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### **TUESDAY** 11 FEBRUARY 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 50 mins (including interval)

**Subs 6+** \$79 **Subs 10+** \$76 **Full** \$89 **Conc** \$86

**Space:** Theatre

"A stunning performance... uplifting, energising, and life-affirming."

— Scenestr



THE ROUND PRESENTS
A CHRISTIE WHELAN BROWNE PRODUCTION

### LIFE IN PLASTIC

Christie Whelan Browne takes us from girlhood, to womanhood and motherhood through pop songs, anecdotes and a few surprising costume changes.

This brand new, deeply personal, bubblegum pop cabaret is a dizzying array of disco hits and a sparkling celebration of sisterhood, because girls just wanna have fundamental rights.

#### FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 15 mins (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$44 Subs 10+ \$41 Full \$49 Conc \$46

**Patron advice:** Coarse language and adult themes.

Suitable for 16+ years

**Space:** Theatre



"It kaleidoscopes through comedic highs and raw emotional depths."

— The Age

# THE WET by Circa Cairns

Created by **Harley Mann** and the **Circa Cairns Ensemble** 

You don't know Far North Queensland if you haven't experienced THE WET.

From the moment the green ants journey to higher ground until the final breaking of the storm, THE WET connects you to place and immerses you in the hot damp.

Circa Cairns is a new First Nations led circus ensemble creating exciting circus shows from the heart of Cairns. THE WET has been created on Country across Far North Queensland in response to the landscape and endless yarns with community.

Drawing on these ancient stories of the wet tropics, this dynamic acrobatic show thrills while connecting everyone to Country.

### SATURDAY 15 MARCH 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 10 mins (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$54 Subs 10+ \$51 Full \$59 Conc \$56

**Space:** Theatre



"A beautifully paced story ebbing and flowing between moments of frenetic action and serene calm."

— Arts Hub

Circa Cairns is a Circa initiative supported by the Queensland Government and the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation.

Circa Cairns is based in Gimuy (Cairns) on the lands of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji people.

We acknowledge that art has been practiced here over many millennia, and that it remains a fundamental way of life for the traditional Caretakers and Custodians of the lands on which we work, create and perform today. We acknowledge that we are here as visitors, and accept the responsibility to respect and care for these lands and tread lightly. Always was. Always will be.





















## FOUNTAIN LAKES IN LOCKDOWN: A DRAG PARODY PLAY

It's August 2021. Kath is up to pussy's bow in sourdough. Kim's been asked to work from home (though that happened before the pandemic). Sharon has had a severe reaction to all the hand sanitiser.

Relive the uniquely Melburnian pandemic experience through the eyes of these uniquely Melburnian characters hilariously parodied by Art Simone (RuPaul's Drag Race Downunder, Have You Been Paying Attention?), Thomas Jaspers (Granny Bingo, The Gays Are Revolting), Leasa Mann (Club Broadway, Thank Mollie's It's Friday) and Scott Brennan (skitHOUSE, Comedy Inc., Neighbours).

Coming to The Round after a sold out season at The Sydney Opera House - with quick wit and camp tunes, this is a fabulous night out for everyone.

### FRIDAY 4 APRIL 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 35 mins (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$59 Subs 10+ \$56 Full \$64 Conc \$61

Patron advice: Contains bright lights, haze effects, loud noises, audience interaction, sexual references, smoking and references to COVID-19.

**Space:** Theatre

"Intelligent, well-written, exceptionally performed, side-splittingly funny."

— Scenestr



### The Wharf Revue: THE END OF THE WHARF **AS WE KNOW IT**

Created and written by Jonathan Biggins, **Drew Forsythe and Phillip Scott** 

Performed by Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsythe, Phillip Scott and David Whitney

"I feared my face would crack from laughing so much."

— Sydney Morning Herald

After twenty-five years in the harsh and unforgiving spotlight of politics. The Wharf Revue has decided to step away from public life.

