

See musical theatre differently.

2024 Season Hayes Theatre Co would like to acknowledge the **Gadigal people**, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

We pay our respects to elders past and present, and acknowledge their continued connection to land, water, culture, and community.



Welcome

Welcome to our 2024 season, as we celebrate 10 years of the Hayes! We're delighted to present you with not only our first full-year season as inaugural Artistic Directors, but the first annual subscription season the Hayes has announced since 2019.

In bringing together a season of work produced by the Hayes team, as well as presentations by our favourite independent partners, we've sought to exemplify this company's role within the performing arts world in this country and beyond. As the home of music theatre and cabaret, we strive to advance the art form, to enrich and develop the ecology of our industry, and to create unique experiences that engage and entertain our audiences, and reflect the human experience through the unique combination of music and storytelling.

In 2024, we're inviting you to see musical theatre differently. At the Hayes you can do this literally – it's a unique space that offers incomparable musical and theatrical experiences; and also figuratively – you never quite know what a Hayes production will deliver, but you know it will surprise you somehow. This record of originality is why the Hayes has gone from strength to strength in our first 10 years.

Originality is certainly the watchword for our Hayes-produced shows this year - which encompass the hotly-anticipated *Zombie! The Musical*, the new show from musical theatre virtuoso Laura Murphy (*The Lovers, The Dismissal*); the Australian premiere of the subversive, hilarious and surprisingly moving

Ride The Cyclone; and our co-production with Griffin, **Flat Earthers: The Musical**, featuring the queer electro-pop stylings of theatre-comedy provocateurs Lou Wall, Jean Tong and James Gales.

Add to this a partnership with Adelaide Cabaret Festival to launch a joint cabaret commission, and our first ever Festival of New Work – alongside a rich selection of shows from independent artists and producers both new and returning, including two in the beloved *Neglected Musicals* series. It's proof that Australian music theatre makers are among the most exciting in the world.

We look to the future as we celebrate our fabulous past. We know Hayes audiences are smart, engaged, generous, and frankly extremely good-looking. We hope you find much to love in this jam-packed season. Dive in and take a look for yourself.

RICHARD CARROLL & VICTORIA FALCONER

ARTISTIC DIRECTORS



Thank You

Having emerged from the challenges of the past few years, it's with a profound sense of gratitude and excitement that we look to the year ahead. The exceptional entertainment on offer, the opportunities available to artists, and the ambition and scale of our 2024 season are only possible due to the support, commitment, and dedicated to the Hayes community.

So, to everyone reading this - thank you.

Thank you, because you're probably one of the 26,585 audience members who saw a Hayes production last year, or one of the 352 people who donated to Hayes, or one of the 282 artists engaged across our independent and mainstage seasons. You might have worked behind the scenes; given your time, expertise, or services to the company; or simply taken a chance on a new experience and come away inspired.

And if this is your first experience of Hayes, however you begin your journey with us in 2024 – a breathtaking adventure awaits.

Hayes will produce three ground-breaking musicals at our theatre in 2024, including two brand new Australian works. And as our creative development pipeline grows, you'll also have the opportunity to experience the hit shows of tomorrow and meet the writers and composers making their mark on the industry at our Festival of New Work.

Our mainstage season will be complemented by five captivating independent musicals. Two of Hayes' most experienced and successful independent producers - Michelle Guthrie and Joshua Robson - return with productions

of beloved musicals *Tell Me on a Sunday* and *Little Women*, while Heart Strings Theatre Co, who debuted at Hayes with the runaway hit *Urinetown* in 2023, will present the uplifting and poignant *The Hello Girls* in 2024. Celebrated director Craig Baldwin brings us the haunting chamber opera, *The Turn of the Screw*, and Well Done Creative will ensure that the year ends in toe-tapping style with *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*.

Light Of The World

2024 is the start of a new decade for Hayes. Led by our brilliant new Artistic Directors - Richard Carroll and Victoria Falconer - we're looking forward to continuing a tradition of presenting innovative and exceptional music theatre, while nurturing Australian talent and welcoming new voices to our stage. We've celebrated with a fresh new look for the company, courtesy of Re Design, and the launch of our first full subscription season so you can lock in tickets to a whole year of entertainment.

If you have been part of the Hayes audience before, then I hope you'll subscribe to see some of the spectacular shows you've helped bring to the stage. And if you're yet to discover what it means to see music theatre differently, then on behalf of the whole Hayes community, I invite you to join us in 2024 to share in what will be an unforgettable year of unparalleled creativity, captivating music, and awe-inspiring performances.

WILL HARVEY





Celebrating 10 years of Hayes Theatre Co

The doors to Hayes Theatre Co opened on 7 February 2014 with the first performance of **Sweet Charity**. This inaugural production went on to be nominated for 8 Helpmann Awards, winning 3 awards for Best Direction of a Musical, Best Choreography of a Musical and Best Actress in a Musical. The show then embarked on a national tour, including acclaimed seasons at Sydney Opera House and Arts Centre Melbourne.

