

## ENSEMBLE 2025

## THEATRE FOR EVERYONE

Ensemble Theatre proudly acknowledges the Cammeraigal people of the Eora nation as customary owners of the land on which we work and share our stories.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

# AND WELCOME

I am thrilled to present another inspiring year of theatre here at Ensemble, bringing together the best writers, directors, creatives, and actors.

The season kicks off with a brandnew David Williamson comedy, ARIA, unpacking family dynamics with typical Williamson greatness — wry humour and sharp social commentary. From one domineering mother with delusions of grandeur to another, our second play of 2025 is Tennessee Williams' breakthrough hit, THE GLASS MENAGERIE, a classic tale of claustrophobia and family tensions. We then pay tribute to Harold Pinter with a double bill of his beautifully crafted classic comedies, THE LOVER & THE DUMB WAITER.

We're excited to stage two Australian premieres: Lauren Gunderson's THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE, exploring the extraordinary friendship behind great scientific and social change and our final offering of 2025, Jeffrey Hatcher's fresh adaptation of Frederick Knott's classic murder mystery, DIAL M FOR MURDER.

Two Pulitzer Prize-winning plays also feature in the season: Eboni Booth's PRIMARY TRUST, a heart-warming tale

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about embracing a new direction in life, and Sam Shepard's modern classic, TRUE WEST, where Hollywood opportunity sparks sibling rivalry.

David Williamson's second play this year is his wonderful classic, EMERALD CITY, a witty satire about moving to Sydney and taking on film and publishing industries. This is followed by the world premiere of HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS by Melanie Tait, where we step inside the writers' room of Australian TV soap royalty as they plan to kill a major character.

We welcome back the tour de force that is Genevieve Hegney and Catherine Moore, using their comedic genius to tell the true story of the first female pilot taking on a major airline and paving the way for countless others, in FLY GIRL.

I hope you'll join us for an unforgettable season of theatre in 2025 and, as always, thank you for your ongoing support!

See you soon, **Mark Kilmurry** Artistic Director

# THEATRE

Experience the intimacy of live theatre with our thrilling new season of ten captivating plays. Get up close and personal with new Australian works and reimagined classics that will have you in fits of laughter one moment and gasping in surprise the next.

Make the most of your Ensemble Theatre experience and subscribe to three or more plays to unlock the biggest savings, access a range of benefits and get in early to secure the best seats.

### **2025 SEASON**

01	DAVID WILLIAMSON'S ARIA 24 JAN – 15 MAR	06
02	THE GLASS MENAGERIE BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS 21 MAR – 26 APR	07
03	THE LOVER & THE DUMB WAITER BY HAROLD PINTER 2 MAY – 7 JUN	08
04	THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE BY LAUREN GUNDERSON 13 JUN – 12 JUL	09
05	PRIMARY TRUST BY EBONI BOOTH 19 JUN – 12 JUL	10

#### DAVID WILLIAMSON'S **EMERALD CITY**

18 JUL – 23 AUG

#### **HOW TO PLOT A** HIT IN TWO DAYS BY MELANIE TAIT

29 AUG – 11 OCT

#### TRUE WEST

**BY SAM SHEPARD** 8 SEP – 11 OCT

#### FLY GIRL

**BY GENEVIEVE HEGNEY &** CATHERINE MOORE

17 OCT - 22 NOV

#### **DIAL M FOR MURDER** ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER FROM THE ORIGINAL BY FREDERICK KNOTT

28 NOV – 11 JAN 2026

WORLD PREMIERE

### DAVID WILLIAMSON'S



CAST OF 7 INCLUDES TAMARA LEE BAILEY ROWAN DAVIE DANIELLE KING TRACY MANN SAM O'SULLIVAN JACK STARKEY-GILL A symphony of discord unfolds at Monique's annual family gathering, celebrating her three beloved sons' birthdays. While Monique's adoration for her boys knows no bounds, disdain for their wives is palpable.

