

Season 2023

BLACK SWAN STATE THEATRE COMPANY OF WA







Welcome from the Artistic Director

MY LIFE IN THEATRE HAS BEEN A DECADES LONG SEARCH FOR THE MOST STIMULATING AND ARRESTING WAYS TO TELL OUR STORIES. WHATEVER THE SUBJECT, STYLE, OR TYPE OF SHOW, IF IT GRIPS MY IMAGINATION IN A WAY THAT EXCITES AND PROVOKES, THEN I'M ON BOARD.

Season 2023 has an abundance of Western Australian talent in a wide range of theatrical experiences that do just that.

There's a fresh, contemporary, queer retelling of a classic that's a 'love letter to hope'. Joyous, witty, and achingly romantic.

An independent Aboriginal production of a contemporary Australian work - already destined to become a classic - brought to the mainstage. Poetic, gothic and intensely relevant.

A tight-knit family's truth-telling revelations from one of WA's most acclaimed writers. Relatable, complicated, and deeply suburban.

An unashamed challenge to what theatre can be from a globally celebrated dance theatre production. Compelling, visceral, and unapologetically political.

And finally, a debut play by two acclaimed WA actors with a story that has lived in their imaginations for over twenty years. A poignant exploration into the darkest secrets of two inseparable sisters. Intriguing, humorous and original.

Every show is written and created by Australian artists at the peak of their powers. All but one of our productions is Western Australian, with the cream of local talent spanning generations.

Black Swan's history is full of bold theatrical endeavours and unique Western Australian perspectives. I am proud to have the opportunity to build on this history - a history like no other and an inspiration to all who follow.

Without choosing a theme for a season, inevitably one emerges. This year, in many ways, is a bridge.

A bridge from then to now, classic to contemporary, independent to mainstage, interstate to WA, regional to metro.

A bridge from stability to embracing change, parent to child, sister to sister, marginalised to prominent, emerging to established.

A bridge from actor to writer, Ireland to Australia, local to universal - and from us to you.

I hope you enjoy.

**Kate Champion
Artistic Director**





Season 2023

BLACK SWAN STATE THEATRE COMPANY OF WA



Cyrano

WRITTEN BY
VIRGINIA GAY
AFTER EDMOND ROSTAND

SHOWING
17 FEBRUARY – 5 MARCH

WHERE
HEATH LEDGER THEATRE



The Bleeding Tree

WRITTEN BY
ANGUS CERINI

SHOWING
29 APRIL – 14 MAY

WHERE
STUDIO UNDERGROUND



Things I Know To Be True

WRITTEN BY
ANDREW BOVELL

SHOWING
27 MAY – 18 JUNE

WHERE
HEATH LEDGER THEATRE



Jurrungu Ngan-ga [Straight Talk]

CREATED BY
MARRUGEKU

SHOWING
15 – 23 SEPTEMBER

WHERE
HEATH LEDGER THEATRE



Dirty Birds

WRITTEN BY
HAYLEY McELHINNEY &
MANDY McELHINNEY

SHOWING
18 NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER

WHERE
HEATH LEDGER THEATRE

Black Swan State Theatre Company of Western Australia acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live. We pay respects to all Aboriginal Elders and people and stand united towards a shared future.

CHANGE OF ARTISTS All information is correct at time of print. Black Swan reserves the right to withdraw or substitute artists or productions as necessary.

CONTENT WARNINGS For a full list of content warnings, visit our website.



SCAN TO WATCH THE SEASON 2023 TRAILER



Cyrano

A LOVE LETTER TO THEATRE

WRITTEN BY
VIRGINIA GAY
AFTER EDMOND
ROSTAND

SHOWING
17 FEBRUARY –
5 MARCH

WHERE
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Virginia Gay delivers a joyful, gender-flipped retelling of *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Packed with music, wit and aching romance, this reimagining of Edmond Rostand's classic is a delightfully self-aware, razor-sharp theatrical rom-com.

Cyrano is the most interesting person in any room – a wordsmith, a charmer, a ruthless fighter. She's fallen for Roxanne: brilliant, beautiful Roxanne – a student of life, with a penchant for poetry and a way with words, just like Cyrano. But Roxanne's only got eyes for Yan: all-brawn-no-brains Yan, who's dumbstruck around Roxanne. Until suddenly he starts saying the most amazing things. But it's not Yan writing these perfect love scenes, it's Cyrano...