Since the beginning, Hayes Theatre Co has established a reputation for showcasing thrilling, innovative, and ambitious musicals and cabaret. Hayes is a place where new Australian writing rubs shoulders with bold new productions of classic and contemporary international shows; where you can see barnstorming performers and musicians threaten to burst out of the theatre, then return to experience an intimate one-person show that casts a magic spell and breaks your heart. Hayes has earned a place on the cultural map by developing, producing, and presenting the most compelling and mould-breaking music theatre in Australia.

Named in honour of musical theatre luminary Nancye Hayes AM, Hayes Theatre Co captures the spirit of Off-Broadway in Australia, providing a dedicated and permanent home for small-scale musical theatre with big ambitions, and the Australian artists who will define our cultural expression for years to come. Hayes occupies a unique and vital position in the Australian music theatre ecology. Through our productions and a wide range of development activities, we provide opportunities for both emerging and established Australian artists to refine their skills, take creative risks, and advance their careers.

The programming at our intimate venue incorporates musical theatre, cabaret, and any other performances that combine the arts of music and storytelling. Everything we do is in service of the beliefs that Australian musicals and artists can rival the best in the world, and that we can build an audience of Australians who feel as passionately about creativity in the art form as we do. We are committed to changing the dominant narrative: that with rare exceptions, only imported productions of musicals can be commercially successful in Australia.

Productions at Hayes have been nominated for and won numerous awards at the Helpmann Awards, Sydney Theatre Awards and several other awards ceremonies in Sydney and around Australia. Since our first production, Sweet Charity, embarked on a national tour, several further productions that have begun life at Haves have transferred to other theatres or had national tours - including Assassins, In The Heights, Blood Brothers, Heathers, Violet, Little Shop of Horrors, H.M.S. Pinafore, Rent, Godspell, Dubbo Championship Wrestling, Spamalot, American Psycho, and Calamity Jane. In a short time, the company has gained national and international recognition for its unique contribution to the Australian theatre industry.

As we celebrate the last 10 years and look with excitement to the future, we'd like to thank our audience members, who never fail to show enthusiasm and curiosity, to delight in new experiences, and to see musical theatre differently.



STRONG FEMALE LEAD

leart Strings Theatre Co in association with Hayes Theatre Co present

The Hello Girls

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

Book, Music and Lyrics by Peter Mills Book by Cara Reichel

THE HELLO GIRLS IS PRESENTED BY PERMISSION OF ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE. NEW YORK **Director** Jason Langley

IF YOU LIKED • Violet • Ladies in Black • Caroline, Or Change • A League Of Their Own

Will you answer the call?

March into the extraordinary world of *The Hello Girls*, a contemporary musical brimming with folk and pop earworms, charting the journey of a feisty bunch of trail-blazing women who turned the US Army on its head and made history.

The world is in turmoil, drifting toward tyranny; freedom is under assault; nationalism is on the rise, and women are fighting for equality. No, it's not 2023, it's 1918 and the US Army are failing at the front lines due to poor switchboard communication skills, so they do something they've never done before – hire women. The US Army begrudgingly recruit telephone operators and ship them off to France to salvage the war effort. Grace Banker and her team of fearless women chip away at deeply ingrained systems

of misogyny and sexism to change the course of history and blaze trails for all women in the armed services thereafter.

Brought to life by Canberra's Heart Strings Theatre Co (producers of last year's sold out hit *Urinetown the Musical*), *The Hello Girls* was proudly supported through Canberra Theatre Centre's New Works and Sector Development Program to elevate the work of ACT artists and producers.

"Move over, *Mean Girls & Wicked*: There's a new musical exploding with grrrl power, female camaraderie and uplifting songs."

- TimeOut NY

This fun, femme-fronted folk-pop treat is the perfect way to kick off our year. Several characters in this show are based on true people, and the authenticity rings through. We're delighted to welcome Heart Strings Theatre Co back on to the Hayes stage for their second production with us.

- VICKY

PERFORMANCES FROM JANUARY 10

Tuesday – Saturday Thursday & Saturday Sunday 7:30pm 2pm 5pm

NO PERFORMANCE ON SUNDAY JANUARY

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COMEDY THRILLS PREMIERE POP STRONG FEMALE LEAD

Hayes Theatre Co presents

Zombie! The Musical

WORLD PREMIERE

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Laura Murphy

Director Darren Yap

IF YOU LIKED • The Lovers • Heathers • Dubbo Championship Wrestling • Buffy The Vampire Slayer

It's like 42nd Street... but with ZOMBIES!

Sydney, Australia. It's the turn of the 21st century, and a dedicated community theatre troupe are frantically rehearsing in the final hours before their big opening night. Little do they know that beyond the theatre's walls, a highly infectious disease is rapidly spreading through the city turning its victims into full-blown zombies. Will humanity take its final bow, or can the power of musical theatre save the friggin' world?

