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2025



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We pay our respects to all First Nations people, their Elders past and present, and their enduring connections to Country, knowledge and stories.

As a Company we remain committed to the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for voice, truth and treaty.

SEASON 2025

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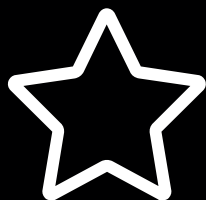
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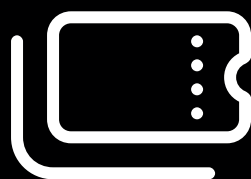
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For me, the magic of theatre lies in the shared experience of sitting in an audience.

Whether it’s laughing with the person beside you, or joining in a collective gasp, or getting lost in the power of a transformative story – those reactions are what I love.

Then afterwards, you get to talk about all that with whoever’s sitting next to you.

And it is even more special because you know that experience – that one performance, shared with the other people in that room – will never come again.

This year, we have carefully chosen a series of world-class plays for you. Together, they deliver so many of the things I love about theatre. There are stories that make you both think and feel. There are classic plays you know and new productions you will be the first audiences to see.

We have international hits and works that could only have been made here in Melbourne. You’ll see actors you’re familiar with on stage and new ones we’re so proud to introduce to you.

The best way to save on tickets and snap up premium seats is to join us as a Subscriber. Whether it’s your first time, or you’ve been part of the community for years, our storytelling only comes to life with an audience. And when the end of the year arrives, you will know you have had a rare and thrilling experience – one you’ve shared with the rest of our community.



Join us for an unforgettable experience.

Anne-Louise Sarks
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CO-CEO



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24 JAN—22 FEB 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMMER

RETURN
SEASON!

37

BY **NATHAN MAYNARD**
DIRECTED BY **ISAAC DRANDIC**



'In a nutshell:
perfect theatre.'

ARTSHUB



'Unquestionably the best
theatre about football.'

THE AGE



GUARDIAN



LIMELIGHT

CAST INCLUDES

Syd Brisbane
Mitchell Brotz
Samuel Buckley
Thomas Larkin
Ben O'Toole
Eddie Orton
Anthony Standish
Ngali Shaw
Tibian Wyles

SET & COSTUME DESIGNER

Dale Ferguson

COMPOSER & SOUND DESIGNER

James Henry

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Ben Hughes

CO-CHOREOGRAPHERS

Waangenga Blanco
Isaac Drandic

VOICE & TEXT COACH

Matt Furlani

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Kamarra Bell-Wykes

FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHER

Lyndall Grant

INTIMACY COORDINATOR

Isabella Vadiveloo

Events

FORUM NIGHT

Mon 3 Feb

DONOR NIGHT

Mon 10 Feb

Lace up your boots whether you're a footy fanatic or not, the Cutting Cove boys are back!

The laugh-out-loud hit of Melbourne Theatre Company's Season 2024 returns after winning the hearts of critics and audiences alike.

The local footy team of this small coastal town has spent too long at the bottom of the ladder. But then a new hope arrives: the Marngrook cousins. Named after the Aboriginal game that inspired AFL, they're match-fit to bring home the team's first flag in forever. *37* juxtaposes choreographed sequences of Marngrook and the modern game with the hilarity and at-times questionable banter found within sporting clubs around Australia.

Set within the era of Adam Goodes's war cry – and named for the number he immortalised – *37* asks ten actors to throw themselves into this world of blood and grit to get at the values that drive a national obsession. Community, identity, the price of winning and the meaning of a goal: they're all up for grabs.

Penned by Nathan Maynard – twice named Tasmanian Aboriginal Artist of the Year – and directed by Isaac Drandic (*The Birthday Party*, ABC's *Cleverman*), *37* is a reminder that honest conversations are more than a ball toss. It matters where you stand.

Co-producer

**QUEENSLAND
THEATRE**

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15 FEB—22 MAR 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, FAIRFAX STUDIO

NEVER HAVE I EVER

BY **DEBORAH FRANCES-WHITE**

DIRECTED BY **TASNIM HOSSAIN**



'Sharply funny debut play.'

THE GUARDIAN



'Will send you out into the night, arguing and laughing.'

THE TIMES

CAST

Simon Gleeson
Chika Ikogwe
Katie Robertson
Sunny S Walia

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 24 Feb
DONOR NIGHT
Tue 4 Mar

A night to remember? More like a nightmare to forget.

A *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* for the modern era, this savagely funny Australian premiere is written by Deborah Frances-White (host of the wildly popular podcast *The Guilty Feminist*) and directed by our Resident Director Tasnim Hossain (*English*).

Simon Gleeson (*Les Misérables*), Chika Ikogwe (*Heartbreak High*), Katie Robertson (*Five Bedrooms*) and Sunny S Walia (*Shantaram*) star as two couples sharing one last meal in honour of their doomed restaurant venture. As the wine is uncorked, secrets flow.

