2021 PERFORMANCE PROGRAM
Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts
Edith Cowan University acknowledges and respects its continuing association with the Noongar people, the traditional custodians of the land upon which its campuses stand.

At Edith Cowan University, we are incredibly proud of WAAPA’s reputation as an internationally renowned leader in performing arts education. Its graduates can be found making significant contributions to the arts around the world, as performers, directors, theatre makers, producers, designers, production technicians and arts administrators.

The importance of WAAPA to the cultural vitality of our city was affirmed last September when it was one of several schools chosen to relocate to the centre of Perth as part of ECU’s new Creative Industries, Business and Technology Campus.

This jointly funded, world-class campus will be the centrepiece of a Perth City Deal, designed to bring the energy and vibrancy of more than 9,000 students and staff to the heart of Perth’s CBD by 2025.

As WAAPA’s new home, the ECU City Campus will add more than 300 public performances to Perth’s arts calendar every year.

With this exciting move, WAAPA will join the ranks of internationally renowned inner-city performing arts conservatoires such as New York’s Juilliard School, London’s Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and Vienna’s University of Music and Performing Arts. Until that time, I hope you will join me in continuing to enjoy WAAPA’s incredible array of performances at the Mount Lawley campus, as we celebrate the artistic achievements of our talented WAAPA students on the boards, in concert and behind the scenes.

I look forward to seeing you at the shows.

Professor Steve Chapman
Vice-Chancellor

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to welcome audiences back to WAAPA in 2021. We have missed you all enormously and the wonderful support and affirmation you bring to our work. Throughout last year’s challenges, the ECU community pulled together to safeguard our students’ training and education, and I am hugely grateful for the commitment and dedication of all of WAAPA’s staff and students in ensuring the delivery of a safe, supportive and highly creative learning environment.

Notwithstanding last year’s challenges, we have remained steadfast in our determination to ensure that the training and performance experiences offered at WAAPA provide the best possible means by which to showcase the skills and the extraordinary quality of the work produced by our students. Sharing our work through performance is something that all of us at WAAPA feel passionate about. From the design team, production crew, directors and arts managers working behind the scenes to the performers and musicians onstage, the collaborative ethos that makes such an enterprise possible is the ultimate expression of our craft.

Yet the magic of live performance only happens when there is an audience present. So, we are relishing the opportunity of welcoming you back to our theatres and auditoriums for a year of engaging, highly accomplished and inspiring range of performances across acting, dance, music, music theatre, opera and performance making.

We are especially delighted that a groundbreaking show cancelled last year due to travel restrictions is back on the program this year.

Iron: An Extraordinary Event brings two dancers from Germany’s world-renowned Tanztheater Wuppertal to WAAPA to remount Pina Bausch’s Tanzbänker Bacchanal with our dance students. It is a tribute to the quality of our work at WAAPA and a great honour that our students have been chosen to perform this seminal work for the very first time outside of Germany. A premiere live performance in Perth of a work by this internationally acclaimed choreographer, this truly extraordinary event is only made possible through the kind permission of the Pina Bausch Foundation/Wuppertal and the generous support of the Minderoo Foundation.

In August, the delightful Italian Baroque concert, featuring our hugely talented Classical Music students, offers an unmissable opportunity to sample a beautifully evocative potpourri of works by composers such as Claudio Monteverdi, Giacomo Carissimi and Arcangelo Corelli. These are just a couple of the many wonderful performances we have in store for you. So, do come and join us, as once again we experience the thrill of live performance and the extraordinary accomplishments of our highly talented students.

Professor David Shirley
Executive Dean
2021

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FINDING PIANOS
Founding Pianos is Edith Cowan University’s internationally recognised collection of 18th, 19th and 20th century keyboards.
The collection features more than 160 rare, and in some instances unique, historical keyboard instruments.

ECU’s City Campus, opening in 2025, will become home to Founding Pianos. This high-profile location will ensure that ECU and Founding Pianos remain at the forefront of piano performance, education, research and conservation.

In 2021, the Founding Pianos project continues to gain momentum.

This year, an 1824 Broadwood Grand Piano that belonged to a member of Joseph Haydn's London orchestra will return from restoration in Belgium into the hands of enthusiastic students.

The Founding Pianos 1779 Pether Square Piano is part of a community-engagement project at the historically significant Strawberry Hill Farm in Albany, a joint initiative between ECU and the National Trust.

These pianos have lived rich lives and with your contribution, we can ensure the sounds of the past are rediscovered and shared with future generations.

We invite you to join us on this extraordinary journey. For further information, contact ECU’s Office of Development and Alumni Relations on (08) 6304 2761.

Sign up to receive the Founding Pianos newsletter at development@ecu.edu.au or visit foundingpianos.com.au.

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Photo by Jon Stapleton
TO THE HANDS: BUXTEHUDE, BACH & SHAW
ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL, Victoria Square, Perth

This program of divine praise features the superb voices of the WAAPA Classical Chorale and student soloists conducted by Kristin Bowtell in the magnificent surrounds of St. Mary’s Cathedral. Hear the passion in Rachmaninoff’s Bogoroditse Devo, Knut Nystedt’s mesmerizing take on Bach, plus Dieterich Buxtehude’s moving Ad manu from his cantata cycle Membræ Jesu Nostri and Caroline Shaw’s modern reworking of this piece, To the Hands. With special guest artists including violinist Paul Wright and organist Stewart Smith, this promises to be a night of transcendental bliss.

Music Director Kristin Bowtell
Performed by WAAPA Classical Chorale, Classical Voice students, String Camerata, Paul Wright (violin) and Stewart Smith (organ)

Mar

Bookings open
Friends 23 Feb
Public 2 Mar

Tickets
$34 Full
$29 Concession
$27 Friends

7.30pm

DEFYING GRAVITY UNDER THE STARS
FREMANTLE ARTS CENTRE

Music Director Tim White
Performed by Defying Gravity percussion ensemble with Joshua Webster (percussion)

Mar

MTWTFSS 19
7.00pm

Gates open at 6.00pm

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AT HOME WITH HAYDN AND MOZART
RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

Performed by Geoffrey Lancaster (fortepiano) with Australian Baroque

Mar

MTWTFSS 28
3.00pm

Dusk spreads. Haydn and Mozart close the window shutters of their homes as they fortify themselves against the advancing dark. The composers’ servants hasten home, scurrying back with sausages, oysters and tea. Chairs are positioned, candles lit, and friends gather to hear Haydn and Mozart play. Join Australian Baroque with Geoffrey Lancaster on fortepiano as they perform scintillating trios by Haydn and Mozart; the concert is lyrically crowned by Mozart’s Piano Concerto in A major KV 414.

