



Tongue-in-cheek noir thrills as four actors deliver hundreds of characters and thousands of laughs

A night at the theatre goes spectacularly wrong for dashing adventurer Richard Hannay, ending with a glamorous secret agent dead in his arms.

Classic film noir melds seamlessly with zany comedy as Hannay clings to trains, dangles from bridges and is harried across the moors by machine gun fire – all recreated through fiendishly inventive stage wizardry. Featuring Leon Cain and Hugh Parker.

*Adapted by Patrick Barlow
from the movie by Alfred Hitchcock
and the novel by John Buchan
Directed by Jon Halpin*

Ensemble

Comedy of Manners

Film

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

24 Feb – 24 Mar

Cremorne Theatre, QPAC

Recommendations

The 39 Steps is an exercise in Melodrama and Comedy. The play brings classic film noir to the stage, complete with espionage and whodunit excitement. Four actors play approximately 139 characters, so the play is ideal for studies in characterisation and ensemble performance.

For students in

Years 9 - 12

Drama Syllabus links

Category 1

- Comedy of Manners

For studies in

- Drama
- Film, Television and New Media

This play contains

- Adult themes including low level sexual references



‘A dizzy and theatrical game played with wit and versatility’

– The Times

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.