

# DRUM THEATRE



Drum THEATRE

2022 Season  
February - June

# WELCOME TO SEASON 2022 (FEBRUARY - JUNE) TIME TO RECONNECT

We are thrilled to welcome you back to the beautiful Drum Theatre for 2022 Season One. Reconnect with your friends and family while you share in the stories, music and laughter that can be found in these exceptional events.

This season brings a fabulous range of live performances from national touring companies to home-grown ensembles. We have events for children and families, some good ol' rock 'n' roll, and a David Bowie-inspired circus spectacular. Two highly anticipated shows from Indigenous artists: Isaiah Firebrace with his *Spirit and Beyond Tour*, and *The Sapphires* by playwright Tony Briggs.

Our Encore matinee program offers an impressive array of performances, including a salute to the ANZACs and Vietnam Veterans in remembrance of 60 years since Australia entered the Vietnam War.

The Arts provides a way for us to consider subjects that can be difficult to express. It can soothe and inspire us. This season you will see a young local ensemble tell a pandemic-inspired love story with humour and insight. Experience a group of local creative young people transform a multi-storey carpark into a performance space. Laugh along with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, hear some amazingly uplifting music and be enthralled by spectacular feats.

Thank you for supporting the Drum and the local arts industry. A huge thanks to our Membership Partners: Beletti Restaurant; City Edge Apartment Hotels; and Ettamo Eatery, all offering generous discounts to our members and patrons.



We all appreciate the changing landscape COVID-19 has presented us with in 2022. All information in this brochure is correct at time of printing, but please check our website for the most up to date information for the performance you would like to book.

The Drum has clear COVIDSafe protocols in place. See our website to learn more and best plan your visit. We look forward to seeing you at the Drum soon.





# OUR BEAT

A MONTHLY OPEN STAGE NIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE AND ALL ART FORMS

Our Beat is a monthly open stage night that brings together musicians, artists, actors, comedians, dancers and the community. This is more than a gig – it's a chance to connect with like-minded people, meet local talent and even take the stage yourself. Free event for all people and all art forms.

The Drum is a space for local artists supporting them to create new work, build networks and realise their aspirations. Previous Our Beat sessions gave us spoken word, dancehall, DJs, freestyle hip-hop, stripped back neo-soul and featured works from local graphic artists.

Hosted by Mr. Congo, each monthly instalment is a unique experience created by everyone there, whether you're on the stage or vibing out in the audience. Our Beat is coming back swinging in 2022 with some huge moves so come down and make something happen.

If you want to be part of Our Beat email [drumtheatre@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:drumtheatre@cgd.vic.gov.au), call 03 8571 1666 or just come down on the night.

**FROM 6.30PM  
THURSDAYS  
24 FEBRUARY,  
24 MARCH,  
21 APRIL,  
19 MAY,  
16 JUNE**

**Duration:** Until 10pm

**Price:** Free





# ISAIAH

## SPIRIT AND BEYOND

**Celebrate the incredible voice, songs, story and spirit of Isaiah Firebrace and his band.**

Share in the wonder of Isaiah's music, voice and dream-fulfilling journey from rural small town to X-Factor winner and representing Australia to acclaim at Eurovision 2017.

His debut single *It's Gotta Be You* went platinum and has over 230 million streams. His world-wide success has continued with songs like *Close to Me* and *Thinking of You*. *Spirit*, Isaiah's new release, shares the heartbreak of finding your spiritual side after being lost within yourself, a message he is sharing with communities across Australia. Isaiah's live show includes his original material and some of his favourite chart-topping songs that everyone loves to sing and dance to.

Isaiah's band are some of the country's finest young musicians.

Isaiah will also be conducting a workshop at The Drum to promote positivity and resilience, encouraging young people to follow their creative path with confidence.