Music Directors Matt Styles, Paul Tanner
Performed by Mix’t Trio

Mar

MTWTFSS 31
7.30pm

Mix’t returns with a swag of new compositions, including James Ledger’s Memenati, Callum O’Reilly’s Noboru the Cat and a magical new work by Kathy Potter. Featuring the musical wizardry of Adam Pinto on piano, Matthew Styles on all manner of saxophones and wind instruments, and Paul Tanner at his unique ‘marimba-vibe’ double keyboard, Mix’t will enthral you with their blend of musical styles, sounds, virtuosity and improvisation.

Music Director Ben Falle
Performed by Phat Funk Band

Apr

MTWTFSS 1
7.30pm

Come witness the sensational sounds and outstanding grooves of the Phat Funk Band in a new musical extravaganza. Get down and boogie with classic soul, neo-soul, funk and R&B favourites. These talented student musicians will bring the house down with their powerful performance, soaring horn section and exciting solos.
MUSIC OF JOHN SCOFIELD

Music Director
Freddie Grigson
Performed by Jazz Guitar Ensemble with alumni

Arrangements are courtesy of Freddie Grigson, Kristian Borring, Sam Foster, Ben Jedlo and Bryn Larkin

American jazz-rock guitarist and composer John Scofield is a living legend, influencing jazz since the late 70s and still going strong today. With his distinctive sound and stylistic diversity, Scofield is a masterful improviser whose music generally falls between post-bop, funk-edged jazz and R&B. This concert features music from two of his albums, Electric Outlet (1984) and Quiet (1996), as the Jazz Guitar Ensemble is joined by WAAPA alumni to honour this guitar great.

Music for the Royal Fireworks

Music Directors
Tim White
Paul Wright
Performed by Indian Ocean Ensemble

A night of chamber music overflowing with energy and passion. WAAPA’s elite Indian Ocean Ensemble brings to life George Frideric Handel’s much-loved Music for the Royal Fireworks. String, wind, brass and percussion students join in to entertain with their own favourite chamber music works, including a vibrant new creation from WAAPA’s Seven Seas World Music Ensemble.

MORNING MELODIES: COOL CLASSICS

Music Director
Matt Allen
Performed by Contemporary Music alumni

This spectacular seven-piece band of WAAPA graduates takes you back in time with vibrant pop hits from the 60s and 70s! Enjoy all-time favourite songs from a diverse range of genres, such as Joni Mitchell’s Big Yellow Taxi, The Supremes’ You Can’t Hurry Love, Aretha Franklin’s Natural Woman, and Simon and Garfunkel’s Bridge Over Troubled Water, as well as hits from CAROL KING, David Bowie and The Beatles. Cool Classics is sure to get your feet tapping!

*SHandling fees per transaction, please refer to ptt.wa.gov.au

TANGO NUEVO

Music Director
Lindsay Vickery
Performed by Composition and Music Technology students and staff with Dance students

Join Composition and Music Technology students and staff in celebrating the centenary of the birth of the world’s foremost composer of tango music, Astor Piazzolla. Over 60 years Piazzolla expanded and deepened the Argentine dance genre, infusing it with elements of jazz, classical chamber music and neo-classicism. In this concert students respond to the work of this great 20th century composer by creating ‘new’ tangos that will be performed by our Dance students.
GRAND DESIGNS: JAZZ AND THE WORLD
GEOFF GIBBS THEATRE

WAAPA has produced a myriad of innovative and world-class jazz composers and arrangers now located, seen and heard on stages all over the globe. For this special concert we’ve commissioned brand new music from our alumni, sparked by one central question: How would you change the world? These outstanding jazz scribes will lead us through a unique concert event – interconnected by massive musical ideas for all our ensembles – including a combined big band and vocal choir.

Commissions from star WAAPA jazz alumni, including Sarah McKenzie (USA), Matt Jodrell (USA/MEL), Alana Macpherson (GER), Troy Roberts (USA), Vanessa Perica (MEL), Grant Windsor (UK/PER), Tom O’Halloran (PER/SYD), Johannes Luebbers (MEL).

Generously supported by the Minderoo Foundation

Music Director Tom O’Halloran
Performed by Jazz students

May

MTWTFSS
6 8
7.30pm
Tickets
$40 Full
$35 Concession
$33 Friends
Bookings open
Friends 23 Feb
Public 2 Mar

THE WARANA PRIZE AND ‘ROMEO & JULIET’

May

MTWTFSS
7 8
7.30pm
Music Director
Peter Moore OAM
Performed by
WAAPA Symphony Orchestra and Warana Prize finalists

WAAPA’s three leading instrumentalists join the WAAPA Symphony Orchestra to battle it out in the final of the prestigious 2021 Warana Prize, in a night of drama and superb musicianship as each student performs their favourite concerto movement. Internationally-renowned conductor Peter Moore OAM leads the orchestra through Elena Kats-Chernin’s ravishing Wild Swans Suite and Sergei Prokofiev’s thrilling music for Romeo and Juliet, an extraordinary musical tale of doomed love. A wonderful evening of orchestral music at its best.

MASSED SAX

May

MTWTFSS
6 8
7.00pm concert
Music Director
Matt Styles
Performed by
Matt Styles, The 'Phone Co., and the Massed Sax Orchestra

The Massed Sax project returns to WAAPA in 2021! Still the biggest saxophone event of its kind in Australia, Massed Sax brings together saxophone players from every corner of Western Australia and beyond to join in a celebration of the world’s most versatile instrument. Led by WAAPA saxophone lecturer Matt Styles and The ’Phone Co., this is an event where the saxophone brings together jazz, classical, contemporary and world music. Sax players are invited to register as a participant at waapa.ecu.edu.au

Audience members may purchase tickets to the 7.00pm concert.

WAAPA JAZZ YOUNG ARTISTS ENSEMBLE

THE EDITH FREE EVENT

May

MTWTFSS
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7.00pm
Music Directors
Jazz staff
Performed by Jazz staff and selected WA high school jazz students

WAAPA is proud to welcome back this exciting showcase of the rising talent of the Western Australian jazz world. High school students from years 10, 11 and 12 across WA are invited to perform with this elite group and receive tutoring by WAAPA’s incredible Jazz staff. The group meets for six weeks to workshop tunes and ideas for exploration and improvisation, culminating in this unique free concert.
SUPER NOVA
RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

Mercurial composer, performer and conductor David Pye has transformed the art of percussion in WA. Sparks fly as Pye leads Defying Gravity into a magical world of sound, rhythm and groove – using marimbas, vibraphones and a kaleidoscope of exotic percussion instruments. You’ll also hear percussion masterworks by Edgard Varèse and Iannis Xenakis, plus Brazilian samba. It’s an electrifying celebration of the art of percussion!

