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YOUR STATE THEATRE COMPANY SEASON 2009







Theatre is one of the greatest pleasures you can have with your clothes on. It's as passionate, creative, life-enhancing, uplifting and downright exhilarating as anything else you can do with your life! A pleasure that would, to put it mildly, be a crime to miss out on.



"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." - Marcel Proust

"And then what happened...?"

As ancient as the cave drawings at Lascaux, and yet just as relevant to our world today, when we might discover strange news from another star, theatre answers the challenge to find meaning and value in the lives we lead and in the world around us. There's never been a civilization without it. Like music, it's a human fundamental. Our theatre is where we think about life, where we join forces to try and get at what King Lear calls 'the mystery of things'.

We want to understand what's already happened and we're curious about what happens next... And we look to our artists to offer us a lucid account of the past or a prophetic vision of the future. Theatre is the vapour trail of lived experience. It puts us in touch with ourselves. It sends us messages from the interior but it also connects us to others. It's intimate and secretive yet generously collective.

When I was a kid, I loved novels in which children stepped through a portal of some kind - a rabbit hole, a cloud, a wardrobe - into an alternate universe. I loved that out-of-body sensation of being somewhere else, a world at one and the same time familiar, and yet alien...

So we invite you to adventure among these theatrical masterpieces and spread the news of your discoveries!

Great art stops us from knowing what to think. It stops us and makes us wonder. Here at State Theatre Company, our imaginative charter is to feed that appetite for wonder. And so, welcome to Wonderland!

We're too soon from the cave, and yet too far from the stars. These plays offer us something to think about on the journey... So please join us. Your portal awaits!

ADAM COOK, Artistic Director

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SEASON 2009 AT A GLANCE





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WORLD PREMIERE

By Anna Goldsworthy and Peter Goldsworthy
2 March - 21 March

WORLD PREMIERE

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By Matthew Robinson, 3 April - 25 April





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EACH OF US HAS A NOTE TO PLAY IN LIFE'S GREAT SYMPHONY.

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WORLD PREMIERE

A new South Australian play commissioned by State Theatre Company of South Australia, based on the novel by Peter Goldsworthy, widely regarded as a modern Australian classic.

"If you want people to believe your lies, set them to music..."

Against the backdrop of Darwin - that small tropical hothouse lying at the tip of Northern Australia - Paul Crabbe, the son of music-loving parents, is sent to receive piano lessons from the 'maestro' Eduard Keller, a Viennese refugee with a shadowed past. The relationship between teacher and student is not an easy one. The mysterious Keller reveals little about himself to his pupil, which only fuels Paul's curiosity...

Almost 20 years after its first publication, *Maestro* continues to gather momentum, published to stunning acclaim in Germany and Austria last year, selling its 200,000th copy in Australia this year, and recently being voted among the Top 40 Australian books of all time.

The novel has been adapted for the stage jointly by the novelist and his daughter, Anna, a writer and prize-winning pianist. A profound exploration of European exile and Australian adolescence, *Maestro* is also a wise and funny play about love and betrayal, about forgetting and remembering and about the seductions and mystifications of art.

"An effervescent, compassionate wit. He can't help being funny, but he's wise too."

Gerard Windsor, Australian Book Review

"This novel is a rare jewel, one can only kneel before its beauty." Austria, Book Week

Starring Michaela Cantwell, Dennis Olsen

Director Martin Laud Gray

Designer Mary Moore

2 March - 21 March Dunstan Playhouse

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State Theatre Company of South Australia. Arts Asia Pacific and Power Arts present

METRO STREET

By Matthew Robinson

SOMETIMES LIFE IS WORTH MAKING A SONG AND DANCE ABOUT.

WORLD PREMIERE

WINNER 2004 THE PRATT PRIZE FOR MUSIC THEATRE

A brilliant new musical by one of Australia's brightest young talents and starring one of the legends of the Australian music theatre stage, Nancye Hayes.

At the best and worst of times families are touching, challenging and ultimately hilarious. If reality television has shown us anything it's that one group of people should never be locked in one house for too long without escaping to breathe, at least between commercial breaks. *Metro Street* exposes the reality of three generations bound by blood and stretched by a modern world that insists on changing daily. With a fresh, contemporary score and instantly recognisable characters from award-winning writer Matthew Robinson, *Metro Street* will have you feeling at home within moments and leave you heading towards your own home revitalised and deeply moved.