Cyrano is a love letter to hope; to overcoming loneliness and isolation; to language and desire; to the irrepressible magic of theatre – and to the hot mess that is the human heart.

DIRECTOR Sarah Goodes
MUSICAL DIRECTOR & ADDITIONAL COMPOSITION
Xani Kolac

SET CONCEPT & DESIGN
Elizabeth Gadsby

COSTUME DESIGNER & SET DESIGN REALISATION
Jo Briscoe

LIGHTING DESIGNER Paul Jackson

SOUND DESIGNER Kelly Ryall

ASSOCIATE LIGHTING DESIGNER Tom Willis

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR George Lazaris

ASSISTANT LIGHTING DESIGNER
Amelia Baker

APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
1 hour 40 minutes (no interval)

RECOMMENDED 15+

A MELBOURNE THEATRE
COMPANY PRODUCTION

MELBOURNE
THEATRE
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Australian Government
RISE Fund

“A COMPLEX, MOVING, VERY FUNNY, VERY CLEVER SHOW.”

STAGE WHISPERS



The Bleeding Tree

A MURDER BALLAD THAT DEVOURS YOU

WRITTEN BY
ANGUS CERINI

SHOWING
29 APRIL – 14 MAY

WHERE
STUDIO UNDERGROUND

In the dead of night, in the dusty Australian outback, you could hear a pin drop. And as the rumour mill churns in a restless town, can three women bury their dead weight of a secret? A lot can happen in three days...

The Bleeding Tree is a gripping revenge thriller that's swept up almost every award in its path, including four Performing Arts WA Awards (2022), six Blue Room Theatre Awards (2021), three Helpmann Awards (2016) and the 2016 NSW Premier's Literary Award. Reborn with a cast of First Nations women breathing new life into its lungs, director Ian Michael (co-writer of *York*) takes this compelling tale to thrilling new levels of darkness and humour.

Haunting. Confronting. Irreverent. *The Bleeding Tree* hits you like a shot to the head with its fast-paced, unconventional poetic dialogue, so tense and mesmerising it has audiences hanging off every word.

DIRECTOR Ian Michael
CAST Karla Hart, Ebony McGuire & Stephanie Somerville
SET & COSTUME DESIGNER Tyler Hill
LIGHTING DESIGNER Chloe Ogilvie
COMPOSER & SOUND DESIGNER Rachael Dease
INDEPENDENT PRODUCER Mélanie Julien-Martial

APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
60 minutes (no interval)
RECOMMENDED 15+

PRESENTED WITH

The Blue Room Theatre

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"A JOURNEY THAT IS VISCERAL, DEMANDING AND HAS LASTING EFFECT."

ARTSHUB ★★★★★



Things I Know To Be True

TRUTH BE KNOWN

WRITTEN BY
ANDREW BOVELL

SHOWING
27 MAY – 18 JUNE

WHERE
HEATH LEDGER THEATRE

Standing on the outside looking in, the Prices seem like your typical tightknit, working class suburban family. Fran and Bob have worked hard to raise four loving, noisy, healthy kids; taking the stresses, strains and growing pains in their stride.

Now the kids have flown the coop, they've left an enormous void. The house is quiet again. It should be time to slow down, catch their breath and smell the roses Bob so lovingly cares for.

But as stories of their brood's secret struggles unravel, the Prices find themselves in a fight to hold their fraying family together as the winds of change howl.

Celebrated WA writer Andrew Bovell (*When the Rain Stops Falling*, *Lantana*), exposes a tumultuous year in the life of an Australian family that digs deep into the heart of household dynamics and how we react to change.

Moving in its honest beauty, Bovell teases out a rare, uplifting

optimism in the face of pain and tragedy that would shake the foundations of even the most united families among us.

Brought to life by an all-WA cast, don't miss your chance to see this gripping family drama that hits home what's truly important in life. Funny, poignant, and relatable, *Things I Know To Be True* is a beautifully complex story of love and loyalty that'll make you want to run home to squeeze your perfectly flawed family and never let go.