“A thundering success… white-hot intensity… a riveting experience in both sonic and visual terms… unfettered listening pleasure” – Neville Cohn, OZ Arts Review

Music Director Tim White
Performed by Defying Gravity with David Pye

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Tickets
$30 Full
$25 Concession
$23 Friends

Bookings open
Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

EARTH, SEA AND SKY:
THE AUSTRALIAN GUITAR

May

Music Director
Jonathan Paget

Performed by
Classical Guitar students and staff with Glen Phillips and guest artists

The creative vision of new Australian music for the guitar is one that is expansive and poetic, adapting to the inspiring vistas of our picturesque landscapes and the oddities of our unique natural environment. This event combines performances of new and recent Australian guitar works with readings of poems by acclaimed poet Glen Phillips – a poet renowned for his expressive depictions of uniquely Western Australian settings. Works include guitar solos and chamber works performed by students, staff and selected special guest artists.

AMERICAN BEAUTY

May

Music Director
Paul Wright

Performed by
String Camerata with Philip Everall

A program of sensational string chamber music, directed by Paul Wright and headlined by Aaron Copland’s thrilling Clarinet Concerto performed by WAAPA’s Head of Woodwind, Philip Everall. Composed for the renowned jazz clarinettist Benny Goodman, the work showcases Latin-American rhythms and a virtuosic cadenza. This modern American beauty complements Tchaikovsky’s romantic String Sextet ‘Souvenir de Florence’, written as a tribute to the composer’s favourite European city, plus other string chamber gems.

BRASSED OFF

May

Music Director
Jeremy Goerg

Performed by
Jazz Brass students, staff and community

Brassed Off returns for 2021 with an exciting foray into New Orleans funk. This concert showcases contemporary pop songs with a funky brass flavour that is guaranteed to get you moving. Featuring the full gamut of brass instruments, from sousaphone to pocket trumpet, this will be an epic adventure – don’t miss out!
SOUNDS OF BRAZIL

May

Music Director
Chris Tier
Performed by
Brazilian Ensemble

7.30pm

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Brazilian music first entered popular culture with Antonio Carlos Jobim and Luis Bonfa's songs in the 1960's film *Black Orpheus*. Suddenly, bossa nova was the new groove and Brazilian music soon blended with jazz and popular styles to take on a life of its own. Modern composers such as Djavan, Milton Nascimento, Egberto Gismonte, Sérgio Mendes and Ivan Lins became stars in Brazil but largely remained unknown to the rest of the world. This concert is a celebration of these musicians and the incredible array of rhythms, songs and sounds from this part of the world.

Tickets
$20 Full
$15 Concession
$13 Friends
Bookings open

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

THE EDITH

LEUNIG’S PRAYER BOOK

May

Music Director
Philip Everall
Performed by
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

7.30pm

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Take a musical meditation through the seasons with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble as they perform *Symphony No. 1, Leunig’s Prayer Book* by Australian composer Jodie Blackshaw, inspired by poet Michael Leunig's four prayers. The concert also features *Scenes from the Louvre* by award-winning composer Norman Dello Joio, a five-movement suite for band that traces the history of the world’s most famous museum through Renaissance-era inspired music.

Tickets
$50 Full
$25 Concession
$23 Friends
Bookings open

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

PIANO POSTCARDS

May

Music Director
Anna Sleptsova
Performed by
Classical Piano students and staff

7.30pm

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Still miss travelling? Come join us for the best alternative – beautiful piano music! Be taken on an adventure of evocative musical scenes and exotic sounds through the vast repertoire of the modern piano. Led by Anna Sleptsova, the talented students and staff of WAAPA’s piano department will present ‘postcards’ from a fascinating musical journey.

Tickets
$30 Full
$25 Concession
$23 Friends
Bookings open

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

STARSTRUCK

Jun

Music Director
Vinnie Crea
Performed by
Music Artist students

7.30pm

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Starstruck 2021 showcases WAAPA’s fabulously creative Music Artists performing great original songs, classic rearrangements and a combo of acoustic and band driven entertainment. Be prepared for a night of delight in our beautiful The Edith Spiegeltent as our Diploma and Advanced Diploma students present unique performances which highlight the Music Artist journey.

Tickets
$20 Full
$15 Concession
$13 Friends
Bookings open

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

THE EDITH

CELEBRATE!
WAAPA SALUTES ECU’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

PERTH CONCERT HALL   5 St Georges Terrace, Perth

WAAPA proudly celebrates the 30th anniversary of Edith Cowan University in a spectacular gala concert at the Perth Concert Hall.

Showcasing the incredible talents and creativity of WAAPA’s students, staff and alumni, this performance extravaganza takes audiences on a rich and diverse journey through music, theatre and dance – with some very special guests and a few extra surprises along the way!

Join us for an amazing party, as WAAPA celebrates 30 wonderful years at ECU and we look towards an exciting and inspiring future.

Don’t miss this incredibly special event!

Performed by WAAPA students, staff, alumni and special guests

July

Tickets
$50 Full
$45 Concession
$43 Friends
Bookings open

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr

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perthconcerthall.com.au
*Booking fees may apply

Friends 13 Apr
Public 20 Apr
ITALIAN BAROQUE

Aug
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7.30pm
The new music of 17th century Italy – opera, sonatas, cantatas and oratorios – called upon singers and players to move the emotions of the audience. With fire, virtuosity and passion, we present a glimpse of some of the finest music of that age. Excerpts from Monteverdi’s *L’Orfeo* and Carissimi’s oratorio *Jepthe* will be heard alongside instrumental music by Corelli and Uccellini.

MIRACULOUS MOZART

Aug
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3.00pm
Join us for an exhilarating exercise in musical time travel. Enjoy Mozart at his finest as Geoffrey Lancaster on fortepiano and Oscar’s Wild Quokkas – Helen Kruger (violin), Paul Wright (viola) and Noeleen Wright (cello) – present the Fortepiano Sonata in C major KV 330, the Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-flat major KV 493, and the premiere performance in Perth of Mozart’s Piano Quartet No. 3 in E-flat major KV 452.