Fuelled by simmering tensions and top shelf booze, things boil over when a drinking game uncovers the real dynamics driving their relationships: power, resentment, envy and fear. And that's just the entrée.

Beneath the in-jokes and flirting, self-care and teasing is a seething stew of money, sex, race and class. Stirred through with a wicked sense of humour, *Never Have I Ever* is delicious proof that the most personal form of politics is also the most explosive.



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11 MAR—17 APR 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMMER

THE REMOVALISTS

BY **DAVID WILLIAMSON**

DIRECTED BY **ANNE-LOUISE SARKS**

'Iconic in Australian theatre.'

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

'As relevant today as it was then.'

AUSTRALIAN STAGE

CAST INCLUDES

Eloise Mignon
Steve Mouzakis

SET DESIGNER

Dale Ferguson

COSTUME DESIGNER

Matilda Woodroofe

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Niklas Pajanti

Events

FORUM NIGHT

Mon 17 Mar

DONOR NIGHT

Tue 25 Mar

David Williamson's *The Removalists* is still as provocative and relevant as it was at its debut.

When *The Removalists* premiered at Melbourne's La Mama Theatre in 1971 it put a wrecking ball through the walls of genteel Australian theatre. Profane, honest and arresting in its depiction of the animal side of humanity, its most surprising revelation is in how little has changed.

Set in an inner-suburb of Melbourne, Fiona and Kate report an act of violence to the police hoping things will be resolved peacefully. However, the local constabulary like to handle things their own way. Over the course of one evening the hidden currents of competition, desire and brutality flowing beneath polite society will be dragged out into the open.

Anne-Louise Sarks directs the bracing revival of this dark satire in a production that sets its gaze on Australia – right here, right now – and refuses to blink.

5—31 MAY 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMMER

THE BLACK WOMAN OF GIPPSLAND

WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
ANDREA JAMES



'A monumental and
magical theatre experience.'

TIME OUT on *Sunshine Super Girl*



'A hypnotic spectacle.'

THE GUARDIAN on *Sunshine Super Girl*

CAST INCLUDES
Chenoa Deemal
**SET & COSTUME
DESIGNER**
Romanie Harper

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 12 May
DONOR NIGHT
Mon 12 May

From Andrea James (*Sunshine Super Girl*) comes *The Black Woman of Gippsland*; a story of Victoria's dark past that is in dire need of revisiting, told as a thrilling modern mystery that unfolds with beauty, tragedy and rebellion.

A woman is tossed ashore from the sea, bedraggled and lost. A century and a half later, another finds herself diving deep into the truth behind a lingering legend.

Jacinta's family is driving her up the wall and her academic career is floundering, but amongst the books, something doesn't feel right about the story history tells. The myths and half-truths that surround the figure of a 'white woman' said to have lived among the Gunaikurnai people of Gippsland in the 1840s are so abundant it seems the reality is out of reach. But Jacinta is determined to unearth the truth for herself and her Gunaikurnai family no matter the twists and turns the journey might take her on.

Based on real events and set on Andrea's Grandmother's Country, *The Black Woman of Gippsland* is a poetic, emotionally rich and clever embracing of First Nations stories that have long been silenced.

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6 JUN—12 JUL 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, FAIRFAX STUDIO

THE WRONG GODS

BY **S. SHAKTHIDHARAN**
CO-DIRECTED BY **HANNAH GOODWIN**
& **S. SHAKTHIDHARAN**



'A contemporary classic.'

TIME OUT on *Counting and Cracking*



'Deeply felt and searingly intelligent.'

THE AGE on *Counting and Cracking*

CAST INCLUDES

Nadie Kammallaweera
Radhika Mudaliyar
Vaishnavi Suryaprakash
SET & COSTUME DESIGNER
Keerthi Subramanyam

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 16 Jun
DONOR NIGHT
Tue 17 Jun

Australian playwright S. Shakthidharan is one of the most exciting voices in theatre today. His epic play *Counting and Cracking* wowed audiences in sell-out seasons across the country, alongside triumphant tours to the UK and now New York. Melbourne audiences can again witness his talents in full flight with this new work conjuring a community confronted by the bold promises of globalisation.

For fifty thousand years, soldiers and missionaries and kings and queens have tried to conquer this remote Indian valley, and for fifty thousand years Nirmala's ancestors have kept them out. But what if out is exactly where her daughter Isha wants to be?

When a stranger arrives with an offer too good to be true, the two must reckon with the costs of a devil's bargain. Family, freedom and the fates of thousands will ultimately rest in their hands.

The Wrong Gods is a thrilling, gripping tale full of hope, betrayal, tradition and self-discovery. Rich with poetry and imagery, it asks brave questions that don't have a safe answer. If everything in this world comes at a cost, who gets to decide what that cost will be?