**SATURDAY  
19 MARCH 8PM**

**Duration:** 120 minutes  
including interval and  
meet and greet

**Price:**  
All tickets: \$28  
Youth U30: \$18

# A TASTE OF IRELAND

## THE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE SENSATION

**Laugh, cry and jig into the night with a show that has entertained thousands.**

Following its premiere New York City run in 2020 and with over 120 shows in 2019 across Australia and New Zealand, *A Taste of Ireland - The Irish Music & Dance Sensation* finally returns down under.

With revamped classics like *Danny Boy* and *Tell Me Ma*, the show's live, energetic blend of well-known tunes, jaw- dropping acapella tap battles, world-class dancing, melodic folk music mash-ups and *craic* galore transports you through the story of Ireland's tumultuous history, complimented by stunning production and lighting.

Starring dancers from the West End's Lord of the Dance, Riverdance, & Gaelforce Dance alongside a treasure trove of Irish Dancing World Champions, *A Taste of Ireland* delivers the very best talent in the nation.

Experience one of the most prominent Irish Dance shows in the world today. With all new sets, costumes, tunes and effects, we promise you haven't seen anything like this year's show!

It's truly 'Celtic for this decade'.

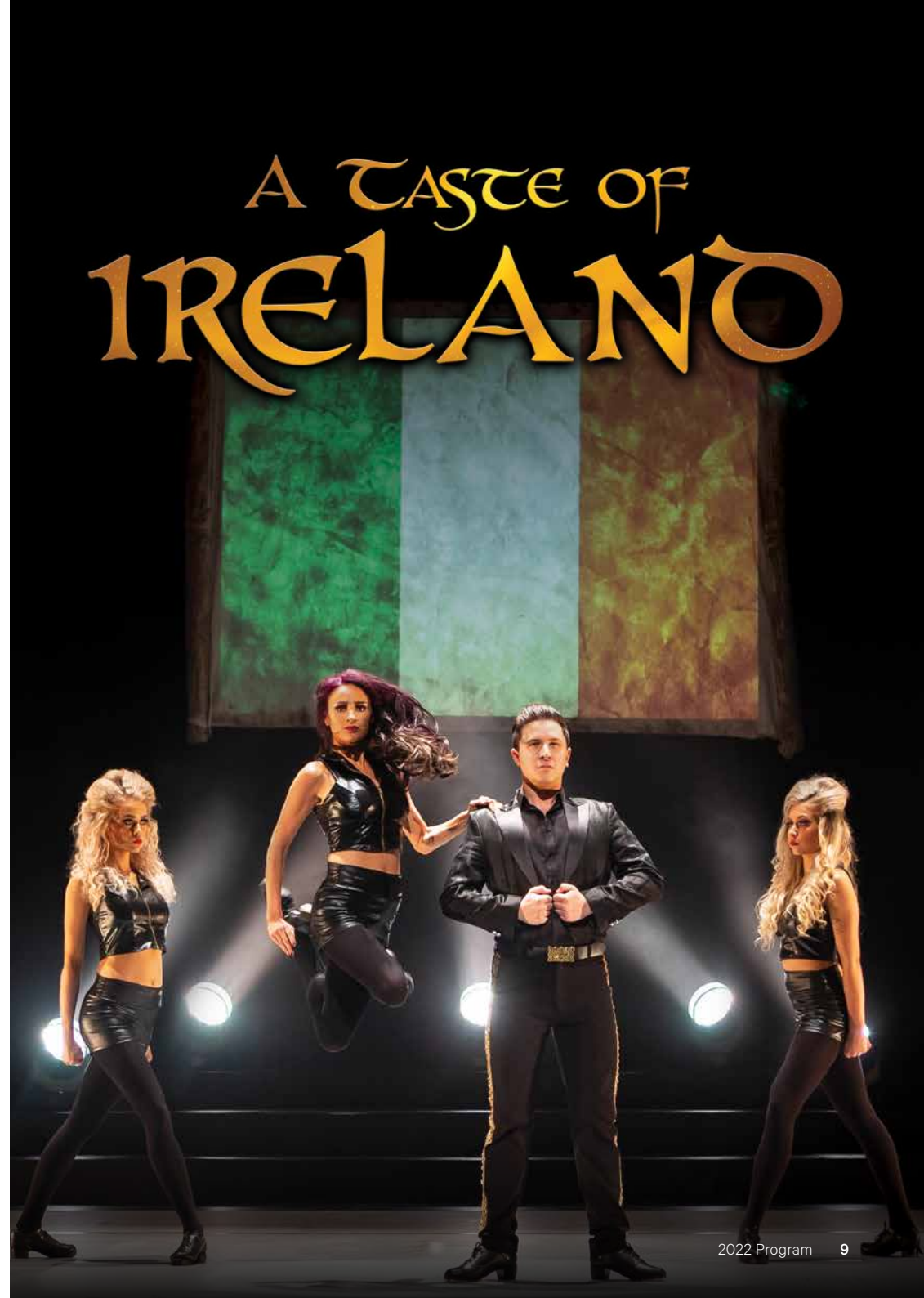
**SUNDAY  
20 MARCH 7.30PM**

**Duration:** 115 minutes  
including interval

Meet and Greet and  
signing after the show.

**Price:**  
Full price: \$74.90  
Concession: \$69.90  
Members: \$64.90  
Groups (10+): \$64.90  
Child (under 14): \$59.90

**Please note:** The show uses  
smoke, haze and bright lighting  
during the performance.





*"Stewart Reeves nails Bowie's particular vocal style and stage presence. He really carries the audience along the rollercoaster of music and performance."*

College Adelaide 2020

# REBEL

DAVID BOWIE GLAM ROCK CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

**Bringing David Bowie to life through circus, comedy and song**

Rebel is a live circus rock tribute to the original rebel, David Bowie. Live music combined with circus and comedy brings to life an incredible body of work that spanned over 50 years, and an aesthetic that broke ground and inspired generations.