"It's an opportunity to spend more time with family" said a spokesperson. "At the end of the day, this is about the need for renewal. We'll serve one last term to max out the super and then try to pick up some kind of consultancy work or do a series of "Survivor" – look, it's too early to say but it has been an honour to serve the Australian people."

Many public figures who've appeared in the show regularly over the years are lining up for a place in the final hurrah: Keating, Howard, Downer, Costello, Gillard, Abbott, Carr and other throwbacks too numerous to mention. Those who bear the torch of democracy today: Lambie, Hanson, Bandt, Dutton and Albo – a veritable "Who's that?" of Australian politics.

Join us for this joyous yet bittersweet send-off to one of the great national theatrical institutions – but please, no flowers by request.







FRIDAY 11 APRIL 7:30PM

SATURDAY 12 APRIL 1:30PM\* & 7:30PM

\* Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 30 mins (no interval)

**Subs 6+** \$64 **Subs 10+** \$61 **Full** \$69 **Conc** \$66

Patron advice: May contain strong language and adult themes.

Suitable for 13+ years





## MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

Australia's most iconic comedy tour is hitting the road for a huge 27th year! Bringing together the brightest stars from the 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're delivering top-tier humour straight to Nunawading!

Featuring a dynamic line-up of comedy legends and fresh faces, this year's Roadshow promises nation-wide happiness. So, grab your friends, lock in your tickets and prepare for a much-needed dose of laughter as the 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into The Round.

"We were laughing from the moment the lights went down, to well into the drive home."

— Scenestr

### WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 7:30PM

**Duration:** 2 hrs (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$44 Subs 10+ \$41 Full \$49 Conc \$46

Patron advice: Coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend. Smoke machine may be used.

Suitable for 15+ years





THE ROUND PRESENTS
AN A RY PRESENTATION PRODUCTION

### **NIUSIA**

# Created and performed by Beth Paterson

Niusia was a Holocaust survivor. Charming, savvy, and if you ask her granddaughter, Beth – a pretty mean lady. She's ready to learn who Niusia was, but soon discovers there is no straightforward story.

Reading, interviewing and weaving memories and handed-down stories, Beth sets out to understand her nana's complex legacy. She gives voice to the thoughts you shouldn't have about your holocaust-surviving nana, stumbles upon her own Jewishness (something she used only to evade school church services), and ultimately confronts how deeply embedded these memories are in her family line.

Journey with Beth as she is shown the tenderness she missed out on, learns to laugh at the unlaughable, and wades through the complexity of trauma-laden memories, love and familial relationships.

### "One of the finest solo, biographical shows I've ever seen."

— Theatre Matters







FRIDAY 2 MAY 8PM

SATURDAY 3 MAY 2PM\*

\* Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 15 mins (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$41 Subs 10+ \$38 Full \$46 Conc \$43

Patron advice: Adult themes of war crimes, violence, antisemitism, genocide, descriptions of concentration camp experiences, depiction of PTSD flashback and mild coarse language.

Suitable for 15+ years

**Space:** Studio



## TODD McKENNEY: PETER AND ME

Todd McKenney is back on stage to celebrate 40 years in showbiz with his dazzling celebration – Peter & Me!

Exuberant, entertaining, and bursting with energy... just a few traits Todd has in common with his idol, Peter Allen. Praised for his stellar performance as Peter Allen in the original Australian production of The Boy From Oz, it's only fitting that Todd returns with a tribute to the legendary entertainer who kickstarted his career.

Take a journey through Allen's greatest hits performed with a band live on stage — from crowd-pleaser *I Go to Rio* to tearjerker *Tenterfield Saddler*. Also featuring songs from Todd's all-time favourite artists who have influenced him over the years, this is a special event not to be missed.

Grab your maracas and button up your Hawaiian shirt for some fabulously fun nostalgia.

"McKenney outshines the sequins on his shirts."

— Herald Sun

SUNDAY 4 MAY 3PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 40 mins (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$69 Subs 10+ \$66 Full \$74 Conc \$71



# SCENES FROM THE CLIMATE ERA

Written by **David Finnigan** Directed by **Carissa Licciardello**Supported by **Oranges and Sardines**, **Patty Akopiantz** and **Justin Punch** 



"This is theatre doing what it was made to do."