DIRECTOR Kate Champion

CAST INCLUDES
Humphrey Bower,
Caroline Brazier & Laura Shaw

SET & COSTUME DESIGNER
Zoë Atkinson

APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
2 hours 40 minutes
(including interval)

RECOMMENDED 15+

"REACHES INTO YOUR HEART FROM ITS OPENING MOMENTS AND KEEPS YOU GRIPPED UNTIL ITS SHATTERING END."

LIMELIGHT MAGAZINE ★★★★★



Jurrungu Ngan-ga

[Straight Talk]

CREATED BY
MARRUGEKU

SHOWING
**15 – 23
SEPTEMBER**

WHERE
**HEATH LEDGER
THEATRE**

DANCE AS RESISTANCE

Set within 'the prison of the Australian mind', Marrugeku's *Jurrungu Ngan-ga* twists and turns its way through Indigenous and refugee stories, cutting into the raw nerve of government sanctioned brutality in prisons and detention centres.

After a successful world tour, it's time for Perth audiences to be swept away by *Jurrungu Ngan-ga's* visual feast for the senses with hypnotic storytelling that gives victims a face, and interrogates our capacity to lock away and isolate that which we fear.

This provocative new dance theatre work designed by leading Western Australian visual artist Abdul-Rahman Abdullah fuses complex choreography, searing dialogue and a blood-pumping musical soundscape. Co-created with Yawuru leader, Patrick Dodson, former Manus Island detainee Behrouz Boochani, and Iranian-Australian scholar-activist Omid Tofighian, this is an exquisite work of great sophistication that throbs with sadness, anger and joy.

Brutally beautiful, *Jurrungu Ngan-ga* arrests your attention, dares you to look away, and dreams of the day we will know solidarity in difference.

CHOREOGRAPHERS Dalisa Pigram with the performers Czack (Ses) Bero, Emmanuel James Brown, Chandler Connell, Luke Currie-Richardson, Issa el Assaad, Zachary Lopez (previous), Macon Escobal Riley (present), Bhenji Ra, Feras Shaheen & Miranda Wheen

DIRECTOR Rachael Swain

PERFORMANCE DRAMATURGY
Hildegard de Vuyst

CULTURAL DRAMATURGY
Behrouz Boochani, Patrick Dodson & Omid Tofighian

MUSIC Sam Serruys, Paul Charlier & Rhyann Clapham

LYRICS Beni (Bjah) Hasler

SOUND DESIGNER Sam Serruys & Paul Charlier

SCENIC DESIGNER Abdul-Rahman Abdullah

COSTUME DESIGNER Andrew Treloar

LIGHTING DESIGNER Damien Cooper

APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
1 hour 20 minutes (no interval)

RECOMMENDED 15+



Dirty Birds

THERE'S NO HOME LIKE PLACE

WRITTEN BY
**HAYLEY
McELHINNEY
& MANDY
McELHINNEY**

SHOWING
**18 NOVEMBER —
10 DECEMBER**

WHERE
**HEATH LEDGER
THEATRE**

Blurring the lines between truth and fiction, journey through the past, present, real and absurd, as two big-hearted 'losers' carve out a place for themselves in a new world.

Sisters, Mary and Martha, must leave their humble abode. Food is scarce, bills haven't been paid, and nature is giving them an ultimatum. But there's a problem - they can't seem to get it together to do what needs to be done. What's more, they're not even sure who they are, which is which and where they should go. They search through memories, familiar rituals and endless cups of tea, looking for something that will shake them from their predicament before it's too late.

The creative minds of Australia's beloved, multi-award winning McElhinney sisters, Mandy

(*Wakefield, The Glass Menagerie*) and Hayley (*Mystery Road: Origins, Oil*), have conjured up a new Australian work brimming with humour, beauty and sadness. Conceived after twenty years of dreaming and reflecting on their own Irish heritage, *Dirty Birds* captures our desperate longing for shared identity, and the courage it takes to step out into a hostile world.

DIRECTOR Kate Champion

CAST Hayley McElhinney & Mandy McElhinney

SET & COSTUME DESIGNER
Bruce McKinven

COMPOSER & SOUND DESIGNER
Rachael Dease

APPROXIMATE RUNNING TIME
1 hour 10 minutes (no interval)

RECOMMENDED 15+





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Our communities are strengthened by telling and hearing our own stories. With your support, Black Swan commissions and develops new work.