Co-producer



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30 JUN—2 AUG 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

MOTHER PLAY

A PLAY IN FIVE EVICTIONS

BY **PAULA VOGEL**

DIRECTED BY **LEE LEWIS**

NOMINATED
BEST PLAY 2024 Tony Awards

★★★★
'A slice of life, served raw.'
TIME OUT

CAST INCLUDES
Sigrid Thornton

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 7 Jul

DONOR NIGHT
Mon 14 Jul

The bonds of love are tested in this expansive yet intimate drama rich with humour and wit, starring film, theatre and television legend Sigrid Thornton and directed by Lee Lewis. Careening through the twentieth century – from the Muzak-drenched 60s through the sexual revolution, disco era, and New Age movements that followed – *Mother Play* charts the personal upheavals of one family trying to find a place for themselves amid the slings and arrows of a changing world.

It's 1962 and Martha and Carl are unpacking. Again. Since their deadbeat dad ditched them and stole the family's savings, they've been following their fierce mother Phyllis from apartment to apartment. Cockroaches, landlords and snooty neighbours be damned. Phyllis is determined to live life on her terms. They're moving on up.

Mother Play is a gift for actors, allowing them to muster the full range of human emotion in service of a story that cannot fail to stir the heart.

Its 2024 Broadway production earned four Tony nominations and won two Drama Desk Awards and an Outer Critics Circle Award. It's time for Melbourne audiences to be treated to the Australian premiere of this lustrous gem of contemporary theatre.

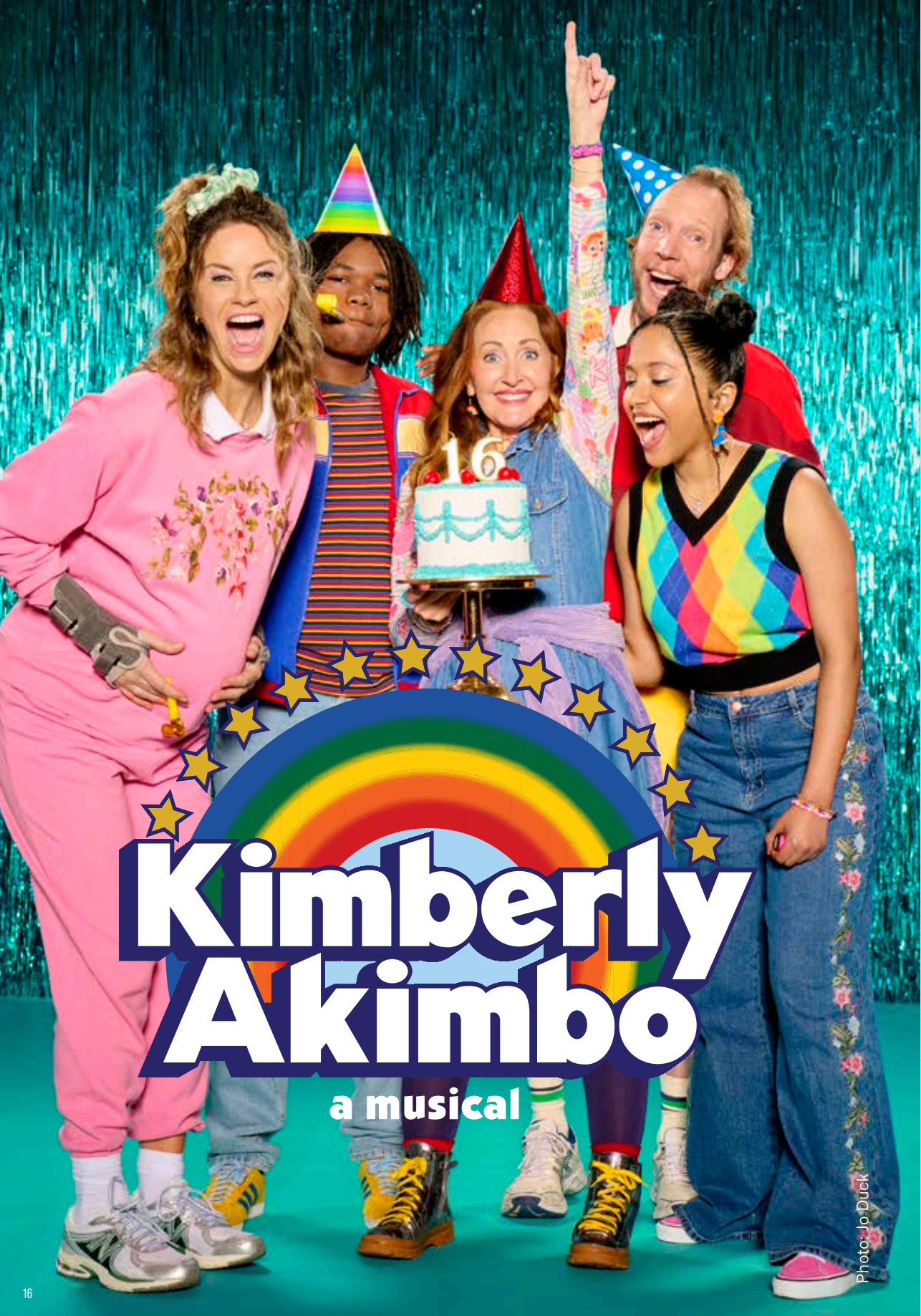


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26 JUL—30 AUG 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, PLAYHOUSE