From the creator of *The Lovers*, this brand-new Australian musical wields a genre-blending original score and a fast-paced, farcical script that combines two of the most subtle forms of storytelling: traditional musical theatre and cult-classic zombie films.

Zombie! The Musical follows an ambitious starlet, an optimistic understudy and an ol' hoofer (who thought she'd seen it all) as they're faced with an impossible dilemma – what role to play in humanity's final act? They discover that impending doom has a funny way of revealing our true character. Grab your torch, your pitchforks, and your headshot. The apocalypse begins in 5, 6, 7, 8...

"Laura Murphy is something of a genius when it comes to writing musicals." - Limelight

This show will GO OFF. We, along with the rest of the nation, were obsessed with Laura Murphy's previous banger-filled works *The Lovers* and *The Dismissal*, and the razor-sharp pop stylings of *Zombie! The Musical* prove she's only getting better and better.

- VICKY

PERFORMANCES FROM MARCH 8

Monday 6:30pm
Tuesday – Saturday 7:30pm
Thursday 1pm
Saturday 2pm

POST SHOW Q&A - MONDAY MARCH 18
CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE - WEDNESDAY MARCH 27
NO MATINEE PERFORMANCES ON SATURDAY MARCH 9 & THURSDAY MARCH 14
NO PERFORMANCE ON FRIDAY MARCH 29



CLASSIC HEARTWARMING STRONG FEMALE LEAD

Michelle Guthrie Presents in association with Hayes Theatre Co

Tell Me On A Sunday

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Lyrics by Don Black

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP LIMITED

Director Blazey Best
Musical Supervisor Guy Simpson
Musical Director David Gardos
Starring Erin Clare

IF YOU LIKED • Well Behaved Women • Evie May • 9 To 5 • Emily in Paris

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's classic *Tell Me On A Sunday* is a one-woman show that charts the course of a young English girl newly arrived in New York. Brimming with optimism, she sets out to seek success, companionship and, of course, love. But as she weaves her way through the maze of the city and her own anxieties and heartaches, she begins to wonder whether – in fact – she's been looking for love in all the wrong places.

This much-loved show is brought to the Hayes by producer Michelle Guthrie (Nice Work If You Can Get It, Well Behaved Women). Starring the incomparable Erin Clare (9 to 5, We Will Rock You, Heathers and A Little Night Music), and featuring a sensational 6-piece band, this award-winning musical is packed with hit songs, including 'Take That Look Off Your Face', 'It's Not the End of the World', 'Nothing Like You've Ever Known' and 'Tell Me On A Sunday'.

Director Blazey Best and producer Michelle Guthrie have an exciting vision for this ALW classic that we can't wait to see brought to life on our stage. We're also thrilled to welcome back Hayes favourite Erin Clare in this stunning tour-de-force role. Not to be missed.

- RICHARD

PERFORMANCES FROM APRIL 12

Tuesday – Saturday7:30pmThursday1pmSaturday2pmSunday5pm

MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 24 SINGLE 5PM PERFORMANCE ON THURSDAY APRIL 25 NO MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY APRIL 13



COMEDY PREMIERE POP THRILLS

Hayes Theatre Co presents

Ride The Cyclone

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

Book, Music & Lyrics by Jacob Richmond & Brooke Maxwell

Additional Material by Alan Schmuckler

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF BROADWAY LICENSING

Director Richard Carroll

Musical Director Victoria Falconer

Choreographer Shannon Burns

IF YOU LIKED • Six • Assassins • Beetlejuice • Stranger Things

In this hilarious and exhilarating story, the lives of six teenagers from a Canadian chamber choir are cut short in a freak accident aboard a rollercoaster. When they awake in limbo, a mechanical fortune teller invites each to tell a story to win a prize like no other - the chance to return to life. Bursting with witty, memorable songs and featuring some of the most compelling characters in modern musical theatre, this remarkable show makes a uniquely uplifting and deeply funny case for what makes a life worth living.

This bold, striking, and genre-busting musical started life in Canada, before becoming a hit in Chicago and New York, and then a recordbreaking online phenomenon (with over half a billion views on TikTok). Now the show has its long-awaited Australian premiere in an all-new production from our Artistic Directors.

"Ingeniously dark and funny."

- Washington Post

"Supremely witty... and just plain delightful." - The New York Times

"Ride The Cyclone is poised to take the musical world by storm."

- Chicago Tribune



Get this cast recording onto your playlist immediately. A rollercoaster ride that reels you in with a funny, dynamic and affecting script, soars you into

the heavens with perfect pop earworms, then plunges you into a raw and funny exploration of life itself? We knew immediately we needed to secure this landmark show as a centrepiece of our 2024 season.