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Help create opportunities for artists. We identify, develop, and support the deep pool of creative talent that exists here in WA.



ENGAGING REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

Our aim is to embed theatre in the lives of all, across our vast state. Great theatre should be for everyone, for all communities large and small.



SUPPORTING CREATIVE LEARNING

Encourage the next generation to discover their place in the arts and their lifelong love of theatre. Your donation can ensure access to the magic of theatre for all young people, regardless of circumstance.

Providing meaningful connections with like-minded people, who are passionate about creating inspiring theatre, we celebrate our donors with unique and memorable opportunities to become involved with the Company. When you make a gift to Black Swan, you are invited to meet other supporters, plus engage with artists and attend performances, backstage tours, rehearsals, and events.

THANK YOU

We rely on the generosity of donors to create exceptional theatre that nurtures audiences and artists, and enriches the cultural landscape of our state. We are delighted to acknowledge the extraordinary support of our leading donors and their contribution to the vitality and financial sustainability of Western Australia's performing arts.

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At blackswantheatre.com.au or scan the above QR code.

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Call 08 6212 9300
Monday to Friday
10am – 5pm.

IN PERSON

Visit our Box Office on the
Ground Floor, 176 William St, Perth
Monday to Friday
10am – 5pm.

*Terms & conditions apply. Payment Plans are only available during the Priority Booking Period which ends midnight 23 November 2022. All Payment Plans must be paid in full by 10 February 2023. Option of either 3 or 4 instalments available with the first payment taken upon booking. Please contact our box office for more information.

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Ticket Prices

Single tickets are subject to demand-based pricing. Book early or book a Membership package to avoid price increases. **To book visit blackswantheatre.com.au or call us on 08 6212 9300.**

CYRANO THINGS I KNOW TO BE TRUE | HEATH LEDGER THEATRE

		Adult	Concession	Student
In-Season	Premium	\$119		
	A Reserve	\$99	\$90	\$47
	B Reserve	\$79	\$72	\$47
Preview / Discount	A Reserve	\$90		\$45
	B Reserve	\$72		\$45

THE BLEEDING TREE | STUDIO UNDERGROUND

		Adult	Concession	Student
In-Season	Reserved	\$67	\$60	\$28
Preview / Discount	Reserved	\$60		\$25

JURRUNGU NGAN-GA [STRAIGHT TALK] | HEATH LEDGER THEATRE

		Adult	Concession	Student
In-Season	Premium	\$88		
	A Reserve	\$76	\$69	\$36
	B Reserve	\$63	\$57	\$36
Preview / Discount	A Reserve	\$69		\$32
	B Reserve	\$57		\$32

DIRTY BIRDS | HEATH LEDGER THEATRE

		Adult	Concession	Student
In-Season	Premium	\$110		
	A Reserve	\$95	\$87	\$45
	B Reserve	\$79	\$72	\$45
Preview / Discount	A Reserve	\$87		\$40
	B Reserve	\$72		\$40

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Should any performance be cancelled or rescheduled, we guarantee your ability to credit your ticket towards future shows or receive a full refund.

Concession pricing applies to Pensioners, Seniors Cards, Health Care Cards and Veteran Affairs cards (one ticket per card holder). Student pricing applies to secondary and full-time tertiary students (one ticket per card holder). \$30 under 30 pricing available in select reserves for people aged between 17 and 30 years old (limit 2 per order). Entertainment Book vouchers are accepted in person only. Group discounts available for 8 tickets or more. Demand-based pricing could see prices increase or decrease at any time during a sales period for any given production. See website for full details.