Rebel has been inspired by the words of Bowie; "I want to tart rock up. I don't want to climb out of my fantasies in order to go up on stage – I want to take them on stage with me." Rebel is your Bowie fantasies realised – a live band, breathtaking circus, spectacular rock and roll sideshow. Rebel is much more than a tribute show; it is a theatrical live rock and roll circus extravaganza.

Headlined by the incredible multi-award winning Stewart Reeve, and featuring a rockstar band of artists from across artistic genres, Rebel is a non-stop circus rock and roll party.

***"Glitz, glamour, fashion and passion is what you will get with this entertaining hour-long performance."***

Eventalade 2020

**THURSDAY  
24 MARCH 8PM**

**Duration:** 60 minutes  
no interval

**Price:**

Full: \$28

Concession: \$25

Members: \$25

Group (8+): \$22 pp

Youth U30: \$18

**Age recommendation:**

12 years +



**NCM**



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*"... this has been the best night ever!..."*

- Tess Armstrong, ABC Radio Melbourne



*"... Sun Rising was brilliant!..."*

- Inpress Magazine



*"... Energetic, funny, pitch-perfect and undeniably dedicated to this particular era in Rock 'n' Roll..."*

- AAABackstage.com



# SUN RISING

## THE SONGS THAT MADE MEMPHIS

**A critically acclaimed and spectacular theatre show that tells the incredible story of Sun Records.**

Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Roy Orbison, Howlin' Wolf and many more ... all had one thing in common ... they launched their careers at the famous Sun Record Company in Memphis.

This critically acclaimed show celebrates the music and stories of the early years of Sun Records. You're promised an unforgettable night as Sun Rising brilliantly interpret the timeless songs, legendary performances and classic stories of Sun Records in 1950s Memphis. Paying homage to both the artists and Sun's owner and producer Sam Phillips.

This show, with sublime musicianship, is an impeccable tribute to the greatest rock 'n' roll performers of all time. Fully endorsed by the family of Sam Phillips, this critically acclaimed show has been selling out across Australia.