They could be your family, your friends or your neighbours.

It's funny, it's touching, it's big-hearted, Australian and new!

"Metro Street reveals Robinson's extraordinary gift for making music of the Australian vernacular." Herald Sun

"A brilliant new musical." The Age

Starring

Cameron Goodall, Nancye Hayes

Director

Geordie Brookman

Designer

Victoria Lamb

Lighting Designer

Geoff Cobham

3 April - 25 April Dunstan Playhouse

Play Partner













MNEMONIC

Conceived by Simon McBurney and Devised by Complicite
A PLAY YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.

WINNER 2001 DRAMA DESK AWARD FOR UNIQUE THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE
WINNER 2001 TIME OUT LIVE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
WINNER 1999 THE CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD FOR BEST NEW PLAY

mnemonic / ni'monik / adj. 1: assisting or intended to assist memory; 2: of memory

This is the story of Virgil, whose lover Alice has left him and disappeared for months. It's also Alice's story as she heads east across Europe in search of the father she never knew.

Interwoven with these stories is an account of the discovery of the Ice Man, a 5000 year-old corpse found on a 3000 metre alpine peak in 1991. Who was this man who froze to death alone on an icy mountain all those centuries ago? Why was he there? It's an archaeological detective tale and a forensic love story.

Place and memory collide while stories that are older than the millennium connect to stories that surround us in everyday life. Stories of journeys fragment, reflect, repeat and revolve like the act of memory itself as *Mnemonic* questions our understanding of time, our capacity to distort history and our attempts to retell the past.

Featuring intriguing and innovative stagecraft, *Mnemonic* is a theatre experience that traverses imagination and time. We guarantee it's like nothing you've ever seen.

"Miraculous, moving and mysterious...." Daily Telegraph

"Mnemonic is mesmerizing, thought-provoking and brilliantly original...unforgettable" Independent

Starring Antie Guenther, Renato Musolino, Nick Pelomis

Director Adam Cook
Set Designer Brian Thomson
Costume Designer Morag Cook

Lighting Mark Pennington

29 June - 18 July Space Theatre

In Association with Adelaide Festival Centre's inSPACE Program



THE MEMORY OF WATER

By Shelagh Stephenson

ISN'T IT FUNNY HOW YOUR FAMILY ALWAYS REMEMBERS THINGS DIFFERENTLY?

WINNER 2000 OLIVIER AWARD FOR BEST COMEDY

Anyone who's ever had a lousy Christmas, struggled with family dynamics, or bashed their head against the recalcitrant personalities of their parents or siblings, will enjoy this fabulous play. Describing three sisters locked in a tug-of-war over the past while dealing with the traumas of the present, *The Memory of Water* gets to the heart of family life with warm and raucous humour. It says that the way we remember things reveals more about ourselves than about the things being remembered. Perhaps a memory isn't a recording of the past, but a wish sent back from the future

It's a lovely piece full of heart and humour. Excellent jokes give way to festering resentments and drunken hilarity, to sudden glimpses of buried secrets and aching pain.

"A touching and hugely entertaining comedy." The Independent

"Combines a flair for witty dialogue with a relish for the dynamics of theatre. She's a mistress of comic anguish, a real find!" The Guardian

