Digital resources

Our digital resources enhanced students' engagement with dramatic texts, production elements and performance. Through interactive resources and behind the-scenes videos, students could deep dive into industry roles to gain insight into how our productions are brought to life onstage.

Behind-the-scenes videos and podcasts

High-quality videos and podcasts featuring interviews and footage of our artists at work.

As You Like It Creating Costumes 722 views As You Like It Playing the Part 520 views Shakespearean Comedy 547 views Meet the Characters of Laurinda 2,690 views

Video captures by Brett Walker

Approaching SLAP. BANG. KISS. with director Katy Maudlin 96 views

Audio recording by Bonnie Leigh-Dodds, Kerry Saxby

Virtual set tours

Virtual tours provided opportunities to move around our set designs on stage, via a computer, mobile device or VR headset. VR tours were published for As You Like It, SLAP. BANG. KISS., The Heartbreak Choir, Laurinda and Cyrano.

VR capture by RealTour3D

Interactive resources

Our interactive resources addressed the Victorian Curriculum Arts Years 9–10 content and general capabilities by making connections to our productions:

- All the World's A Stage Script Notes by Tim Walter
- SLAP. BANG. KISS. Pre-Show Resource
- Laurinda Pre-Show Resource
- VCE Drama Expressive Skills Interactive
- Behind the Cues of The Heartbreak Choir

Supported by



Education packs

Rich with background information, interviews and behindthe-scenes photos, our education packs enabled teachers and students to make connections between our productions and the curriculum:

- As You Like It 7-10 English
- Fun Home VCE Theatre Studies
- SLAP. BANG. KISS. VCE Drama
- Laurinda VCE Literature

Downloads 979

Melbourne Theatre Company acknowledges the support of the Department of Education Training, Victoria, through the Strategic Partnerships Program.

Virtual programs

Victorian challenge and enrichment series

Interactive online workshops for high-ability students at Victorian Government schools in Years 8-12.

21-25 Mar Directing Theatre 6-10 Jun Rehearsing Theatre 22-26 Aug Audition Skills

Jun-Dec Shakespeare on Stage Self-Directed Workshop

Teaching Artists Krystalla Pearce, Suzie Thomas, Nick Tranter

Participants 532

Melbourne Theatre Company acknowledges the support of the Department of Education Training, Victoria, through the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series.

Supported by



First Peoples Young Artists Program



A creative learning and engagement initiative for young First Nations people aged 16–22, this program is made possible thanks to the support of the John and Myriam Wylie Foundation and partnered by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the Victorian College of the Arts and YIRRAMBOI Festival.

In 2022, participants explored potential career pathways in the creative industries while developing their own ideas, skills and confidence through practical workshops and performance work.

Delivered across the year through a series of workshop intensives and creative developments, the program covered all aspects of making theatre: from finding a story through to how to best share it with an audience. Participants were guided and supported by a First Nations teaching artist, our Education Coordinator (a program alum) and other alumni from previous years of the program.

'I learned a lot about who I am as a performer and as a First Nations artist. To be with other First Nations artists has been amazing.'

Participant

This program is made possible thanks to the support of the John and Myriam Wylie Foundation and partnered by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the Victorian College of the Arts and YIRBAMBOI Festival



Activity dates

4–8 July 27 August 26–30 September 12 November 5–9 December

Participants

Matisse Knight (Koori)
Emma Salmon (Kimberley Stolen Generations)
Tahlia Rendell (Wamba Wamba)
Jasper Quinn (Wiradjuri)
Ella Clarke-King (Kirrae Whurroung)

Lead Teaching Artist

Nathan Maynard (Palawa)

Education Coordinator

Brodi Purtill (Muti Muti)

Support Artists (all program alumni)
Jyden Brailey (Tharawal, Yorta Yorta)
Corey Saylor-Brunskill (Meriam/Torres Strait)
Amelia Jean O'Leary (Gamiliroi)
Brodie Murray (Wamba Wamba)

Enrichment programs



The Geraldine Lazarus Regional Enrichment Program

A suite of on-demand workshops available exclusively to schools in regional Victoria in support of the *SLAP*. *BANG*. *KISS*. tour, acting skills and past Shakespeare plays produced by Melbourne Theatre Company.

Exploring SLAP. BANG. KISS.

4 May The Geelong College
5 May Leongatha Secondary College*
16 May Mount Clear College
20 May St Mary MacKillop College
29 May Christian College Geelong
30 May Bellarine Secondary College
6 Jun Galen Catholic College

2 May Maryborough Education Centre

Acting skills

22 Jun Monivae College*

20 May Lauriston Girl's School*
3 Jun Highview College
21 Jul Bayview College
1 Sep Greater Shepparton Secondary College

1 Sep Notre Dame College2 Sep Gisborne Secondary College

Other workshops

22 Jul Exploring *Macbeth* – Bayview College **25 Nov** VR Theatre – Swan Hill College

Venue in person at school or online(*)
Teaching Artists Zoe Boesen, Laurence Boxhall,
Katie Cawthorne, Dan Giovannoni, Jack Green, Cassandra
Kaoustos, Katy Maudlin, Stephen Nicolazzo, Brodi Purtill,

Suzie Thomas, Nick Tranter Workshops 18 Schools 16 Participants 317

Supported by

The Gailey Lazarus Foundation

Youth Ambassadors

In this yearlong program, a select group of Year 11 students from across Victoria developed their theatre skills through attending productions and in-person seminars with artists and staff, then shared their new knowledge and passion for performing arts in their community.