**SATURDAY  
9 APRIL 5PM**

**Duration:** 120 minutes  
including interval

**Price:**

Full: \$28

Concession: \$25

Members: \$25

Group (8+): \$22 pp

Youth U30: \$18

**Age recommendation:**

All ages





# HIDDEN CREATURE GALLERY

ARENA THEATRE COMPANY IN RESIDENCE

## Let The Hunt Begin

Ever wondered what your favourite tree in the park was thinking? What does your toaster think about your choice of cheese spread?

Part laboratory, part performance and all imagination, *Hidden Creature Gallery* is an exciting interactive work for school aged children and their families. Existing between the digital and the real, this work empowers young people to bring to life the places and objects around them and give them voice.

The experienced Arena Theatre Company team will create an immersive and fun space that blends nature and technology. The process of making the creatures encourages the students to think about their community connections and identity by revealing the experiences they share. The creation of these creatures is a celebration of shared culture and of imagination.

Combining inspiring art and cutting edge technology *Hidden Creature Gallery* is enjoyable entertaining and educational for everyone.

**4 – 8 APRIL  
WORKSHOPS  
AT VARIOUS TIMES  
AND VENUES**

**11 – 22 APRIL  
CREATURE HUNT  
IN AND AROUND  
THE DRUM THEATRE**

**Duration:** Workshops  
are up to 1.5 hours Creature  
hunt duration is up to you  
and is available throughout  
the school holidays

**Price:** FREE

**Age recommendation:**  
Workshops - Ages 8-12  
Creature Hunt – all ages





# MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

COMEDYFESTIVAL.COM.AU



*'Impeccable jokes, faultless antics and stomach-aching gags'*

Perth Now



*'You are guaranteed a night filled with nothing but good feelings and laughter'*

Pelican Magazine

## The ultimate comedy road trip returns in 2022!

Strap yourself in Australia! The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is hitting the highways to home-deliver the freshest and funniest from the 2022 Festival to neighbourhoods across the nation.

For 24 years the Roadshow has presented an all killer, no filler line-up of Australian stars and talented newcomers to comedy fans far and wide.

Buckle up for a night of stand-up, sketch, satire, silliness and song in this rip-roaring road trip designed to satisfy all your comedy cravings!

Book now for that much-needed live comedy fix when we roll into avenue near you.

### *'A feast of humour'*

Australian Stage

*'A night out that does not disappoint, it's truly a 'something for everyone' kind of event.'*

[peril.com.au](http://peril.com.au)

## SATURDAY 21 MAY 7.30PM

**Duration:** 135 minutes  
including interval

**Price:**

Full: \$36  
Concession: \$33  
Members: \$28  
Group (8+): \$30 pp  
Youth U30: \$18

**Age recommendation:**

15+ Years

Performances often contain coarse language, adult themes, sexual references and material that may offend.

Smoke Machine/Hazer may be used during this performance.

# PARADISE LOTS

PONY CAM IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
YOUNG LOCAL CREATIVES

**Half party, half maze – carpark as performance space.**

Paradise Lots is a community-driven performance project in which a group of young people transform a multistorey carpark into a large-scale performance space. Over 6 weeks, Pony Cam has collaborated with a creative network of young artists, helping them to develop their own stories and challenging theatrical forms.

Pony Cam is a multi-award-winning, contemporary theatre company based in Melbourne. They explore the creative intersection between performance and community-driven processes. They elevate unheard voices, and challenge assumptions we make about those around us.