Starring Ulli Birvé, Eugenia Fragos

Director Catherine Fitzgerald

Designer Mary Moore

Lighting Susan Grey-Gardner

Composer Catherine Oates

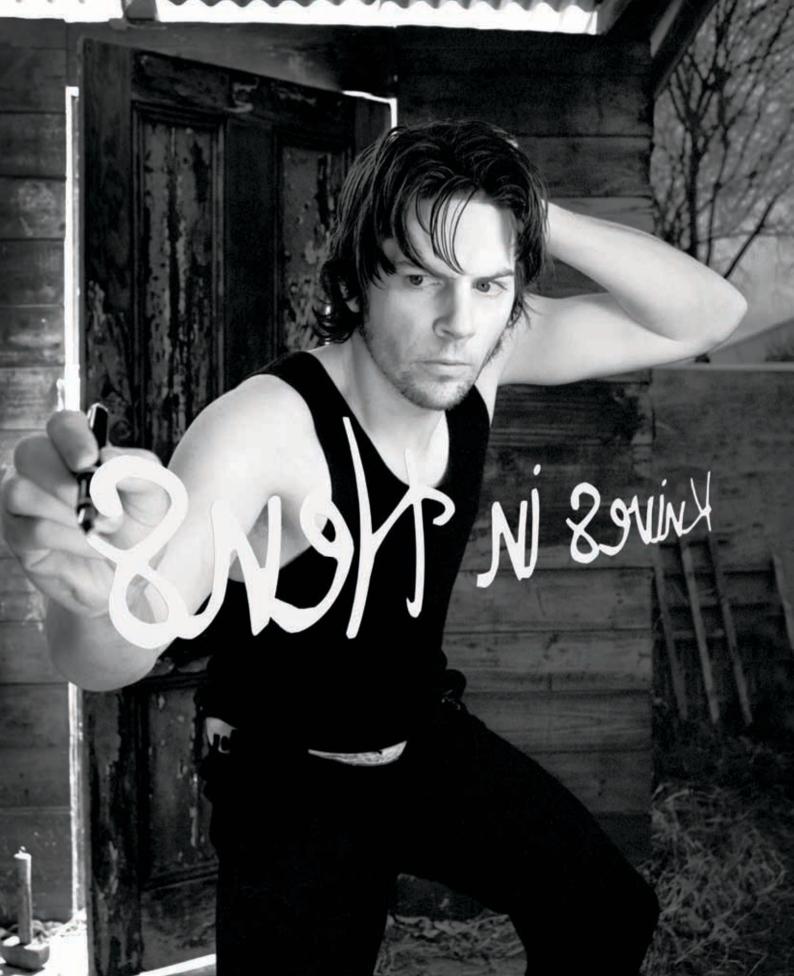
31 July - 22 August Dunstan Playhouse

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KNIVES IN HENS

By David Harrower

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS A DANGEROUS THING.

WINNER 1998 THEATER HEUTE GERMAN CRITICS AWARD - BEST PLAY

David Harrower's stunning first play is a haunting meditation on how we define our world.

Set in a pre-industrial God-fearing rural village, the play follows a young woman, recently married to the ploughman 'Pony' William, as she discovers the limits of the language she has been given. When she meets the despised village miller, her world begins to shift as he introduces her to the written word and a world outside of blind faith. The pen is indeed mightier than the sword...

Knives in Hens deals passionately and intelligently with a woman's discovery of a language that corresponds to her feelings. The play creates a haunting, poetic and entirely individual world of its own, one that speaks to the inexpressible yearnings within all of us.

"I have never seen a play quite like it." Daily Telegraph

"A remarkable theatrical debut. Knives in Hens is a play you feel. Articulation comes later and is never adequate." The Guardian

Starring Cameron Goodall

Director Geordie Brookman

Designer Anna Cordingley

Lighting Paul Jackson

Sound Designer/

Composer Andrew Howard

26 August - 12 September Space Theatre



THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE

By Alan Ayckbourn

LOVE HAS ITS UPS AND DOWNS, BUT THIS PLAY IS A WHOLE OTHER STOREY.

Barbara is resolutely single, having dedicated her life to her career as secretary to the powerful city executive Marcus. Her neat little world is as carefully and quietly organised as her neat little flat, with few distractions save the relentlessly cheerful Gilbert who lives downstairs. However, when an old school friend Nikki and her fiancé Hamish rent the flat upstairs, her life is turned upside down and back to front. When Barbara meets Hamish, it's hate at first sight. Or is it?

This hit comedy is a witty look at love, whether we can do without it and more importantly, once we have it, how we will do almost anything to hang on to it. If you've ever loved and lost, loved and left or just loved and lusted then *Things We Do for Love* will be just your thing.

It's a brilliant comedy in which the audience is treated to simultaneous action in three separate apartments. As the hapless characters live up to the promise of the title, Ayckbourn combines pathos, farce and romance in an irresistible cocktail of ecstasy and embarrassment. A wondrous mix of domestic comedy and sexual tragedy, a raw, painful and uproarious evening.

Ayckbourn pierces through the characters' carapace with the precision of a brain surgeon.