- RICHARD & VICKY

PERFORMANCES FROM MAY 23

Monday 6:30pm
Tuesday – Saturday 7:30pm
Thursday 1pm
Saturday 2pm

POST SHOW Q&A – MONDAY JUNE 3 CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE – WEDNESDAY JUNE 12 NO MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY MAY 25 & THURSDAY MAY 30



CLASSIC HEARTWARMING STRONG FEMALE LEAD

Joshua Robson Productions in association with Hayes Theatre Co presents

Little Women

Book by Allan Knee
Music by Jason Howland
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein
Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

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Director Amy Campbell
Music Director Zara Stanton
Costume Designer Esther Zhong

IF YOU LIKED • The Secret Garden • Merrily We Roll Along • Violet • Ladybird

Joshua Robson Productions (City of Angels, Bonnie & Clyde) is thrilled to present Little Women, an enchanting production that continues to resonate with audiences, reminding us of the enduring relevance of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel.

Little Women captures the essence of sisterhood, love, and the pursuit of one's dreams. In a world where gender equality and the empowerment of young people are ongoing conversations, Little Women serves as a poignant reminder of the strength and resilience of women throughout history.

Joshua Robson Productions have an incredible track record at Hayes, from Sydney Theatre Award winners Violet and In The Heights, to the hit City of Angels just this past year. When they proposed re-joining forces with the brilliant Amy Campbell for a modern take on this classic coming-of-age tale, we knew we were in for something 'Astonishing'.

- RICHARD

The March sisters' triumphs and tribulations evoke the universal human experiences of love, loss, and personal growth. *Little Women* is a celebration of the human spirit, reminding us that – no matter the era – the power of love, family, and the pursuit of one's passions will always resonate deeply within our hearts.

The creative vision will be headed by one of Australia's most accomplished creatives, Amy Campbell (A Chorus Line, Once, In the Heights), in partnership with music director extraordinaire, Zara Stanton (Fangirls, Bloom, Metropolis).

PERFORMANCES FROM JULY 12

Tuesday – Saturday Saturday Sunday 7:30pm 2pm 5pm

MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON THURSDAY JULY 25 at 1PM



CLASSIC OPERA THRILLS INTIMATE

Craig Baldwin in association with Hayes Theatre Co presents

The Turn of The Screw

Opera by Benjamin Britten Libretto by Myfanwy Piper after a story by Henry James **Director** Craig Baldwin

IF YOU LIKED • Jekyll & Hyde • The Others • The Phantom of the Opera • The Woman in Black

For the first time ever, opera fills the intimate Hayes space with Benjamin Britten's spine-chilling masterpiece *The Turn of the Screw*.

This gripping tale unfolds in a remote English manor, as a young governess arrives to care for two orphaned children, Flora and Miles. She soon discovers that the grounds, and the children themselves, are haunted by mysterious apparitions. As the governess fights to protect her wards from the sinister forces that surround them, the line between sanity and madness becomes thrillingly blurred.

Britten's evocative score weaves a web of tension, combining hauntingly beautiful melodies with dissonant harmonies, perfectly capturing the ghostly ambiance of Henry James's classic gothic novel.

The Turn of the Screw is helmed by celebrated director Craig Baldwin (Consent, John and The Flick for Outhouse Theatre Co) and will feature some of Sydney's rising opera stars.

Presented in whisperingly intimate proximity, this is an opportunity not to be missed. Be immersed in the eerie sounds and psychological suspense of one of the world's most popular operas, prepare to question the boundaries between the material and the supernatural, and become enthralled by the dark recesses of the human mind.

We promised a wide variety of productions that fuse music and storytelling in our first season, and this beautiful operatic work truly delivers. To hear Britten's stunning melodies soar in the air right above our heads will be an exquisite thrill – matched only by the chills from this ingenious gothic tale.

- VICKY

PERFORMANCES FROM AUGUST 16

Tuesday – Saturday7:30pmSaturday2pmSunday5pm

MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5 at 2PM



QUEER COMEDY THRILLS POP PREMIERE

Hayes Theatre Co and Griffin Theatre Company present

Flat Earthers: The Musical

WORLD PREMIERE

Book & Lyrics Jean Tong & Lou Wall Songwriting Lou Wall & James Gales Music Production James Gales **Director** Declan Greene

A CO-PRODUCTION WITH GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY

IF YOU LIKED • FANGIRLS • Lizzie • The Book of Mormon • Everything Everywhere All At Once

Somewhere on the fringes of the internet, Ria e-meets Flick and instantly falls in analogue love. They've never actually met IRL, but their passion is as real as the moon landing, the Loch Ness Monster and the flying saucers over Roswell. That is, until Ria learns with horror that Flick is a 'Flat Earther' - and Flick learns with horror that Ria is a 'Globe Earther'. In this beautiful and chaotic electro-pop musical epic, star-cross'd lesbians tumble into the depths of the dark web - where the most far-out, dangerous conspiracy theories turn out to be very, very real...

With a cast of wild, OTT characters and packed with irresistible earworms, *Flat Earthers: The Musical* satirises our divided age of post-truth politics with a winning balance of hilarity, absurdity, and empathy. *West Side Story* meets QAnon in this unique queer pop spectacle.