JOURNEY IN SWING

Aug
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19
7.30pm
The WAAPA Big Band is an 18-piece group that embraces the best music that big band has to offer. Join us for big band classics, vocal classics, and modern interpretations of some of the world’s most famous songs all in one entertaining performance.

MICHAEL GOLDSCHLAGER: THE CELLO SHOW

Aug
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26
7.30pm
Internationally-renowned cello soloist Michael Goldschlager explores the gems of the solo cello repertoire, including works by JS Bach and others, in an audience-friendly presentation of masterworks. Goldschlager infuses the evening with stories, anecdotes and fascinating little-known information about the cello, and performs on his own magnificent instrument – made in France in 1780 for the court of Louis XVI.

“Goldschlager imbues the music with deep, intense personal emotion.” – Limelight Magazine

MUSIC FOR 18 MUSICIANS

RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

Aug
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7.30pm
Smashing musical boundaries, Steve Reich’s iconic *Music for 18 Musicians* is one of the defining works of the 20th century. Bringing together Reich’s loves of classical music, African drumming, jazz and pop, *18* had an instant and overwhelming effect at its premiere. Its shimmering and rippling musical tapestry continues to have an appeal and significance that mesmerises audiences, transcends boundaries and defines ‘timeless’.

Music Director Tim White
Performed by Indian Ocean Ensemble
**Pirates of Penzance**

Confounding conundrums and perplexing paradoxes, this is the very model of the modern major musical! Gilbert and Sullivan’s most loved musical treasure is a rapturous tale of time-vexed lovers and pirates both of the land and sea. Presented by the Classical Voice students, join us for a rollicking evening of toe-tapping operetta delight.

**The Mungus Dynasty**

Charles Mingus was a firebrand bandleader, virtuoso jazz musician and prolific composer. His music, with its rapid shifts in mood and tempo, blurred the boundaries between improvisation and composition. It is still very much alive and well today, influencing music artists all over the world. WAAPA’s Jazz students play a selection on Mingus’ most famous works, tinged with soul, hard bop, gospel, free jazz and classical music, in an uplifting tribute concert to this American jazz legend.

**Chamber Music Spectacular**

An enchanting evening of chamber music at its best! WAAPA’s leading instrumentalists join the Indian Ocean Ensemble to perform their favourite music – from the masterworks of JS Bach and Mozart through to sparkling new works filled with excitement and imagination. It’s a chamber music experience to warm the heart and delight the soul.

**Torn Edge**

Whether you enjoy listening to classical orchestras, jazz, pop, rock or Eastern-European folk music, this show will spin, twist and fuse the music you love into an extraordinary palette of exciting new musical worlds. Co-directed by PhD student Jazmin Ealden and inspired by WAAPA saxophone graduate Sean Hayes, this concert invites you to challenge your senses, broaden your musical horizons, and discover music you’ll want to hear again and again!

**Radio Active Albany**

Radio Active is a special, one-off performance presented at the beautiful Albany Entertainment Centre by the students of Albany Senior High School, Great Southern Grammar and WAAPA Contemporary Music. It is the culmination of a series of workshops run over a week by the WAAPA Contemporary Music staff combining secondary and tertiary students, who present in one of WA’s finest theatres. The performance covers a wide musical base from pop to rocks, R’n’B to soul and funk classics in a spectacularly produced concert with a huge cast of talented young musicians and singers.
**PERUANO CANTA: LIVE RECORDING**

**Music Directors**
Daniel Susnjar  
Victoria Newton

**Performed by**
WAAPA Afro-Peruvian Ensemble and WAAPA Jazz Vocal Ensemble with Daniel Susnjar and Victoria Newton

Peruano Canta celebrates the thrilling intersection of contemporary jazz with musical traditions from far-reaching parts of the globe. Drummer/composer Daniel Susnjar and vocalist Victoria Newton bring together the WAAPA Afro-Peruvian Ensemble and the WAAPA Jazz Vocal Ensemble for this special one-time live recording. Expect thrilling ensemble cohesion, infectious rhythms and inspired original music - combining Afro-Peruvian and Jazz musical sensibilities in a unique and exciting manner.

**Tickets**
$20 Full  
$15 Concession  
$13 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 20 Jul  
Public 27 Jul

**THE FACES OF PARNASSUS**

**Performed by**
Piano students and staff

The richness of the attributes of keyboard instruments is astonishing so it is not surprising that they inspired, and continue to inspire, some of Western civilization's greatest music. We invite you to be intrigued, delighted and thrilled by the sound of instruments that are part of WAAPA's Founding Pianos Collection, as staff and students reveal the exquisite sounds and nuances of meaning that not only were familiar to great composers of the past, but also influence the present.

**ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE SHOWCASE**

**Music Directors**
Tim White  
Stewart Smith

**Performed by**
Winners of the 2021 ROSL Music Prizes

The Royal Over-Seas League assists WAAPA’s most talented music students to achieve their dreams on stage in Australia and internationally. This concert showcases the winners of the ROSL prizes in Chamber Music, the Music of Bach, Improvisation, Art Song, Early Keyboard and Composition. WAAPA is proud to partner with the Royal Over-Seas League in recognising and supporting the stars of tomorrow.

**Tickets**
$32 Full  
$27 Concession  
$25 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 7 Sep  
Public 14 Sep

**2021 SEASON ON SALE | VISIT WAOPERA.ASN.AU**

West Australian Opera is proud to work with Western Australia’s Young Singers and Emma Matthews as Patron of the Wesfarmers Arts Young Artist Program

**STEREO ACTION**

**Music Director**
Defying Gravity with Marcus Perrozzi

Percussion virtuoso Marcus Perrozzi – star of Cirque du Soleil’s hit show Dralion – joins Defying Gravity for a performance brimming with magic, fun and a bunch of amazing instruments you’ve never seen before! Defying Gravity also explores the cool, funky universe of 1950s bachelor pad music in Jon Newman's Stereo Action. It’s a hyper-groovy evening filled with the joy of music.

"Magic is exactly what this group performs. They're not just artists, they're sorcerers-extraordinaire!" – Steve Spain, Harambee Magazine

**Tickets**
$30 Full  
$25 Concession  
$23 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 20 Jul  
Public 27 Jul

**AN ALTERNATIVE HISTORY OF 19TH CENTURY OPERA AND SONG**

**Music Directors**
Jonathan Paget  
Emma Matthews

**Performed by**
Guitar and Classical Voice students

What lovelier combination of instruments could there possibly be than the human voice and the intimate tones of the guitar? Correcting modern misconceptions, this concert demonstrates that piano was not the only instrument for song accompaniment, ‘art-song’ was for everyone, and opera melodies had a long ‘afterlife’ in an explosion of instrumental derivatives. Join us in an exploration of the ‘alternative history’ of 19th century song featuring music by Schubert, Rossini, Bellini, and much more.