"Easily his best play." Scarborough Evening News

"Gorgeously funny." The Times

Starring

Ksenja Logos, Caroline Mignone

Director

Michael Hill

Designer

Dean Hills

Lighting

Mark Pennington

25 September - 17 October

Dunstan Playhouse









by William Shakespeare

HOW COULD A 400 YEAR OLD PLAY ABOUT VANITY, MATERIALISM AND DISILLUSIONMENT HAVE ANY RELEVANCE TODAY?

King Lear is widely regarded as Shakespeare's crowning achievement, one of the great humanist masterpieces of all time

Of all Shakespeare's tragedies, *King Lear* is the darkest and the most spiritually profound, a meditation on loyalty, nature and family. An ageing king makes a capricious decision to divide his realm among his three daughters according to the love they express for him. When the youngest daughter refuses to take part in this charade, she is banished, leaving the King dependent on her manipulative and untrustworthy sisters. In the scheming and recriminations that follow, not only does the King's sanity crumble, but the stability of the realm itself is threatened.

21 years after he last tackled the title role, legendary stage actor and former Artistic Director of State Theatre Company, John Gaden, returns to the Dunstan Playhouse stage in this landmark theatre event.

"To attempt to give a description of the play itself or of its effect upon the mind, is mere impertinence... the best of all Shakespeare's plays." William Hazlitt

"The most perfect specimen of the dramatic art in the world." Peter Bysshe Shelley

Starring Terence Crawford, John Gaden, Michael Habib, Victoria Longley, Dennis Olsen, Sarah Snook

Director Adam Cook
Designer Victoria Lamb
Lighting Gavan Swift

31 October - 21 November

Dunstan Playhouse









THE DUMB WAITER

By Harold Pinter

THE FUNNY HIT PLAY ABOUT TWO FUNNY HIT MEN.



A room. Two men. Nothing to do but wait.

Nobel Prize winner Harold Pinter's groundbreaking modern classic *The Dumb Waiter* is the story of two ill-matched hit men, Ben and Gus, employed by an unseen boss, waiting for an undefined victim in an anonymous basement room.

Ben and Gus are hardened professionals, they've got their instructions, no questions, no second thoughts. Until now. Gus is starting to crack under the pressure and when the dumb waiter in the back wall suddenly comes to life carrying demands for meals, their carefully honed instructions go out the window.

Disturbingly comic and darkly poetic, *The Dumb Waiter* shows the master of menace and the pregnant pause at the top of his game.

"Never has the eternal quest for a decent cup of tea been so subtly scary." Sydney Morning Herald "There is no mistaking its status as a groundbreaking modern classic." The Telegraph

Starring Brendan Rock, David Rock

Director Geordie Brookman

Designer Morag Cook
Composer lan Moorhead

20 May - 21 May Space Theatre

Touring to metropolitan and regional theatres.

This is a special Subscriber offer as part of State Theatre Company's expanded education program.

Part of the 2009 Come Out Festival







EDUCATION PROGRAM

Samuel Beckett once wrote that *words are all we have*, but in State Theatre Company's Education Program 2009 there's so much more! Theatre is all about opening up new worlds for the audience and we have some wonderful places for students to visit in 2009.

After the success of our inaugural Education Production in 2008, Matt Cameron's haunting *Ruby Moon*, we are delighted to be taking a further hop, skip and a jump into the world of the absurd by producing Nobel Prize winner Harold Pinter's legendary comic masterpiece *The Dumb Waiter* as part of the 2009 Come Out Festival. There are even two sunset performances for subscribers!

We are also very pleased to introduce our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Artistic Development Program with assistance from Arts SA. A number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists will join us throughout the year and extend their experience across a theatre company.

Our ever-popular workshop program will continue to expand in 2009 to include On-Demand Workshops from a range of State Theatre Company professional artists as well as special school performances of six of our main stage productions.

Joining our team in 2009 is award-winning local playwright Duncan Graham. As our Associate Artist, Duncan will run workshops and direct our Young Guns playwrighting competition in its tenth anniversary year.

It is an incredibly exciting year ahead. Details about our Education Program are available from our Education Coordinator or email education@statetheatrecompany.com.au

GEORDIE BROOKMAN, Associate Director







Warning: This play contains cross-dressing, a (lame) lion and truly wicked witches.

SUBSCRIBER SPECIAL OFFER!

AN ADVENTURE IN A FANTASTICAL WORLD OF WONDER SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Exactly 70 years on from the iconic MGM film, Windmill retells the much loved tale of Dorothy's quest to find herself and her way back home.