*“Paradise Lots is a work expertly crafted to give them autonomy and power over the adults in their audience. This is a rare event and exhilarating to experience.”*

Morgan Rose (Riot Stage)

**THURSDAY 12 MAY –  
SATURDAY 14 MAY 7PM**

**Location:** Thomas St carpark  
250 Thomas St, Dandenong

**Duration:** Approx 60 minutes

**Price:**

Full: \$20

Concession: \$15

Group (8+): \$15pp

Member \$15

Youth U30: \$10

**Age recommendation:**

All ages

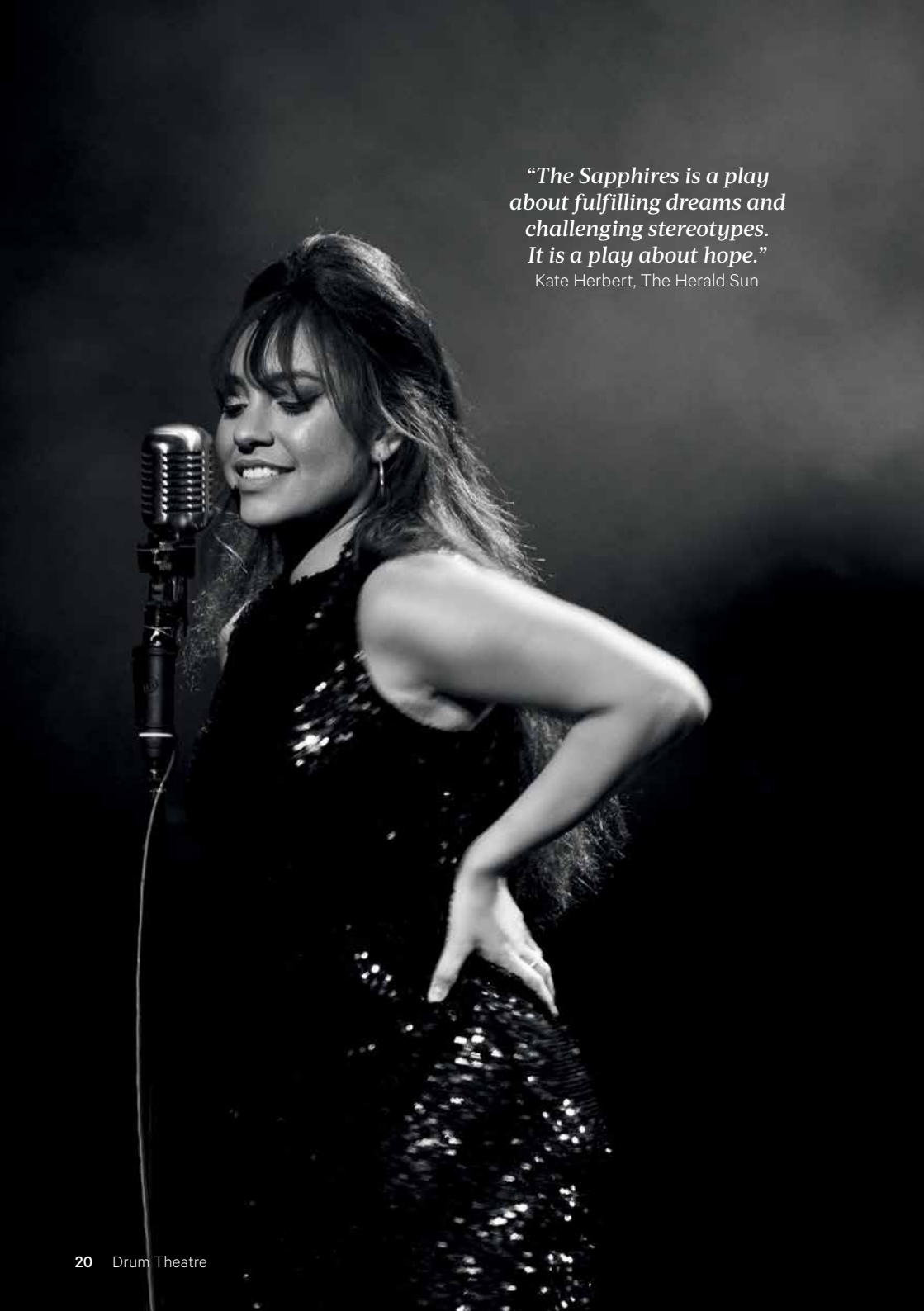


*“Working with Pony Cam opened my eyes to the possibilities of live theatre... having watched my Dad experience Paradise Lots, there really is no better way to move, provoke and challenge an audience”*

