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SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS

By Bess Wohl

Directed by Bridget Boyle and Nathan Sibthorpe

Supported by
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Daniel Evans
Artistic Director
Queensland Theatre Company

Breathe in.

Let the noise fall away. The chatter, the explanations, the things we say to fill the space. We live in a very noisy world; our lives underscored by a constant soundtrack of chatter, beeps, pings, rings, reminders, and a general clamour for attention. What happens when we stop talking - and actually start listening to one another?

Small Mouth Sounds is the quiet entry to this year's season dinner party. The show that doesn't talk loudly or over the top of others. The unassuming, 'Who's that?', 'Do you know them?' guest. Who, if you do strike up a conversation with them, turns out to be the most interesting person in the room. *Small Mouth Sounds* might not be like anything you've seen or experienced before but that's part of what theatre is for - to take you places you've never been to in ways you never expected.

Pulitzer Prize-winning American playwright Bess Wohl has generously allowed our incredible directors Bridget Boyle and Nathan Sibthorpe to relocate the play to Australia ... and it feels right at home. Quiet breakdowns, human suffering and twenty-first-century angst are, it turns out, hardly exclusive to our neighbours in the Northern Hemisphere.

Wohl was inspired to write this piece after attending a silent retreat with a group of girlfriends, where she began to notice just how much we project onto other people when we have no words to rely on.

As playwrights, we so often build worlds and rhythms through what our characters say: the words they choose, the ideas they wrestle with, the things they cannot quite bring themselves to admit. Taking those words away is a prospect both daunting and exciting. A challenge. A dare, if you will. And it is in that spirit that this production has been made.

Certain refrains have drifted out of the rehearsal room: "I've never been in anything like this," "What do I learn ... if not my lines?!" and "This requires me to draw on a completely different reservoir of craft." Without words to lean on, every glance, gesture and hesitation takes on new weight. Drama literally means to 'do' or to 'act'. This production becomes an almost anthropological exercise in drama: human behaviour as performance, as revelation and, perhaps, as salvation.

For many of us, this will be unlike anything we have encountered in a theatre. For our Production Associates, Counterpilot, unfamiliar territory is familiar ground. Their independent practice has built worlds that play with how sound reaches an audience and where the line between audience and performer begins to blur. We are fortunate to have these self-proclaimed "techno troublemakers" with us: Nathan Sibthorpe, lighting designer Christine Felmingham, sound designer Mike Willmetts and producer Nicholas Southey.

They are working alongside some familiar faces. We warmly welcome back Anthony, Barbara, Judy, Jodie, Louise and Stephen, and hold the door open for performer Kieran Law, and creatives Isabel Hudson and Annaliese McCarthy, making their debuts with us.

And a little (quiet) applause for our extraordinary production team, Dan, Imogen, Raff, Nathaniel, and Kat who have pulled out all the stops to bring this form-defying work to the stage.

Now, breathe out. Settle in. Relax. Try something new. Expect the unexpected. Watch carefully. There is plenty to hear, even when nobody speaks.

— Dan



Bridget Boyle
Co-Director



Nathan Sibthorpe
Co-Director

Theatre is pretty dependent on silence. There's an unspoken agreement that, although an audience *could* make a non-scripted noise at any given moment - a cough, a murmur, a scream (we've all been there) - for the length of the play, we don't. And when a few hundred people all agree to be silent - to pause whatever else is going on in their lives to share a pin-drop moment of silence in a room full of strangers - that's when the magic happens.

This play has a lot of silence. And a lot going on amidst the silence. One of the biggest challenges was to wrestle with the enormity of what's really happening in the small, silent encounters between six strangers who have to work through their agony without using words.

Small Mouth Sounds has never been performed with headphones before. In working with Counterpilot, QTC received special permission from playwright Bess Wohl to reimagine the experience of the work through this unique form. It was always important to us that the device allowed for more theatricality, not less. We're not watching a movie - we're brought up intimately close to something very alive that is happening in the room with us.

To prepare for this play, Nathan undertook a real six-day silent retreat (Bridget refused - but does think Nathan has been somehow forever changed since, so perhaps dodged a bullet). At first it was much harder than expected, but after a while the intentional gathering of strangers felt oddly familiar. Silence only mattered because people were there to hold it.

Anyone could break it, but chose not to. And in this, maybe on the simplest of levels, there's a glimpse of what we can be for each other.

Sartre famously said that "Hell is other people;" but in *Small Mouth Sounds*, Bess Wohl seems to disagree. Maybe life is suffering - but other people are the best balm we have to ease our agony. By being there for each other, it might not get better - but it can get easier.

This might be the best analogy there is for the act of creating theatre - an artform that is actually impossible to do alone. Our all-Queensland cast of livewires find both the deep joy and the agony in the silence. The theatrical world is led by Mike Willmett's lush, intricate sound design, a rich concoction of live foley (we call it emotional ASMR) with immersive binaural atmospheres. Isabel Hudson's intricate and magical design allows us to shape-shift between spaces while Christine Felmingham's illusory lighting sculpts and dances us through five days of silence.

In such a noisy world, our silence can feel unwarranted sometimes. Do we even deserve to feel a sense of peace? Should we actually be screaming at all times? Wohl's tender, heartbreaking and utterly disarming work doesn't offer any easy answers to these big questions. But in this theatre, for this night, we all get to exercise a moment of togetherness. It might not bring enlightenment - but things might feel a little lighter.