As a tribute to the magic and originality of this enduring adventure, Windmill's *Wizard of Oz* will be a daring, flamboyant and exhilarating theatrical journey for the whole family. Full of imagination, and invigorated with some surprising twists, this is a celebration of the yellow brick road we all travel to find out just what we're made of.

A visually spectacular and musically sumptuous explosion, this is a bold retelling for another Land of Oz in a brand new century.

Exclusive subscriber offer: Save \$5 per ticket when booking with your Season 2009 subscription. All tickets just \$24.

Writer L. Frank Baum
Director Rosemary Myers
Musical Director Jethro Woodward
Designer Jonathon Oxlade
Lighting Geoff Cobham

Saturday 27 June 2pm & 7pm Friday 3 July 7pm

Dunstan Playhouse



PERFORMANCE CALENDAR 2009

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BY ANNA GOLDSWORTHY AND PETER GOLDSWORTHY

> DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE

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16 MAR 6.30PM NWS	17 MAR 11AM + 6.30PM	18 MAR 6.30PM	19 MAR 8PM	20 MAR 8PM	21 MAR 8PM

METRC STREET

BY MATTHEW ROBINSON

DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE

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20 APR 6.30PM NWS	21 APR 11AM + 6.30PM	22 APR 6.30PM	23 APR 11AM + 8PM	24 APR 8PM	25 APR 8PM ANZAC DAY

MNEMONIC

CONCEIVED BY SIMON MCBURNEY AND DEVISED BY COMPLICITE

SPACE THEATRE

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THE MEMORY OF WATER

BY SHELAGH STEPHENSON

> DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE

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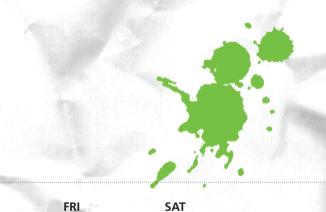
- **SB** SUBSCRIBER BRIEFINGS Your chance to get behind-the-scenes insights from the director, actors and creative team as well as a sneak peek of the set of each production before the season commences. Meet us in the Dunstan Playhouse foyer from 5.45pm for a guick drink before moving into the theatre. No bookings required.
- P PREVIEWS A sneak peek performance before Opening Night.

SUNSETS Early night performances that won't keep you out all night. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6.30pm.

EVENINGS Performances that offer you extra time for a pre-show dinner or coffee. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8pm.

MATINEES Daytime performances, leaving your evenings free.





KNIVES IN
HENS
BY DAVID
HARROWER

SPACE THEATRE

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THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE

BY ALAN AYCKBOURN DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE

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KING LEAR BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

DUNSTAN PLAYHOUSE

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THE DUMB WAITER BY HAROLD PINTER

SPECIAL OFFER

	20 MAY 6.30PM	21 MAY 6.30PM	
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ON OPENING NIGHT Our invitation-only night to introduce the media and sponsors to the show. Gold Subscribers come along for the ride as well.

NWS NIGHT WITH STATE An extra chance to quiz the director and cast immediately after a sunset performance.

SDWS SCHOOLS DAY WITH STATE Daytime performances reserved especially for school groups.

VIS VISION IMPAIRED SHOW Developed to help make theatre accessible to anyone with a vision impairment. Patrons are invited to arrive at 5.30pm for a discussion with actors and familiarise themselves with the set, followed by the performance. An audio description is also available.

A AUDIO DESCRIPTION SHOWS A daytime performance with an optional audio description for the vision impaired.

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SUPPORT YOUR STATE THEATRE COMPANY

By subscribing you are directly supporting South Australia's flagship theatre company as well as continuing to provide opportunities for local artists to launch and develop their careers in the Arts.

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Subscribe before the end of November and you can share your favourite pick with a friend. Each subscription will receive a complimentary guest ticket to the production of your choice, which will be seated with you to share your night out.

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Receive the best seats in the house. Renewing subscriptions are processed from Friday 17 October and new subscriptions are processed from Monday 17 November. Tickets go on sale to the general public from 8 December.

During the year, all subscribers are invited to attend a briefing before the production opens. This is your chance to get behind-the-scenes insights from the Director, Actors and Creative team and a sneak peek of the set before you experience each production for yourself.

REWARD YOURSELE...