Ludomir Kemp-Mykyta (Paradise Lots, 2021 Cast)







*"The Sapphires is a play  
about fulfilling dreams and  
challenging stereotypes.  
It is a play about hope."*

Kate Herbert, The Herald Sun

# THE SAPPHIRES

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY TONY BRIGGS

**One of Australia's best-loved stories comes to life.**

Embrace this heart-warming story of four young Aboriginal women from regional Australia who like singing country music, as they suddenly get the chance to change their tune and their lives. Wearing sequins and armed only with microphones they find themselves trying to spread joy in the hell that is the Vietnam War.

*The Sapphires* is a funny, joyful tale inspired by the true story of four Yorta Yorta Women, who sing classic soul hits against the backdrop of personal change and massive social upheaval. It is an energetic, fun and engaging musical play that affirms life and the realisation of dreams.

***"A gem of a play. ... The Sapphires is  
heartfelt and joyous. Superb."***

Bryce Hallett, Sydney Morning Herald

***"Energetic, passionate, heart wrenching,  
uplifting, hilarious and engaging."***

Anna Locke, Australian Stage

**THURSDAY  
30 JUNE 7.30PM**

**Duration:** 150 minutes  
including a 20-minute interval

**Price:**

Full: \$36

Concession: \$33

Members: \$28

Group (8+): \$30 pp

Youth U30: \$18

**Age recommendation:**

7+ Some adult themes,  
simulated warfare and a small  
amount of coarse language



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# ENCORE PROGRAM

## SEASON ONE

**FULL: \$22**  
**GROUP (8+): \$20**  
**MEMBER: \$18**

Includes complimentary morning tea



### **GONE WITH THE WIND**

**THURSDAY**  
**17 FEBRUARY 10.30AM**  
**90 MINUTES**

**Lux Radio Theatre**

See *Gone with the Wind* performed on stage as a classic radio play. Set against the American Civil War, *Gone With The Wind* has intrigued several generations since the book was first published, and the 1939 movie is still the highest grossing film of all time.

The Lux Radio Theatre company has become an audience favourite. Its group of distinguished actors double roles, create live sound effects and perform classic soap commercials.



### **A TASTE OF IRELAND - SPECIAL ENCORE EVENT**

**SUNDAY**  
**20 MARCH 10.30AM**  
**75 MINUTES**

**The Irish music and dance sensation.**

Experience one of the most prominent Irish dance shows in the world today. This special Encore performance features acclaimed Irish dancers, dazzling folk musicians and contemporary vocalists. Experience the raw, rhythmic passion that is the original story of the Celtic motherland. A Taste of Ireland is exactly what it promises: a taste of everything you love about Ireland with a generous helping of more!



### **BLOWIN' IN THE WIND**

**THURSDAY**  
**21 APRIL 10.30AM**  
**75 MINUTES**

**Salute to the ANZACS and Vietnam Veterans**

Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of Australia's first involvement in the Vietnam War.

A stunning cast of singers will relive the hit songs, stories, and even laughter that came from those war years, including Dame Vera Lynn, The Andrews Sisters, Bob Dylan, Normie Rowe, The Sapphires and many more.

Songs include *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *Blowin' In The Wind* and *Bring Him Home* from *Les Miserables*.



### **ALWAYS LOVE THE MUSIC**

**THURSDAY**  
**19 MAY 10.30AM**  
**75 MINUTES**

**Spectacular Virtuoso Violinist Roy Theaker**

The amazing Roy Theaker and his band present a dynamic and energetic show of a range of musical genres that will excite, delight and amuse. A former Concertmaster of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, his playing is loved from Sydney to London and he has shared the big stage with the likes of Hugh Jackman! Appealing to all ages and musical tastes – prepare to be charmed, entertained and enthralled.