- Bridget & Nathan



A NOTE FROM COUNTERPILOT

We like to say that theatre doesn't happen on stages - it happens in the spaces between people. We're obsessed with that space, the shared life force that only exists in our temporary togetherness. For many years, our practice has been dedicated to finding strange new ways of activating that space with experimental performance. And after so many experiments, it's led us to the most unexpected place of all - the state theatre company.

For a play grounded in togetherness - we're thrilled to be doing this one together. Huge thanks to Dan, Criena, and the team for letting these troublemakers experiment on the mainstage (we might have broken a few rules, but we'll put them back together again when we're done). Also to the brave cast and team for agreeing to consistently reach further beyond what anyone would expect of a gig, to give more and believe in more. And the biggest thanks to you - we're so very grateful to be here for each other, today, just for a moment.

WHO IS COUNTERPILOT?

Counterpilot is an award-winning collective of interdisciplinary artists based in Magandjin. Together, they create unique and immersive arts experiences, activating audiences with new technology, rich design, and transmedia storytelling. Since 2015, Counterpilot has produced more than 16 major works, in partnership with organisations including Metro Arts, Brisbane Powerhouse, Next Wave Festival, Brisbane Festival, Sydney Festival, Darwin Festival, Museum of Brisbane, Adelaide Fringe, and World Science Festival Brisbane.

According to, "Nobody else is making work quite like this" (Cameron Woodhead on Truthmachine).

Recent Counterpilot adventures include:

- *Not a Cult**, Brisbane Festival, 2026
- *Crunch Time*, RPAC, 2026
- *Adrift*, Metro Arts & Brisbane Festival, 2022/24
- *Pigeon Fool*, World Science Festival Brisbane 2024
- *Scaredy House*, Metro Arts 2024, RPAC 2025
- *Escape from Monotony*, Museum of Brisbane, 2022-23

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BILLE BROWN THEATRE

SMALL MOUTH SOUNDS

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Breathe in. Breathe out. Break down.

In the overwhelming tranquillity of nature, six runaways from city life embark on a silent retreat. As these strangers confront internal demons both profound and absurd, their vows of silence collide with their achingly human need to connect. Check-in and chill-out with this wayward group of misfits as they attempt to find their purpose, a little peace and maybe themselves...all without saying a word!

In *Small Mouth Sounds*, award-winning playwright Bess Wohl crafts “a play unlike any other” (Huffington Post) where silence is mandatory and comedy is inevitable. Awkward glances, suppressed ugly-crying, and the occasional yoga-induced meltdown become a symphony of human relationships.

Featuring a fabulously funny cast directed by comedy doyenne Bridget Boyle and techno-troublemaker Nathan Sibthorpe, in a first for the Bille Brown Theatre: each audience member will be given their own headphones to hear the sublime inside the silence. With audio-immersive intimacy engineered by crack indie collective Counterpilot, you'll be tuned into every surreptitious whisper, heavy sigh and smothered snort-laugh.

This is storytelling at its most inventive — recognisable, raw and deeply relatable. Filled with insightful humour, this unique and compassionate play asks how we address life's biggest questions when words fail us.

Creatives

Writer Bess Wohl
Co-Director Bridget Boyle
Co-Director Nathan Sibthorpe
Set & Costume Designer Isabel Hudson
Lighting Designer Christine Felmingham
Composer & Sound Designer Mike Willmet
Intimacy Coordinator Michelle Miall
Fight Choreographer NJ Price
Assistant Costume Designer & Assistant Set Designer
Annaliese McCarthy

Stage Manager Georgia Gould
Assistant Stage Manager Tia-Hanee Cleary

Cast

Joan Louise Brehmer
Rodney Stephen Geronimos
Alicia Judy Hainsworth
Jan Kieran Law
Judy Jodie Le Vesconte
The Teacher / Voice Barbara Lowing
Ned Anthony Standish

Location

Bille Brown Theatre
Queensland Theatre Company
78 Montague Road, South Brisbane

Duration

1 hour and 40 minutes, no interval, subject to change without notice.

Warnings

This production contains mature themes, mild infrequent coarse language, simulated sex sounds and full-frontal male nudity. Recommended for ages 15+

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The Sound of Silence

Shhh. Hear that? It's your inner monologue. Ignore it.

That's the playful provocation at the heart of *Small Mouth Sounds*, a comedy set in the stillness of a nature retreat where a group of urban escapees attempt to find peace, purpose and maybe themselves... without saying a word.

With minimal dialogue and maximum emotional chaos, Bess Wohl's award-winning play transforms silence into a symphony of human connection. Awkward glances, suppressed sobs and yoga-induced meltdowns take the place of witty repartee, becoming both painfully relatable and riotously funny.

For Co-Director Nathan Sibthorpe, who makes his Queensland Theatre Company mainstage debut with this work, silence is not empty space but rather the raw material of the production.

"There's nothing like 350 people sitting in a theatre sharing a silence," Sibthorpe says. "We all know how easily it could be broken – one voice, one laugh, one slip – yet it holds. That collective restraint is thrilling."

In *Small Mouth Sounds*, silence itself becomes a character, thick with tension, ripe

with comedy and brimming with possibility. "The silence cracks open the kind of dark comedy you can only find in live theatre," Sibthorpe explains.

As co-founder and Artistic Director of Queensland's leading experimental collective, Counterpilot, Sibthorpe has long explored the potency of sound in live performance, with several of the company's 16 original works delivered to audiences through headphones.

That DNA is central to *Small Mouth Sounds*, which becomes Queensland Theatre Company's first-ever binaural production – a "3D sound" experience, as Sibthorpe describes it. Every audience member will wear headphones, hearing the minutiae of the retreat with startling intimacy: the brush of bare feet on soil, the snap of a twig, the rustle of leaves, the quiet sigh of a stranger.