Season Calendar

Cyrano HEATH LEDGER THEATRE | 17 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				17-Feb (PV) 7.30pm \$	18-Feb (PV) 7.30pm \$	19-Feb (ON) 5.00pm
	21-Feb 6.30pm	22-Feb 6.30pm	23-Feb 7.30pm	24-Feb 7.30pm	25-Feb 2.00pm	26-Feb 5.00pm
	28-Feb 6.30pm	1-Mar 11.30am 6.30pm	2-Mar 7.30pm	3-Mar 7.30pm	4-Mar 2.00pm 7.30pm	5-Mar (CN) 2.00pm

The Bleeding Tree STUDIO UNDERGROUND | 29 APRIL - 14 MAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					29-Apr (PV) 7.30pm \$	
1-May (PV) 7.30pm \$	2-May (ON) 7.30pm	3-May 6.30pm	4-May 7.30pm	5-May 7.30pm	6-May 2.00pm 7.30pm	
	9-May 6.30pm	10-May 6.30pm	11-May 7.30pm	12-May 7.30pm	13-May 2.00pm 7.30pm	14-May (CN) 5.00pm

Things I Know To Be True HEATH LEDGER THEATRE | 27 MAY - 18 JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					27-May (PV) 7.30pm \$	
29-May (PV) 7.30pm \$	30-May (PV) 7.30pm \$	31-May (ON) 7.30pm	1-Jun 7.30pm	2-Jun 7.30pm	3-Jun 7.30pm	
	6-Jun 6.30pm \$	7-Jun 6.30pm	8-Jun 7.30pm	9-Jun 7.30pm	10-Jun 2.00pm 7.30pm	
	13-Jun 6.30pm	14-Jun 11.30am 6.30pm	15-Jun 7.30pm	16-Jun 7.30pm	17-Jun 2.00pm 7.30pm	18-Jun (CN) 5.00pm

Jurrungu Ngan-ga [Straight Talk] HEATH LEDGER THEATRE | 15 - 23 SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				15-Sep (ON) 7.30pm	16-Sep 2.00pm 7.30pm	
	19-Sep 6.30pm \$	20-Sep 6.30pm	21-Sep 7.30pm	22-Sep 7.30pm	23-Sep (CN) 7.30pm	

Dirty Birds HEATH LEDGER THEATRE | 18 NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					18-Nov (PV) 7.30pm \$	
20-Nov (PV) 7.30pm \$	21-Nov (PV) 7.30pm \$	22-Nov (ON) 7.30pm	23-Nov 7.30pm	24-Nov 7.30pm	25-Nov 7.30pm	
	28-Nov 6.30pm \$	29-Nov 6.30pm	30-Nov 7.30pm	1-Dec 7.30pm	2-Dec 2.00pm 7.30pm	3-Dec 5.00pm
	5-Dec 6.30pm	6-Dec 11.30am 6.30pm	7-Dec 7.30pm	8-Dec 7.30pm	9-Dec 2.00pm 7.30pm	10-Dec (CN) 5.00pm