### **DENISE DRYSDALE**

**THURSDAY**  
**16 JUNE 10.30AM**  
**65 MINUTES**

**The entertainment phenomenon not to be missed.**

Known for her wicked and quick sense of humour, two-time TV Week Gold Logie winner and Australian entertainment icon Denise Drysdale has been entertaining audiences for over five decades. This legend of Australian show business is rated as one of the best entertainers in Australia. Denise's show includes great songs such as Vince Gill's *Look At Us*, *Being Green*, and a *Dusty Springfield* medley intermingled with some entertaining comedy and patter.



# OUR VENUE



## GETTING THERE

The Drum Theatre is on 226 Lonsdale Street, corner of Lonsdale and Walker streets in Dandenong. Located in central Dandenong, Drum Theatre is very easy to get to by car or public transport.

**By Public Transport:** jump on either the Pakenham line or Cranbourne line and get off at Dandenong Train Station. The station is just a 10-minute walk from the theatre. Alternatively, you can get on Bus 861 or 862 to the Langhorne Street Stop which is located directly behind the Drum Theatre.

**By Car:** visit us via major road networks including the Princes Highway, Monash Freeway and Eastlink.

## PARKING OPTIONS

- Walker Street multi-deck car park, 35-37 Walker Street, Dandenong
- Thomas Street multi-deck car park, 250 Thomas Street, Dandenong
- Council carparks at 28 Langhorne Street and 56-60 McCrae Street, Dandenong
- On-street parking on Lonsdale and neighbouring streets
- The Drum Theatre is pleased to provide free parking vouchers for patrons attending Encore Program's matinee shows. Please enquire when you purchase your Encore Program tickets for further details.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Located in the foyer, The Drum Cafe and Bar is fully licensed, serving a range of hot and cold beverages, snacks, confectionary, ice cream, muffins and biscuits.

The bar is open one hour before every performance held in the theatre. You can avoid the queues at interval by pre-ordering your interval drinks and food before the performance. Simply visit the bar before the performance and place your order. Your requested items will be available immediately for collection from the bar at the start of interval. No waiting, no hassles – just the way a night at the theatre should be.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Drum Theatre is proud to be a fully accessible venue with:

- A flat floor foyer
- Separate accessible toilet
- Wheelchair access and recharging station
- Lift to dress circle
- Flat floor access to rows AA in the dress circle and row C in the stalls

For patrons requiring wheelchair seating, companion card tickets or any other assistance, please call the Box Office on 03 8571 1666.



# DRUM MEMBERS

## LIFT YOUR THEATRE EXPERIENCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Become a Drum Member to enjoy a range of benefits that let you enhance your theatre experience and show your support for the arts. It's a great way to be a part of the Drum Theatre!

To become a member, simply call the Box Office on 03 8571 1666 or sign up online [drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/drum-members](http://drum.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/drum-members)