Flat Earthers: The Musical was commissioned by the Malcolm Robertson Foundation and developed with the assistance of Arts Centre Melbourne and Playking Foundation.









Collaboration is the backbone of music theatre, so a partnership between Hayes (home of music theatre) and Griffin (home of new writing) is the perfect way to introduce Sydney to the musical comedy wunderkinds who wowed Melbourne with the smash-hit Romeo Is Not The Only Fruit.

- RICHARD & VICKY

PERFORMANCES FROM OCTOBER 11

Monday 6:30pm
Tuesday - Saturday 7:30pm
Thursday 1pm
Saturday 2pm

POST SHOW Q&A - MONDAY OCTOBER 21 CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 NO MATINEE PERFORMANCES ON SATURDAY OCT 12 & THURSDAY OCT 17



COMEDY CLASSIC HEARTWARMING DANCE

Well Done Creative in association with Hayes Theatre Co presents

Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn

Based on the film from Universal Pictures
Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin
Book by Gordon Greenberg and Chad Hodge

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Director Sally Dashwood **Choreographer** Veronica Beattie George

IF YOU LIKED • Nice Work If You Can Get It • Gentlemen Prefer Blondes • Catch Me If You Can • Love Actually

Bursting with irrepressible charm, irresistible humour and a nostalgia that promises to delight – *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn* tap dances onto the Hayes stage to ring in the Christmas season.

Hoofer Jim Hardy says goodbye to the hustle and bustle of big-city showbiz to settle down on his farmhouse in Connecticut. He longs for fresh air and 'Blue Skies', but it turns out life isn't the same without his beloved song and dance. Enter Linda, a passionate schoolteacher with talent of her own. Together, Jim and Linda – with the help of unlikely friend and local handy-gal Louise – transform the farmhouse into a fabulous inn, with dazzling performances to celebrate the holidays. It isn't all bright lights and razzle dazzle, however,

when Jim's best friend Ted tries to lure Linda away to be his new Hollywood dance partner. Will Jim be able to salvage his last chance at love and finally dance 'Cheek to Cheek' with Linda?

Based on the film that introduced 'White Christmas' to the world, and featuring other Irving Berlin classics such as 'Stepping Out With My Baby', 'Easter Parade', 'Shaking the Blues Away' and more, Holiday Inn guarantees a toe-tapping good time for audiences of all ages. Acclaimed choreographer Sally Dashwood (Godspell, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Deb) makes her directorial debut with this timeless Christmas classic.

We can't resist a tap-dancing musical, and this seasonal favourite is one of the best. Gather your loved ones and settle in - the brilliant team behind this show know just how to bring classic feels with a fresh and fabulous re-staging.

- RICHARD

PERFORMANCES FROM NOVEMBER 22

Tuesday – Saturday7:30pmThursday & Saturday2pmSunday5pm

NO MATINEE PERFORMANCES ON SATURDAY NOV 23 & THURSDAY NOV 2

They're Playing Our Song



Book by Neil Simon Music by Marvin Hamlisch Lyrics by Carole Bayer Sager

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, INC., A CONCORD THEATRICALS COMPANY

Director Lisa Callingham **Musical Director** David Gardos

They're Playing Our Song is one of Australia's most loved musicals. Based on the real-life relationship of Hamlisch and Sager, the musical tells the story of a wisecracking composer who finds a new, offbeat lyricist. Featuring the musical numbers 'Workin' It Out'. 'When You're in My Arms', and 'They're Playing Our Song'.

LIMITED PERFORMANCES FROM FEB 14

TICKETS \$60

Neglected Musicals is a theatre initiative dedicated to presenting musical theatre that has never (or rarely) been seen in Australia. The musicals are presented with scripts in hand, and with piano accompaniment after only a day's rehearsal. There have been 25 Neglected Musicals since 2010

Promises, **Promises**



Book by Neil Simon

Based on the Screenplay THE APARTMENT by Billy Wilder and I.A.L. Diamond

Music by Burt Bacharach

Lvrics by Hal David

Produced for the Broadway Stage by David Merrick

PROMISES, PROMISES IS PRESENTED BY PERMISSION OF ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY LLC. A CONCORD THEATRICALS COMPANY

Director Dean Drieberg

Based on the 1960 film The Apartment, starring Shirley MacLaine and Jack Lemmon, Promises, Promises follows a young junior executive at an insurance company, who seeks to climb the corporate ladder by allowing his apartment to be used for trysts by his married superiors. With all the wonderful Bacharach and David songs you love, including 'Say A Little Prayer', 'A House Is Not A Home', 'I'll Never Fall In Love Again' and 'Promises, Promises'.

LIMITED PERFORMANCES FROM NOV 13

Hayes Theatre Co presents

House Is Open

THE 10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate our 10th birthday, Hayes is doing something we've never done before – a fabulous limited-capacity ticketed party, stretching through our foyer, balcony, backstage, band room and stage. The entire venue will be transformed by some of our most talented set designers, and throughout the evening you'll enjoy roaming musicians and surprise pop-up performances, as you explore parts of the theatre never previously accessed by the public. The last decade has seen some miraculous milestones within these walls, so come and join us for a spectacular, one-ofa-kind celebration where you're invited into the secret spaces where these moments were made - and even be a part of creating some more.



