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HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LUNCH OR DINNER?



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### Welcome



We've made it to the end of 2022, and what a year it has been!

With COVID and construction continuing to create difficulties (not to mention rate rises, a federal election, war, and the death of a Monarch), 2022 has kept it interesting right to the end. I am so grateful to our patrons who have stuck with us despite the craziness, and I'm excited to welcome everyone to our 15th year at The Q.

2023 features a handpicked season of plays from around our country that showcases the best in new Australian writing, inspiring local performers, comedy, cabaret, music and more. After the last 3 years of chaos, we are presenting you with a season that will entertain, intrigue, and delight you, but it will also inspire and provoke, and perhaps even be a catalyst for change.

Our **Q the Locals** programme enters its second year, and we are bringing you 2 mainstage productions from local artists—*Legacies*, written and directed by one of our 2022 Young Ambassadors, Rachel Pengilly, and *Little Women—The Musical*, produced by Heartstrings Theatre Company and directed by Ylaria Rogers (*Urinetown, Shrek*). We're also programming a myriad selection of performances from around our region that will tug at your soul and make you laugh until you're rolling in the aisles.

We will continue to champion our wonderful community of regional theatre makers with musicals from Queanbeyan Players and Free-Rain Theatre Company, as well as welcoming back the incredible classical musicians from the National Capital Orchestra.

Our 2023 Season will make history come alive, bring literary classics to the stage like you've never seen them before, introduce kids to the stories their parents loved, and their parents to new characters and worlds.

While we can't close the book on COVID yet, we can certainly turn the page. This is more than just a season brochure, this is an invitation to join us in opening the next chapter.

Welcome to 2023 at The O!

#### Jordan Best

**Artistic Director & Programming Manager** 



It has been a tough few years and yet the theatre, as always, endures. It endures to provide entertainment, laughter, and inspiration about what it is to be human.

We are very proud of our theatre spaces—The Q and The B. In 2022 we saw the launch of many new innovations that we will carry through into the new year, including the continued support for our local professionals both through Echo Theatre Company and through our Q the Locals Program.

Our Theatre Ambassadors program will also continue, this year judged by the inspirational Australian actress, playwright and screenwriter, Kate Mulvany OAM.

And, of course, we will continue with our fringe programs of music, comedy, cabaret, and events that support our major theatrical season.

I'm excited to participate in the 2023 season of entertainment and I know you will be too.

### **Kenrick Winchester**

Mayor

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council



## Boop

Life's a mess: Clean up on aisle 6.

### 30–31 March, **The Q** Tickets \$25–\$50

Your everyday supermarket transformed into a joyous world of trolley races and terrifying stunts!

A ragtag team of employees try to find their place in the world, travelling into existential spirals of absurdism. As we say;

"Life's a mess, clean up on aisle 6"

This hilarious 50-minute family show immerses you in physical theatre, clown and inventive acrobatics on a never-seen-before apparatus!

Statera engaged at-risk youth through a collaborative creative development process. The result is a show that plays with expectations and adolescent cynicism discussing capitalism and self-discovery in a fast-paced, meme-y performance.

CREATIVE TEAM KARINA SCHILLER, DYLAN SINGH, ALESHANEE KELSO, TOMÁS CORREIA AND ANETTE LINDROOS

**CREW GRACE ROBINS** 

"Imaginative, clever, funny and upbeat...
...the likes of which I dare say you won't have seen before."

The Blurb







## Prima Facie

by Suzie Miller

"This is not life. This is law."

## 19 April, **The Q**Tickets \$30–\$60

After a sold-out run on the West End, Griffin Theatre Company's original production of Suzie Miller's Griffin Awardwinning tour de force makes its much-anticipated return

Prima Facie is an indictment of the Australian legal system's failure to provide reliable pathways to justice for women in rape, sexual assault or harassment cases. It's a work of fiction, but one that could have been ripped from the headlines of any paper, any day of the week, so common you could cry. Sheridan Harbridge stars as Tessa—a criminal lawyer at the top of her game who knows the law permits no room for emotion.

Turning Sydney's courts of law into a different kind of stage, this taut, rapid-fire and gripping one-woman show by Suzie Miller (*Anna K, Sunset Strip*) exposes the shortcomings of a patriarchal justice system where it's her word against his. Maybe we need a new system.

DIRECTOR LEE LEWIS

WITH SHERIDAN HARBRIDGE

"The play is a living document, a map for change It's theatre that holds our hands and says: there could be justice for those one in three. We can change the law."