'Through watching these spectacular performances, it has allowed me to grow as a person, learn new skills and open my mind to more possibilities in stories and theatre.'

- Youth Ambassador 2022

Supported by the Youth Ambassador Giving Circle



Betty Amsden Youth Scholarship Course



Tailored for young people aged 14–16 years with limited access to the arts, the course enables participants to develop their creative skills and work collaboratively with like-minded peers. Nominated by teachers, the 2022 cohort included participants from regional schools and socioeconomic disadvantaged communities, and young people living with disability.

19-23 Se

Venue Southbank Theatre, The Lawler
Participants 22
Lead Teaching Artists Katrina Cornwell, Morgan Rose
Support Artists Joshua Lynzaat, Amelia O'Leary
Guest Artists Sarah Fitzgerald, Karine Larché,
Tsungirai Wachenuka, Mark Wilson

Supported by

BETTY AMSDEN FOUNDATION



'The student wrote in the school newsletter that it was life-changing, elating, connecting and defining. For a student at risk, that was a powerful intervention.'

Nominating Teacher

'People like me don't usually get to have experiences like this.'

- Participant

NEXT STAGE 2017-2022

As the oldest professional theatre company in Australia, Melbourne Theatre Company has been at the forefront of developing new Australian plays for 70 years. Our historic commitment to Australian writers and their work has spearheaded the careers of some of our best-known playwrights, and is enabling us today to provide invaluable platforms for our next generation of iconic writers. With the extraordinary investment of the Playwrights Giving Circle, we established the NEXT STAGE Writers' Program in 2017 – a five-year multi-million dollar commissioning and residency initiative that has set the benchmark for play development in Australia.

By the end of 2022, the program engaged **47** writers in residency, commission and development, facilitated the progression of **40** plays from initial concept to final draft, and employed over 350 actors, directors and creatives. **Eleven** NEXT STAGE works have been programmed and produced by the Company, two presented by others, and many more currently in consideration for future production both here and overseas. Both *Golden Shield* by Anchuli Felicia King and *Berlin* by Joanna Murray Smith have been shortlisted for the international Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, and *Golden Shield* recently premiered off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

NEXT STAGE productions have attracted a young, bold and diverse new generation of theatre-goers, recently demonstrated by the highest percentage of new ticket buyers since 2017 attending the 2022 NEXT STAGE Original *Laurinda*. Of these new buyers, **46.3% bought Youth Tickets** – the highest ever percentage seller to youth audiences in Melbourne Theatre Company's history.

NEXT STAGE has championed writers across all levels of experience and diversity, providing space and support to young, First Nations, POC and LGBTQI+ creatives, as well as some of Australia's most iconic theatre makers. In spite of the devastating implications of COVID on the sector, Company and program, we are proud to have established such a rigorous model for creative development through NEXT STAGE, and will use the invaluable learnings of the last five years to shape our future.

2022 marked the fifth year of NEXT STAGE, with a total of 18 writers receiving commissions and/or development:

Kamarra Bell-Wykes (Before I Forget)

Angus Cerini (Untitled)

Claire G Coleman and Anne-Louise Sarks (War of the Worlds)

Patricia Cornelius (Alone)

Roshelle Fong and Matt Heffernen (Robot Dog)

Declan Furber Gillick (*Upside Down Country*)
Tom Gleisner and Katie Weston (*Bloom*)

Sheridan Harbirdge and Glenn Moorhouse (*The Flash Mob*)

Claudia Karvan and Aran Thangaratnam (Dead Dog)

Benjamin Law (*Dying: a memoir*)

Kirsty Marillier (River Beyond)

Kate Mulvany and Anne-Louise Sarks (Lady Mac)

Sally Sara (Wallop)

Melanie Tate (Stumped)

Supported by our Inaugural Playwrights Giving Circle

Louise Myer and Martyn Myer Ao, Maureen Wheeler Ao and Tony Wheeler Ao, Christine Brown Bequest, Allan Myers Ac KC Maria Myers Ac, Tony Burgess and Janine Burgess, Dr Andrew McAliece and Dr Richard Simmie, Larry Kamener and Petra Kamener











First Stage

Cybec Electric



In partnership with the Emerging Writers' Festival, First Stage provided creative and professional development for new voices in Australian theatre.

Over a series of intensive workshops, six writers worked with a dramaturg to develop new dramatic writing for the stage. Actors performed readings of these excerpts as part of the Emerging Writers' Festival.