"Through this technology, we can feel like we're immediately next to an individual crying in a sleeping bag," Sibthorpe says. "It's emotional ASMR – a live sound design that shifts our proximity and perspective in an instant."

QTC's Director of Technical and Production, Daniel Maddison, says sound does more than amplify silence.

"As audiences, we're already immersed in digital technology every day – it's in our pockets, at our fingertips," Maddison says. "In the theatre, our job is to use that same technology not as a distraction but as a doorway into something more profound."

"Binaural sound gives us the ability to whisk people away – to place them inside a forest, to have a bird call behind their shoulder, to let them feel a breath that isn't their own. It's a whole different kind of theatrical immersion and one that many audiences will have never experienced before."

"As Queensland's state theatre company, we have a responsibility to embrace innovation and keep delivering experiences for our audiences that are thrilling, unforgettable and uniquely theatrical."

Among the play's most distinctive touches is its unseen leader, a retreat director who is only ever heard, never seen.

This disembodied voice becomes a unifying thread, guiding both the participants on stage and the people in the audience through the retreat, levelling the divide between performer and spectator.

"This shared experience is really important," Sibthorpe explains.



"The audience isn't simply watching a group of people on retreat. In hearing only what they hear, you are placed in the same position as them. You're a fellow participant, bound by the same instructions, the same promises, the same mystery. You're in it together."

That connection is both the play's promise and its punchline. Each character arrives at the retreat carrying some kind of pain or trauma, hoping to heal in silence. Their inner turmoils become the unspoken soundtrack of the production, exposing the comedy and absurdity of constantly trying to better ourselves.

"It is delightfully awkward and strange, and very, very funny," Sibthorpe says. "But it also sneaks up with some big existential questions. Who are we when we're left alone with ourselves? What masks slip when there's nothing left to say? And what happens when silence becomes the loudest voice in the room?"

The answers, it seems, are somewhere in the silence.

A World of Its Own

A shared cabin, a shifting landscape and a cast of strangers. Set and Costume Designer, Isabel Hudson reveals how the design of *Small Mouth Sounds* creates a world where isolation and connection exist side by side.



Isabel Hudson
Set & Costume Designer

The design for *Small Mouth Sounds* asks us to recognise ourselves in these strangers, the form presents separate experiences overlapping within one shared space, each searching for moments of connection, recognition and peace.

The design began with a process of stripping the space back, resisting the impulse to illustrate every location and instead creating a theatrical framework for sound, light and form to fill. The physical elements offer fragments of a place rather than a complete picture, leaving space for the audience's imagination to build the world beyond what we can see.

Reflection extends this idea into the auditorium. Mirrored surfaces hold fragments of the performers, landscape and audience together. As we watch these strangers attempt to understand one another, we encounter our own reflection,

or someone sitting beside us. We become part of the retreat, a quiet reminder that, even in our most isolated moments, we are not alone.

The landscape is conceived less as a literal place and more as an installation, an impression of the natural world. A forest canopy hangs above the stage as a constant presence: something larger than any individual, beneath which these strangers gather, retreat and gradually begin to see one another.



Rather than representing the three separate cabins described in the text, we condensed them into one shared cabin. Bedding, lamps and belongings transform the warm plywood interior, allowing separate rooms and lives to overlay within the same architecture. One person leaves and another arrives; traces of one experience remain within the next. Though the characters may feel profoundly alone, they are continually (if unknowingly) connected.

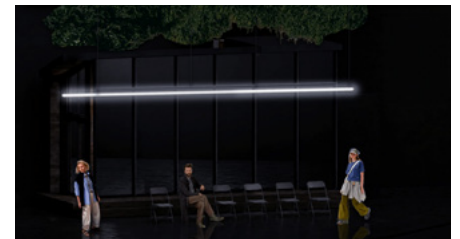
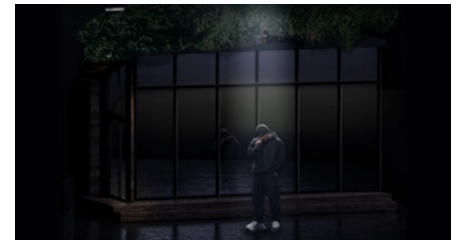
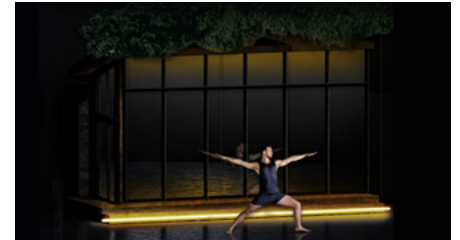
The canopy, mirror and dynamic lighting installation create a fluid, metaphorical landscape. Sound becomes almost architectural – rain, water, birds and the unseen forest extend beyond the edges of the stage and this was an exciting idea to design for.

The costume begins with individuality, each character arriving in their own kind of armour. As silence takes hold, these layers soften, revealing something more vulnerable beneath while we then move into something more harmonious for the final image of the show.

In a play where language has been limited, the design follows a similar principle: say less, and allow us to engage and imagine and remember we aren't alone.