Hayes Theatre Co presents

An Evening With

THE FIRST TEN YEARS

Hayes Theatre Co marks the occasion of our 10th birthday by bringing together star performers and iconic songs from the last decade at Australia's home of music theatre, for our annual fundraising concert An Evening With. This is always a special night filled with unforgettable exclusive performances, and our 10th birthday celebration is set to be our most memorable yet.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

LIMITED FIRST-RELEASE TICKETS \$30

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9

ON SALE JANUARY 2024

Haves Theatre Co presents

Theys at The Hayes

Generously supported by Global Creatures, the producers of Moulin Rouge! The Musical, and by Michael Cassel Group, the producers of & JULIET

Grab your tickets quickly for this one-off concert celebrating star quality that's selfdefining. From leading players to new faces, host Blake Appelqvist (they/them) - star of & Juliet, Fangirls, and Hayes' Spamalot, American Psycho and Bonnie & Clyde - will be joined by an array of gender expansive performers and musicians to showcase the true breadth of talent in the



MONDAY FEBRUARY 19

\$39 FULL / \$25 TRANS +/ NON-BINARY +/ GENDER DIVERSE FOLX

ON SALE IN 2024

Michael Griffiths in association with Hayes Theatre Co presents

Carlotta

THE PARTY'S OVER



Starring Carlotta

Musical Director Michael Griffiths

Australian icon, political activist and living legend, Carlotta AM has led an extraordinary life: good times, bum times, she's seen them all and my dear, she's still here. Following two sell-out seasons at Hayes Theatre Co, Carlotta returns to the Cross in her 80th year to bid a fabulous farewell in this very special Mardi Gras season. Musical direction by Michael Griffiths.

"The star of Les Girls and inspiration for Priscilla: Queen of the Desert is as much an Australian to be proud of as Don Bradman or Cate Blanchett...Rude, crude and fabulous." - Sydney Morning Herald

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 3

\$59 / \$55 CONCESSION

In Vogue

SONGS BY MADONNA



Starring Michael Griffiths

Musical Direction Michael Griffiths Writer & Director Dean Bryant

Acclaimed cabaret performer Michael Griffiths IS Madonna. No accent, costume or wig. Just Her Madgesty, the Queen of Pop leading you on a journey through her tough life and tender songs. Strike a pose, get into the groove and express yourself as Madonna opens her heart. Written and directed by Helpmann award-winner Dean Bryant (Sweet Charity, Assassins, A Little Night Music).

★★★★ * "An intimate affair underscored by a wickedly camp bitchiness that delights." - Edinburgh Evening News

"Griffiths is a rare and wonderful performer. He creates a sense of togetherness in the room, reminding audiences that pop songs aren't popular because they're ordinary or vacuous, but because of the joy and connectedness that they inspire in the people who hear them." - ArtsHub

MARCH1&2

ON SALE LATER IN 2023

Hayes Theatre Co and Hedger & Nicholson present

Home Grown



After nine celebrated years at the centre of Melbourne's new musical theatre writing scene, Home Grown's popular events finally arrive in Sydney at their natural home. Home Grown is a not-for-profit company dedicated to supporting, developing and promoting Australian musical theatre. Their one-of-a-kind concerts see the hottest talent in the Australian musical theatre industry come together with the country's most exciting writers to celebrate the new works coming from our own backyard. Hear writers and composers talk candidly about their work, as they introduce never-before-heard songs. These electrifying concerts are set to be a staple of the Hayes program, so grab your tickets for this Sydney premiere event.

"An absolutely stellar night of performances"
- Teatre People

"Home Grown explored the breadth of human emotion and the scope of the local musical theatre community, and left me buzzing with excitement for its future" - Rip it Up

Hayes Theatre Co and Bang Bang Rodeo present

Musical Bang Bang



Musical Bang Bang is the best live musical you've never seen. Why? Because it doesn't exist yet. It's IMPROV, silly. From a cult event at The Old Fitz to Melbourne International Comedy Festival, this must-be-seen-to-be-believed onslaught now takes up a quarterly residence at the Hayes! Actor-comedians Jane Watt (Godspell, Spamalot) and Rob Johnson (Calamity Jane, Boomkak Panto, Rosehaven) lead an ensemble of Sydney's best improvisers as well as some special – possibly terrified – guests from the top ranks of Australian music theatre.

With an ever-changing lineup, this foolhardy ensemble will invent a singing, dancing extravaganza while yes-and-ing each other into oblivion - all on the set of whichever production is showing at the Hayes at the time - and featuring a very game musical director, plus a sound and lighting technician who will be improvising along with the cast. Consummate professionals pushing themselves to ridiculous limits, all in the name of entertainment? Yes indeedy. Previous shows have featured theatre and comedy luminaries such as Virginia Gay, Darren Gilshenan, Brent Hill, Hannah Reilly, Bridie Connell, Aaron Tsindos, Aileen Huynh and Gabbi Bolt.