Festivities crescendo and Monique takes the spotlight with a performance of a renowned opera aria, a poignant reminder of the dreams she sacrificed to raise her brood. In her mind, she was destined for the illustrious stages of La Scala, the Met and Covent Garden. But beneath the facade of familial harmony, dissonance brews. Have the long-suffering wives reached their boiling point? David Williamson's ARIA is a darkly comedic exploration of the intricate dynamics and rivalry inherent within every family.

RUNNING TIME 1hr 40mins (no interval) REC. AGE 12+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, coarse language "THE NATION'S MOST PROLIFIC PLAYWRIGHT" The Australian

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"ENTERTAINING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING" (THE GREAT DIVIDE) Stage Noise



**"IT'S A REMARKABLE** PLAY – RICHLY AND TRADITIONALLY WRITTEN" Stage Noise

#### BY TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

THE GLASS MENAGERIE

> DIRECTED BY SHAUN RENNIE CAST OF 4 INCLUDES **BLAZEY BEST** LAURENCE BOXHALL

Inspired by his own turbulent life, Tennessee Williams' timeless portrait of a shattered family is one of the most iconic dramas of the 20th century.

Amanda Wingfield can't help but dream of the past — a long-gone adolescence of lavish parties and high society suitors. But her present is anything but dazzling. Living in squalor with her two adult children, Tom and Laura, the bills are piling up and pressure to secure the Wingfield family's future is swelling. Will a gentleman caller be the answer to their problems?

#### **"A SIGNIFICANT VOICE IN** AMERICAN THEATRE" The Sydney Morning Herald



With Blazey Best as the indomitable matriarch Amanda Wingfield, director Shaun Rennie (SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER) reignites Tennessee Williams' beautifully crafted and devastating slice of life. Don't miss this classic play that catapulted one of the world's most lauded storytellers into the global spotlight.

**RUNNING TIME** 2hrs 30mins (incl. interval) **REC. AGE** 14+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes

Join us for a Harold Pinter double bill — twice the comedy, twice the menace — comprising two darkly funny one-act plays by one of theatre's most inventive and versatile writers.

#### **BY HAROLD PINTER**

DIRECTED BY MARK KILMURRY

CAST OF 3 INCLUDES NICOLE DA SILVA GARETH DAVIES

Trapped in the monotony of middleclass life, Richard and Sarah's marriage is on its last legs. Perhaps a lover could reignite their corroding relationship... or is escape from their stifling existence just a fantasy?

Burning with intrigue and uneasy humour, Harold Pinter spins a dangerous game of cat and mouse in this steamy psychological drama.

**"PINTER IS ONE OF THE MOST** IMPORTANT PLAYWRIGHTS OF OUR TIME" The New York Times

"A DELICIOUS SATIRE OF **BOURGEOIS NORMS**" (THE LOVER) The Guardian

Ben and Gus have a job to do. As they await instructions, their silence is disturbed by the rattle of a dumb waiter delivering peculiar food orders. Who is making demands for extravagant dishes when all the two men have is a packet of crisps?

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**"JANGLES THE NERVES...** GNAWS THE MIND" (THE DUMB WAITER) The Telegraph



As the intensity builds in Pinter's comedy of claustrophobia, Ben and Gus begin to question everything... and so will you.

**RUNNING TIME** 2hrs 20mins (incl. interval) **REC. AGE** 14+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, references to

#### DIRECTED BY ANTHEA WILLIAMS

#### CAST OF 2 INCLUDES REBECCA MASSEY

When two Nobel Prizes prove inadequate armour against a scandalous affair, Marie Curie turns to fellow scientist and trusted confidant Hertha Ayrton for literal and emotional sanctuary. Together they weather the storm of heartbreak, public scrutiny, and self-doubt.

Written with heart and humour, Lauren Gunderson — America's most-produced living playwright perfectly captures the resilience and determination that define true pioneers.

Despite tremendous personal and professional obstacles, two remarkable women continued to devote their lives to scientific innovation and social change. At its core, THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE radiates the enduring power of female friendship.