Bring your friends and family and enjoy a post-show coffee. Take the hassle out of keeping in touch and organise your social calendar in advance. You can even pre-book a car park and avoid the rain.

COMMITMENT-PHORE FRIENDLY

It can be scary committing a year in advance. Not everything always goes to plan, so don't worry if your circumstances change; your booked dates are flexible, subject to seat availability. Your first swap is free and any further exchanges will incur a small service fee.

Or you can buy now and plan later with our Flexi Subscriptions. We'll send you vouchers for the productions of your choice, which you can redeem for tickets show by show, closer to the date.

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If you are under the age of 30, as well as a discounted price, the first 50 subscriptions received will be offered a complimentary guest subscription as part of our Curtain Raiser Program. State Theatre Company also supports Fringe Benefits by offering members special single ticket prices. Join for free at www.fringebenefits.com.au

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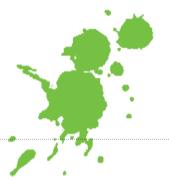
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Consider becoming a Gold Subscriber. As well as feeling great for supporting your community, you will be invited to exclusive Opening Night performances and enjoy our hospitality while mingling with the cast and creative crew.



ARTIST INSIGHTS



PETER GOLDSWORTHY, PLAYWRIGHT OF MAESTRO

"Maestro is a book twenty years old now. I'm no longer the person I was when I wrote it; my daughter Anna is closer in age to the writer who did. She is also closer to the material, both in her work as a professional pianist, and in the book she is writing on her own piano training. It seemed to offer good synergy - she would bring energy and new perspectives, I could fight hard for the old. Rather like the characters of Paul and the Maestro when I think about it."

MATTHEW ROBINSON, PLAYWRIGHT OF METRO STREET

"Metro Street found its origins in a series of narrative theatrical songs which began appearing in my friends' cabaret performances from 2002. A handful of the characters in these songs were so potent to me that they deserved to be heard in full. MANY script and song rewrites later, Metro Street has been supported by the 2004 Pratt Prize for Music Theatre, Magnormos, The Butterfly Club, the Adelaide Cabaret Festival, Kookaburra, Arts Asia Pacific, Power Arts and now STCSA. I have developed a particular fondness for Adelaide which is renowned for its fresh, innovative theatre and am thrilled that the World Premiere of Metro Street should find its birth here."

GEORDIE BROOKMAN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE DUMB WAITER

"It's exciting to see our Education Program continue to expand and start to have a presence in our subscriber season in 2009. *The Dumb Waiter* is one of those dream plays you come across as a director; bitingly funny, spookily threatening and containing two of the most curious characters to ever grace the stage. In the Rock twins' hands I'm sure they will jump off the stage!"

BRIAN THOMSON, SET DESIGNER OF MNEMONIC

"Gosh, the last play I scenically designed for STCSA was way back last century - Louis Nowra's *Crow* - also directed by Adam Cook. Since then I've designed all over the world, won a Tony Award in New York, received an Order of Australia (AM) and I'm currently designing productions in London, Toronto and Stockholm. None of them more exciting than *Mnemonic* - a dazzling piece about memory, which reminds me..."

CATHERINE FITZGERALD, DIRECTOR OF THE MEMORY OF WATER

"The notion of 'family amnesia' is one that fascinates me. How can people from the same family have such different takes on the same incidences in life? Throw into the mix a funeral, three grieving sisters, their partners, unspoken family secrets, lots of alcohol, home truths, resentment and heavy baggage - *The Memory of Water* gushes with poetry, poignancy and much humour. It is very exciting to be working again with the same 'dream team' who brought you *The Female of the Species;* Mary Moore, Catherine Oates and Sue Grey-Gardner, all feisty women in their own right who know how to make you laugh."

YOUR NIGHT OUT

DINING OUT

Whether you'd like a meal before the show or a drink and supper afterwards, the Dunstan Playhouse is conveniently located in the Riverbank Precinct with many casual and fine dining options available. As a subscriber you will receive a 20% discount when you dine at The Stamford Plaza's Rickshaws, Swish, TG's or Cascades Cocktail Lounge. Phone 8461 1111 for reservations. Or head straight downstairs from the foyer and look out over the River Torrens from The Bistro. Subscribers receive a 10% discount; book on 8216 8744.