KIMBERLY AKIMBO A MUSICAL

BOOK & LYRICS BY
DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

MUSIC BY
JEANINE TESORI

BASED ON THE PLAY BY **DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE**

DIRECTED BY **MITCHELL BUTEL**

LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALASIA)

WINNER
BEST MUSICAL, BEST ORIGINAL SCORE
& BEST BOOK OF A MUSICAL
2023 Tony Awards

★★★★★
'Clever, touching and idiosyncratic.'
TIME OUT, US

CAST INCLUDES
Casey Donovan
Nathan O'Keefe
Marina Prior
Christie Whelan Browne
MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Kym Purling
COSTUME DESIGNER
Ailsa Paterson

Events
FORUM NIGHT
Mon 4 Aug
DONOR NIGHT
Tue 12 Aug

The new girl in town is making heads spin.
You've got to move fast when you're 16 going on 70.

Kimberly Akimbo is the musical that took Broadway by storm. It won countless hearts and raked in five Tony awards including Best Musical, with music by Jeanine Tesori, the brilliant mind behind the critically acclaimed *Fun Home*. This Australian premiere directed by four-time Helpmann Award-winner Mitchell Butel and starring Marina Prior, Casey Donovan and Christie Whelan Browne brims with infectious energy and tunes that soar.

New Jersey, 1999: from a sea of teen angst, unrequited crushes and popularity contests bursts Kimberly, a musical heroine like no other. Equal parts teen comedy, heist caper and unlikely love story, her rollercoaster journey shows that the tempo of your own song is yours to set. Born with a genetic rarity that means she ages at four times the rate of everyone else, Kimberly is a teen in mid-life form and living on borrowed time. She can cope with her dropkick dad and narcissistic mum – can't spell 'dysfunction' without 'fun', right? But when her criminal aunt Debra shows up with a get-rich-quick scheme too good to be legal, Kimberly decides you're only young once.

Co-producer

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18 AUG—13 SEP 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

DESTINY

BY **KIRSTY MARILLIER**

DIRECTED BY **ZINDZI OKENYO**

WINNER 2022
Nick Enright Prize for Playwriting
Kirsty Marillier

WINNER 2020
Max Afford Playwrights Award
Kirsty Marillier

CAST INCLUDES
Barry Conrad
Kirsty Marillier
Patrick Williams

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 25 Aug
DONOR NIGHT
Mon 25 Aug

History and the heart both have a habit of sweeping you away. This family drama serves as a potent reminder that the past is always with us.

Enter South Africa in 1976. Like countless 24-year-olds, Della juggles family, love, work and dreams, but the spectre of apartheid threatens to tear apart even the most unshakeable bonds. Revolution is in the air, and it comes at a price. When her old flame Ezra shows up with a head full of dangerous ideas, Della's world will be upended by forces that will echo around the globe.

Written by and starring award-winning South African-born actor and playwright Kirsty Marillier and directed by Zindzi Okenyo (*Is God Is*), *Destiny* is an intimate drama of allure and loyalty set against the canvas of world-changing events.

Buoyed by the spirit of social revolution that came to a head in the 1970s, this world premiere captures the era's music, fashion and sense of freedom in a fierce, funny, and unforgettable tale.

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30 SEP—5 NOV 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

REBECCA

BY **DAPHNE DU MAURIER**

ADAPTED & DIRECTED BY
ANNE-LOUISE SARCS



'Shiels is unforgettable.'

LIMELIGHT on *A Streetcar Named Desire*

**'It's rare to meet someone
who inhabits theatre so completely.'**

THE AGE on Anne-Louise Sarks

CAST INCLUDES

Bert LaBonté
Pamela Rabe
Nikki Shiels

SET & COSTUME DESIGNER

Marg Horwell

LIGHTING DESIGNER

Paul Jackson

Events

FORUM NIGHT

Mon 6 Oct

DONOR NIGHT

Tue 14 Oct

Step into the haunting world of Daphne du Maurier's classic 1938 novel, where love and doubt cloak the corridors of Manderley. This timeless tale reinvented the Gothic romance for modern audiences while Alfred Hitchcock's masterful film adaptation further cemented its legend as one of the iconic tales of the twentieth century. Now Anne-Louise Sarks invites us back to this ghostly manor, conjuring up the living and the dead who haunt its halls.

Infidelity, manipulation and murder crowd in as du Maurier's tightly knit narrative unfolds, and questions of identity, memory and obsession play out in spellbinding fashion. Performed by a powerhouse cast including Pamela Rabe (*The Children*), Nikki Shiels (*A Streetcar Named Desire*) and Bert LaBonté (*Topdog/Underdog*), *Rebecca* promises to be one of the major new productions of the Australian stage in 2025.