RUNNING TIME 90mins (no interval) REC. AGE 12+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes

#### BY LAUREN GUNDERSON

# $\star\star\star\star$ **"A 90-MINUTE SLICE OF** HISTORY BRIMMING WITH

WIT AND WISDOM" New York Stage Review

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**"ENLIGHTENING AND ENTERTAINING"** Time Out



#### **BY EBONI BOOTH**

PRIMARY TRUST

#### DIRECTED BY DARREN YAP

#### CAST OF 4 INCLUDES ALBERT MWANGI

Pulitzer Prize-winning and hailed as The New York Times Critic's Pick, PRIMARY TRUST is an uplifting offbeat comedy about finding the courage to change.

Meet Kenneth, a 38-year-old bookstore worker who spends his evenings sipping a mai tai (or two) with his best friend Bert. When a sudden layoff shatters his routine, Kenneth is forced to turn the page and embark on a new chapter of self-discovery. Will Bert stick around for the journey? Experience an honest and funny night of intimate storytelling that will capture your imagination and fill you with hope as Kenneth dares to step into an unfamiliar world.  $\square$ 

RUNNING TIME 90mins (no interval) REC. AGE 14+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, occasional coarse language

#### "IT WILL RESTORE YOUR FAITH IN THEATRE'S ELEMENTAL STORYTELLING POWERS" The Observer

"[A] TENDER, DELICATELY DETAILED PORTRAIT" New York Times, Critic's Pick

**"DARN NEAR PERFECT PLAY"** The Daily Beast

#### DIRECTED BY MARK KILMURRY

#### CAST OF 6 INCLUDES: GUY EDMONDS RACHEL GORDON MATT MINTO

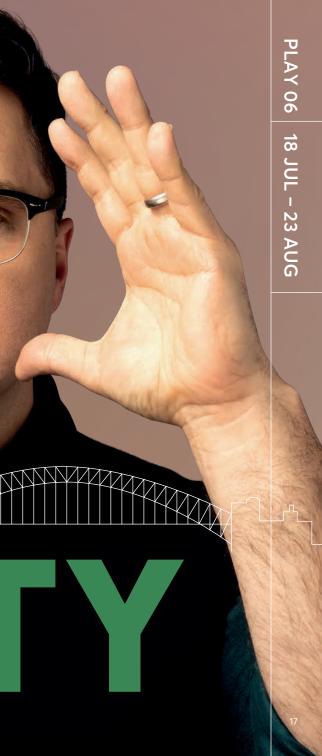
Lately, critically acclaimed screenwriter Colin has had more box office bombs than smash-hit sensations. Swapping the drizzly streets of Melbourne for the shimmering shores of Sydney in pursuit of success, Colin discovers that the glitz and glamour of the Emerald City may be more alluring than he first thought... power, influence and the top harbour views are glittering at his fingertips, but what will he have to sacrifice? David Williamson's refreshed iconic 1980's triumph picks apart the quest for success, and the rivalries, passion and compromises that are made along the way. Directed by Mark Kilmurry, don't miss Ensemble favourites — Guy Edmonds, Rachel Gordon and Matt Minto — in this timeless satire by one of Australia's most beloved social commentators.

#### **RUNNING TIME**

2hrs 30mins (incl. interval) REC. AGE 12+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, occasional coarse language "A PLAYWRIGHT WHO FOREVER CHANGED THE WAY AUSTRALIANS TELL STORIES ON STAGE" ArtsHub

"DAVID WILLIAMSON'S RAPID-FIRE SATIRE REMAINS A RELEVANT CRITIQUE OF AFFLUENCE AND ART" Limelight

### DAVID WILLIAMSON'S



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EXT. THE WRITERS'ROOM

DIRECTED BY

CAST OF 5 INCLUDES GEORGIE PARKER

It's 1985. TV prime time. Across Australia, millions of tear-stricken eyes are glued to their television sets in disbelief. *A Country Practice's* beloved Molly Jones takes her final breath. Fade to black and she's gone.

Inside the story room, in a creative flurry powered by coffee, cigarettes and Fantales, the eccentric squad of TV writers have nailed it — they've written the perfect death for Australia's darling. Hearts around the country are broken and forty years later, the pain is only just subsiding.