LEGEND

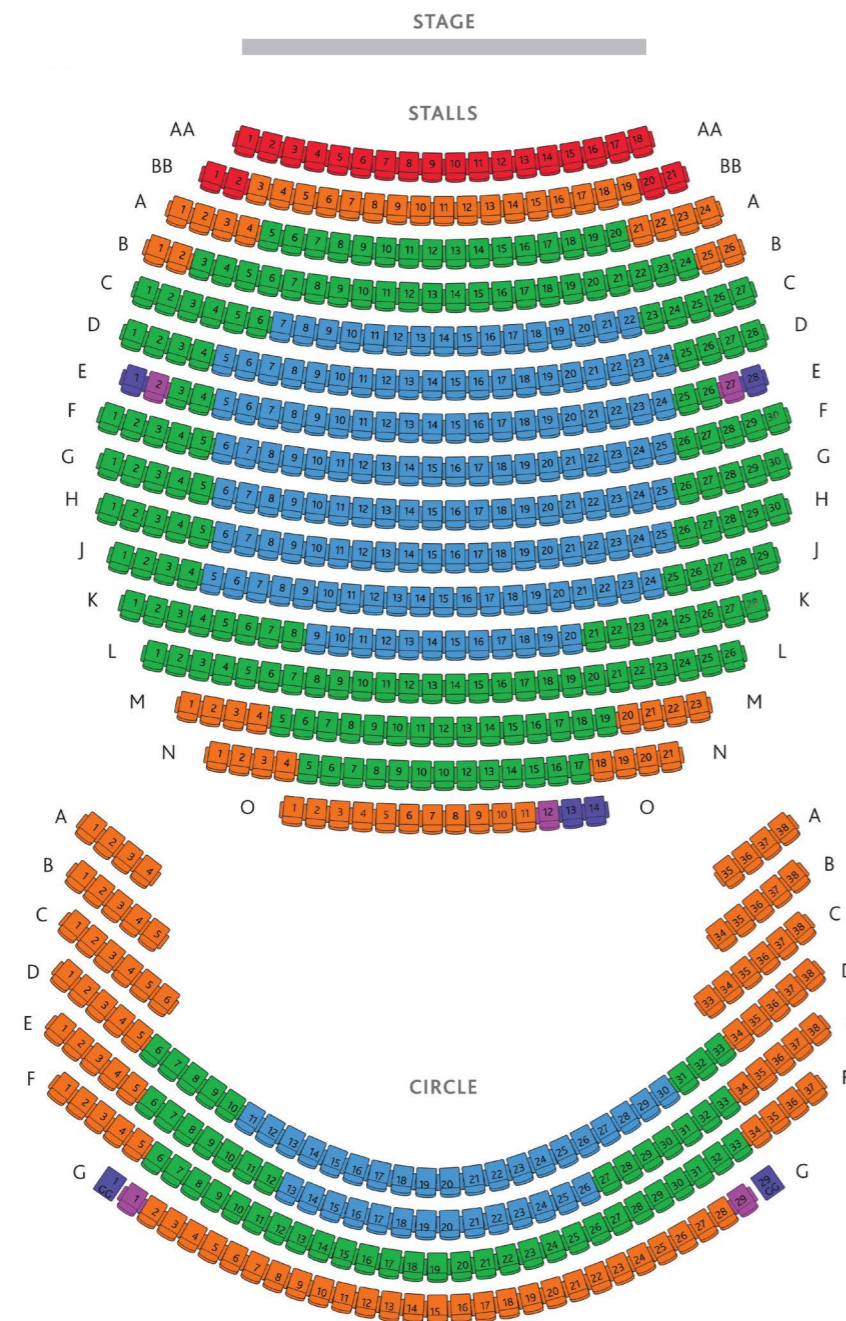
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Heath Ledger Theatre