\*\*\*\* Cassie Tongue-Audrey Journal















# Wild Thing

### Written by Suzanne Hawley

How far would you go for a friend?

### 28–29 April, **The Q** <u>Tick</u>ets \$30–\$60

A provocative story for our times, this funny and poignant new Australian play by award-winning writer Suzanne Hawley is both a comedy and a tragedy.

A tale of sea eagles and pole dancing, of children and childhood dreams, of religion and rock 'n' roll. Most of all, this is a tale of friendships that have stood the test of time—until now.

Past sixty, older but no wiser, the most radical member of the group is in crisis. The group decide on a weekend in the country to relax and let their hair down. What could possibly go wrong? What follows tests their friendship, their morals and their courage as never before.

And a final twist will change their lives forever.







**DIRECTOR** KIM HARDWICK

PRODUCER DI SMITH

CAST DI SMITH, DI ADAMS, KATRINA FOSTER, HELEN O'CONNOR, LEWIS FITZ-GERALD, PHILIP D'AMBROSIO

"This play has a beating heart; this play will remind you of your own pulse under your skin, steady and true but not forever, not promised."

Sydney Morning Herald



## Puffs by Matt Cox

A play for anyone who has hever been destined to save the world.

11–20 May, **The Q** Tickets \$20–\$50

You know the story of a certain-boy-wizard at a certain Wizard School... but have you heard the story of the Puffs? They were there too! A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world, *Puffs* is a must see for certain-boy-wizard fans!

Puffs is the story of Wayne Hopkins: a regular boy who finds out he's a wizard and goes to school in England where he makes two best friends and has adventures. This probably sounds familiar. But this play gives you a new look at a familiar adventure with three potential heroes just trying to make it through magic school, alongside the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders (with a thing for badgers) who are so lovable and relatable, you'll leave the theatre wishing they were in the stories all along...

By Arrangement with ORiGiN™ Theatrical On Behalf of Samuel French A Concord Theatricals Company **DIRECTOR JORDAN BEST** 

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
CALLUM DOHERTY

"Through
90-minutes
of jam-packed
prepubescent
self-discovery,
we learn the
Puffs want
much more
than merely
"third place."

**Theatrius** 



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## Little Women

### the Musical

Book by Allan Knee, Music by Jason Howland, Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein

8–17 June, **The Q** Tickets \$30–\$60

Louisa May Alcott's beloved story of the adventures of the four March sisters is brought to vivid musical life in Little Women.

The Civil War is in full swing, and the March sisters—Meg, the oldest, a romantic, the spirited and tomboyish Jo, sweet and loving Beth, and irascible, playful Amy—live in Concord, Massachusetts with their Marmee while their father is on the battlefield.

Little Women embodies the complete theatrical experience, guaranteeing a night filled with laughter, tears, and a lifting of the spirit. The powerful score soars with the sounds of personal discovery, heartache, and hope.

**DIRECTOR YLARIA ROGERS** 

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
SOPHIA CARLTON

CHOREOGRAPHER
NATHAN RUTUPS

A timeless and enduring classic, retold.









# Legacies

### 2–5 August, **The Q** Tickets \$30–\$50

It's 1868, in the middle of the ocean, and Captain Watt has just discovered six young stowaways on board his ship. Inspired by grand sailors' tales, they seek buried treasure, mermaids, sword fights... and an elusive cuttlefish. It's too late to send them back and so, with a command from the Captain, their thrilling adventure begins. The winter seas are dangerous, food is scarce, and the sailors are unfriendly. When the ship becomes stuck in ice fields, the stowaways will have to grapple with an impossible choice: remain aboard where they are not welcome or set out into uncharted, frozen territory.

New from playwright Rachel Pengilly, with original music by Shannon Parnell, *Legacies* brings together powerful storytelling and physical theatre. Based on the true story of the Arran Stowaways, *Legacies* probes the depths of resilience and friendship... and how the choices you make shape the legacy you leave.

PLAYWRIGHT/DIRECTOR RACHEL PENGILLY

COMPOSER SHANNON PARNELL

MOVEMENT DIRECTOR HANNAH PENGILLY

There were once six
Scottish lads who stowed away on a ship, chasing dreams of adventure...









## Coil

Co-created by Mark Rogers, Solomon Thomas, Steve Wilson-Alexander & Carly Young

Streaming killed the video store.
And that's not all we lost...