In this new comedy with Georgie Parker, A Country Practice addict and selfprofessed fanatic Melanie Tait imagines what it was like for the writers to pen the episode that became a defining cultural moment in the nation's TV history. Whether you're a diehard fan of this iconic TV series or simply a lover of a cracking Australian story, you'll be rolling in the aisles with laughter at HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS.

RUNNING TIME 90mins (no interval) REC. AGE 12+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, frequent coarse language

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HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS is a fictional play imagining the machinations of a hypothetical writers' room. It is not affiliated with the television show A Country Practice. Enter Judy. BERT: Is she o<u>kay?</u>

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## **BY SAM SHEPARD IRUEWEST**

DIRECTED BY IAIN SINCLAIR CAST OF 4 INCLUDES SIMON MAIDEN

Set against the searing backdrop of the Californian desert, TRUE WEST is a wickedly funny and scorching tale of sibling rivalry.

40 miles east of Los Angeles, Austin has found a writing oasis in his mother's empty home while she's abroad. His latest film project has the potential to sell big in Hollywood. In the peace and quiet of the desert, he taps away at his typewriter — until the silence is shattered by his wayward brother, Lee, stumbling unexpectedly through the door. As they fight for control over each other, the pair are swept up in a volatile tornado of flared tempers, resentment and self-loathing destruction.

**"SHEPARD'S WRITING** AND HIS VISION ARE AS **POWERFUL AS EVER"** The New Yorker

**"A PINTERESQUE AIR OF BROODING MENACE**" The Guardian



Pulitzer Prize winner Sam Shepard pits brother against brother in this critically acclaimed and muscular exploration of masculinity in America. Directed by Iain Sinclair (THE CARETAKER), this is a timeless modern classic not to be missed.

**RUNNING TIME** 1hr 40mins (no interval) **REC. AGE** 14+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, violence, occasional coarse language

# WORLD PREMIERE

#### BY GENEVIEVE HEGNEY & CATHERINE MOORE

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"NOT ONLY EFFERVESCENT... BUT ALSO TOUCHING AND INSIGHTFUL" (STILL UNQUALIFIED) Limelight

"THE STRONG CHEMISTRY BETWEEN THE PAIR MAKES THIS A JOY TO WATCH" (STILL UNQUALIFIED) The Sydney Morning Herald

#### DIRECTED BY JANINE WATSON

#### CAST OF 5 INCLUDES GENEVIEVE HEGNEY CATHERINE MOORE

It's the late 70's and the Australian Aviation Industry is a boy's club. The only job women are allowed involves wearing heels, lighting smokes and serving nuts. Deborah Lawrie's got the chops to fly the big jets, but Reg Ansett won't let her.

From the comedic geniuses who brought you UNQUALIFIED and STILL UNQUALIFIED, Genevieve Hegney and Catherine Moore use their trademark humour to unpack the absurd obstacles faced by a trailblazing aviatrix who refused to be grounded. Inspired by a true story, FLY GIRL embarks on Deborah's turbulent journey to becoming Australia's first female commercial pilot.

Fasten your seat belts for a soaring celebration of one woman's relentless fight to achieve her dreams. Let FLY GIRL fly!

RUNNING TIME 2hrs 15mins (incl. interval) REC. AGE 12+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, occasional coarse language

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AUSTRALIAN

PREMIERE

# FROM THE ORIGINAL BY FREDERICK KNOTT $\mathbf{OR}$ VURDER

ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER

DIRECTED BY MARK KILMURRY

CAST OF 5 INCLUDES GARTH HOLCOMBE AMBER MCMAHON The ever-so-charming ex-tennis-pro Tony Wendice has his eye on the prize. The prize in question? His wife Margot's eye-wateringly enormous inheritance. Fuelled by greed and revenge, he concocts the perfect plan to eliminate her from the equation. But after a small mishap, Tony must spin a web of lies to outsmart the cops to avoid a jaunt behind bars.