When a young woman falls hard for a dashing older widower, she moves to his bewitching country estate with no idea of the dark history that lies lurking amongst the grounds. The spectre of his first wife Rebecca infuses every shadowy corner while the domineering housekeeper Mrs Danvers is a constant watchful presence, determined to undermine her at every turn.

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25 OCT—29 NOV 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, FAIRFAX STUDIO

DYING: A MEMOIR

AN ADAPTATION BY **BENJAMIN LAW**
BASED ON THE BOOK BY **CORY TAYLOR**
DIRECTED BY **JEAN TONG**

**'Astonishingly moving...
a profound meditation on life.'**

THE NEW YORK TIMES on the book, *Dying*

**'Law's writing ... pours you a
tearjerker then chases
it with a shot of laughter.'**

ARTSHUB on *Torch the Place*

CAST
Genevieve Morris
SET & COSTUME DESIGNER
James Lew
LIGHTING DESIGNER
Rachel Lee
**COMPOSER &
SOUND DESIGNER**
Darius Kedros

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 3 Nov
DONOR NIGHT
Tue 11 Nov

Every story deserves a good ending. What's yours?

When the acclaimed author Cory Taylor was diagnosed with a terminal illness, what followed was an astonishing creative surge that resulted in a memoir Barack Obama named as one of his favourite books of 2017.

Taylor's wry insights into the rituals, language and taboos surrounding mortality can be witty, provocative or eye-opening – sometimes in the same breath. With honesty and unsentimental clarity she confronts the swamp of anxiety and despair that traditionally surrounds death and opens the door to the bright clear-eyed vision it ultimately grants us. Learning to face death is, in the end, learning to live fully.

Equally moving and hilarious, Taylor's last work has been adapted with great care by writer and broadcaster Benjamin Law (*Torch the Place*), a family friend of Taylor's, who brings a loving ear to this most intimate tale.

Renowned television, film, and theatre actress Genevieve Morris invites you on a potent and playful journey to explore the essential things that are put into perspective as we all approach the finishing line.

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14 NOV—19 DEC 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMMER

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

DIRECTED BY MARK WILSON

'I had rather hear my dog bark at a crow
than a man swear he loves me.'

— Beatrice

'She speaks poniards,
and every word stabs.'

— Benedick

CAST INCLUDES

Fayssal Bazzi
Alison Bell

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 24 Nov

DONOR NIGHT
Tue 2 Dec

Strap in for a theatrical feast to send the year out on a high, with Shakespeare's classic comedy of love's ecstasy and complexities.

Beatrice and Benedick are the most modern of Shakespeare's couples. They have history. They love to hate each other, yet everyone around them knows they're perfect for each other. Can love really conquer all?

This brutally funny battle of the sexes is brought ferociously to life by Helpmann Award-winner Alison Bell (*The Letdown*) and AACTA Award-winner Fayssal Bazzi (*Stateless*) in his Melbourne Theatre Company debut.

Beatrice and Benedick will fight for their lives against their happily ever after in a play packed full of drama, intrigue and romance. Brimming with wild reversals and hilarious collisions, this outrageously popular romantic comedy has captivated audiences for centuries.

Now, for the first time in 30 years, the Company presents a brand new production of Shakespeare's joyous war of words and razor-sharp banter, under the direction of Mark Wilson (*Jacky*).

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1—19 MAR 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE LAWLER

PACKAGE
ADD-ON

THE ROBOT DOG

BY ROSHELLE YEE PUI FONG &
MATTHEW NGAMURARRI HEFFERNAN

DIRECTED BY AMY SOLE

WINNER 2022 Bruntwood Playwriting
Prize International Award
Roshelle Yee Pui Fong

'Intriguing and unexpected from
beginning to the end.'

PERIL MAGAZINE on *Nomnomnom*
by Roshelle Yee Pui Fong

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 10 Mar

Recommended
for ages 15+

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A cheeky comedy set in an all-too-believable future, *The Robot Dog* sinks its teeth into some of the most provocative and challenging questions of our time. Bark meets byte in this thrilling tale exploring technology, language and culture in a fast-evolving world.

It's 2042 and Australia is more automated than ever before. Janelle, a woman of Cantonese heritage, and her partner Harry, a First Nations man, move back into Janelle's family home after the death of her mother. As they attempt to navigate their work, relationship and job seeking requirements, they find themselves assisted by the quirky AI controlling their home and a robotic therapy dog. Janelle and Harry are quickly swept into a world of augmentations, restrictions and chaos. Does their new hi-tech life help them connect to culture and each other, or does it hinder it?

The Robot Dog is an intercultural sci-fi comedy with a big, beating heart. A collaboration between Hong Kong-born multidisciplinary artist Roshelle Yee Pui Fong and Luritja writer and technologist Matthew Ngamurarri Heffernan with director Amy Sole (*Blak in the Room*), *The Robot Dog* promises to be a relatable, imaginative and highly theatrical production full of humour and humanity.