FIRST PERFORMANCE SUNDAY MARCH 24

\$39 / \$29 UNDER 35s

THROUGHOUT 2024

JOIN THE HAYES MAILING LIST FOR DATES

Festival of New Work



Springing from our thriving Hayes Creative program, and continuing Hayes' vital roles as a development hub for Australian music theatre talent, and an engine of new music theatre writing, we are thrilled to announce our first ever Festival of New Work. This two-week festival will be programmed annually, and is dedicated to readings, showcase developments, concert presentations, and industry upskilling and networking events.

Be the first to see and hear the hit shows of tomorrow, by attending a range of events throughout the fortnight, including: The Blank Page, featuring leading musical theatre composers helming creative discussions on song-writing for the stage; a concert of neverbefore-heard Australian musical theatre songs from highly-acclaimed Melbourne initiative Home Grown; The 36-Hour Musical Challenge which sees a group of writers, composers, performers and creatives write, rehearse and perform a short, wholly original work in just a day and a half; and The Hayes Creators Salon, which aims to provide a much-needed social space for writers, composers and creatives to meet and make connections.

And that's just the tip of the iceberg – the full program of events will be unveiled in 2024.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 29

Hayes Theatre Co presents

Winter Cabaret Season

We're excited to be working with our friends at Adelaide Cabaret Festival to bring local, interstate and international artists to the Hayes, with full programming to be announced. 2024 will also see the creation of a brand new \$10,000 cabaret commission to be jointly awarded by Hayes Theatre Co and Adelaide Cabaret Festival, to support the creation and development of a new work by an Australian cabaret artist. Developed here at the Hayes, the show will debut at Adelaide Cabaret Festival and then return for our Winter Cabaret Festival.

JUNE 24 - JULY 7

ON SALE IN 202

LPD Productions in association with Hayes Theatre Co present

Carols by Cabaret



This annual charity concert has been produced every year since the Hayes opened, has become a vital Christmas tradition for many of our audience members, and has raised over \$80,000 for The Wayside Chapel for their Christmas lunch and celebrations. Featuring performers from Hayes shows throughout the year, it's a splendidly festive way to help the less fortunate in our community.

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

ON SALE IN 2024

Hayes Creative

Hayes Creative is our professional and artistic development arm. New musicals including Dubbo Championship Wrestling, The Lucky Country and Evie May had their debut seasons at the Hayes following development through this program, which is at the heart of what we do. Hayes Creative is designed to support the mission of Hayes Theatre Co:

ADVANCE the art form of music theatre

ENRICH and develop the ecology of our industry

CREATE unique experiences that engage and entertain our audiences, reflecting the human experience through music and storytelling

There are four different programs to which artists can apply:

1. SHOWLAB SUBMISSIONS

A one-day workshop in which early to mid-career writers, performers and composers present an excerpt from their project to a panel of industry professionals, and receive immediate, in-person feedback.

2. FEEDBACK SUBMISSIONS

Designed for writers and composers to receive creative feedback on their work so far, without the need for a live presentation. Submissions lead to an in-person feedback session with our Hayes Creative advisory panel, who will give critical feedback on ideas, book writing, plot/character, song construction and composition, as well as tips and further questions to help the writers along the creative path.

3. DEVELOPMENT SUBMISSIONS

For projects that need support and funding to get to the next stage. Our advisory panel selects projects for targeted assistance, including mentorship, advice on potential creative pairings, workshopping/development with a director, cast and musicians, and/or financing to pay for further development.

4. HAYES VOCATIONAL

Hayes Vocational is a talent escalation program, now in its fourth year, and supported by The Russell Mills Foundation. Emerging creatives are paired with industry leaders on Hayes productions, in paid and credited roles. Hayes Vocational also aims to expand representation within creative appointments in music theatre.

2023 VOCATIONAL PLACEMENTS

Abi McCunn

Associate Musical Director on Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

Michele Gould

Directorial Assistant on The Lucky Country

Tiffany Wong

Directorial Assistant on Murder For Two

Lillian Hearne

Assistant Musical Director on A Little Night Music

Holly-Jane Cohle

Assistant to the Costume Designer on A Little Night Music

APPLICATIONS for the 2024 program will open soon. Join the Hayes mailing list for updates.



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Hayes Theatre Co is assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.

Hayes Theatre Co is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

Hayes is made possible through the City of Sydney's Accommodation Grant Program.