Twists, turns, danger and deception — the stage is set for an explosive night of theatre. Made famous by Alfred Hitchcock's world-renowned 1950's film, Amber McMahon (A BROADCAST COUP) shines in Jeffrey Hatcher's spine-tingling new adaptation directed by Mark Kilmurry. Crackling with suspense, intrigue and unexpected surprises, you'll be guessing "whodunit" until the very last moment.

#### **RUNNING TIME**

2hrs 20mins (incl. interval) REC. AGE 14+ CONTENT WARNING Adult themes, violence "A CAT-AND-MOUSE WAITING GAME, WITH ENOUGH TWISTS AND SUDDEN HITCHES TO KEEP THE CHILLS AND THRILLS RUNNING" The New York Times

"IT'S A HOLIDAY FOR WHODUNIT FANS... IT COULDN'T BE MORE WELCOME" New York Herald Tribune



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#### **DIRECTOR AT WORK**

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#### 1. ARIA

with Janine Watson Thu 9 Jan, 4pm – 5.30pm

2. EMERALD CITY with Mark Kilmurry Thu 26 Jun, 4pm – 5.30pm

3. HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS with Lee Lewis Thu 14 Aug, 4pm – 5.30pm

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The Director at Work series is proudly supported by **Emma Hodgman and John Coorey**.

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#### SINGLE TICKETS FOR THE FIRST 5 PLAYS OF 2025 WILL GO ON SALE ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024:

• ARIA

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- THE GLASS MENAGERIE
- THE LOVER & THE DUMB WAITER
- THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE
- PRIMARY TRUST

#### SINGLE TICKETS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2025 WILL GO ON SALE IN MARCH 2025 (SIGN UP TO ENSEMBLE E-NEWS TO BE THE FIRST IN THE KNOW):

- EMERALD CITY
- HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS
- TRUE WEST
- FLY GIRL
- DIAL M FOR MURDER



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#### **EXCHANGE FOR FREE**

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Please note, we process booking forms in order of receipt so send your form in as early as possible.

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#### **CALL US** (02) 8918 3460

We will fill out your booking form over the phone. Please note, tickets are not booked directly at the time of call, your form will join the queue to be processed.

#### **KEY DATES**

MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024 2025 Season launches

**TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024** Subscriptions go on sale at 10am

#### FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

Last day to secure the best available seats before single tickets for the first 5 plays of 2025 go on sale

MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2024 Single tickets for the first 5 plays of our 2025 season go on sale at 10am

#### **MARCH 2025**

Sign up to the Ensemble e-news to be the first in the know about when single tickets go on sale for the second half of our 2025 Season

Our 2025 Season pricing varies slightly as we will be presenting two David Williamson plays in response to audience demand. For more info, visit ensemble.com.au/subscribe or contact us at boxoffice@ensemble.com.au

PRICE PER TICKET including extra tickets for friends or family when purchased with your subscription												
PLAYS	SUBSCRIPTION TYPE	Full Price	Seniors Card	Pensioner / Groups 10+								
THE GLASS MENAGERIE	Previews											
	10 PLAYS	\$67	\$64	\$60								
THE LOVER & THE DUMB WAITER	8 & 9 PLAYS	\$71	\$68	\$64								
THE HALF-LIFE OF MARIE CURIE	5, 6 & 7 PLAYS	\$74	\$71	\$67								
PRIMARY TRUST	3 & 4 PLAYS	\$76	\$73	\$69								
HOW TO PLOT A HIT IN TWO DAYS	In Season											
TRUE WEST	10 PLAYS	\$72	\$69	\$65								
FLY GIRL	8 & 9 PLAYS	\$76	\$73	\$69								
DIAL M FOR MURDER	5, 6 & 7 PLAYS	\$79	\$76	\$72								
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#### **GREAT VALUE FOR STUDENTS AND UNDER 30s**

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Students/Under 30 Tickets	Price Per Ticket
Previews	\$40
In Season	\$43

