

PLAY READING DAVID WILLIAMSON'S



MONEY *and* FRIENDS

THURSDAY 22 – SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

DIRECTED BY **MARK KILMURRY**

CAST: **RACHEL GORDON, EMMA HARVIE, JAMES LUGTON, BRIAN MEEGAN, SHARON MILLERCHIP, MATT MINTO, JOSEPH RAGGATT, MONICA SAYERS & DAVID WHITNEY**

PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER **SIMON GREER** STAGE DIRECTIONS **SARAH ODILLO MAHER**

RUNNING TIME APPROX: 1 HR & 40 MINS (NO INTERVAL)

WELCOME

I am so thrilled to welcome you back to Ensemble Theatre with this classic social comedy from the pen of the legendary David Williamson. Thank you for being here as our first audience in quite a while. The theatre is an empty vessel without you. Enjoy this rehearsed reading by an exceptional cast and I'd like to thank you again for your ongoing support.

Artistic Director **Mark Kilmurry**

SYNOPSIS

This is David Williamson at his best; a classic social comedy from the 1990's. It's smart, funny and ultimately about the cost of friendship.

Peter, a mathematician, is the nicest guy on the holiday block, but his over generosity has bitten him back. After getting his brother out of bankruptcy, he now finds himself in debt. His neighbour, Margaret, decides to ask their wealthy friends for a helping hand. While they happily take advantage of Peter's kind nature, how forthcoming will they be to bail him out and risk their own financial security?

Set in fictitious Crystal Inlet, a holiday beach resort where four couples regularly meet to escape the hustle and bustle of Sydney life, MONEY AND FRIENDS is one of David Williamson's best whip-smart comedies. This rehearsed read by an nine-strong cast cleverly examines the clash of materialism and ideals. You know what they say, "you can ask a friend for anything... except money."

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