**Tickets**
$30 Full  
$25 Concession  
$23 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 20 Jul  
Public 27 Jul

**THE EDITH**

WAAPA’s Music Artists present their fabulous original works along with creative rearrangements of iconic tunes from song masters of our modern times. Prepare to be wowed by performances including solo, duo, trio and band pieces. This will be a show not to be missed.

**Tickets**
$20 Full  
$15 Concession  
$13 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 20 Jul  
Public 27 Jul

**ROYAL OVER-SEAS LEAGUE SHOWCASE**

**Music Directors**
Tim White  
Stewart Smith

**Performed by**
Winners of the 2021 ROSL Music Prizes

The Royal Over-Seas League assists WAAPA’s most talented music students to achieve their dreams on stage in Australia and internationally. This concert showcases the winners of the ROSL prizes in Chamber Music, the Music of Bach, Improvisation, Art Song, Early Keyboard and Composition. WAAPA is proud to partner with the Royal Over-Seas League in recognising and supporting the stars of tomorrow.

**Tickets**
$32 Full  
$27 Concession  
$25 Friends  

**Bookings open**
Friends 7 Sep  
Public 14 Sep
Mendelssohn’s Italian Symphony

"This is Italy! And now has begun what I have always thought to be the supreme joy in life. And I am loving it."

The life and colour of Italy enchanted the young Felix Mendelssohn during his Grand Tour of Europe from 1829-1831. In Rome, he set to work on what would become the sun-filled and overwhelmingly joyful ‘Italian’ Symphony. The WAAPA Symphony Orchestra celebrates the music of Mendelssohn alongside Mozart’s exquisite Violin Concerto No 5, performed by Paul Wright, WAAPA’s extraordinary Head of Strings. It’s some of the most dynamic and beautiful music of all time.

Mendelssohn’s Italian Symphony

Music Director Paul Wright
Performed by WAAPA Symphony Orchestra with Paul Wright (violin)

Oct

M T W T F S S 15 16
7.30pm

ROTHKO CHAPEL

Morton Feldman’s beautiful and meditative work Rothko Chapel was premiered 50 years ago. Although a member of the New York School and often associated with John Cage, Feldman’s later work, such as Rothko Chapel, developed a distinctive, sacred tranquillity. In this concert, selected students from the Composition and Music Technology program, in collaboration with Micheál McCarthy and the Eneksis Vocal Ensemble, reach for this serene space in works for voices, instruments and electronics.

ROTHKO CHAPEL

Music Director Lindsay Vickery
Performed by Composition & Music Technology students and staff

Oct

M T W T F S S 14
7.30pm

SOUND SPECTRUM 2021.2

New voices and new sounds abound in this week of world premieres by Composition and Music Technology students and staff. Concerts include the Listener Ensemble, ECUatorial composers’ orchestra, the West Australian Laptop Orchestra, Shock of the New and Spatial Music performance. Don’t miss this explosion of creative energy featuring new music by over 50 young composers!

For venue details, visit waapa.ecu.edu.au

SOUND SPECTRUM 2021.2

Music Director Lindsay Vickery
Performed by Composition & Music Technology students and staff

Oct

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7.30pm

REJOICE!

RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM

Two showcase choirs, led by two extraordinary directors... Eneksis Vocal Ensemble and the WAAPA Gospel Choir join to raise the roof with glorious choral singing. Hear the joyful sounds of young voices singing heavenly harmonies, with repertoire from the 16th century through to the modern era, from songs of praise to gospel music. This uplifting concert will bring tears to your eyes – for all the right reasons!

Music Directors Micheal McCarthy and Matt Allen
Performed by Eneksis Vocal Ensemble and WAAPA Gospel Choir

Oct

M T W T F S S 13
7.30pm

Tickets
$30 Full
$25 Concession
$25 Friends

Bookings open
Friends 7 Sep
Public 14 Sep

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REJOICE! 2018. Photo by Stephen Heath
THE VOICE OF MOZART
Oct
Music Directors Emma Matthews and Anna Sleptsova
Performed by Piano and Classical Voice students and staff
M T W T F S S 17
3.00pm
Mozart’s intimate knowledge of the human voice and brilliant piano technique resulted in extraordinary music for singers and pianists. WAAPA’s Classical Voice and Piano students, along with Emma Matthews and Anna Sleptsova, come together to present their favourite Mozart songs, arias and ensembles. This concert showcases both the genius of Mozart and the fabulous musical talent at WAAPA.

LA VIE PARISIENNE
Oct
Music Director Anna Sleptsova
Performed by Classical Piano students and staff
M T W T F S S 21
7.30pm
Indulge yourself in a magical night of ravishing piano music by Fauré, Debussy, Ravel, Satie, Poulenc, and the Parisians’ favourite, Frederic Chopin.

MENDELSSOHN’S STRING OCTET
Oct
Music Director Paul Wright
Performed by String Camerata
M T W T F S S 22
7.30pm
Paul Wright directs the String Camerata in the most beloved string octet of them all – Mendelssohn’s glorious String Octet, Opus 20. Written when the composer was just 16 years old, the work is a remarkable blend of youthful verve and astonishing passion. No wonder it has been hailed as ‘one of the miracles of 19th century music’. The program also includes the delicious Concerto for Strings by Margaret Sutherland AO OBE, one of the best-known and most-loved musicians Australia has produced.

CLASSICAL MUSIC ACCOLADES
Oct
Music Director Tim White
Performed by 2021 Music Prizewinners
M T W T F S S 28
7.30pm
A night of celebration and achievement as WAAPA’s music prizewinners showcase their extraordinary skills. Every year, WAAPA’s top classical musicians vie for a glittering series of performance prizes and scholarships. Tonight, the recipients dazzle you with their award-winning virtuosity.

SPOOKTACULAR!
Oct
Music Director Philip Everall
Performed by Symphonic Wind Ensemble
M T W T F S S 29
7.30pm
This popular annual event celebrates Halloween, Christmas and the end of the year in one, fun-filled concert! It’s the Symphonic Wind Orchestra in top musical form and crazy costumes as they play Johan de Meij’s modern classic Symphony No 1: Lord of the Rings, and a selection of seasonal favourites. Plus this year, for the first time ever, the winning composition from the SWE Overture Competition will be performed. Join in for a fabulous night of music, dress up in costume and win some prizes!

