

6 Oct — 3 Nov

Bille Brown Theatre

Recommendations

The struggle for power and fame encapsulates the story of *Nearer the Gods*. It's also an exploration of personal strength, egos and what it takes to reach your goals. The story of Newton is darkly comic and classically Williamson in its style and honesty. It is ideal for students studying new Australian theatre.

For students in

Years 10 – 12

Drama Syllabus links

Category 1

- Realism (Magical Realism)

For studies in

- Drama
- Modern History
- Science (Physics)

This play contains

- Adult themes including conversations around relationships

Edmund Halley is the namesake of Halley's Comet. He realised that comets observed in 1531, 1607 and 1682 were in fact one comet passing the earth every 76 years.



David Williamson meets Isaac Newton on the verge of his greatest scientific discovery

It's 1684, the dawn of the Enlightenment. Bright young astronomer Edmund Halley must somehow wrangle the secrets of the universe from the brain of fickle and contrary Isaac Newton.

This is the story of how one of the greatest moments of scientific illumination almost didn't happen. The all-star cast includes Matthew Backer (*Switzerland*), William McNnes (*SeaChange*, *Time of our Lives*) and Rhys Muldoon (*House Husbands*).

*By David Williamson
Directed by Sam Strong*

Realism

Legends

Science

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Performances and Suitability

Whilst age suitability recommendations are carefully considered, each class group is different. Recommendations are based on the script and discussions with the creative team. See the **Curriculum Connections** opposite for an overview of Season 2018 and the recommendations for each play.

Play Briefings

Play Briefings for mainstage productions are an opportunity for teachers to meet the cast and creative artists and ask questions about the productions before they open.

Ticket Prices

\$30 per student for Playhouse.
\$28 Cremorne and Bille Brown Theatre.

For all school group bookings call QPAC Groups on (07) 3840 7466 (a \$1 per ticket booking fee applies).

Program and Education Resources

Teachers booking school groups will receive Education Resources and access to video and online resources to enhance the experience of Queensland Theatre productions. Resources are also available online at queenslandtheatre.com.au

Teacher Previews

Teachers can attend the first Preview performance of any production for free. (Limited tickets, only available for the first Preview in the season, unless otherwise notified).

Any questions?

Contact the Education and Youth Department on (07) 3010 7600.