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5—28 JUN 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE LAWLER

PACKAGE
ADD-ON

LEGENDS (OF THE GOLDEN ARCHES)

BY JOE PARADISE LUI
& MERLYNN TONG

★★★★
'The crisp writing
pulses with energy.'

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD
on *Golden Blood*

★★★★
'Great writing and sense
of mise-en-scene.'

THEATRE THOUGHTS
on *Golden Blood*

**CO-CREATORS, CO-WRITERS,
CO-DIRECTORS & CAST**

Joe Paradise Lui and
Merlynn Tong

SET DESIGNER
Cherish Marrington

COSTUME DESIGNER
Nicole Marrington

VIDEO ARTIST & AV DESIGN
Wendy Yu

LIGHTING DESIGNER
Kate Baldwin

**OUTSIDE EYE &
REHEARSAL DIRECTOR**
Marcel Dorney

Events

FORUM NIGHT
Mon 9 Jun

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This funeral will be the death of them.

A rip-roaring ride plunging two best friends into the depths of the Chinese afterlife, *LEGENDS* vaults across genres, realities and theatrical convention with an infectious zest.

Co-created by Joe Paradise Lui and Merlynn Tong (*Golden Blood*), *LEGENDS* draws on the unique talents of many theatre artists from Australia's Asian diaspora. It's a powerful, deeply personal examination of the Chinese cultural experience and the enduring power of friendship, revealed through a hilarious yet subtly moving lens.

Merlynn and Joe are used to fiery clashes – but what old friends aren't? As they spend a night holding vigil for their dead grandfathers, their conflicting attitudes towards traditional values grow more and more heated. Merlynn wants to preserve the rites of her forebears, while Joe thinks it's all a load of superstition. But the lords of the Underworld have their own thoughts on all of this, and they're going to drag our heroes beyond the grave to resolve their differences.

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Production

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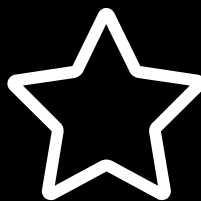
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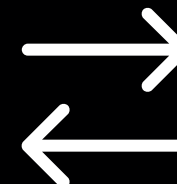
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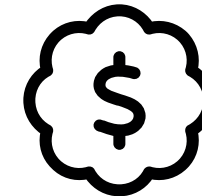
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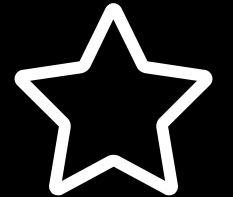
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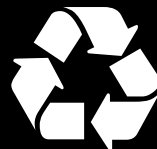
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By Deborah Frances-White

15 FEB—22 MAR 2025
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11 MAR—17 APR 2025
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 11 Mar 7.30pm ☆ | 12 Mar 7.30pm ☆ | 13 Mar 7.30pm ☆ | 14 Mar 7.30pm ☆ | 15 Mar 7.30pm 🍷 |
| 17 Mar 6.30pm 🗨️ | 18 Mar 6.30pm | 19 Mar 2pm & 7.30pm | 20 Mar 7.30pm | 21 Mar 7.30pm | 22 Mar 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 24 Mar 6.30pm | 25 Mar 6.30pm ❤️ | 26 Mar 2pm & 7.30pm | 27 Mar 7.30pm | 28 Mar 7.30pm | 29 Mar 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 31 Mar 6.30pm | 1 Apr 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 2 Apr 2pm & 7.30pm | 3 Apr 7.30pm | 4 Apr 7.30pm | 5 Apr 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 7 Apr 6.30pm | 8 Apr 6.30pm | 9 Apr 2pm & 7.30pm | 10 Apr 7.30pm | 11 Apr 7.30pm | 12 Apr 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 14 Apr 6.30pm | 15 Apr 6.30pm | 16 Apr 2pm & 7.30pm | 17 Apr 7.30pm | | |

THE BLACK WOMAN OF GIPPSLAND

By Andrea James

5—31 MAY 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 May 7.30pm ☆ | 6 May 7.30pm ☆ | 7 May 7.30pm ☆ | 8 May 7.30pm ☆ | 9 May 7.30pm 🍷 | 10 May 7.30pm |
| 12 May 6.30pm 🗨️ ❤️ | 13 May 6.30pm | 14 May 2pm & 7.30pm | 15 May 7.30pm | 16 May 7.30pm | 17 May 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 19 May 6.30pm | 20 May 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 21 May 2pm & 7.30pm | 22 May 7.30pm | 23 May 7.30pm | 24 May 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 26 May 6.30pm | 27 May 6.30pm | 28 May 2pm & 7.30pm | 29 May 7.30pm | 30 May 7.30pm | 31 May 2pm & 7.30pm |