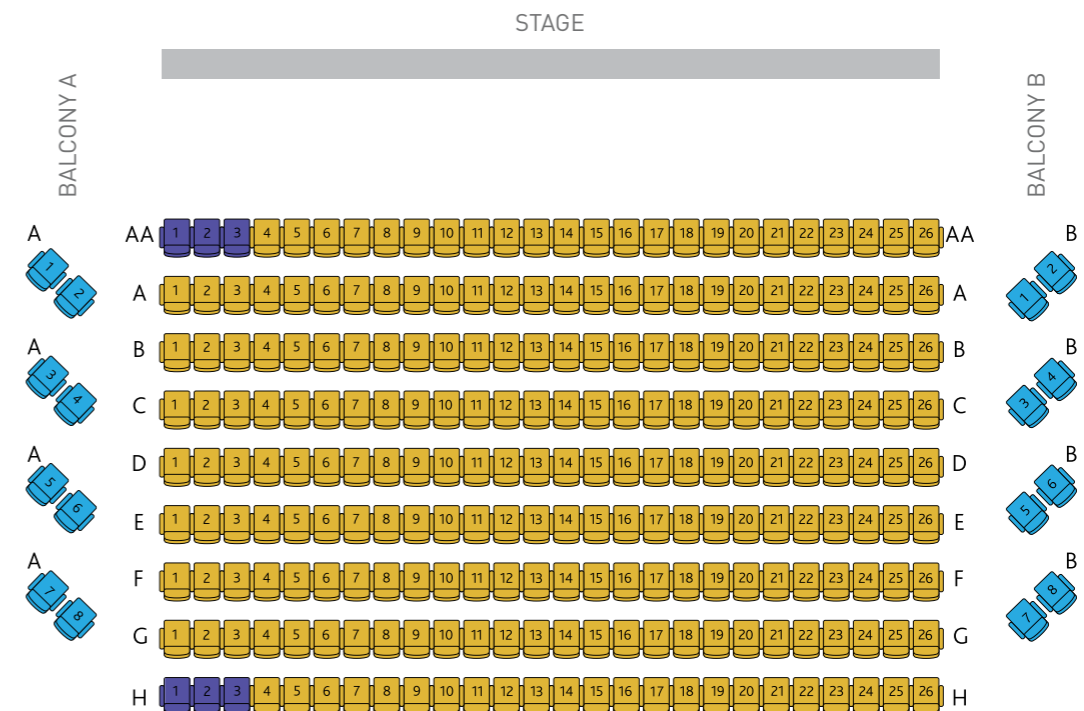
CYRANO, THINGS I KNOW TO BE TRUE, JURRUNGU NGAN-GA [STRAIGHT TALK], DIRTY BIRDS



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Studio Underground

THE BLEEDING TREE



KEY ■ GENERAL SEATING ■ BALCONY SEATING ■ ACCESSIBLE SEATING



Curiosity is at the heart of creativity and learning



WORK EXPERIENCE INTENSIVES

Students in years 10 - 12 are invited to collaborate with like-minded peers and explore arts career pathways and artistic processes with industry professionals in Black Swan's two-day theatre bootcamps.

Participation includes masterclasses, a theatre tour and tickets to the corresponding show.

SCHOOL GROUP WORKSHOPS

Students can extend their understanding and skills in devising, performing and designing by working with theatre specialists.

Available as an incursion or excursion, these workshops are designed to support teachers in the delivery of the Western Australian Drama Curriculum.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

FOR TEACHERS
Black Swan offers immersive workshops for teachers, exploring selected practitioner methodologies and their application in the classroom.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Learn to pitch your ideas, communicate effectively and strive under pressure. Public speaking workshops are available to individuals and organisations hosted at our venue or at your workplace.

PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Are you looking to develop your performance skills? Guided by industry professionals, our workshop series is open to anyone aged 17+ who wants to refine or extend their performance skills in a safe and supportive environment. These workshops offer valuable opportunities to explore techniques for voice, devising, text work and audition preparation.

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Saturday 11 March 10am - 12pm
Deepen connection to voice and body to increase expression, access emotion and character.

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Saturday 11 March 1pm - 3pm
Explore the driving motivations and dynamics between character and situation through scene work with a professional theatre director.

AUDITION PREPARATION 1 (Contemporary Monologue)
Saturday 15 July 10am - 12pm
Gain valuable insight into the audition process and how to craft contemporary monologues in a way that is authentic and compelling.

AUDITION PREPARATION 2 (Classical Monologue)
Saturday 15 July 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Prepare for upcoming auditions with an experienced actor in order to develop character and engage your audience.

AUDITION PREPARATION 3 (Musical Theatre)
Saturday 15 July 3pm - 5pm
Dive into vocal technique, acting through song and how to prepare for upcoming musical theatre / drama school auditions.

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Show	Venue	Audio Description & Tactile Tours	Captioning (Open & Closed)	Auslan Interpreted Performances
<i>Cyrano</i>	Heath Ledger Theatre	Sat 25 Feb, 2pm	Sat 25 Feb, 2pm	Tues 28 Feb, 6.30pm
<i>The Bleeding Tree</i>	Studio Underground	Sat 13 May, 2pm		Tues 9 May, 6.30pm
<i>Things I Know To Be True</i>	Heath Ledger Theatre	Sat 10 Jun, 2pm	Sat 10 Jun, 2pm	Tues 13 Jun, 6.30pm
<i>Jurrungu Ngan-ga [Straight Talk]</i>	Heath Ledger Theatre	Sat 16 Sep, 2pm		
<i>Dirty Birds</i>	Heath Ledger Theatre	Sat 2 Dec, 2pm	Sat 2 Dec, 2pm	Tues 5 Dec, 6.30pm



AUDIO DESCRIPTION AND TACTILE TOURS

Audio Description captures the visual elements of theatre performances by providing live verbal descriptions via a personal headset. Pre-show tactile tours allow blind or low vision patrons and their companions to explore the set, props and costumes.



OPEN AND CLOSED CAPTIONING

For patrons who are hard of hearing or deaf, or are culturally and linguistically diverse, captioning provides an accurate text display of a performance. Open Captioning displays on a screen, either above or to one side of the stage. Closed Captioning is available for all Open Captioned shows. To access, please request a device from the venue or via the Go Theatrical app on a personal smart device.



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Wheelchair seating is available at all our performances. For short-term, non-permanent wheelchair users please contact Black Swan for further information.