## 8–9 August, **The Q** Tickets \$30–\$60

An immediate hit with critics and audiences, *Coil* is one of those rare productions: gobsmackingly clever in its execution while being funny, warm hearted and deeply resonant.

Blurring the boundaries of theatre and cinema, this innovative new work draws on our collective memories to pay tribute to the glory days of the video store and the communities we made within them. *Coil* reflects upon the joys, perils and pitfalls of nostalgia, and how we grapple with goodbyes to move on.

Creating new work at the very edge of video technology and live performance, re:group mash theatre and movie-making together to create 'live cinema'. Inspired by the highs and lows of pop culture, re:group aim to turn typically comfortable and passive viewing experiences into something immersive, irreverent, and inherently live.

Don't miss this playful, one-of-a-kind live cinema experience.

PERFORMERS SOLOMON THOMAS, STEVE WILSON-ALEXANDER & CARLY YOUNG

SCREENPLAY MARK ROGERS

VIDEO DESIGN SOLOMON THOMAS

CREATIVE PRODUCER
MALCOLM WHITTAKER

"An astonishingly multi-layered, funny-sad eulogy...
A must-see live cinema event"

Keith Gallasch— RealTime















Colleen McCullough's

## Tim

Adapted for the stage by Tim McGarry

### 25–26 August, **The Q** Tickets \$30–\$60

Directed by award-winning director Darren Yap (*Diving for Pearls*, *Miracle City*), *Tim* is a new Australian play based on the novel by Colleen McCullough, sensitively adapted for the stage by playwright Tim McGarry (*Boy Swallows Universe*).

Central to the story is an unorthodox love that develops between Mary, a career driven executive in her 50s, and Tim, a handsome 25-year-old labourer with a mild intellectual disability. What begins as a chance meeting, soon develops into a life-changing relationship for both. Tim's protective family grapple with a deep suspicion of sexual coercion, a disability system that has failed them and the devastating loss of Tim's mother.

While Tim's disability is never labelled, it is embedded in a story that explores the importance of embracing differences and opening oneself to the fullness of life.

This production has been supported by the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund—an Australian Government initiative

The Creative Development of this play was commissioned and supported by The Art House Wyong and the Capitol Theatre Tamworth.

**DIRECTOR** DARREN YAP

CAST VALERIE BADER,
AKKSHEY CAPLASH,
JEANETTE CRONIN,
BEN GOSS, ANDREW
MCFARLANE AND JULIA
ROBERTSON

An unlikely friendship...









# King Lear

29 November– 3 December, **The Q** Tickets \$30–\$60

A kingdom, ruled by an aging, authoritarian monarch, is fractured by pride, folly, and avarice in Shakespeare's epic tragedy, *King Lear*. When the deteriorating King misjudges the loyalty of their children, the struggle for power becomes unflinchingly violent and callous, and ultimately leads to devastating consequences.

In this bold, contemporary adaptation, Karen Vickery stars as the titular King alongside an extraordinary local cast. Prepare to see The Q as you've never seen it before as Echo Theatre's electrifying new production promises to be a spectacle of otherworldly proportions.

A family drama with global, contemporary resonance, King Lear forces us to confront our own humanity, and dismantle our preconceptions of power. **PLAYWRIGHT** WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

**DIRECTOR** JOEL HORWOOD

WITH KAREN VICKERY AS KING LEAR

"When we are born, we cry that we are come

To this great stage of fools."







# The Alphabet of Awesome Science

A scientific race through the alphabet — where awesome words inspire awesome science!

26–27 May, **The Q** Tickets \$25–\$40

Join professors Lexi Con and Noel Edge for a thrilling voyage through the alphabet—where great big chewy sesquipedalian words inspire mind-blowing scientific surprises.

Professor Lexi Con has curated a curious collection of her favourite words (one for every letter of the alphabet), providing Professor Noel Edge with an inspirational jumping off point for 26 scientific demonstrations that squish and squirt, float and fly, erupt and explode.

Every show is completely different, with audiences determining the order in which the letters are revealed and explored. Brace yourself for an immersive hour of carefully crafted alphabetical, scientifical, (award-winning!) chaos!

PERFORMERS DAVID LAMPARD AND ABBY HAMPTON

SOUND DESIGNER
RODNEY HUTTON

"This is one of the best children's shows I have seen."

Stage Whispers



NCM







# Roald Dahl's The Twits

Adapted for the stage by shake & stir theatre co

A delightfully-disgusting, revoltingly-funny production for the whole family.