— Limelight

A frog, the last of its species, starts calling for a mate, but there's no-one to hear. A group of friends reminisce about the last time they took a flight, before all that came to an end. Landholders in Borneo confront western environmentalists over who owns the forest. A scientist is coached on how to speak to the media in digestible sound bites. A family takes to the water, needing a new home, new hope...

A remarkable, illuminating, shocking, wry, and sometimes inspiring piece of theatre, Scenes From the Climate Era is a play about now. About the choices we made yesterday, and the difficult beauty of tomorrow.











FRIDAY 23 MAY 7:30PM

SATURDAY 24 MAY 1:30PM\*

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 20 mins (no interval)

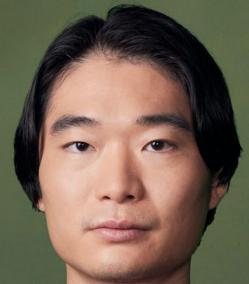
Subs 6+ \$47 Subs 10+ \$44 Full \$52 Conc \$49

Patron advice: Contains the use of strobe lighting. Some elements of the show's design may affect people with coeliac disease.











THE ROUND PRESENTS
AN ENSEMBLE THEATRE PRODUCTION

# THE QUEEN'S NANNY

# By Melanie Tait Directed by Priscilla Jackman

Inspired by historical events, a royal scandal ignites a blistering fire between the steely Queen Mother and her children's doting nanny in Melanie Tait's sparkling new comedy drama.

Marion 'Crawfie' Crawford adored her job as governess to Princesses Lilibet and Margaret Rose... until she was ostracised without warning, despite dedicating the best part of her life to raising, educating and caring for the young royals. The reason? A tell-all memoir.

This blackly funny play imagines a series of pivotal moments between two strong-spirited women harbouring complicated resentment.



"Tartly funny and inventive." — Limelight

### SATURDAY 31 MAY 1:30PM\* & 7:30PM

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 30 mins

(no interval)

**Subs 6+** \$51 **Subs 10+** \$48

Full \$56

**Conc** \$53

**Patron advice:** Adult themes and strong language.

Suitable for 14+ years

**Space:** Theatre











THE QUEEN'S NANNY was commissioned by Ensemble Theatre through its Commissioners' Circle.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

Image: Phil Erbacher

### MONUMENT

### By Emily Sheehan

Edith Aldridge is the youngest woman to be elected leader of her country. In the lush presidential suite of a heritage listed hotel, she has just 90 minutes to get ready for the biggest day of her life.

Enter Rosie, a twenty-two year old makeup artist from the David Jones counter, sent to help Edith get camera ready. In Rosie's capable hands, this morning will be a breeze. So long as they both stick to the brief.

Over the course of their 90 minutes together, Rosie expertly does Edith's makeup, hair and styling, but the safe space of the makeup chair takes effect and secrets bubble up. An unlikely friendship develops between these two women of different generations and class backgrounds, ultimately shifting the trajectory of both Edith's and Rosie's lives.



"A masterful work that intricately balances humour and poignancy."

— On The House

### SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2PM\* & 8PM

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 40 mins (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$41 Subs 10+ \$38 Full \$46 Conc \$43

**Patron advice:** Infrequent coarse language, themes of racial violence and intergenerational trauma.

**Space:** Studio













# WALTZING THE WILARRA

Written and Composed by **David Milroy**.

Charlie, Elsa and Fay take you on a musical journey back to 1940's post-war Perth. Against a backdrop of curfews, and the fear of arrest for consorting, white and black manage to form their own club. For a night they can forget their worries and experience rare happy times singing, dancing, listening to music, and with a little luck... romance.

Forty years on, as the club faces demolition, our three characters meet once again to stage a musical reunion and protest, in an attempt to save their old stomping ground. As the trio reflects upon loves lost and found, old arguments and alliances resurface.

Dark secrets and ghosts that have lingered for more than half a century are revealed, and we discover that reconciliation is more than saying sorry.

