

A portrait of a woman with short dark hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses and a dark top with a white lace collar. She is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background behind her is a soft, out-of-focus mix of orange and pink hues. The entire portrait is framed by a thin white arch.

# **DRAMATIC WOMEN**

## **2026 PROGRAM**

# CHAMPIONING FEMALE VOICES IN THEATRE

**Dramatic Women is a vibrant and dynamic community of women who are passionate about supporting exceptional female-led creatives—playwrights and directors—at State Theatre Company South Australia.**

This group plays a vital role in ensuring the Company's program reflects and celebrates diverse female voices and lived experiences.

Established in 2002 by Rosalba Clemente, the Company's first female Artistic Director and a trailblazer in Australian theatre, Dramatic Women has, for over two decades, helped bring the work of more than 100 female writers and directors to the stage. This includes iconic names such as Robyn Archer and Sue Smith, as well as then-emerging voices like Rita Kalnejais, Lally Katz, Nikki Bloom, and Michelle Law.

Most recently, the group has proudly supported powerful productions such as *Julia* (2024), *Housework* (2025), and now *RBG: Of Many, One* (2026).

At its founding, Rosalba shared her vision: "I dream of the theatre being full of women from all backgrounds and ages." Today, that dream lives on thanks to the ongoing commitment of our Dramatic Women community—an inspiring collective dedicated to championing female-led work on South Australian stages and beyond.



*Julia*, 2024

*"Dramatic Women is such a vibrant and dynamic group and I'm grateful for their support in bringing *Julia* to South Australian audiences by recognising how important it is to produce and present stories about women from all walks of life."*

— Justine Clarke

## WHY JOIN DRAMATIC WOMEN?

Creating bold, ambitious theatre requires time, resources, and deep creative development. As a member of Dramatic Women, you help ensure that female-led projects receive the support they need—and that South Australia continues to be a driving force in shaping Australia's theatrical future.

## WHO CAN JOIN?

Dramatic Women is open to all women and femme-identifying individuals from all ages and backgrounds. Whether you're passionate about the arts or simply want to make a lasting impact, this community welcomes you.

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

A yearly, tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 grants you access to a curated program of events and benefits, while directly supporting a female-led production each year.

## AS A DRAMATIC WOMEN, YOU'LL ENJOY:



### Opening Night Experience

Invitation to the Opening Night of the annual Dramatic Women-supported production, with exclusive pre- and post-show hospitality.



### Behind-the-Scenes Access

A unique program of insights into the supported production, including play readings of female-led works in development, backstage tours, company runs during rehearsal, and talks with lead creatives.



### Acknowledgement of Support

Be recognised as a key supporter of the Company's major work in printed programs and digital platforms (if desired).



### A Connected, Like-Minded Community

Join a network of passionate, driven women who believe in the power of theatre to elevate voices, shift perspectives, and inspire change.

# READY TO JOIN?

If you'd like to be part of this passionate and purposeful community, visit our webpage [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) or scan the QR code. Alternatively, call us on (08) 8415 5333 to learn more.



**Together, we can continue to bring bold, female-led stories to life on stage.**

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