– Isabel

Set Design Storyboard



Creatives

Bridget Boyle Co-Director

**Queensland Theatre Company:**

As Co-Director: *Pride & Prejudice*. As Director: *Mu-mma* (DOOR 3), *The Holidays*, *The Longest Minute* (with JUTE Theatre Company and debase productions), *Rice* (Queensland Premier's Drama Award Finalist Reading), *The*

Landmine Is Me, *Hurry Up and Wait* (Education & Young People). As Actor: *The Works: Taking Aim*, *The Estimator*, *Lily Can't Sleep*, *Europe*, *The Venetian Twins*, *Scapin*, *Backseat Drivers*. **Other Credits:** As Director: La Boite Theatre: *An Ideal Husband*; Old Red Lion Theatre, Pleasance London and Sydney Opera House: *Breaking the Castle*; debase productions: *Death in a Statesman*, *Popping Lead Balloons*, *The Clown from Snowy River*, *TOXICITY* (with Assembly of Elephants); JUTE Theatre Company: *To Kill a Cassowary*. As Co-Director: Flipside Circus: *We Live Here* (with Hummingbird House and Metro Arts). **Training:** PhD (Drama), Queensland University of Technology (QUT). **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Best Director with Natano Fa'anana *We Live Here*, Best Mainstage Production *The Longest Minute*, Gold Matilda Award debase productions.

Nathan Sibthorpe Co-Director

**Queensland Theatre Company:**

As Video Designer: *The Holidays*. As Performer: *I Feel Awful*. **Other:** *Total Dik!* (Co-Devisor, Greenhouse Creative Development Series). **Other Credits:** As Director: Counterpilot: *Not a Cult**, *Pigeon*

Fool, *Adrift*, *Scaredy House*, *Breaking*, *Statum*, *Truthmachine*, *Crunch Time*, *Spectate*, *The AWE Experiment*, *Escape from Monotony*, *IMB Institute of Light*, *Avoidable Perils*, *Raise the Roof*: *C'est Bon Salon*; World Science Festival Brisbane: *Night of the Nerds*. As Co-Director: Lisa Wilson Projects: *Bunker*, *Glass Raiser*; Flipside Circus: *Maybe It's Only Us*. As Co-Creator: Metro Arts and David Megarrity: *Tyrone & Lesley in a Spot* (Queensland Cabaret Festival; Brisbane Festival). As Co-Devisor: The Good Room: *I've Been Meaning to Ask You*, *One Bottle Later*. As Video Designer: Playlab Theatre: *Horizon*, *Blue Bones*; JUTE Theatre Company: *La Bella Figura*, *To*

Kill a Cassowary; Shock Therapy Productions: *Viral*, *Fuel*, *Locked In*; Ben Knapton: *He Dreamed a Train*, *Gaijin*, *Genesis*; Seeing Place Productions: *Plunge*; Lisa Wilson Projects: *Wireless*; David Megarrity: *Bear with Me*, *Warmwaters*; *InExperience*; Woodward Productions: *Weathering Well*; debase productions and Metro Arts: *Boyle & Waters in LEOTARD*.

Training: Master of Fine Arts (Drama), Queensland University of Technology (QUT). **Positions:** Artistic Director (2017-present), Counterpilot; Creative Director (2016-2018), Markwell Presents; Festival Director (2013-2016), Short+Sweet Queensland; Geek-in-Residence (2012-2014), Queensland Theatre Company. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Judge's Award *Adrift*, Lord Mayor's Award for Best New Australian Work *Crunch Time*, Best AV Design *Blue Bones*; Sydney Theatre Awards - Best Production for Young People *I've Been Meaning to Ask You*; Adelaide Fringe Awards - Best Film, Digital & Interactive Work, Melbourne Tour Ready Award, Hong Kong Tour Ready Award *Truthmachine*; Dr Don Batchelor Award for Drama Research, QUT Creative Lab: *Spectate*.

Isabel Hudson Set and Costume Designer

**Queensland Theatre Company:**

Debut. **Other Credits:** Sydney Theatre Company: *Dear Evan Hansen* (costume), *The Unfriend*, *A Fool in Love*, *Constellations*, *Hubris and Humiliation*; Crossroads Live: *The Mousetrap* (costume); Griffin Theatre

Company: *The Elocution of Benjamin Franklin*, *Nucleus*, *Jailbaby*, *Pony*; Melbourne Theatre Company: *Torch the Place* (set); Belvoir St Theatre: *Blessed Union*, *Winyanboga Yurringa*, *Every Brilliant Thing*; Ensemble Theatre: *Master Class*; Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC): *The Drover's Wife* (set); Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *The Lovers*; Sydney Festival and RISING Festival: *Maureen: Harbinger of Death*; Hayes Theatre Co: *Young Frankenstein* (set), *American Psycho* (set), *Cry-Baby* (set); Opera Australia: *La Bohème*; Sydney Chamber Orchestra: *Aphrodite*; Pinchgut Opera: *Farnace*; Circa: *Son*; Darlinghurst Theatre Co.: *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*; Sport for Jove: *Bright Star*; Seymour Centre: *The Shifting Heart*, *Blackrock*; Soft Tread Enterprises: *Truck Driver*; Women With Pockets and Andrew Kay & Associates: *Middle Raged*; Monkey Baa Theatre: *Edward the Emu*; Kings Cross Theatre: *Dry Land* (set), *She Rode Horses Like the Stock Exchange*; Old Fitz: *King of Pigs*, *Eurydice*; Belvoir 25A: *Jess & Joe Forever*; Old 505 Theatre: *Little Borders* (costume); *Chamber Pot Opera* (Sydney Opera House, Edinburgh Festival and St Petersburg

season); Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP): *Intersection*, *Journey's End*; Outhouse Theatre Co: *The Rolling Stone*; HotHouse Theatre & Downstairs Belvoir: *Hurt*. **Other:** Global Creatures: *Moulin Rouge* (Associate Set Designer; Australia, Korea and Japan); Opera Australia: *Merry Widow*, *My Fair Lady* (Assistant Designer); Sydney Theatre Company: *Fun Home* (Associate Designer, directed by Dean Bryant). **Training:** Bachelor of Design, National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA); Bachelor of Arts (Screen and Sound), University of New South Wales (UNSW). **Positions:** Lecturer in Design for Performance, National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA). **Awards:** Sydney Theatre Awards - Best Set Design *Constellations*, *American Psycho*, *Cry-Baby*, Best Costume Design *Hubris and Humiliation*, Best Set Design (three further nominations); Australian Production Design Guild (APDG) Awards - Best Set Design *American Psycho*, Best Set Design (two nominations). Kristian Fredrikson Scholarship for Design in the Performing Arts; Thelma Afford Award for Costume Design in Stage and Screen.

Christine Felmingham Lighting Designer

**Queensland Theatre Company:**

As Lighting Designer: *Malacaiang Made Us*, *Pramkicker* (Door 3). **Other Credits:** As Lighting Designer: Counterpilot: *Crunch Time*, *Pigeon Fool*, *Scaredy House*, *Adrift*, *Not a Cult**, *The AWE Experiment*, *Escape From Monotony*, *IMB Institute of Light*, *Avoidable Perils*, *Statum*, *Truthmachine*, *Spectate*; Opera Queensland: *La Bohème*, *La Cenerentola*, *Lucia Di Lammermoor*, *Macbeth*, *The Sopranos*; La Boite Theatre: *Caesar*; Playlab: *Rising*, *The Dead Devils of Cockle Creek*; Dead Puppet Society: *Ishmael*; Lisa Wilson Projects: *Bunker*; debase productions: *Boyle and Waters in LEOTARD*; The Good Room: *Dirty Laundry*; Hive Collective: *Conviction*, *Elektra/Orestes*, *The Bull The Moon* and *The Coronet of Stars*; Belloo Creative: *Rovers*; Now Look Here Theatre Company: *Sound of a Finished Kiss*. **Training:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (Drama) & Bachelor of Fine Arts (Technical Production).

Positions: Lighting/Technical Designer and Creative (2017-present), Counterpilot. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Judge's Award *Adrift*, Best New Australian Work *Crunch Time*, Best Musical or Cabaret *The Sound of a Finished Kiss*, Emerging Female Arts Leader Award, 2019. Matilda Award Nominations - Best Design (Lighting) *Pramkicker*, Best Design (Lighting) *Adrift*, Best Design (Lighting) *Bunker*, Best Design (Lighting) *The Bull*, *The Moon* and *The*

Coronet of Stars. Adelaide Fringe Awards - Best Film, Digital & Interactive Work, Melbourne Tour Ready Award, Hong Kong Tour Ready Award *Truthmachine*.

Mike Willmetts Composer & Sound Designer

**Queensland Theatre Company:**

As Composer & Sound Designer: *A Few Good Men*, *Medea*, *Vietgone*, *The Almighty Sometimes*. **Other Credits:** Counterpilot: *Pigeon Fool*, *The AWE Experiment*, *Not a Cult**, *Adrift*, *Escape from*

Monotony, *Breaking*, *The Salon*, *The Library of Dead Expectations*, *IMB Institute of Light*, *Avoidable Perils*, *Truthmachine*, *Statum*, *Crunch Time*, *Spectate*, *This Is Capital City*, *Clarity in Transit*; The Good Room: *Let's Be Friends Forever*, *Dirty Laundry*, *One Bottle Later*; Liesel Zink: *Awesome: A State of Wonder & Fear*, *The Stance*, *Inter*, *Balloons & Granite*, *Plain English* (with TasDance), *The Miranda Warning* (with LINK Dance Company), *Synapse* (with Expressions Dance Company), *Fifteen*, *A Collection of Various Selves*; Metro Arts: *Ephemera*, *Squad Goals*, *Aurelian*, *Room 328*; Dead Puppet Society: *March of the Reef*; The Stitchery Collective: *From Home with Love*, *Franklin Villa Stories*; Stompin: *NoWhere*, *Mirror Mirror*; Brisbane Festival: *Summer Play Factor*, *River of Light*; Roma Street Parklands: *The Enchanted Garden*. **Training:** Master of Music, Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice, QUT; Bachelor of Creative Industries (Visual Art), QUT. **Positions:** Sound Designer and Creative (2014-present), Counterpilot; Technical Design Placement, *Invisible Cities* (2019), 59 Productions and Rambert; Academic and Lecturer in Sound and Creative Industries (2010-2019), QUT; Songwriter and Touring Musician (2008-2015), My Fiction. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Best Sound Design and Composition *A Few Good Men*, Judge's Award *Adrift*, Best New Australian Work *Crunch Time*, Best Design (Sound or Composition) Nomination *Adrift*, Best Design (Sound or Composition) Nomination *The Almighty Sometimes*; Adelaide Fringe Awards - Best Film, Digital & Interactive Work, Melbourne Tour Ready Award and Hong Kong Tour Ready Award *Truthmachine*; QMusic Song Awards - People's Choice Award *Every June* (My Fiction).