#### SINGLE TICKET PRICES

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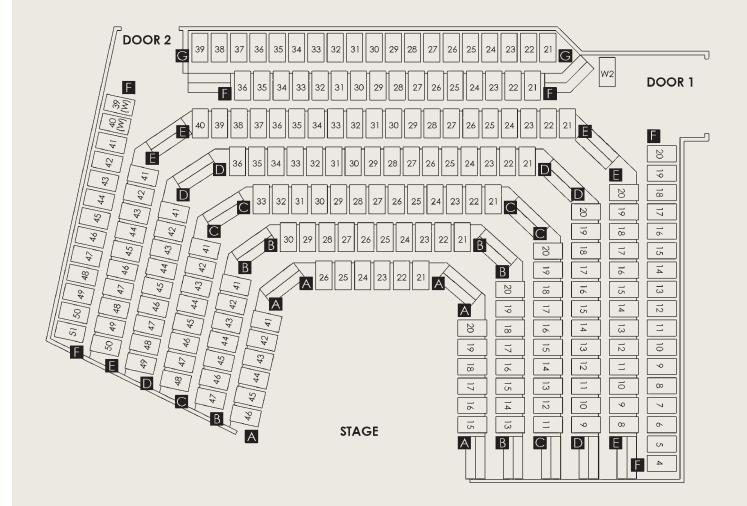
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**SEAT MAP** 

The experience from all seats is excellent in our intimate theatre. Please refer to the seat map to assess where you'll be most comfortable and contact the Box Office to discuss specific seating or access requirements.

### ACCESSIBILITY

#### AUDIO-DESCRIBED PERFORMANCES AD)))

Vision Australia provides a complimentary audio description service for audience members who are vision impaired. Audio-described performances are marked AD in the performance calendar and are listed on our website.

#### **HEARING LOOP** Ŋ

Our upgraded hearing loop amplifies sound to seats throughout the theatre. If you would like to use this service, please let us know when booking and a receiver will be available at the Box Office.

#### WHEELCHAIR SEATS AND LEVEL ACCESS Ġ

Ensemble Theatre is fully accessible with wheelchairfriendly seating, including street-level access to row F in our auditorium, and lift access to facilities and Bayly's Bistro. If you have seating requirements, please let us know when completing your subscription form.

### **TICKET INFO**

#### **CONCESSION DISCOUNTS**

ENSEMBLE THEATRE

#### Discounts are available for:

- Seniors (with valid Seniors Card)
- Pensioners (with valid Pensioner Concession Card)
- Australian full-time students (with valid Student Card)
- Under 30s (aged 30 and under at the time of booking)
- Media, Entertainment & Arts Alliance (MEAA) members
- Australian Writers' Guild (AWG) members

Proof of age or a valid concession card must be provided at the time of booking.

#### GROUPS

Discounts and priority bookings are available to groups of ten or more.

#### CONDITIONS

Tickets cannot be refunded after purchase except as outlined in the Live Performance Australia (LPA) Code of Practice. See liveperformance.com.au for details. For all other conditions of sale including transaction fees and ticket exchanges, please see our website **ensemble.com.au** or contact Box Office at (02) 8918 3400. Please note, subscription bookings do not have any transaction fees.





#### Bayly's Bistro is the ideal location for delicious, fresh food with a spectacular view, and a guarantee of getting you to your show on time.

With Head Chef Ian Paul Aguilar Alarcon at the helm, Bayly's offers modern Australian fare with an emphasis on local, seasonal and thoughtfully sourced produce.

Eniov an à la carte menu of delicately cooked seafood, slow-braised meats and delectable desserts, perfectly paired with a bottle from our superb wine selection

#### **OPENING TIMES**

Tue – Sat | Open for lunch after weekday matinees and dinner service coincides with evening show times. See the booking form or visit ensemble.com.au/bistro for more info.