13–15 July, **The Q**Tickets \$25–\$60

Roald Dahl's gruesome twosome *The Twits* are ready to delight and disgust, in equal measure. Mr and Mrs Twit are the nastiest couple you could ever hope (not) to meet. Both are on a quest to be meaner than the other – but is there someone out there who can out-twit the Twits?

Full of trickery and wickedly funny pranks, Dahl's adored classic encourages us to treat others with love and care and proves that if you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams.

Packed with Dahlicious mischief, hilarious mayhem and big belly laughs, *The Twits* is unmissable fun for all ages! You won't believe your (glass) eyes.

**ADAPTOR NELLE LEE** 

DIRECTOR ROSS BALBUZIENTE

CREATIVE PRODUCER NICK SKUBIJ

"Perfect. You and your child do not want to miss this remarkable piece of theatre."

\*\*\*\*\* Broadway World













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## JUST LIVE ON STAGE!

Adapted from the JUST book series written by Andy Griffiths and illustrated by Terry Denton

Written by Robin Goldsworthy

11–12 August, **The Q** Tickets \$25–\$60

JUST (tricking, annoying, stupid, crazy, disgusting, shocking, doomed) LIVE ON STAGE! takes on the wonderful world of the JUST books by Andy Griffiths, vividly and hilariously bringing them to life on the stage with everything from invisibility pills and Mudmen, to vomiting dogs and death-defying balloon rides.

JUST (tricking, annoying, stupid, crazy, disgusting, shocking, doomed) LIVE ON STAGE! is definitely not for the faint farted... we mean hearted!

PLAYWRIGHT ROBIN GOLDSWORTHY

**DIRECTOR** IAIN SINCLAIR

"Parents, take your kids along ASAP.
They'll love you for it!"

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Chloe Delle-Vedove
Theatre Now















## The Beanies

**Egg-Straordinary Day** 

Parenting: How hard boiled can it be?

7 October, **The Q** Tickets \$25–\$40

As seen on ABC Kids TV, The Beanies are live on stage!

Laura, Mim and Michael are ready to play with you! Come sing, dance and laugh in their giant box fort. But little do they know they're about to face their biggest challenge ever—BABYSITTING...or should we say "egg-sitting".

Turns out it's harder than it looks: the trio argue about nap time, get confused about baby proofing and deal with crying fits—and then DISASTER! The egg is poached.

Now, The Beanies need your help to save EGGbert—together they will solve problems, unravel riddles and search for clues. Will they find EGGbert before the time is up? You'll have to come along to find out... but beware of those Sneaky Robbers.

SCRIPT WRITERS MIRIAM RIZVI, MICHAEL YORE & LAURA DAWSON

**PRODUCER KYM HALPIN** 

COMPOSER/SOUND
DESIGNER JAMES COURT

The ARIAnominated ABC Kids Stars!











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### **Garry Starr Performs Everything**

## Theatre is dying. Garry is our only hope.

Garry Starr is the alter-ego of Australian/British actor and comedian Damien Warren-Smith. Having struggled for much of his life to stick at anything, Damien discovered there was much hilarity to be found (for everyone besides himself and his long-suffering Mother) in attempting to do everything at once for the sake of art. Thus, *Garry Starr Performs Everything* was born.

In attempting to save theatre, Garry Starr takes the audience through every performance style he can think of, including ballet, Shakespeare, and burlesque, just to name a few.

### 3 June, The B

**TICKETS \$35-\$50** 

PERFORMER/CREATOR
DAMIEN WARREN-SMITH

**DIRECTOR**CAL MCCRYSTAL





**Q THE LOCALS AND LINGUA FRANCA PRESENTS** 

### Triceratop

# A gay dinosaur climate change love story parable about loneliness and eco disaster.

In a one-person, rollicking extravaganza, millions and millions of years in the making, the last dinosaur ever to live on Earth tells the story of a once thriving and advanced dinosaur society that had little respect for the natural world (sound familiar?), all while clinging to his desperate search for love.

Using cabaret, storytelling, performance lecture, sci-fi and camp, this rambunctious romp tells the story of the last days of the doomed Cretaceous Civilization asking: ARE THERE EVEN ANY (tricera)TOPS LEFT ANYMORE?!