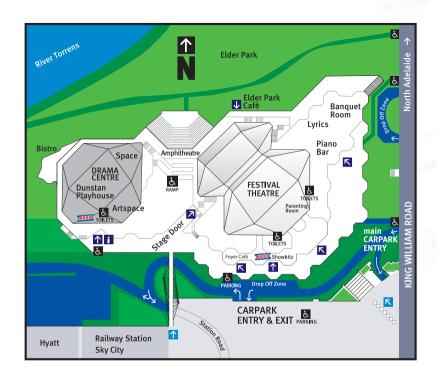
GETTING HERE

Make things easier and pre-book a car park in the Adelaide Festival Centre with your subscription. Alternatively, the Riverbank Carpark or Carepark on Blyth Street are a short walk away.

The Adelaide Festival Centre's location is easily accessible by public transport. Take advantage of the free tram transfers within the city centre. A taxi rank can be found on North Terrace, outside SKYCITY Adelaide.

OUR HOME

Our performance venues, Dunstan Playhouse and Space Threatre, are located in the Drama Centre on the western side of the Adelaide Festival Centre.







WE HAVE THE PERFECT ROLE FOR YOU

While creating and presenting a season of plays is the life-blood of this Company, that's not all we do, nor all we need to do. We also create opportunities for South Australian artists of all ages, commission new works for the stage, tour our productions statewide and nationally and run education programs that provide experiences of imaginative daring and emotional depth for everyone who sees them. We want it to be a rich and rewarding experience for everyone taking part, on both sides of the footlights.

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We're here to enrich your understanding of theatre and to inspire your imaginations. It's a great career, but artists need to be supported as they grow. That's where YOU can play a part.

We always need more financial resources to make all this possible, so that we can continue to encourage young audiences and to support and nurture those magical creatures of freedom, the younger generations of artists.

Their future is in your hands.

All donations are both tax-deductible and life-enhancing!

ADAM COOK, Artistic Director

BEOUESTS

Talk to us about the lasting role you can play in our future as a **State Theatre Company Guardian**.

\$10,000+

Play a **Lead Role** and support the development of new Australian works for the stage.

\$5,000+

As a **Featured Player** you can sponsor emerging local artists in their first professional roles.

\$1,000+

Support the excellence in all elements of the design and creation of productions as a **Patron**.

\$550+

Membership Groups – band together with fellow arts enthusiasts to support major productions.

\$250+

Help us employ South Australian actors on creative development projects and nurture new talent through Creative Fellowships.

\$50+

Support our Education Program's Student Workshops.

Donations \$2 and over are fully tax-deductible. State Theatre Company of South Australia is a tax deductible fund listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations under Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

YOUR STATE THEATRE COMPANY THANKS YOU

When you join our Company of Players you join a community of arts supporters that values theatre at its finest and takes pride in South Australia's place on the world arts stage.

All donors receive invitations to backstage activities and special events and updates on how your donation is being used.

Donations of \$250 or more are acknowledged in play programs and our Annual Report.

Patrons (\$1,000 and above) are acknowledged on the Company of Players Board displayed in the Dunstan Playhouse foyer.

MEMBERSHIP GROUPS

Doctors in Theatre, Dramatic Women, Men at Play

Band together with like-minded souls who share your profession or passion. These groups support our productions through an annual membership fee (\$150) and recommended tax-deductible donation (\$400). Each group is aligned with one production during the season and as a member you'll receive two Opening Night tickets, pre- and post-show hospitality and a listing in the play's program. You'll also be invited to VIP functions and networking opportunities throughout the year.

GOLD SUBSCRIPTIONS

As well as feeling great for supporting your community, you will be invited to exclusive Opening Night performances and enjoy our hospitality while mingling with the cast and creative team. Packages start at \$650 for 5 plays.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Corporate partnerships are only limited by our combined imaginations! State Theatre Company offers unique opportunities to profile the corporate social responsibility of your business and can provide engaging hospitality options that you won't find anywhere else. Talk to us about how we can begin a creative and mutually beneficial partnership.

CONTACT

Please contact our Development team or visit the 'Supporting Us' section at www.statetheatrecompany.com.au for more information.

ACCESS FOR ALL

YOUR STATE THEATRE COMPANY IS ACCESSIBLE

Sometimes gaining access to the theatre can seem difficult or a little expensive. That's why we've created an Access Program that helps more South Australians enjoy their State Theatre Company.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS IT WORKS

PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN

Pay-what-you-can tickets are available for people who hold a Health Care Card through gold coin donation. Available for any Wednesday Sunset or Saturday Matinee performance, subject to availability.