AUSLAN INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES

Black Swan provides an Auslan interpreter at selected shows for hard of hearing or deaf patrons. Our interpreter will stand to one side of the stage and live translate the text and dialogue into Auslan.



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Allows sound to be amplified for patrons who are hard of hearing. Sennheiser Infra Red Assisted Hearing System Receivers are available for use (free of charge) and can be collected from the venue. If patrons have a hearing aid with a telecoil switch this can be connected to the relevant signal.



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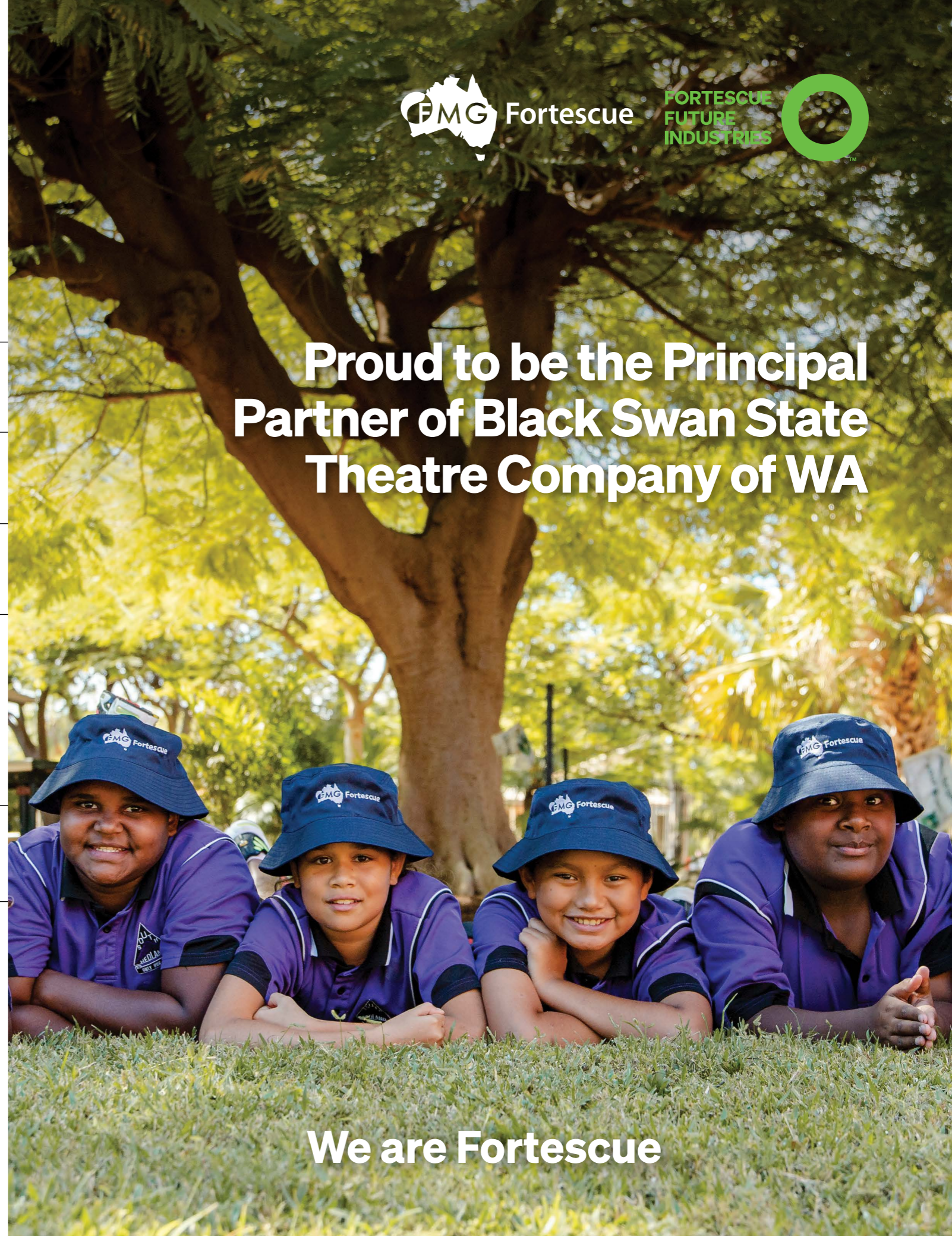
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