#### TO BOOK Call (02) 8918 3455 Email baylys@ensemble.com.au Reserve online **ensemble.com.au/** bistro

**Please note:** Online reservations close 3 hours prior to dining. Call the Bistro for any last-minute bookings.

Ensemble Theatre subscribers get 10% off food orders (drinks not included), so remember to present your Arts Bonus Card when you dine. "JIM IS A VITAL PART OF THE FABRIC THAT MAKES ENSEMBLE SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH"

David Williamson AO

JIM'S FOYER

BAR

Soak in the sprawling harbour views while sipping on your drink at Jim's Foyer Bar. With exceptional customer service and a quality wine list featuring selections from our friends at Hungerford Hill, it's the perfect spot to catch up with friends before the show or debrief with a digestif afterwards.

Indulge in our tasty cheese plates and enjoy the perfect pre or post-show experience.

Cheers!



#### **OPENING TIMES**

The bar is open an hour before all performances, during intervals and after the show (except after Sunday performances).

# SUPPORT US

BRINGING A PLAY TO THE STAGE TAKES A TEAM EFFORT, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY OF CREATIVE MINDS, PLEASE JOIN US.

## WHY GIVE?

"A DONATION TO ENSEMBLE ENSURES THAT THE THEATRE WE ALL LOVE, AND THE STORIES IT TELLS, CAN CONTINUE TO BE CHERISHED BY FUTURE GENERATIONS."

Georgie Parker, Ensemble Ambassador

## WAYS TO GIVE

JOIN US **INSPIRE CREATIVITY:** Your donations enable the ongoing development of new and innovative productions.

**NURTURE TALENT:** Contribute to the development of the next generation of artists with programs like the Ensemble Theatre Sandra Bates Director's Awards providing emerging talent with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Help us expand our Ensemble Education Outreach Program, making theatre accessible to all and fostering a love for the arts in people of all ages.

**THEATRE FOR EVERYONE:** Ensure Ensemble continues to present 10 productions annually encompassing new works and re-imagined classics that captivate audiences.

**INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:** Every contribution, big or small, makes a significant impact. Please consider pledging a tax-deductible gift along with your 2025 subscription or donate online at **ensemble.com.au/support-us** 

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS:** Partner with us to achieve shared goals and benefit from unique engagement opportunities.

**LEGACY GIVING:** Ensure the future of Ensemble and enrich the lives of the next generation by including us in your estate planning.

#### WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE INVOLVED?

A belief and passion for theatre. To find out more about joining our community of supporters, please contact **Stephen Attfield**, **Philanthropy** & **Partnerships Manager** on **02 8918 3400** or **stephena@ensemble.com.au** 



MR BAILEY'S MINDER AND ALONE IT STANDS IN OUR LESSONS. IT IS BECAUSE OF ENSEMBLE THAT THEY HAVE REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES OF LIVE THEATRE AND THAT IS SO SPECIAL AND BENEFICIAL."

Kaylee Cashman, Drama Teacher, Eagle Vale High School

Ensemble Ed is our commitment to the next generation of Australian theatre made possible by the generosity of The Balnaves Foundation. We provide exciting and accessible creative educational experiences, with a strong focus on students from regional and remote Australia, and those experiencing disadvantage. Our initiatives nurture skills, increase equity of access to creative opportunities and ensure every student has the chance to take a seat with Ensemble.

#### **ENSEMBLE EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Celebrating its tenth year, our Ensemble Education Outreach Program is igniting the love for live theatre among students nationwide. In 2025, thanks to the generous support of the **Clitheroe Foundation**, complimentary tickets to dedicated schools' performances of Tennessee Williams' classic THE GLASS MENAGERIE and the world premiere of FLY GIRL by Genevieve Hegney and Catherine Moore will be available to eligible school groups. Following the show, students engage with the cast and director in an artist-led discussion. Lunch and snacks are provided by our partner **Foodbank**, to ensure they get the full experience of a day at the theatre.

To register your interest as a partner or check your school's eligibility for the Outreach Program, please email education@ensemble.com.au

## "MY STUDENTS STILL SPEAK OF AND DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE ONE.

#### SMITH FAMILY'S SMARTS PROGRAM

In 2025, we're delighted to continue working in collaboration with The Smith Family's SmArts Program to provide students with an immersive theatre experience. A week-long program of workshops gives them a taste of various production disciplines including set design, directing, stage management and performance.