THERE’LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND
Oct
Music Director Geoffrey Lancaster and James Huntingford
Performed by
M T W T F S S 31
3.00pm
This concert celebrates the return to WAAPA, following restoration, of a grand piano made by the English firm Broadwood & Sons in 1824 for the flautist in Haydn’s London orchestra, Andrew Ashe. Join Geoffrey Lancaster and James Huntingford as they play music by Haydn and Jan Ladislav Dussek composed for the English-style piano; the program concludes with Carl Czerny’s monumental arrangement for piano four hands of Beethoven’s 5th Symphony.
FREE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

CLASSICAL TUESDAYS
RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM
1.10PM
A tasty Tuesday series of free classical lunchtime concerts featuring students, staff and visiting guest artists serving up sumptuous musical treats for hungry ears!

Semester 1
23 February Student Showcase
2 March Postcards from WAAPA Staff
9 March Warana Prize Semi-final, Part 1
16 March Warana Prize Semi-final, Part 2
30 March Baroque Delights
13 April Piano Showcase 1
20 April Sound Spectrum Redux I
27 April Symphonic Wind Ensemble 1
11 May Defying Gravity 1
18 May String Camerata
25 May Eneksis Vocal Ensemble 1

Semester 2
27 July The Richard Gill Award
3 August Royal Over-Seas League
10 August Royal Over-Seas League
17 August Guitarissimo!
24 August Royal Over-Seas League
31 August Royal Over-Seas League
14 September Sound Spectrum Redux II
28 September Defying Gravity 2
5 October Symphonic Wind Ensemble 2
19 October Piano Showcase 2
26 October Eneksis Vocal Ensemble 2

JAZZ TUESDAYS
12.30PM
WAAPA’s Jazz students and staff, along with special guest artists, provide energetic sounds for that afternoon pick-me-up.

9 March Jazz Studio
16 March The Edith
30 March The Edith
20 April The Edith
27 April The Edith
11 May The Edith
17 August The Edith
24 August The Edith
31 August The Edith
28 September The Edith
19 October The Edith
26 October Alfresco

MUSIC ARTIST WEDNESDAYS
1.10PM
WAAPA’s incredible singer/songwriting students showcase their original works. Check website for more details.

17 March
31 March
28 April
19 May
28 July
11 August
25 August

CONTEMPORARY THURSDAYS
12.00PM
Break for lunch and groove along with WAAPA’s Contemporary Music students.

18 March Grindhouse
22 April Grindhouse
13 May Grindhouse
5 August Grindhouse
2 September Grindhouse
7 October Grindhouse

GRADUATION RECITALS

Graduation recitals are the highlight of a music student’s studies and bring WAAPA’s 2021 music calendar to a thrilling conclusion. After years of hard practice and performance the standard of these recitals is exceptional as is the diversity on offer.

Don’t miss these fabulous concerts spanning classical, contemporary and jazz. There is something for every type of music lover. You will witness outstanding ensembles of every size and variation performing repertoire from across the spectrum as well as plenty of stunning original works by the Composition and Music Technology students.

See website one month prior to recital date. For full details visit waapa.ecu.edu.au

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
THE ROSEMOUNT HOTEL
459 Fitzgerald St, North Perth
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
These recitals are ticketed and bookings are essential via rosemounthotel.com.au

CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL, CLASSICAL VOICE AND COMPOSITION & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
RICHARD GILL AUDITORIUM
NOVEMBER
No ticketing required.

JAZZ
THE ELLINGTON JAZZ CLUB
191 Beaufort Street, Perth
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER
These recitals are ticketed and bookings are essential via ellingtonjazz.com.au

MUSIC ARTISTS
THE ROSEMOUNT HOTEL
459 Fitzgerald St, North Perth
NOVEMBER
These recitals are ticketed and bookings are essential via rosemounthotel.com.au

PERTH FESTIVAL
5 – 28 February
RESTART IN THE FLESH
RISE ICON: AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT
Celebrate the Dance students’ return to the stage with two exciting new works created by lecturers Kim McCarthy and Justin Rutzou.

In Kim McCarthy’s passionate new work, Classical Dance students perform alongside Classical Music students under the direction of Paul Wright with violinist Ciara Sudlow performing the Chaconne from JS Bach’s Partita No.2 in D minor. Justin Rutzou choreographs a whimsical, poignant new dance theatre work for the Contemporary Dance students that investigates how art reflects life.

Choreographed by Kim McCarthy and Justin Rutzou
Musical Direction by Paul Wright
Performed by 3rd Year Dance and Music students with Ciara Sudlow (violin)

A perfect program of classical and contemporary dance! Les Sylphides, a ‘romantic reverie’ set to Fredéric Chopin’s exquisite music, is restaged by ex-Australian Ballet principal Leanne Stojmenov and WAAPA Classical Dance lecturer Kim McCarthy. Award-winning Perth independent dancer and choreographer Laura Boynes – whose past works include compelling sound and video collaborations, a group work performed in a sea of rice, and a magical solo that traversed the auditorium and stage of the Heath Ledger Theatre – shows why she is renowned for her creative, multi-disciplinary approach to dance.

Choreographed by Leanne Stojmenov and Kim McCarthy from original choreography by Michel Fokine; Laura Boynes
Performed by 2nd Year Dance students

You, me, us, together… Human connectivity, dramatically reshaped by the challenges of 2020, lies at the core of LINK Dance Company’s imaginative, dynamic and entertaining season, In the Flesh. James Berlyn, Artistic Director of WA Youth Theatre Company, devises a new work that celebrates the human capacity for adaptive resilience, set to original music by composer and WAAPA graduate Tristan Parr. Dancer/choreographer and LINK graduate Bernadette Lewis comes full circle to create a new work that explores dance as ecology, as community, as culture. This stunning double bill of contemporary dance showcases WAAPA’s graduate dance company at their very best.

Choreographed by James Berlyn and Bernadette Lewis
Performed by LINK Dance Company

The State’s premier contemporary dance company is proud to be affiliated with WAAPA in creating pathways for the next generation of dance makers.

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Pina Bausch is one of the most important choreographers of the 20th century.