Michelle Miall

Intimacy Coordinator



Queensland Theatre Company:

As Director: *Wisdom, The Removalists*. **Other Credits:** As Intimacy Director/Coordinator: Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) in association with Opera Australia and Oombarra Productions: *The Drover's Wife*;

Opera Queensland: *La Bohème, Così fan tutte, La Traviata*; Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *Fourteen, Fourthcoming*; X-Collective: *Equus*; PIP Theatre: *The Boys*; Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre: *& Juliet, Carrie the Musical, Legally Blonde*; Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) and Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University: *GREASE*; Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University: *42nd Street, Heathers, Cry Baby*; Playlab Theatre: *Horizon*; Ad Astra Theatre: *The Normal Heart, Spike Heels, Zigzag St*; Passion Productions: *Against the Wall*; A Very Theatre Company: *Genesis*; Opera Australia: *La Traviata*. **Film:** As Intimacy Coordinator: *You Always, 7 Snipers, Killer Whale, The Possessed, Great White, Little Addy, Hidden Extracts*. **Television:** As Intimacy Coordinator: *Apples Never Fall, La Brea, Troppo, Darby and Joan, All My Friends Are Racist, Deadloch*. **Training:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours, Drama), Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Suzuki and Viewpoints Intensive, SITI Company; Advanced Shakespeare Actor Training, Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble; Intimacy Professional Training, Intimacy on Set; Accelerator Program, Intimacy Directors and Coordinators (IDC). **Positions:** Intimacy Director (2024-present), Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre, Griffith University; Teaching Artist (2020), Creative Resident (2011-2012), Emerging Artist (2011), Queensland Theatre Company; Associate Artist (2017), Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble; Teaching Artist and Guest Director (2020-2022), Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA); Brisbane City Council Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artist Fellow (2011); JUMP National Mentoring Program Artist (2011), Australia Council. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Gold Matilda Award (2009) for Directing and Producing Outstanding Independent Theatre in Queensland, Best Emerging Artist, Best Director *The Pillowman*.

NJ Price

Fight Choreographer



Queensland Theatre Company:

The Sapphires, Torch the Place, Malacaiang Made Us, SUPERHEROES (DOOR 3), Medea, Vietgone, The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race, As You Like It, Drizzle Boy, The Almighty Sometimes, The

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Academy of Dramatic Combat - Advanced with Recommendation; British Academy of Fencing - 5-Star Foil, 4-Star Sabre; National All Styles Martial Arts Tournament (2018) - Australian Champion (Women's Advanced), Australian Champion (Veterans Division).

Annaliese McCarthy

Assistant Costume Designer and Assistant Set Designer



Queensland Theatre Company:

Debut. **Other Credits:** As Set Designer: Bangarra Dance Theatre: *Dance Clan*; As Assistant Set Designer: Bangarra Dance Theatre: *Bogong Song*; As Lead Curator: Melt Festival: *Queer Lush Deadly*. **Training:** Bachelor

of Design (Architecture), Queensland University of Technology. **Positions:** Senior Designer, Blaklash. **Awards:** Australian Design Review's 30UNDER30 - Architects and Innovators of the Built World (2024).

Tia-Hanee Cleary

Assistant Stage Manager



Queensland Theatre Company:

As Assistant Stage Manager: *Pride and Prejudice (2026), Torch the Place, Malacaiang Made Us, Back to Bilo (2025), Rhinestone Rex & Miss Monica, Pride and Prejudice (2025), Drizzle Boy (Regional Tour), Medea, Don't*

Ask What the Bird Looks Like, Tiny Beautiful Things, As You Like It, The Almighty Sometimes. **Other Credits:** As Deputy Head of Props: Opera Australia: *The Phantom of the Opera (2022-2023)*. As Props Assistant: GWB Entertainment: *An American in Paris (Brisbane)*. As Assistant Stage Manager: Performing Lines: *Back to Bilo (2026)*; La Boite Theatre: *Eat Slay Zombie*; DV Live: *Love Actually? The Musical Parody*; Opera Queensland: *Songs of Love and War, The Marriage of Figaro, Opera Under the Stars, Don Giovanni, A Flowering Tree, Peter Grimes*; Troop Productions: *The Lonesome West*. **Training:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (Technical Production), Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

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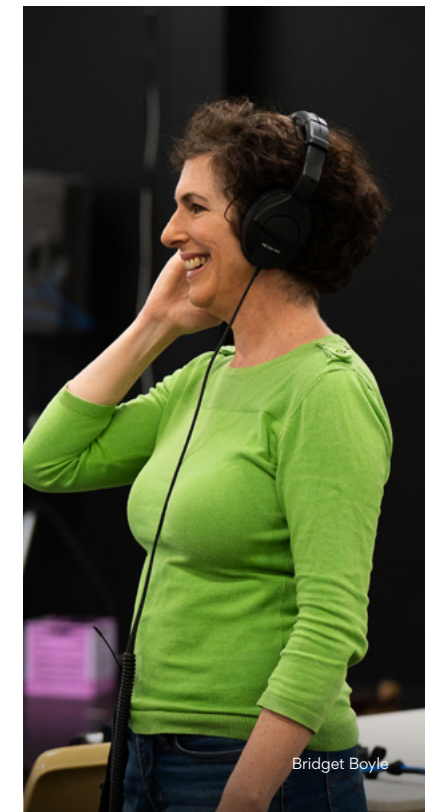
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Queensland Theatre Company:

As Stage Manager: *The Importance of Being Earnest (Youth Ensemble)*. As Assistant Stage Manager: *The Great Gatsby, Drizzle Boy (Regional Tour), 37*. **Other Credits:** As Assistant Stage Manager:

Queensland Ballet: *Hamlet (2026), My First Ballet: Little Red Riding Hood (2026)*; Woodward Productions and Neil Gooding Productions: *Shirley Valentine (2025), The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (2025)*. As Swing ASM and Props: Michael Cassel Group: *MJ the Musical (2026)*. **Training:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (Technical Production), Queensland University of Technology (QUT).