**Membership Cost:** \$25 (includes a \$20 credit towards a performance at the Drum Theatre)

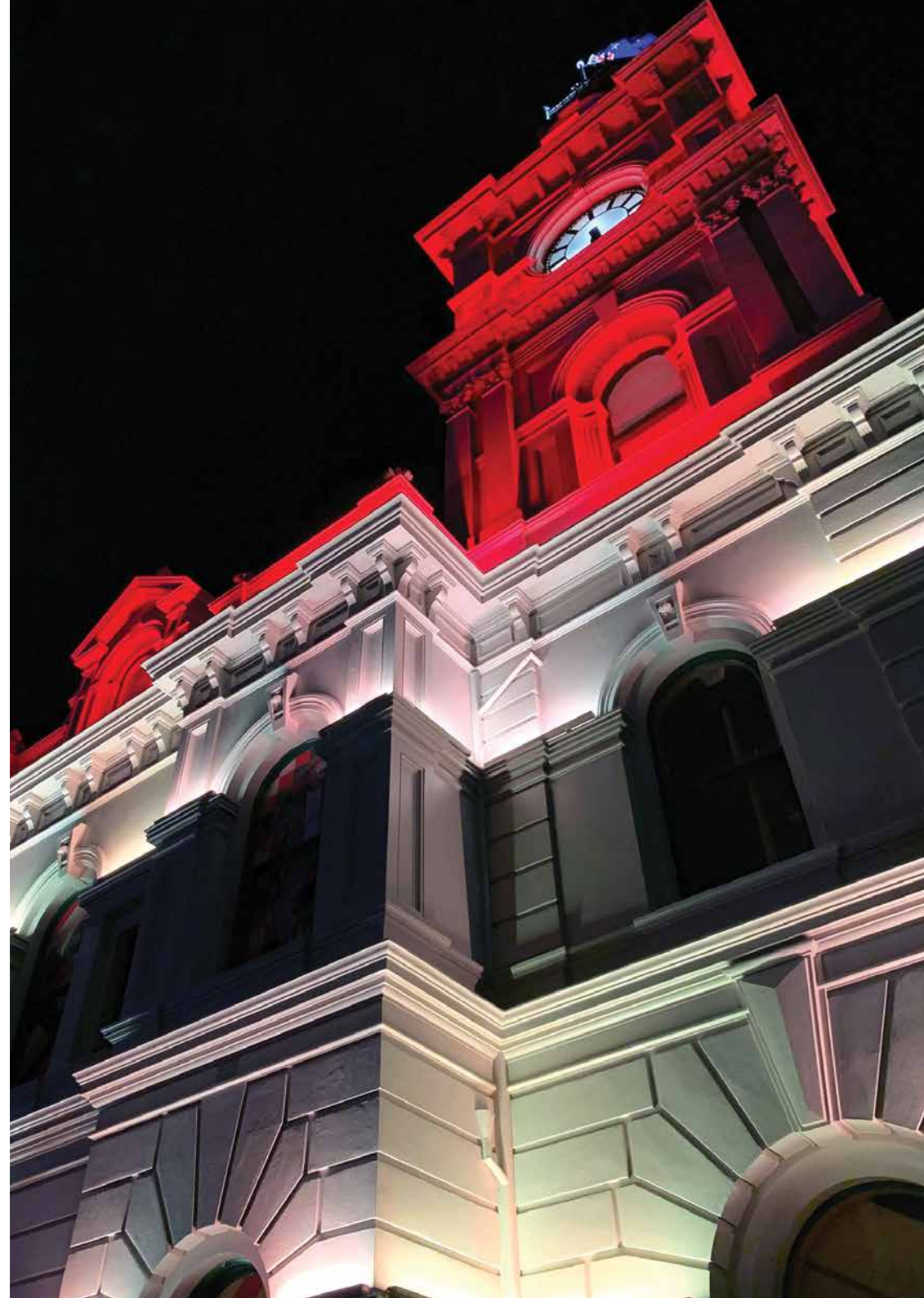
### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

1. Complimentary access to the Drum Theatre Digital programs
2. Discount tickets available for selected theatre programs
3. Enjoy no-fee refunds and exchanges up to 48 hours before a show
4. Invitations to the Season Launch and other special events
5. Exclusive offers and pre-sale booking opportunities
6. Enjoy benefits provided by our partner businesses\*:
  - 10 per cent off the cost of pre-show meals at the Beletti Restaurant Café Bar
  - 10 per cent off the cost of pre-show meals at Ettamo Eatery.
  - 10 per cent off the cost of accommodation at Dandenong City Edge Apartment Hotels



\* To redeem the benefits provided by our partner businesses, please book directly with the businesses. You may be asked to present your membership card or number to verify.

The Drum Theatre is a member of the two peak organisations for performing arts centres







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Walker streets, Dandenong  
03 8571 1666

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