In an international first, the Minderoo Foundation supports the remount of Pina Bausch’s *Tannhäuser Bacchanal*. Danced by WAAPA students with LINK Dance Company, this is the first time *Tannhäuser Bacchanal* will be performed outside of Germany and the first-ever performance of Pina Bausch’s work in Perth. Widely considered to be the precursor to Bausch’s famous *The Rite of Spring*, *Tannhäuser Bacchanal* will be taught by leading artist-in-residence Barbara Kaufmann supported by Marigia Maggipinto, both long-standing members of the Tanztheater Wuppertal. The Minderoo Foundation is proud to partner with WAAPA to bring these world-class arts practitioners to Perth as part of the Visiting Artist program.

Oct

**PINABAUSCH Tannhäuser Bacchanal**

Icon celebrates the enormous influence of German choreographer Pina Bausch on generations of dance makers and performers around the world. WAAPA is delighted to welcome two artists from Pina Bausch Tanztheater Wuppertal to remount Bausch’s *Tannhäuser Bacchanal*, in which 23 dancers perform to Wagner’s romantic, restless music.

*Tannhäuser Bacchanal* is remounted with kind permission and support from the Pina Bausch Foundation/Wuppertal.

**MERYL TANKARD Chants de Mariage**

Meryl Tankard is one of Australia’s finest contemporary dancers and an international artist in her own right. Tankard, a former Pina Bausch company member from 1978 to 1984, will remount her *Chants de Mariage* with assistance from award-winning local choreographer Paige Gordon. This 1991 work for an all-female cast is a dialogue about ritual, secrets, deception and sacred vows.

**MICHAEL WHAITES Things That Remain**

Michael Whaites, artistic director of LINK Dance Company and a former company member of Pina Bausch Tanztheater Wuppertal, will remount *Things That Remain*. Whaites created this nostalgic, gentle and beautiful remembrance in 2009 soon after Pina Bausch’s passing.

In this last hurrah, 2nd and 3rd Year ballet students will perform *A Suite en Blanc*.

Personifying elegance and grace, our graduating ballet students will step onto the Geoff Gibbs stage for one final time before they head out into the wonderful world of the professional dance community.

Choreographed and staged by Kim McCarthy and Leanne Stojmenov

Performed by 2nd and 3rd Year Dance students

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West Australian Ballet is proud to be working with WAAPA.

Carina Roberts, Demi-Soloist with West Australian Ballet and former WAAPA Student

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A SUITE EN BLANC

GEOFF GIBBS THEATRE

Nov

MTWTFSS

15 16 17 18

7.30pm

Matinee

Thu 18 Sep, 2.00pm

Tickets

$30 Full
$25 Concession
$23 Friends

Bookings open

Friends 7 Sep
Public 14 Sep

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**ICON: AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT**

**Photo by Stephen Heath**
WAAPA has a thriving postgraduate research program covering a broad range of performing arts disciplines, with a particular strength in practice-led research. Our strengths include interactive digital music systems, performance practices on historic piano, new directions in jazz, physiological analysis of human movement, theatre-making, choreography, and much more. The WAAPA Postgraduate Research Showcase is in part a performance event, and in part a series of short research presentations. It offers a rare opportunity for audiences to sample innovative arts projects in their nascent stages, and to view the ideas that will transform the future of arts discourse.

Hosted by WAAPA Higher Degree by Research students

RISE UP

The 2021 WA Screen Academy class of producers, writers, directors, cinematographers, sound designers and editors presents an exciting program of short original films exploring the theme, Rise Up. The films feature the talents of WAAPA’s Acting students, as well as Composition, Sound, Costume and Design students.

For further information: ecu.edu.au/wa-screen-academy

On set for Open Up 2020. Photo by Jon Pettas
ELLIDA
GLORIA
JULIUS CAESAR
HUMAN CANNON
SUMMER RAIN
ELLIDA

ROUNDSHOUSE THEATRE

As quicksilver as the sea itself, full of riptides, swells and undercurrents, the tug of unspoken desire can drag you under. Ellida, a lighthouse keeper’s daughter, is living a life of quiet desperation with her husband in a coastal fjord town when a mysterious lover from her past arrives. Will she stay on dry land with her husband or answer the call of the sea?

A new adaptation by May-Brit Akerholt
Based on *The Lady from the Sea* by Henrik Ibsen
Directed by Will O’Mahony
Performed by 3rd Year Acting students

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7.30pm
Matinee
Sat 27 Mar, 2.00pm

Tickets
$37 Full
$32 Concession
$30 Friends

Bookings open
Friends 23 Feb
Public 2 Mar

GLORIA

ROUNDSHOUSE THEATRE

A whip-smart satirical comedy from hot young American playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins. All that matters to a group of ambitious editorial assistants at a Manhattan magazine is how fast they can climb the journalistic ladder of success. But when an ordinary humdrum workday becomes anything but, the stakes for who gets the story become higher than ever. Finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Gloria* explores questions of ambition, career, and who gets the right to shape the narrative.

"Provocative, sharply observant and playfully theatrical! This thought-provoking work continues its talented young writer’s winning streak." – Frank Scheck, *Hollywood Reporter*

*Content warning: contains violence, coarse language, adult themes.*
Black Swan State Theatre Company of WA is proud to be the highest employer of WAAPA graduates in Western Australia. Providing career pathways for arts managers, lighting and sound designers, actors, directors, writers, costume and set designers, musicians and more!

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We look forward to walking together with you again in 2021
Developing Industry Pathways for Emerging Artists

CREATING, PRESENTING AND CELEBRATING CONTEMPORARY FIRST NATIONS THEATRE

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2021 PERFORMANCE
ENRIGHT STUDIO

Join us in celebrating the talents of WAAPA's 2021 Aboriginal Performance cohort, as they take to the stage in the end-of-year public performance that marks the finale to their year of training. A showcase for their acting and performance skills, this dramatic work demonstrates contemporary Indigenous performance and culture as we applaud the achievements of the 2021 ensemble.

Directed by Rick Brayford
Performed by Aboriginal Performance students

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THE CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE
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FOLDS
**The Caucasian Chalk Circle**

Written by Bertolt Brecht  
Directed by Emily McLean  
Performed by 3rd Year Performance Making students

“Terrible is the temptation to do good!” warns Bertolt Brecht’s narrator. But good is all that Grusha, the simple kitchen maid, knows. And so, in the midst of a revolution, she finds herself caring for a poor defenseless infant. Their subsequent journey across her war-torn country is the heart of Brecht’s question: What is right in a world that has gone wrong?

