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Siren Theatre Co and Seymour Centre in association with Sydney WorldPride present

## **CAMP**

Seymour Centre and Siren Theatre Co in association with Sydney WorldPride are proud to present the world premiere of **CAMP**, playing at Seymour Centre from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Against the backdrop of the Vietnam War, Australia is on the cusp of political change. The body of a murdered lecturer floats in the River Torrens, a young woman escapes a lobotomy to ‘cure’ her sexuality, and a single mum struggles to find her place in a society that brands her as ‘abnormal’.

Written by rising-star Australian playwright, **Elias Jamieson Brown** (*Green Park*), and directed by **Kate Gaul** (*The Trouble with Harry*, *The Moors*, *H.M.S Pinafore*), **CAMP** captures the excitement and spirit of revolution present at the birth of Australia’s fierce gay rights movement. Moving, joyful, and powerfully told, **CAMP** chronicles the struggles, successes, and legacy of early Pride activists who risked family, careers, and imprisonment to achieve social reform in Australia, and importantly, dramatises the untold history of women inside Australia’s Pride movement.

Director, Kate Gaul, said, “It is a privilege and a huge responsibility to produce and direct a new play. The challenge with **CAMP** is to be respectful and truthful around the events that inspired the play and have the courage to interpret the work through a truly theatrical prism. I know audiences will be moved and challenged. We celebrate an untold history which reminds us that no struggle is ever over.”

Starring **Adriano Cappelletta** (Ensemble Theatre’s *Death of a Salesman*), **Anni Finsterer** (Bell Shakespeare’s *Othello*), **Genevieve Mooy** (Adelaide State Theatre Company’s *The Appleton Ladies Potato Race*), **Jane Phegan** (Ensemble Theatre’s *Good People*), **Lou McInnes** (Sport for Jove’s *The Crucible Symposium*), **Sandie Eldridge** (Sport for Jove’s *All’s Well That Ends Well*), and **Tamara Natt** (*Queerstories*), **CAMP** tells of corruption, love, and liberation, as past and present collide in a theatrical phantasmagoria.

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**DATES:** 15<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**TIMES:** Wednesday – Friday 7:30pm, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 6pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1:30pm, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm & 7:30pm

**LOCATION:** Seymour Centre - Corner City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale

**BOOKINGS:** <https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/worldpride-2023-camp/> or (02) 9061 5344

**TICKETS:** Full \$49 | Concession \$39 | Mardi Gras Member \$39 | Under 35, Group 8+ \$39 | Preview \$36

**WRITER** Elias Jamieson Brown **DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER** Kate Gaul **ASSOCIATE PRODUCER** Robyn Kennedy **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR** Hayden Tonazzi **PRODUCTION DESIGNER** Angelina Meany **LIGHTING AND VIDEO DESIGNER** Morgan Moroney **COMPOSER AND SOUND DESIGNER** Jessica Dunn **MOVEMENT DIRECTOR** Emily Ayoub **STARRING** Adriano Cappelletta, Anni Finsterer, Genevieve Mooy, Jane Phegan, Lou McInnes, Sandie Eldridge & Tamara Natt

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