THE WRONG GODS

By S. Shakhthidharan

6 JUN—12 JUL 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, FAIRFAX STUDIO

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | 6 Jun 7.30pm ☆ | 7 Jun 7.30pm ☆ |
| 9 Jun 7.30pm ☆ | 10 Jun 7.30pm 🍷 | 11 Jun 2pm & 7.30pm | 12 Jun 7.30pm | 13 Jun 7.30pm | 14 Jun 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 16 Jun 6.30pm 🗨️ | 17 Jun 6.30pm ❤️ | 18 Jun 2pm & 7.30pm | 19 Jun 7.30pm | 20 Jun 7.30pm | 21 Jun 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 23 Jun 6.30pm | 24 Jun 6.30pm | 25 Jun 2pm & 7.30pm | 26 Jun 7.30pm | 27 Jun 7.30pm | 28 Jun 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 30 Jun 6.30pm | 1 Jul 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 2 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 3 Jul 7.30pm | 4 Jul 7.30pm | 5 Jul 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 7 Jul 6.30pm | 8 Jul 6.30pm | 9 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 10 Jul 7.30pm | 11 Jul 7.30pm | 12 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm |

MOTHER PLAY: A PLAY IN FIVE EVICTIONS

By Paula Vogel

30 JUN—2 AUG 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 30 Jun 7.30pm ☆ | 1 Jul 7.30pm ☆ | 2 Jul 7.30pm ☆ | 3 Jul 7.30pm ☆ | 4 Jul 7.30pm 🍷 | 5 Jul 7.30pm |
| 7 Jul 6.30pm 🗨️ | 8 Jul 6.30pm | 9 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 10 Jul 7.30pm | 11 Jul 7.30pm | 12 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 14 Jul 6.30pm ❤️ | 15 Jul 6.30pm | 16 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 17 Jul 7.30pm | 18 Jul 7.30pm | 19 Jul 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 21 Jul 6.30pm | 22 Jul 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 23 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 24 Jul 7.30pm | 25 Jul 7.30pm | 26 Jul 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 28 Jul 6.30pm | 29 Jul 6.30pm | 30 Jul 2pm & 7.30pm | 31 Jul 7.30pm | 1 Aug 7.30pm | 2 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm |

KIMBERLY AKIMBO: A MUSICAL

BOOK & LYRICS BY David Lindsay-Abaire MUSIC BY Jeanine Tesori

26 JUL—30 AUG 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, PLAYHOUSE

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | 26 Jul 7.30pm ☆ |
| 28 Jul 7.30pm ☆ | 29 Jul 7.30pm ☆ | 30 Jul 7.30pm 🍷 | 31 Jul 7.30pm | 1 Aug 7.30pm | 2 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 4 Aug 6.30pm 🗨️ | 5 Aug 6.30pm | 6 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm | 7 Aug 7.30pm | 8 Aug 7.30pm | 9 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 11 Aug 6.30pm | 12 Aug 6.30pm ❤️ | 13 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm | 14 Aug 7.30pm | 15 Aug 7.30pm | 16 Aug 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 18 Aug 6.30pm | 19 Aug 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 20 Aug 2pm 🗨️ & 7.30pm | 21 Aug 7.30pm | 22 Aug 7.30pm | 23 Aug 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 25 Aug 6.30pm | 26 Aug 6.30pm | 27 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm | 28 Aug 7.30pm | 29 Aug 7.30pm | 30 Aug 2pm RP & 7.30pm |

DESTINY

By Kirsty Marillier

18 AUG—13 SEP 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 18 Aug 7.30pm ☆ | 19 Aug 7.30pm ☆ | 20 Aug 7.30pm ☆ | 21 Aug 7.30pm ☆ | 22 Aug 7.30pm 🍷 | 23 Aug 7.30pm |
| 25 Aug 6.30pm 🗨️ ❤️ | 26 Aug 6.30pm | 27 Aug 2pm & 7.30pm | 28 Aug 7.30pm | 29 Aug 7.30pm | 30 Aug 2pm AD 🧑 & 7.30pm |
| 1 Sep 6.30pm | 2 Sep 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 3 Sep 2pm & 7.30pm | 4 Sep 7.30pm | 5 Sep 7.30pm | 6 Sep 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 8 Sep 6.30pm | 9 Sep 6.30pm | 10 Sep 2pm & 7.30pm | 11 Sep 7.30pm | 12 Sep 7.30pm | 13 Sep 2pm & 7.30pm |

