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FOR EVERYONE



LEAVE A LEGACY

STORIES FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS



A CHRISTMAS CAROL, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MARK KILMURRY

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Ensemble Theatre is a sharing space bringing audiences from different cultural and social backgrounds together, a theatre for everyone. We gather, as we have done on this land for over 60,000 years, to hear stories and wonder at other lives and experiences. Ensemble's intimate space is for entertainment, not only to forget and immerse in a play well told, but to remember and to share. The experience of live art is at the heart of a community willing to engage in what it is like to be human.

With a dedicated subscriber base and a swell in new audiences, Ensemble is looking forward to a vibrant future. The core of what we do is to entertain and should you choose to leave Ensemble a gift in your will, your generosity and foresight will enhance that core vision, allowing us to engage with audiences and creatives well into the future.

We have a reputation for presenting the best of Australian, contemporary, international works with the best writers, designers, directors and production teams. We want this journey to continue through our 10 play seasons, our commitment to fostering emerging artists and our education program. With your help you will be supporting Ensemble's next generation.

**ENSEMBLE IS A THEATRE FOR EVERYONE
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME**



Danielle Carter & Jamie Oxenbould, BOXING DAY BBQ, 2022



Ensemble Education & Outreach program with Mark Kilmurry

LEAVING A LEGACY

Ensemble Theatre is Australia's longest continuously running professional theatre company, for everyone. Leaving a gift in your will is a genuine way to leave a legacy that will enrich the cultural lives of future generations and make a lasting contribution for many years to come. Your generous support allows us to strive for excellence and realise our ambitions.

By making a gift in your will, you are ensuring that Ensemble's light stays bright for generations to come. Your support, large or small, plays an invaluable role and will help us continue to tell amazing stories on our stage.

We understand that family and friends come first and we urge you to discuss your decisions with loved ones, sharing with them your passion for Ensemble.

You have the option to dedicate your gift to our Encore Circle so you can be assured your gift will play a vital role in bringing productions to life and support our aspirations as we grow. Alternatively, we can tailor your funds to a program or purpose that may have significance to you personally. We're here to listen and work with you.

Please let us know you have included Ensemble Theatre in your will so that we can discuss any wishes you may have, and importantly, thank you personally by inviting you to join our Encore Circle. As a part of Encore Circle, you'll receive invitations to special events and be recognised in our communications.

We respect you may prefer to remain anonymous and any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential. Whatever your choice, we thank you for your support and gratefully acknowledge the importance you place on providing a cultural legacy.

DID YOU KNOW IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$450,000 TO STAGE A PRODUCTION?





JOEY SBARRO ENCORE CIRCLE



Being raised in New York I have always been an avid theatre patron. After moving to Sydney in 2005 I discovered Ensemble Theatre. Throughout the years the quality of the productions and the passion of the entire front and back office teams have been very impressive.

Long and short of it is that I have grown to love Ensemble Theatre. I would love to see its contribution to the community live way beyond my years. Therefore, as part of my legacy, I want my contribution to Ensemble to help ensure that future Sydneysiders and visitors enjoy all that the Ensemble has to offer towards enriching our lives. I would not have it any other way!



GEORGIE PARKER AMBASSADOR



As a 14 year old, landing my first job as an usher at Ensemble Theatre was a thrill. And, I've been dedicated to this special theatre ever since. From treading the boards on stage, to my role as a Ambassador, I've been fortunate to work with a team of incredibly hard-working and generous people dedicated to their craft.

Ensemble is more than a theatre, it's a community, and I love seeing the same faces return year after year. A donation to Ensemble ensures that the theatre we all love, and the stories it tells, can continue to be cherished by future generations.



VAL LOVETT

ROS AND ALEX HUNYOR



Our family's love for Ensemble Theatre began more than 40 years ago. We were introduced by my friend Sandra Bates whose enthusiasm for the theatre was contagious. Every year since, together with family and friends, we have laughed, cried and been challenged at times, by many memorable performances. The intimacy of the theatre and the warmth of welcome by the staff also engenders a great sense of community and belonging.

My mother Val Lovett treasured her visits to the Ensemble and attended the Thursday matinees with two friends for many years. The post-performance discussion over lunch in what is now Bayly's Bistro was the highlight of her week. We were delighted to buy the bus in her memory with funds from her estate. She would be overjoyed to know it is appreciated by so many people who can now continue coming and enjoying their theatre.



OUR FUTURE

Our vision is to be a trusted platform for new Australian work, a source of opportunity for emerging and mid-career theatre makers, and a place of discovery for young people and audiences. In recent years, Ensemble has championed new and emerging talent with a focus on developing playwrights who reflect contemporary society on our stage.



Emma Chelsey, THE LAST WIFE, 2019



John Bell & John Gaden in rehearsal for DIPLOMACY, 2018

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

Leaving a bequest to Ensemble Theatre in your will is greatly appreciated, and will ensure the theatre can continue to share memorable stories for years to come.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS

There are a number of different ways you can remember Ensemble Theatre in your will. These include:

- **A percentage of your estate** – this ensures that, even if your assets increase or decrease in value, the bequest you wish to leave to Ensemble will adjust accordingly
- **A monetary gift** – the nominated sum will pass to Ensemble
- **A specific gift of another type of asset** – for example, shares, art or property
- **The residue of your estate** – after other gifts in your will have been made, some or all of the remainder of your estate passes to Ensemble



Gareth Yuen & Amber McMahon, PHOTOGRAPH 51, 2022

LEGAL WORDING

At Ensemble Theatre we would like to make the process easy for you with this recommended wording. It is important that your wording clearly expresses your wishes and we suggest if you are creating or updating your will, you consult with your legal advisor.

We would like to thank wills and estates lawyer Stephen Lynch for his support and should you require any further legal advice on this matter please contact Stephen on **02 9923 2321** or **slynch@somervillelegal.com.au**



"I GIVE to Ensemble Foundation Limited as trustee for the **Ensemble Theatre Foundation ABN 13 923 149 043**, for its general purposes, **[insert as applicable]**

The sum of \$_____ **OR**

[Insert details of the specific asset you wish to leave] **OR**

_____ % of the residue of my estate **OR**

The whole of my estate **OR**

The residue of my estate.

AND I DECLARE that the written acknowledgement of the treasurer or other proper officer of the Ensemble Theatre Foundation shall be accepted by my trustee as a full and complete discharge and that my trustee shall not be bound to see the application thereof."

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Thank you for trusting us by making a contribution in your will ensuring Ensemble Theatre's continuing success. We appreciate the significance of your decision.

- You can be confident you will be providing a lasting legacy that is highly valued and will have a positive impact on future generations, providing theatre for everyone for many years to come
- We respect that your family and friends play an important role in your decision and we would appreciate the opportunity to build relationships with them as they share in Ensemble Theatre's future
- We would like to know of your intention to leave Ensemble a legacy in your will so we can get to know you and ensure we deliver on your wishes
- However, we respect you may prefer to remain anonymous and any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential
- We promise that your generous gift will be utilised effectively and respectfully as we continue to develop, create and stage excellent works of theatre into the future

GET IN TOUCH

For more information on how your gift will benefit future generations at Ensemble, contact:

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