2024 Season

Tell Me On A Sunday APR 12 - MAY 5



Winter Cabaret Season JUN 24 - JUL 7

Turn Of The Screw AUG 16 - SEPT 15

○C CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE ■ POST SHOW Q&A

Turn Of The Screw AUG 16 - SEPT 15

Flat Earthers OCT 11 -NOV 9

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Ride The Cyclone MAY 23 – JUN 22 Winter Cabaret Season JUN 24 – JUL 7

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Little Women JUL 12 - AUG 11

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Festival of New Work SEPT 17 - 29

Flat Earthers OCT 11 -NOV 9 Promises, Promises NOV 13 -15 Holiday Inn NOV 22 - DEC 22 Carols By Cabaret DEC 9

Subscriptions

In 2024, Hayes Theatre Co will offer our first ever full-year subscription season!

A subscription means purchasing tickets for **THREE OR MORE** productions in 2024. The more you see, the more you save.

Benefits



Receive a 10% discount on single ticket prices if you see six or more shows.



Unlimited free exchanges should you need to change dates.*

If exchanging tickets at least 48 hours before your performance



Receive a 5% discount on single ticket prices if you see between three and five shows.



Lock in the year's entertainment in advance, & never miss another sold-out show.



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Free drink voucher with each subscription.

Exclusive offers from our

partners.



Access to our Subscriber Opening Nights for every production.

Subscriber Opening Nights

In 2024, for the first time, every show will have an Opening Night performance designed for subscribers. For no extra cost, subscribers can choose to allocate their tickets to this night to get access to this special event. You'll be treated to a red carpet where you can take photographs in front of our media wall, discounted show cocktails, and a special welcome and words about the show from our

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Key dates

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Box Office (02) 8065 7337

10am - 5pm Monday

10am - 6pm Tuesday - Friday

12pm - 5pm Saturday*

2 hours before performances Sunday*

*Dependent on performance schedule

IN PERSON

During box office hours. Within one hour of any scheduled performance, the Box Office is only able to sell tickets to that performance.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Group bookings of more than eight people may be entitled to further discounts and can be booked online or over the phone.

CONCESSIONS

Concession prices apply to Seniors, Pensioners, Students, and MEAA members. Some productions or performances may not offer concession price tickets.

COMPANION CARDS

You can book tickets using a companion card online, selecting the 'Book a wheelchair or Companion ticket' button before selecting your performance date, or by contacting the Box Office.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Gift vouchers may be purchased online or over the phone, and are valid for three years from the date of purchase.

TRANSACTION FEES

All phone, online and in person bookings are subject to a \$5 transaction fee.

REFUNDS

Tickets cannot be refunded after purchase except as provided in the Live Performance Australia code of ticketing practice.

To view a copy of the code, head to "Booking Information" on our website.

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Subject to availability, tickets may be exchanged once to a performance of equal value, no later than 48 hours prior to the booked performance. Exchanges to performances of a higher value will incur an upgrade fee. Second or late exchanges will be subject to a \$5 exchange fee.

ACCESSIBILITY

A fixed number of accessible seats are available in the front row of the theatre. These can be booked online by selecting the 'Book a wheelchair or Companion ticket' button, or by contacting the Box Office.

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It's only through your support that we can continue to do what we do best – stage the best music theatre in Australia, and support our extraordinary artists. Music and storytelling are as old as human culture itself, and both are vital to help us understand the world, each other, and ourselves. Our valued donors provide us with the support and security we need to provide a space for Australian artists to create exhilarating work, while being fairly compensated for their efforts; for performers, musicians and creatives to develop their skills and aspirations; and for independent producers to stage ambitious productions in a low-risk environment.

Hayes is the only professional not-for-profit company in Australia that consistently develops

and produces new Australian musicals. It's expensive, and it takes a long time – but we believe that Australian stories should be seen and heard onstage. We produce and present extraordinary musicals in our intimate theatre – and while the experience of sitting just a few feet from the action is what makes Hayes so special, our 111 seats can't pay for the shows we put on. By donating to Hayes, you're directly supporting Australian artists employed on one of our productions, or funded through one of our creative development programs.

Your money will go towards our productions, and towards developing new Australian musicals. Hayes has extremely low administrative overheads compared to most arts organisations,

so all the money we raise ends up onstage. If you've ever admired the set, the costumes, the lighting, or the way the whole show seems to come together so seamlessly – chances are it's because of the generosity of our supporters who helped pay for design elements, or for those extra rehearsals.

The Chair's Circle is the best version of the Hayes experience. To discuss joining The Chair's Circle, please contact our Executive Director, Will Harvey.

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2 hours prior to performances

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Arrive Kings Cross Station

Exit Darlinghurst Road and turn left to walk to Greenknowe Avenue.

Approximately 8 minutes walk

BY BUS

Catch the 311 from Wynyard or Central & disembark on Greenknowe Ave

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Kings Cross Car Park Ward Avenue, Kings Cross \$15 flat rate - weeknights after 6pm, all day at weekends, or with validation of parking ticket at

Limited one-hour street parking is available around the area.

Hayes Theatre is an accessible venue.

We encourage all customers with access requirements to get in touch with us so we can discuss your requirements. Our theatre includes road-to-stage step-free access and we have several dedicated accessible seating areas.

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