



Queensland Theatre Company presents

Neil Simon's

# *The Odd Couple*

A classic comedy from Pulitzer Prize and multiple Tony Award-winning American playwright and screenwriter Neil Simon, Wesley Enoch recreates the magic and chaos of the beloved 1968 film starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.

**To 8 November** at Playhouse, QPAC

**Director:** Wesley Enoch

**Designer:** Christina Smith **Lighting Designer:** Matt Scott

**Cast Includes:** Tim Dashwood, Amy Ingram, Lauren Jackson, Jason Klarwein, Tama Matheson, Bryan Proberts, Steven Rooke and Colin Smith

*The Odd Couple*, the hilarious and very real story of friendship and unexpected flatmates is the next star in Queensland Theatre Company's 2015 Mainstage Season.

From the adaptation of **Neil Simon's** 1965 play, *The Odd Couple*, this new production is brought to life by acclaimed Australian director **Wesley Enoch** in what will be the **final show** he anchors as Artistic Director of the QTC before he departs for the Sydney Festival.

Acting and directing powerhouse **Jason Klarwein** will reunite with **Tama Matheson** after their brilliant coupling in the 2013 production *Design For Living*, set in 1930s Paris and their work in Michael Attenborough's chilling reimagining of *Macbeth*. Klarwein will play the role of slovenly sports journalist Oscar and Matheson, Felix. They are joined onstage by Tim Dashwood (Managing Carmen), Amy Ingram (The Seagull, I Want to Know What Love Is, Trollop), Lauren Jackson (Macbeth), Bryan Proberts (Design for Living), Steven Rooke (Gasp, Kelly, Macbeth) and Colin Smith (Black Diggers).

## **The Story:**

Felix Ungar, a neurotic new writer is thrown out by his wife, and moves in with his friend Oscar Madison, a slovenly sportswriter. Despite Oscar's problems – careless spending, excessive gambling, a poorly kept house filled with spoiled food – he seems to enjoy life. Felix, however, seems utterly incapable of enjoying anything and only finds purpose in pointing out his own and other people's mistakes and foibles. Even when he tries to do so in a gentle and constructive way, his corrections and suggestions prove extremely annoying to those around him. Oscar, his closest friend, feels compelled to throw him out after only a brief time together, though he quickly realises that Felix has had a positive effect on him.

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