Bridget Boyle

Cast

Louise Brehmer Joan



Queensland Theatre Company: *The Holidays, The Longest Minute* (with debase productions), *Australia Day, Private Fears in Public Places, Cooking with Elvis, The Lost Property Rules, An Oak Tree, The Works: Taking Aim, MODD: Romeo and Juliet*. **Other:** The Scene Project: *Good Grief, The Fledglings, Riley Valentine*. **Other Credits:** La Boite Theatre: *We're All Gonna Die!, Tiddas, Summer Wonderland, Crèche and Burn*; Brisbane Shakespeare Festival: *The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar, The Comedy of Errors*; debase productions: *Popping Lead Balloons, Lovejunk*; The Good Room and Metro Arts: *That's What She Said*; Now Look Here Theatre Company: *The Seagull*; Queensland Shakespeare Ensemble: *Richard III, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Comedy of Errors*; 4MBS Classic Arts: *Cribbie*; Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre: *Thérèse Raquin, The Man Who Sold the World*; Real TV: *Tall Man, Children of the Black Skirt*; Elbow Room: *After All This, New Royal*; Crossbow Productions: *The Miracle Worker, Anne of the Thousand Days, Mrs Klein*; Pentimento Productions: *The Bitterling*; Mixed Company: *Secret Bridesmaids Business*; Oscar Theatre: *Spring Awakening*; ...and Moor Theatre: *The Ghost Writer*; White Rabbit Theatre: *Pocketful of Pebbles*; JUTE Theatre Company: *What Are the Odds?*; Someone Productions: *He Died with a Felafel in His Hand*; Restaged Histories: *The Greater Plague*; Homunculus Theatre: *Spirit of the Mask*; Creative Regions: *Tales of the Underground*. **Film:** *Hildegard, A Heartbeat Away*. **Television:** *Rock Island Mysteries, Harrow, Mabo, Hoges, SLiDE, Farmkids, We Were There*. **Training:** Bachelor of Arts (Acting), Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Shakespeare & Company, USA. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Best Actor in a Supporting Role *Thérèse Raquin, A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Best Mainstage Production *The Longest Minute*, Best Actor in a Leading Role Nomination *The Miracle Worker*, Best Ensemble Nomination *Tiddas*.

Stephen Geronimos Rodney



Queensland Theatre Company: *Tiny Beautiful Things* (with Belvoir St Theatre); *Boy, Lost* (with Belloo Creative). **Other:** Play Club: *Diving for Pearls*. **Other Credits:** Sydney Theatre Company: *The Visitors* (with Moogahlin Performing Arts); PIP Theatre: *The Boys*; Metro Arts: *Anatomy of a Suicide*; La Boite Theatre and Pentimento Productions: *Angel Gear*; Ausdance: *Quinkan*; Kooemba Jdarra: *The Mack*. **Film:** *The Beehive, The Queen & I, Scrub*. **Training:** Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting), Queensland University of Technology (QUT). **Positions:** Acting Facilitator (2023), Voices of the Valley Film Festival.

Judy Hainsworth Alicia



Queensland Theatre Company: *Drizzle Boy* (tour). **Other Credits:** Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *Fourteen, The Twits, Fantastic Mr Fox, A Christmas Carol, Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts, Statespeare* (National Tour); Indelability Arts: *Wilbur the Optical Whale*; Sydney Theatre Company and La Boite Theatre: *The Narcissist*; La Boite Theatre: *Small Mercies*; Someone Productions: *He Died with a Felafel in His Hand*; The Good Room: *Holy Guacamole*; Metro Arts: *The Reunion*; Toowoomba Shakespeare Festival: *Shakespeare's Women*. **As Performer and Writer:** Little Match Productions: *Babushka Regifted, Babushka Book Club, Babushka's Right to Party, Happily Ever After, DOLL, Dead!, I Can Keep a Secret; #FirstWorldWhiteGirls; #FirstWorldWhiteGirls, Spirit Animal, Botox Party*; Jally Entertainment: *Margaret Fulton the Musical*; Warehouse: *Assassins, Parade*; Opera Queensland: *Hansel and Gretel, Turandot*. **Training:** Bachelor of Theatre Arts (Acting, with Distinction), University of Southern Queensland.

Kieran Law Jan



Queensland Theatre Company: Debut. **Other Credits:** La Boite Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Motherboard Productions: *Virgins and Cowboys, Or Forever Hold Your Peace*; Skye Gellmann: *Bodies over Bitumen, Blindscape*; Daniel Santangeli: *Blindspot, Room 328, Several Words Associated with Revenge*; Pentimento Productions: *Angel Gear, The Truth About Kookaburras*; Nathan Sibthorpe: *Some Dumb Play*; Dead Puppet Society: *The Timely Death of Victor Blott*; Genevieve Trace: *Transverse Fracture of the First Metacarpal*. **Training:** Bachelor of Creative Industries (Drama), Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Performance Studies, South Bank Institute of TAFE (SBIT). **Awards:** Green Room Awards - Innovation in Contemporary Circus *Bodies over Bitumen*; Melbourne Fringe Awards - Best Performance *Blindspot*.