Writers

Gloria Demillo, Nicola Ingram, Ren Jiang, Annie Louey, Brodie Murray, Chido Mwat

Dramaturg

Keziah Warner

Director

Tasnim Hossain

Cas

Miela Anich, Zach Blampied, Tahlee Fereday, Yi Jin, Jess Lu, Dushan Phillips, Alice Qin, Dion Williams

Live performance

24 June, Southbank Theatre



For over a decade, our annual series of Cybec Electric play readings have brought exciting, fresh and urgent new writing to audiences. A professional team of cast and creatives present these works-in-progress as a public reading – a crucial step in the creation of new work.

Over a two-week period, five writers worked with a director, dramaturg and ensemble cast to develop their work in preparation for the public reading.

Writers

Chenturan Aran, Roshelle Fong, Kristen Smyth, Blayne Welsh, Gideon Wilonja

Dramaturg

Morgan Rose

Directors

Sonya Suares, Isabella Vadiveloo

Cas

Corey Saylor-Brunskill, Kwame Kamara, Charles Purcell, Eva Rees, Sahil Saluja, Laila Thaker, Jenny Zhou

Public Readings

24 June

Southbank Theatre, The Lawler

Supported by



Supported by the late Dr Roger Riordan AM and The Cybec Foundation.



Women in Theatre Program

Our industry-leading Women in Theatre Program has helped to support, connect and provide professional development opportunities for women pursuing careers in a range of disciplines from production to artistic and executive management.

Supported by the Women in Theatre Giving Circle since its inception in 2014, the program has seen over 80 program alumnae supported through the provision of invaluable mentorships, workshops, professional development and paid employment opportunities.

We continue to work with program alumnae across the Company, most recently with the full-time employment of Jennifer Medway as our Head of New Work, the engagement of Tasnim Hossain as inaugural Resident Director and awarding the position of Associate Director to Petra Kalive in 2022.

As well as core staff, we have engaged alumnae from the program in our season productions. In 2022, 10 out of 11 productions had a former program participant employed as part of the creative team – a total of 19 positions.

These productions included:

Xanthe Beesley Movement Director, Touching the Void Danni A. Esposito Sound Designer, The Sound Inside Katy Maudlin Director, SLAP. BANG. KISS.
Kat Chan Costume Designer, Admissions
Romanie Harper Associate Set Designer & Video Designer, Girls & Boys, Set & Costume Designer Sunshine Super Girl

As a part of our commitment to Women in Theatre alumnae engagement, we held events to support past participants in networking and connection with each other and the Company.

31 March

In Conversation with Artistic Director & Co-CEO Anne-Louise Sarks, hosted by Katy Maudlin

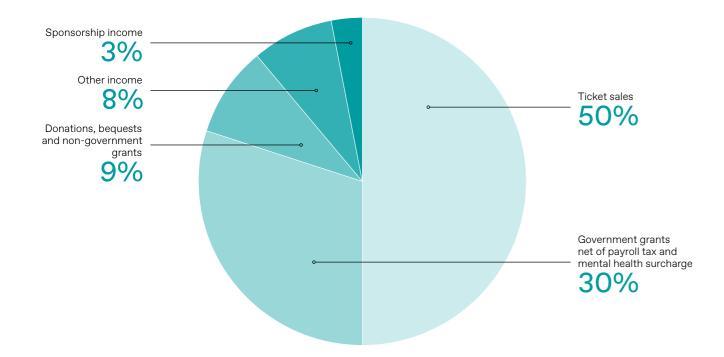
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Laurinda performance and post-show event with Australian Women Directors Alliance

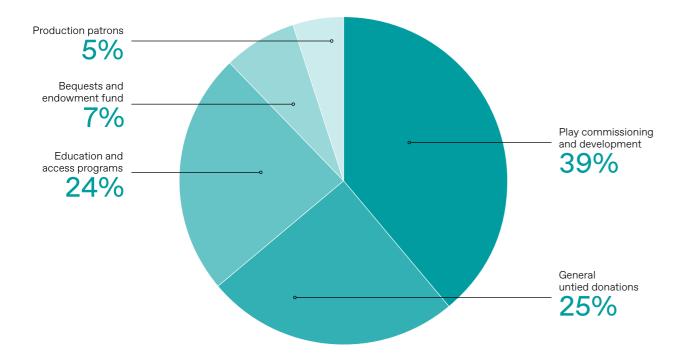


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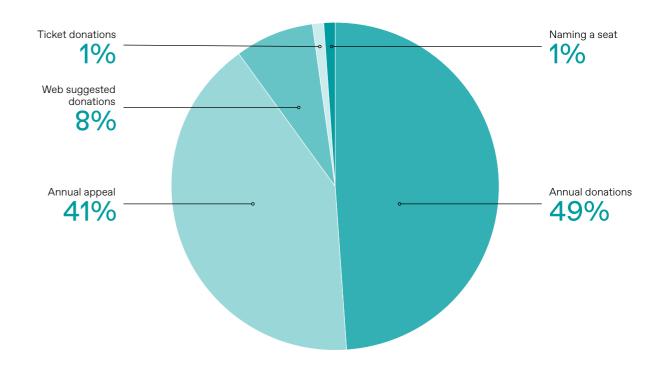
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Total donations (equalling 9% of 2022 income)



Breakdown of general untied donations



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