"WE SEE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH ENSEMBLE THEATRE AS AN EXCITING COLLABORATION THAT IS PROVIDING DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN LOW SOCIO-ECONOMIC OR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES ACCESS TO LIVE THEATRE"

Anne Samonte, The Smith Family

#### SCHOOL STUDENT TICKETS

\$25 school student or teacher tickets are available for all 10 plays and our Director at Work sessions. Receive a complimentary teacher's ticket for every 12 paying students. For info on how to book, visit ensemble.com.au/education



## **ENSEMBLE** DEVELOPMENT

"I'VE BEEN DIRECTING IN THE INDEPENDENT THEATRE SECTOR FOR FOUR YEARS NOW. SO THIS IS A PHENOMENAL **OPPORTUNITY AT THIS STAGE IN** MY CAREER TO OBSERVE TWO ACCOMPLISHED DIRECTORS IN THE REHEARSAL ROOM. I'LL BE ASSISTING PRISCILLA JACKMAN, WHO WAS HERSELF A 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD AND IS NOW A LEADER IN THE AUSTRALIAN ARTS INDUSTRY, IT'S AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY."

Miranda Middleton, 2024 Recipient

#### **PROVIDING PATHWAYS TO EMERGING DIRECTORS**

The Ensemble Theatre Sandra Bates Director's Awards, now in its tenth year, continues to offer emerging directors a unique opportunity to hone their skills. Two successful recipients receive a paid Assistant Director role supporting season plays and other development projects. The 2025 award is proudly supported by Jinnie and Ross Gavin.

We are delighted to feature two past recipients in our 2025 season:

Janine Watson (2016 recipient) directing ARIA and FLY GIRL

Shaun Rennie (2017 recipient) directing THE GLASS MENAGERIE

#### COMMISSIONING NEW **AUSTRALIAN STORIES**

Since 2016, Ensemble has commissioned seventeen new Australian plays and premiered twenty-five, with two more set to debut by the end of 2025. We've commissioned playwrights such as Vanessa Bates, Hilary Bell, Genevieve Hegney, Mark Kilmurry, Catherine Moore, Joanna Murray-Smith, Sam O'Sullivan, Jamie Oxenbould and Melanie Tait

**COMMISSIONERS'** 

CIRCLE

In 2022 we launched the Commissioners' Circle; a group of like-minded Ensemble supporters who are passionate about storytelling and supporting artists. The Circle is committed to ensuring two new Australian works premiere every year.

#### LIFE PATRONS

Those who have made significant contributions to Ensemble. The Balnaves Foundation

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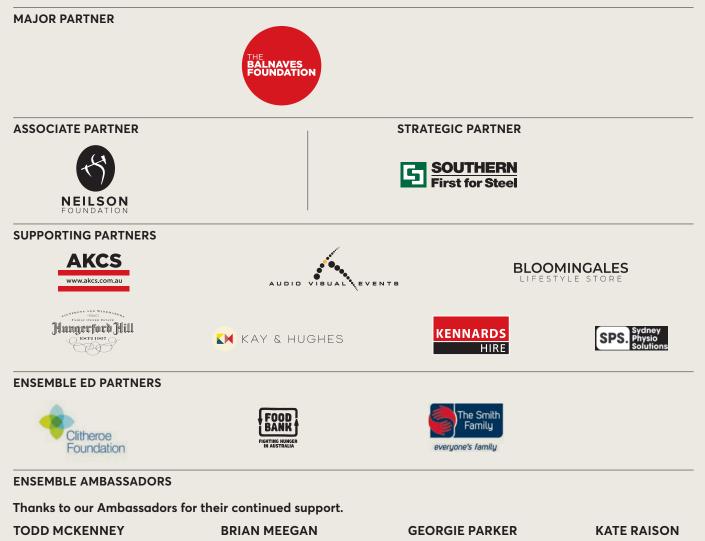
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- 60 minutes prior to matinee performances
- From 5pm for all evening performances