#### "A landmark production."

— The Sunday Times







Image: Ernie Dingo and Jessica Clarke. Photo – Jon Green

Historical Photo Only Supplied Courtesy of Yirra Yaakin 2011 Production. These actors do not appear in HIT's 2025 production.

FRIDAY 11 JULY 7:30PM

SATURDAY 12 JULY 1:30PM\*

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 2 hrs 30 min (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$53 Subs 10+ \$50 Full \$58 Conc \$55









## PAULINI SINGS THE AMERICAN DIVAS

ARIA award-winning, R&B-pop artist and songwriter PAULINI has been heralded as one of the finest vocalists and performers in the country. This Fijian-born songstress has won the hearts of a nation with her angelic, five octave range and engaging personality.

As an artist, PAULINI rose to prominence on the top of the Australian ARIA Charts in 2004 with her debut Platinum album *One Determined Heart* and her Platinum smash single *Angel Eyes*. Both hit the No. 1 spot on the Australian charts, making PAULINI one of only ten Australian female solo artists to have a #1 album.

PAULINI sings the American Divas takes the audience on a journey through some of the biggest voices in American music history, by one of Australia's biggest voices.

### FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 55 mins (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$61 Subs 10+ \$58 Full \$66 Conc \$63

## 1984 BY GEORGE ORWELL

Adapted by Shake & Stir

Big Brother is back.

Strap in for an electrifying take on the George Orwell classic – from the multi award winning creative minds at Shake & Stir

It was a bright cold day, and the clocks were striking thirteen...

Winston Smith, an editor at the Ministry of Truth, sits quietly. A quick swig of gin; a glance of quiet optimism toward the telescreen. Winston opens his diary, puts pen to paper, and in doing so, commits the essential crime that contains all others in itself. A radical and unprecedented act of rebellion.

Discovered, entrapped, and incarcerated in the Ministry of Love, Winston, in defending his burning desire for personal freedom, prepares for the fight of his life. Can the oppressive forces of The Party, led by Big Brother, obliterate the indomitable human spirit?

And what exactly awaits within Room 101?

MONDAY 25 AUGUST 7:30PM

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 1:00PM\*

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 1 hr 40 mins (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$53 Subs 10+ \$50 Full \$58 Conc \$55

Patron advice: Contains mature themes, simulated violence, strobe lighting and loud sound effects/music.

Suitable for 14+ years

**Space:** Theatre

"Shake & Stir's 1984 is a hard-hitting piece of theatre that brings everything to the table and delivers."

— Australian Stage







# TOUCH

TOUCH delves into the personal narratives of two dancers addressing issues of bias, racism and isolation. Interweaving Ballet and Bharathanatyam, it advocates for the beauty that emerges when society takes the time to comprehend and connect with one another.

By showcasing the contrast between art forms, TOUCH underscores the variations in cultures and beliefs. Through dance, the work illustrates how individuals can honour their roots, express their unique identities and enlighten others. Using dance and music, TOUCH proudly celebrates individuals of all backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives, establishing an environment where everyone feels valued, respected and empowered.

FRIDAY
12 SEPTEMBER 8PM
SATURDAY
13 SEPTEMBER 2PM\*

\*Q&A post-show

**Duration:** 50 mins

(no interval)

Subs 6+ \$41 Subs 10+ \$38 Full \$46

**Conc** \$43

**Space:** Studio

"TOUCH is a deeply emotional and thought-provoking exploration of the experiences and challenges faced by two women."

— GlowRee

Image: Warren Knower



### **DUCK POND** BY CIRCA

Feathers will fly in Circa's exuberant take on Swan Lake.

circus spectacular, full of Circa's signature physicality

sequinned flipper-wearing duck army and a burlesque black swan. There are sumptuous aerials, jaw-dropping acrobatics and of course feathers! Touching, funny and utterly entertaining, Duck Pond is a tale of identity and

#### **SATURDAY** 4 OCTOBER 7:30PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 15 mins (no interval)

**Subs 6+** \$63 **Subs 10+** \$60 **Full** \$68 **Conc** \$65

**Space:** Theatre

Circa acknowledges the assistance of the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

Duck Pond is co-commissioned by QPAC and The Arts Center at NYU Abu Dhabi, The Art House Wyong, Frankston Arts Centre, HOTA - Home of the Arts, Merrigong Theatre Company and Orange Civic Theatre.

