Tim Winton’s ‘Cloudstreet’ on stage at Subiaco

When Justin Monjo and Nick Enright’s sprawling stage adaptation of Tim Winton’s best-selling novel Cloudstreet opened in Sydney in January 1998, few would have envisioned that this five-hour Australian theatrical epic would go on to triumph in Zurich, Dublin, London, New York and Washington.

Yet this deeply moving, funny and tragic tale of two suburban Aussie families – the wild, shiftless Pickles and the industrious, God-fearing Lambs – tells a universal truth about the meaning of home and the urges of the human heart.

From Saturday 11 October for seven performances only, Perth audiences can enjoy an abridged version of Cloudstreet performed at the Subiaco Arts Centre by a talented cast of 3rd Year Acting students from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. The production will be directed by Kate Cherry, newly appointed Artistic Director of Black Swan Theatre Company.

Cherry, who has built a reputation for championing Australian plays and playwrights, brings a wealth of directorial experience to this production. In addition to directing for companies such as the Sydney Theatre Company, the Ensemble Theatre NYC and the American Conservatory Theatre, Cherry was artistic associate and dramaturge at the former Playbox Theatre (now the Malthouse) in Melbourne, and spent six years as associate director of the Melbourne Theatre Company.

Set in postwar Australia, Cloudstreet spans 20 years in the lives of the Pickles and the Lambs, two families thrown together by fortune in a large, haunted house in Cloud Street, Perth. How two utterly mismatched families crammed under one crumbling roof learn to live together is an allegory for the Australian experience, touching on subjects as diverse as the isolation of indigenous Australians and the sexual revolution of the 1960s.


“The audience is hooked into a dialogue that often touches the soul.” – The Age, January 1998.

Performance Information: Cloudstreet
Saturday 11 – Friday 17 October at 7.30pm, Matinee Saturday 18 October at 2.30pm.
Subiaco Theatre, Subiaco Arts Centre, 180 Hamersley Rd, Subiaco.
Tickets are $30 full/$20 concession. Bookings through BOCS on 9484 1133 or go to bocsticketing.com.au

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