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**Tilt**

Get ready to be inspired, provoked and entertained as WAAPA’s graduating performance makers hit the Blue Room Theatre stage at full tilt, showcasing their creative talents over two weeks in September. This is theatre at its most eclectic, with powerful performances and inventive stagecraft underpinning highly original works that explore the very edges of theatre making.

*Content warning: contains adult themes.*

Devised and performed by 3rd Year Performance Making students

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**Enright Studio**

Tickets $30 Full  $25 Concession  $23 Friends  
Bookings open Friends 23 Feb Public 2 Mar

**Generator 2021**

Devised and performed by 2nd Year Performance Making students

See what’s cooking in the next generation of performance makers at WAAPA in this evening of new works from the creative minds of our 2nd Year Performance Making students. There will be drama, politics and heart in this showcase of courageous and original devised performance.

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**The Edith**

Tickets $20 Flat Fee

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**The Blue Room Theatre**

Perth Cultural Centre, 53 James St, Northbridge

Tickets $30 Full  $25 Concession  $23 Friends  + $2.00 booking fee

Bookings open Public 4 June
Tel: 9227 7005
Online: blueroom.org.au
or in person 9.00am - 5.00pm

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**The Blue Room Theatre**

All good performance starts somewhere.

97% of the time it’s at WAAPA.

We’re proud to continue our relationship with WAAPA in 2021.

blueroom.org.au
Spare Parts Puppet Theatre proudly working with WAAPA to create puppetry and visual theatre magic

FOLDSD

WA MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP
Perth Cultural Centre, Perth

The new WA Museum Boola Bardip is a place to share Western Australia’s many stories – so the perfect venue for a unique performance event that explores the human experience of time and memory. See the beautiful spaces of this world-class museum come alive as our Performance Making students create bespoke moments of performance in response to the WA Museum building and its collections. Folds takes inspiration from images of geological folding; the visualisation of time written into rocks. This exciting, original work uses the new Museum to contemplate how we can ‘fold’ the present moment back in time to link it to a moment in the past as a particular kind of memory and memorial.

Directed by Frances Barbe
Devised and performed by 2nd Year Performance Making students

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MTWTFSS
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7.30pm

Tickets
$25 Full
$20 Concession
$18 Friends

Bookings open
Friends 7 Sep
Public 14 Sep

WONDER

SPARE PARTS PUPPET THEATRE
1 Short St, Fremantle

This year marks Spare Parts Puppet Theatre’s 40th anniversary, and the seventh annual collaboration between the Fremantle-based company and WAAPA’s Performance Making students. This exciting partnership introduces our students to the world of visual storytelling through the physical and imaginative demands of puppet theatre.

For their final show before they graduate, all of the students’ creative inventiveness will be let loose to bring Spare Parts’ history, building, surrounding parkland, and favourite puppets to magical life! Under the direction of Michael Barlow, SPPT’s Associate Director, the students will create a promenade performance as the centrepiece of celebrations of 40 years of contemporary puppetry, made in wonder.

Directed by Michael Barlow
Devised and performed by 3rd Year Performance Making students

Nov

MTWTFSS
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7.00pm

Matinee
Sat 6 Nov, 2.00pm

Tickets
$30 Full
$25 Concession
$23 Friends

Bookings open
Friends 5 Jul
Public 12 Jul

W A MUSEUM BOOLA BARDIP
Perth Cultural Centre, Perth

Tickets
$25 Full
$20 Concession
$18 Friends

$2.00 booking fee for online orders
$4.00 handling fee for phone orders

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7.30pm

Bookings open
Friends 7 Sep
Public 14 Sep

Life on Earth 2019. Photo by Stephen Heath
INTO THE WOODS
CRAZY FOR YOU
CABARET
BRIGHT STAR
**INTO THE WOODS**

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Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Book by James Lapine
Director Nicole Stinton
Music Director David King
Choreographer Scott Elsermann
Performed by 3rd Year Music Theatre and Music students

Be careful what you wish for... A baker and his wife wish to have a child. Cinderella wishes to attend the King’s festival. Jack wishes his cow would give milk. But while wishes may come true, the journey might change you forever. Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine’s Tony Award-winning musical takes to the stage of the Studio Underground. Come into the Australian woods with a diverse group of politically aware, socially outcast, provocative young adults to discover what happens after ‘happily ever after’.

**CABARET**

**Sep**

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Book by Joe Masteroff
Music by John Kander
Lyrics by Fred Ebb
Director Tamara Cook
Music Director David King
Choreographer Natalie Allen
Performed by 3rd Year Music Theatre and Music students

Welcome to the Kit Kat Klub, a seedy nightclub in 1930s Berlin, where the flamboyant Master of Ceremonies commands the action and singer Sally Bowles performs against a backdrop of rising Nazism and her own complicated love life. Winner of multiple awards including 8 Oscars, 7 BAFTAs and 13 Tonys, Cabaret is one of the all-time greats of musical theatre.

*Content warning: contains sexual references and adult themes.*

**BRIGHT STAR**

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This Tony Award-winning musical theatre classic features catchy Gershwin tunes, high-energy dance routines and a timeless Broadway tale: city boy meets country girl, they fall in love, boy messes it up and spends the rest of the show trying to win the girl back.

Crazy for You is a riotously entertaining comedy packed with some of the greatest songs to ever light up a stage: *They Can’t Take That Away from Me*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, *Embraceable You*, *But Not for Me*, *Someone to Watch Over Me* and the showstopping *I Got Rhythm*.

Performed at the iconic Maj in the heart of the city, you’d be crazy to miss it!

**Bright Star** is a sweeping tale of love, regret and redemption wrapped up in a sweet bluegrass musical. Set in the American South, the story moves between the 1920s and 1940s, as literary editor Alice Murphy attempts to find the child that was taken from her. Her journey to find the truth transforms those around her as lives torn apart are made whole again.

Music, book & story by Steve Martin
Music, lyrics & story by Edie Brickell
Director Adam Mitchell
Music Director Craig Dalton
Choreographer Jayne Smeulders
Performed by 2nd Year Music Theatre and Music students

*Note: Box Office Opens on the day of performance.*

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**HIS MAJESTY’S THEATRE** 825 Hay St, Perth

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Tickets
$76 Full
$71 Concession
$69 Friends

**Tickets**
$50 Full
$45 Concession
$43 Friends

*Booking fees may apply

Box Office
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Postal Address

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On sale dates are listed in the program for each ticketed event. Bookings can be made online, in person or by phone.

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