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PRODUCTION
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***“IT’S SO NICE
TO HAVE YOU BACK
WHERE YOU BELONG”***

Today Jeanne Pratt AC,
Chairman of The Production Company, announced her
Company’s 2017 season,
starring

**MARINA PRIOR, ROB MILLS, ROHAN BROWNE,
NANCYE HAYES, GRANT PIRO, ELISE MCCANN,
ALINTA CHIDZEY, ZOY FRANGOS &
GENEVIEVE KINGSFORD**

Jeanne Pratt said “Our new season at Arts Centre Melbourne is guaranteed to thrill.
Australia’s leading lady of musical theatre, **Marina Prior** stars as
Dolly Levi in **HELLO, DOLLY!**

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s global phenomenon,
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR brings together a brilliant cast that includes
Rob Mills, Alinta Chidzey and Zoy Frangos.

And our final musical stars **Rohan Browne** and **Genevieve Kingsford** in
Lerner and Lowe’s romantic love story, **BRIGADOON.**

*In 2017 we are adding a brand new matinee series on a Tuesday. We love being able to offer something new to audiences while keeping our prices as competitive as possible.
Big names, great shows, and the best prices.”*

Subscriptions for the season are now on sale.
Our prices are highly competitive - see all three shows from as little as \$114.



MARINA PRIOR



GRANT PIRO

HELLO, DOLLY! opens in Arts Centre Melbourne's Playhouse Theatre on May 27 for a season of 19 performances.

One of the most enduring musicals of all time, ***HELLO, DOLLY!*** bursts with humour, romance and dance. Dolly Levi, the widowed matchmaker from Yonkers, New York has an idea for the perfect match – the tight-fisted, local merchant Horace Vandergelder and herself!

Dolly has been played by a bevy of stars from Carol Channing to Bette Midler. Now **Marina Prior** takes on the title role. Marina's real-life husband **Grant Piro**, who last starred with Marina in The Production Company's *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, returns to play Horace Vandergelder.

The superb score by **Jerry Herman** includes the smash hits ***Hello, Dolly!***, ***Put On Your Sunday Clothes*** and ***It Only Takes a Moment***.

Helpmann Award winning director **Gary Young** (*Georgy Girl*, *Singin' in the Rain*) returns to The Production Company with a superb creative team to recreate this great Broadway classic. **Vanessa Scammell** is musical director.

Today Marina said "I'm so excited to be back at The Production Company taking on the classic comic role of Dolly Levi. It's been a dream of mine to do this iconic show, and right now I feel ready for the challenge. I'm also delighted to be reunited with Gary Young - we were both original cast members of *Les Misérables* - I have great admiration for him and his work, and it's wonderful to be working with him again after all this time.

And to play opposite such an accomplished and brilliant comic actor as Grant Piro - in the role of Horace Vandergelder - is of course, the icing on the cake. And it helps being in love with him too... I cannot wait!"

HELLO, DOLLY! is proudly sponsored by EY.



JESUS CHRIST
**SUPER
STAR**



Presented in association with The Really Useful Group Limited, **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** opens in Arts Centre Melbourne's State Theatre on July 29 for a season of 11 performances.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR exploded onto the stage in 1971, and changed the world of musical theatre forever. One of the earliest works by **Tim Rice** and **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, the brilliant score includes *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Heaven On Their Minds*, *What's the Buzz?*, Mary Magdalene's *Everything's Alright* and *I Don't Know How to Love Him*.

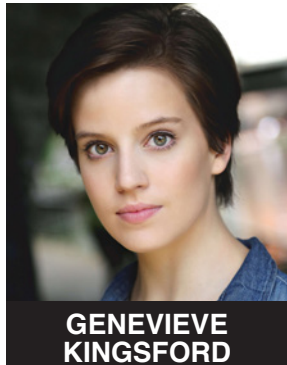
This, the greatest story ever told, is based on the last week of Jesus's life; the plot highlights the political and personal struggles between Jesus and Judas.

Gale Edwards is directing this rock masterpiece. She directed **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** on London's West End and on Broadway. And in 2000, Gale won an Emmy Award for the televised version of her production. **Rob Mills** (*Ghost*, *Wicked*) joins The Production Company for the first time in the title role of Jesus. Helpmann Award winner **Alinta Chidzey** (*Curtains*, *Show Boat*) is Mary Magdalene and **Zoy Frangos** (*Les Miserables*, *South Pacific*) is making his TPC debut as Judas.

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BRIGADOON



BRIGADOON opens in Arts Centre Melbourne's State Theatre on October 28 for a season of 11 performances.

BRIGADOON is the story of two young American tourists lost in the Highlands of Scotland, who stumble upon a mysterious village called Brigadoon. Tommy (**Rohan Browne**), one of the tourists, meets and falls in love with Fiona (**Genevieve Kingsford**), a feisty young woman. But Tommy discovers that magically, Brigadoon only appears for one day every one hundred years.

Lerner and Loewe, who created *Gigi*, *My Fair Lady* and *Camelot*, created some of their best loved standards for **BRIGADOON** - *Almost Like Being In Love*, *I'll Go Home With Bonnie Jean* and *The Heather on The Hill*. **Genevieve Kingsford** (*Light in the Piazza*), makes her debut with The Production Company in the role of Fiona, and **Rohan Browne** (*Nice Work, Singin' in The Rain*) plays Tommy, the role made famous by Gene Kelly. **Nancye Hayes** stars as Brigadoon's much loved matriarch, Mrs Forsythe. Helpmann Award winner **Elise McCann** (*Miss Honey in Matilda*) plays Meg Brockie. Director **Jason Langley** and Musical Director **Michael Tyack**, who created the smash hit success *Dusty* last year, return for **BRIGADOON**.

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THE 2017 SEASON DIARY



**HELLO,
DOLLY!**

HELLO, DOLLY!
PLAYHOUSE
27 May to 11 June



**JESUS CHRIST
SUPER
STAR**

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
STATE THEATRE
29 July to 6 August



BRIGADOON

BRIGADOON
STATE THEATRE
28 October to 5 November

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW ON SALE AT
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TICKETS FOR SINGLE PERFORMANCES GO ON SALE 18 APRIL**

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