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PACKAGE ADD-ONS

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REBECCA

BY Daphne du Maurier ADAPTED BY Anne-Louise Sarks

30 SEP—5 NOV 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | 30 Sep 7.30pm ☆ | 1 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 2 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 3 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 4 Oct 7.30pm 🍷 |
| 6 Oct 6.30pm 🗨️ | 7 Oct 6.30pm | 8 Oct 2pm & 7.30pm | 9 Oct 7.30pm | 10 Oct 7.30pm | 11 Oct 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 13 Oct 6.30pm | 14 Oct 6.30pm ♥️ | 15 Oct 2pm & 7.30pm | — | 17 Oct 7.30pm | 18 Oct 2pm AD 🧑🏻 & 7.30pm |
| 20 Oct 6.30pm | 21 Oct 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 22 Oct 2pm & 7.30pm | 23 Oct 7.30pm | 24 Oct 7.30pm | 25 Oct 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 27 Oct 6.30pm | 28 Oct 6.30pm | 29 Oct 2pm & 7.30pm | 30 Oct 7.30pm | 31 Oct 7.30pm | 1 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 3 Nov 6.30pm | 4 Nov 6.30pm | 5 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | | | |

DYING: A MEMOIR

AN ADAPTATION BY Benjamin Law BASED ON THE BOOK BY Cory Taylor

25 OCT—29 NOV 2025
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE, FAIRFAX STUDIO

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | 25 Oct 7.30pm ☆ |
| 27 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 28 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 29 Oct 7.30pm ☆ | 30 Oct 7.30pm 🍷 | 31 Oct 7.30pm | 1 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 3 Nov 6.30pm 🗨️ | 4 Nov 6.30pm | 5 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | 6 Nov 7.30pm | 7 Nov 7.30pm | 8 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 10 Nov 6.30pm | 11 Nov 6.30pm ♥️ | 12 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | 13 Nov 7.30pm | 14 Nov 7.30pm | 15 Nov 2pm AD 🧑🏻 & 7.30pm |
| 17 Nov 6.30pm | 18 Nov 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 19 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | 20 Nov 7.30pm | 21 Nov 7.30pm | 22 Nov 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 24 Nov 6.30pm | 25 Nov 6.30pm | 26 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | 27 Nov 7.30pm | 28 Nov 7.30pm | 29 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

BY William Shakespeare

14 NOV—19 DEC 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE SUMNER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 14 Nov 7.30pm ☆ | 15 Nov 7.30pm ☆ |
| 17 Nov 7.30pm ☆ | 18 Nov 7.30pm ☆ | 19 Nov 7.30pm 🍷 | 20 Nov 7.30pm | 21 Nov 7.30pm | 22 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 24 Nov 6.30pm 🗨️ | 25 Nov 6.30pm | 26 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm | 27 Nov 7.30pm | 28 Nov 7.30pm | 29 Nov 2pm & 7.30pm |
| 1 Dec 6.30pm | 2 Dec 6.30pm ♥️ | 3 Dec 2pm & 7.30pm | 4 Dec 7.30pm | 5 Dec 7.30pm | 6 Dec 2pm AD 🧑🏻 & 7.30pm |
| 8 Dec 6.30pm | 9 Dec 6.30pm AD 🎧 | 10 Dec 2pm & 7.30pm | 11 Dec 7.30pm | 12 Dec 7.30pm | 13 Dec 2pm OC & 7.30pm |
| 15 Dec 6.30pm | 16 Dec 6.30pm | 17 Dec 2pm RP & 7.30pm | 18 Dec 7.30pm | 19 Dec 7.30pm | |

THE ROBOT DOG

BY Roshelle Yee Pui Fong & Matthew Ngamurari Heffernan

1—19 MAR 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE LAWLER

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | 1 Mar 7pm ☆ |
| 3 Mar 7pm ☆ | 4 Mar 7pm ☆ | 5 Mar 7pm 🍷 | 6 Mar 1.30pm 🧑🏻 & 7pm | 7 Mar 10am & 7pm | 8 Mar 7pm |
| 10 Mar 7pm 🗨️ | 11 Mar 7pm | 12 Mar 1.30pm 🧑🏻 & 7pm | 13 Mar 1.30pm & 7pm | 14 Mar 7pm | 15 Mar 7pm |
| 17 Mar 7pm | 18 Mar 1.30pm 🧑🏻 & 7pm | 19 Mar 1.30pm & 7pm | | | |

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LEGENDS (OF THE GOLDEN ARCHES)

BY Joe Paradise Lui & Merlynn Tong

5—28 JUN 2025
SOUTHBANK THEATRE, THE LAWLER

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|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | 5 Jun 7pm ☆ | 6 Jun 7pm ☆ | 7 Jun 1.30pm ☆ & 7pm 🍷 |
| 9 Jun 7pm 🗨️ | 10 Jun 7pm | 11 Jun 1.30pm & 7pm | 12 Jun 7pm | 13 Jun 7pm | 14 Jun 1.30pm & 7pm |
| 16 Jun 7pm | 17 Jun 7pm | 18 Jun 1.30pm & 7pm | 19 Jun 7pm | 20 Jun 7pm | 21 Jun 1.30pm AD 🧑🏻 & 7pm |
| 23 Jun 7pm | 24 Jun 7pm AD 🎧 | 25 Jun 1.30pm & 7pm | 26 Jun 7pm | 27 Jun 7pm | 28 Jun 1.30pm OC & 7pm |



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