Barbara Lowing The Teacher / Voice



Queensland Theatre Company: *The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race, The Taming of the Shrew, Good Grief, The Seagull, Motherland* (with Belloo Creative), *Australia Day, The China Incident, Toy Symphony, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, Hamlet, Away, The Memory of Water, Cooking with Elvis, Top Dogs, Antigone, Navigating, Explosions, The Works, The Gift of the Gorgon, The Barretts of Wimpole Street, Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. **Other Credits:** Dead Puppet Society: *Ishmael, The Wider Earth*; La Boite Theatre and Dead Puppet Society: *The Harbinger*; Belloo Creative: *Rovers*; Playlab Theatre: *Magpie*; La Boite Theatre: *Lysa and the Freeborn Dames, The Removalists, Closer, First Asylum, The Taming of the Shrew, The Matilda Women*; Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *Tequila Mockingbird*; State Theatre Company South Australia: *Away, Toy Symphony, Hamlet, November*; Melbourne Theatre Company: *Top Silk, Navigating*; Brisbane Powerhouse and JUTE Theatre Company: *Joh for PM*; JUTE Theatre Company: *Here We All Are Assembled*; The Empire Theatre: *April's Fool*; Brisbane Festival: *Ozone*; Griffin Theatre Company: *Away*; The Hole in the Wall Theatre Company: *Hamlet, The Alchemist*. **Other:** *England, The Misanthrope, The King and*

the Corpse, Macbeth, Three Points of Contact, Holy Truth Unholy Lies, The Passion, Tales My Mother Told Me. **Television:** *Darby and Joan, Boy Swallows Universe, Mako Mermaids, Tidelands, Film School: The Musical, The Family Law, Hoges, Secrets and Lies, Cyber Girl, Misery Guts, Stringer, Medivac, Heroes II: The Return*. **Film:** *The Royal Hotel, Double or Nothing, Inner Dialogue, The Song of Colour*. **Training:** Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA). **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Best Ensemble Cast Member *Closer*, Best Actress *Away*, Gold Matilda Award (for body of work), Gold and Silver Matilda Award - Cast Member *Tequila Mockingbird*, Silver Matilda Award - Cast Member, Best Independent Production *Motherland*; Equity Peer Awards - Best Actress *Away*, Best Ensemble Cast Member *Away*; Montana International Documentary Film Festival - Voiceover Award *The Lost Years*; Montana CINE International Film Festival - Voiceover Screening Award, Colombia and Maryland Film Festival - Winner Best Feature *The Song of Colour*.



Anthony Standish and Stephen Geronimos

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Queensland Theatre Company:

37 (with Melbourne Theatre Company), *Our Town*, *City of Gold* (with Griffin Theatre Company), *An Octoroon*, *The Wider Earth* (with Dead Puppet Society), *Kelly*, *End of the Rainbow*, *Trollop*, *The*

Removalists, *Man Equals Man*, *The Exception and the Rule*, *A Property of the Clan*, *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, *Puss in Boots*, *The Woman Before*, *American Buffalo*. **Other Credits:** La Boite Theatre: *Second Coming* (with Playlab Theatre), *We're All Gonna Die!* (with Dead Puppet Society), *Così*; Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*; Playlab Theatre: *Brutal Utopias*; Elbow Room: *Prehistoric*; Dead Puppet Society: *The Wider Earth* (Sydney Festival and Sydney Opera House season; National Tour). **Film:** Netflix: *The Mosquito Bowl*; Warner Bros/DC: *Aquaman*; Independent: *Don't Tell, Drive Hard*, *Girl Clock*. **Television:** ABC: *Harrow*, *Mabo*; Seven Network: *Wanted*, *Hoges*; Nine Network: *Sea Patrol*; Nickelodeon: *The Bureau of Magical Things*, *Rock Island Mysteries*, *Lightning Point*; Foxtel: *The End*; ABC International: *Reef Break*. **Awards:** Matilda Awards - Best Supporting Actor *An Octoroon*.



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Family Values, *The Shot*, *The Memory of Water*, *Constance*, *Drinkwater and the Last Days of Somerset*, *The Orphanage Project*, *Phaedra*, *The Threepenny Opera*. **Other**

Credits: Shake & Stir Theatre Co: *Macbeth*, *Frankenstein*, *Jane Eyre*; Real TV: *War Crimes*, *Hoods*, *Children of the Black Skirt*, *Princess of Suburbia*; Malthouse Theatre: *Happiness*, *Turbine*; Sydney Opera House: *Shape of a Girl*; Seymour Centre: *The Trouble with Harry*; Metro Arts: *Anatomy of a Suicide*; My Darling Patricia: *Africa*. **Television:** *La Brea* (Season 3). **Film:** *Bigger Than Tina*, *Signs of Life*, *Inspector Gadget 2*, *Sizzler* ('77). **Training:** Bachelor of Arts (Acting), Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Shakespeare and Company, Boston. **Awards:** Best Female Actor in a Supporting Role.



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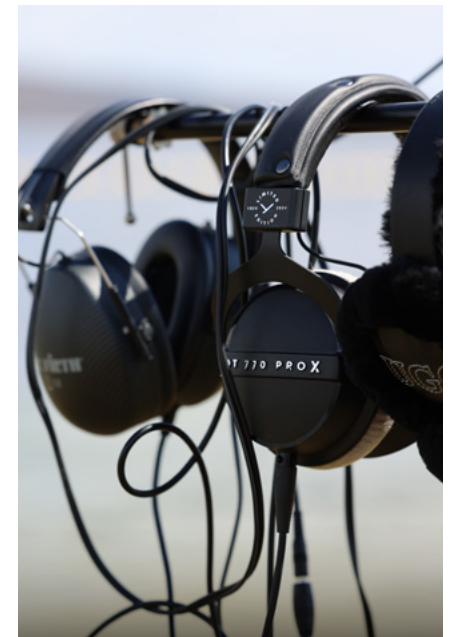
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