### 24–25 Nov **The B**

TICKETS \$30-\$35

CREATOR/PERFORMER
ADAM DEUSIEN

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### Bloom Sings The Stevie Nicks, Linda Ronstadt and Carole King Songbooks

## Celebrate the hits of these vocal powerhouses.

Bloom is a sublime performer who brings to the stage a quality that has been described as "stunning", "mesmerising" and "captivating", even being labelled by some of Australia's leading music stars as a "singer of our generation". In this fun and energetic tribute, Australian singer Bloom performs hits that span several decades from some of the world's most recognisable voices, Stevie Nicks, Carole King and Linda Ronstadt.

Be charmed by the Australian vocal powerhouse that is Bloom!

### 23 March The B

**TICKETS** \$10-\$60

PERFORMER BLOOM





PRESENTED BY LIVE AT YOURS

## The Romantic Piano: with concert pianist Konstantin Shamray

## Crisp, articulated and consummately musical.

Concert pianist Konstantin Shamray burst onto the international music scene when he won both Judges' and People's Choice prizes at the Sydney International Piano Competition in 2008.

Konstantin has been described as an exhilarating performer with faultless technique and fearless command of the piano. For Queanbeyan, Konstantin has prepared a deeply romantic programme opening with Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and exploring the wealth of piano romanticism with masterworks by Liszt, Ravel and Prokofiev.

### 25 March **The B**

**TICKETS** \$30-\$55

**PIANIST** KONSTANTIN SHAMRAY







### **Golden Days**

# The Tenor from Oz sings the best songs from movies and musicals.

Direct from London's glittering West End, Australian Tenor Paul Ettore Tabone returns home for *Golden Days*.

Dubbed "Australia's own Andrea Boccelli", Tabone will take audiences on a musical journey through the best songs from movies and musicals. With a program of songs from the 'Golden Age' of music, including singers such as Mario Lanza, Perry Como, as well as songs from Disney, this show will certainly be a wonderful trip down memory lane.

### 6 May **The B**

**TICKETS** \$30-\$60

**PERFORMER** PAUL ETTORE TABONE

**PIANIST GLEN AMBER** 





**Q THE LOCALS PRESENTS** 

### Under the Influence

# A tragi-comic romp through the many moods of Mikelangelo.

Bungendore's Shortis and Simpson specialise in shows that reflect Australia's political, social and music history with a mix of comedy, musical styles, and vocal flair. Braidwood's Mikelangelo (Michael Simic) is a larger-thanlife singer/songwriter of Croatian heritage, known to many as the front man of the Black Sea Gentlemen.

Directed by Bungendore's Tracy Bourne, *Under the Influence* is a bittersweet cabaret, drawing from the formative elements of Michael's life, from his years growing up in Canberra to a performer who has gone onto great success on national and international stages.

Under the Influence promises humour, poignancy, surprising revelations, immersive theatricality, and stunning musical moments.

# 3–4 November The Q

**TICKETS** \$30-\$60

CREATORS/PERFORMERS
JOHN SHORTIS, MOYA
SIMPSON & MICHAEL SIMIC

**DIRECTOR TRACY BOURNE** 

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## **Q** Membership

With more ways to save in 2023, becoming a member at The Q is a no-brainer!

Now in its second year, our membership program has some exciting new additions! Sign up for a Q Membership and start saving every time you visit us.

#### For just \$50 per year, you'll receive:

- Discounted ticket prices on selected shows.
- 10% discount on purchases at The Q Bar and The B Bar.
- Exclusive pre-sales on selected shows.
- Priority access to Opening Night events, special performances, post-show discussions, and more!
- Unlimited, free exchanges on tickets.
- Invitation to The O Season Launch events.
- Monthly prize draws
- Discounts from our friends in the neighbourhood, including restaurants, cafes, accommodation and more!

To become a member, contact our box office on (02) 6285 6290, or join online at theginet.au/membership

## **Q** The Ambassadors

# The Q is proud to introduce its 2023 Ambassadors!

From dozens of submissions, our internationallyrenowned judge, Kate Mulvany OAM, has selected eight extraordinary artists to represent The Q as ambassadors in 2023.

Congratulations to Ben Brown, Paul Oscar Brown, Mae Callinan, Hannah Cornelia, Chips Jin, Abigail Lawler, Ruby Martyn, and Tracy Noble.

These eight theatre-lovers will receive double passes to season shows, invitations to special events, access to rehearsals, mentorship and more!



**BEN BROWN** 



**PAUL OSCAR BROWN** 



**MAE CALLINAN** 



**HANNAH CORNELIA** 



**CHIPS JIN** 



**ABIGAIL LAWLER** 



**RUBY MARTYN** 



**TRACY NOBLE** 

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