Circa is based in Meanjin (Brisbane) on the lands of the Jagera and Turrbal people. We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the many lands on which we create and perform. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Always was. Always will be.









# DOMESTICITY

Domesticity is a beautiful, heartwarming show that will touch you where you live: at home!

It is built around a stunning cycle of deeply personal songs about marriage, babies, love, tolerance, decency and the complexity of modern life. A sublime study in tenderness and vulnerability.

Backed by some of Australia's most sensitive musicians, Fred Smith brings his trademark subtlety, wit and observation to bear on the quiet struggles in our little lives: the houses we live in, the children we raise, and the marriages we might hope to sustain. SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2PM & 8PM

**Duration:** 1 hr 20 mins (including interval)

Subs 6+ \$47 Subs 10+ \$44 Full \$52 Conc \$49

**Space:** Studio



"Domesticity is a show highlighting a distinctly Australian songwriter at the very top of his game."

— The Upside News



# THE VOICE OF THE VIOLA: FIONA SARGEANT

Conducted by **Leonard Weiss** 

The sonorous sounds of the viola anchor both works in this program featuring MSO musician Fiona Sargeant. Hindemith's concerto, based on German folk song, portrays a travelling medieval musician.

Brahms' Second Serenade, having no violins in the orchestration, brings out the rich sounds of the lower voices of the orchestra in an intimate setting.

The MSO will capture your heart with this beautiful concert.

FRIDAY
7 NOVEMBER 7:30PM

**Duration:** Approximately 1 hour (no interval)

Subs 6+ \$74 Subs 10+ \$71 Full \$79 Conc \$76

**Space:** Theatre

Hindemith

Der Schwanendreher

Brahms

Serenade No.2

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra



# AND THAT'S NOT ALL

There's so much more to love about The Round.

Make a night of it and share drinks and delicious treats with friends in our stunning foyer before the show.

Explore more with our seductive Underground Cabaret where our Studio transforms to a speakeasy, or bring your little sparks to our world-class Family Season shows or come along to our wonderful daytime Midweek Matinee Season. There is so much for you to enjoy!

The Round is always electric.



### BIG AND SMALL PRINT

#### **BOOKINGS**

www.theround.com.au

#### **Box Office**

Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm



9262 6555



tickets@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

#### **LOCATION**

The Round is located at the rear of the Whitehorse Civic Centre and Nunawading Library: 379-399 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

#### **PARKING**

Free parking is available on site. Check our website for details.

#### \$30 TICKETS (U30)

If you are under the age of 30 take advantage of our \$30 tickets as part of the Season 2025 shows. Proof of age may be required.

#### PAY BY INSTALMENTS

Create a subscription package of 6+ or 10+ main season shows and have the option to pay in instalments.

Please note the following terms and conditions:

- You are committed to paying the full amount of your package.
- If your nominated credit card expires during the year, please contact us with updated details.

#### **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

Individual tickets to the main season go on sale Tuesday 14 January.

Phone bookings incur a \$4 handling fee and internet bookings incur a \$3 handling fee. Fees waived for subscription package buyers.

#### **TICKET EXCHANGES**

You may exchange your ticket for another performance of the same show (where available) prior to the first performance.

This service is free for subscribers.

Visit theround.com.au for full ticketing terms and conditions.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

- The Round is accessible for patrons in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.
   If you require a wheelchair location, please request this when booking tickets or choose 'accessible seating' online.
- Accessible parking is available.
- National Relay Service 13 36 77

#### **KEY DATES**

#### **Monday 13 January**

Tuesday 14 January

Last day to secure the best available seats before individual tickets go on sale.

Individual tickets on sale at 10am.