BALCONY RUSH

\$25 Rush tickets are available to everyone for Wednesday Sunset and Saturday Matinee performances from the box office one hour before the show starts, subject to availability.

VISION IMPAIRED SHOWS

People with a vision impairment are invited to attend specific performances with an audio description of the play designed for their needs. The evening performance includes a pre-show discussion of the set, the opportunity to touch the costumes and props used on the stage, as well as being introduced to the cast. This service is provided in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Blind and tickets can be booked on (08) 8400 2220.

VENUE ACCESS

All State Theatre Company performance venues have excellent access facilities including hearing loops, wheelchair seat allocations, lifts, access car parks and toilets. You can find out more by calling BASS on 131 246 or Adelaide Festival Centre Patron Services on (08) 8216 8670.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

We can accommodate larger community groups to ensure that all South Australians have the opportunity to experience live theatre. Please contact us to make special arrangements.



BOOKING INFORMATION



SFATING ALLOCATION

Receive the best seats in the house as a subscriber:

Renewing subscriptions are processed from Friday 17 October New subscriptions commence from Monday 17 November Single ticket sales are available from Monday 8 December

SINGLE TICKET PRICES		Adult	Conc
Evenings	Metro Street	\$65	\$60
	Other Season 2009 Plays	\$60	\$55
Sunsets, Sat Matinees	Metro Street	\$60	\$55
	Other Season 2009 Plays	\$55	\$50
Previews, Midweek Matinees	Metro Street	\$50	\$45
	Other Season 2009 Plays	\$45	\$40
Special Offer	The Dumb Waiter	\$25	\$20

UNDER 30s, CONCESSION, SECONDARY STUDENTS

ID showing birth date, if applicable, must be shown at time of purchase, or photocopy of ID provided with postal or fax bookings. Concession prices available to pensioners, Seniors Card holders, full-time students and Health Care Card holders.

BASS SERVICE FEES

BASS is State Theatre Company's ticketing agent. Their service fee is included in all single ticket prices. A \$6.60 service fee is attached to each subscription form. Where two or more people subscribe to the same plays and performances and pay together on the same form, only one service fee applies. A service fee applies to Subscriber Guest tickets purchased after subscribing.

REFUNDS

Tickets are non-refundable. However they are exchangeable.

EXCHANGES

Subscribers may make one free ticket exchange (swap performance date/time) per year. Subsequent exchanges attract a \$3.30 BASS fee per ticket. If the new performance has a higher ticket price, you'll need to pay the difference (sorry, no refunds for cheaper tickets). To exchange, take original tickets to the Adelaide Festival Centre Box Office, Mon - Sat 9am - 6pm or post tickets and request to BASS Subscriptions, GPO Box 1269, Adelaide SA 5001. (BASS needs original tickets before issuing exchange.) Allow 5 working days before desired performance. Tickets cannot be exchanged after their booked performance.

LOST TICKETS

Sometimes tickets mysteriously vanish but this is easy to fix. Contact BASS on 08 8205 2200 as soon as you can for replacement tickets. Lost tickets can only be reissued for the same performance.

STEP 1: PLAN AHEAD

How does it work? Chose the plays and dates that suit you from our Season 2009 calendar. Simply indicate which shows + dates you wish to attend on the adjacent calendar. Don't forget if you're an early bird to select the production you'd like to bring a friend along to.

FLEXI SUBSCRIPTION

How does it work? Love to subscribe but don't want to lock in dates right now? Then a Flexi Subscription is for you! Flexi Subscription vouchers can be redeemed for tickets throughout the season, subject to ticket availability, in person at any BASS outlet. Redeem your vouchers early to guarantee your choice of performance.

STEP 2: REDUCED PRICE GUEST TICKETS AND SPECIAL OFFERS

Subscribers are able to purchase additional tickets for guests at the time of subscribing for a reduced price. Simply indicate the productions you wish to purchase tickets for and they will be seated with you.

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STEP 3: JOIN OUR COMPANY OF PLAYERS

Support the creative endeavours of South Australian artists.

MEMBERSHIP GROUPS

Band together with like-minded souls who share your profession or passion

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