# 2025 Season

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The Blue Room Theatre

# The Blue Room Theatre acknowledges the Noongar people of the Bibbulmun nation as the traditional custodians of the land and waters on which we live and work. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and honour all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first people of this nation. The Blue Room Theatre is proud to work with people from all cultures, but we do so on the understanding of First Peoples, first.

Kalyakoori Kwadja Be, Kalyakoori Boorda Be.
Always Was, Always Will Be.

### **Welcome to**

# The Blue Room Theatre's 2025 Season

Confront the truth. Meet it head-on. Sit with stories that are raw, vital, necessary—stories hidden and unheard, until now.

Dive deep into entertaining escapism: wrestling, whiteface and coffee cravings, Al experiments, humpback whale pods, parallel universes, and utter avant-garde nonsense.

This year, you'll witness perspectives across the spectrums—love, nature, race, environment, childhood, feminism—set in the past, the future, the now.

And for those that are looking for an adventure through the streets of Boorloo, *UP THERE (Boorloo)* will weave local stories and take you on a performance art tour.

600 Seconds (in winter this year!) brings the newest ideas to stage: 10-minute testers, kernel's of creations performed for the first time, from fresh and seasoned artists alike.

Fill your hearts. Fill the room. Fill your calendar. Feed your soul—with friends, with story, with performance art.

### **Book With Us**

Secure your tickets at blueroom.org.au or call (08) 9227 7005. To book in person, visit our Box Office. We're open Tues – Fri, 10am – 5pm. Online ticket sales close one hour before show time.

All tickets are \$32. Members and concession tickets are \$27.

Tickets will be available to purchase from Box Office at The Blue Room Theatre, including on the night of the show, subject to availability. It's best to book ahead.

### **Pricing Guide**

Standard: \$32

Members / Concession / Group (6+): \$27

Member with Concession: \$22

## **Find Us**

The Blue Room Theatre is located in the Perth Cultural Centre, 53 James Street, Northbridge. We're tucked away behind the State Theatre Centre of WA and right beside PICA.

Due to Perth Cultural Centre development works, usual access to The Blue Room Theatre will be impacted in 2025. Please visit our website for the most recent updates regarding theatre access. Alternatively, please call us and our Front of House team will help direct you.

### TRAIN

The Blue Room Theatre is within a 5-minute walk of Perth Train Station and Perth Underground.

### **PARKING**

The closest parking to the Blue Room Theatre are CPP Culture Centre (Roe St), and CPP State Library (Francis St). There is limited street parking on William St and James St.

### BUS

We are within a 5-minute walk of stops on William and Beaufort Streets. We are within a 5-minute walk of the Roe St Bus Station.

# **Accessibility**

For more detailed and regularly updated Accessibility Info, visit our website. If you have accessibility requests or questions, please get in touch with Box Office or via phone or email: info@blueroom.org.au



### **Wheelchair Access**

All of our performances are wheelchair accessible. If you make a wheelchair booking, please let us know ahead of time.



### **Toilets**

We have a universal access toilet and two gender neutral toilets.



Our venue is Guide Dog friendly (Provided that your dog is an accredited as service animal).



### **Companion Cards**

We honour Companion Cards with a second ticket at no extra cost.

### **Additional Venue Info**

We're a relaxed venue, but we appreciate coming to the theatre can sometimes be a bit intimidating. Find out everything you need to know to make your visit comfy at the 'Visit Us' page on our website, or call us for a chat.

## **Contact Us**

Website: blueroom.org.au Phone: (08) 9227 7005



# **Shadow of Doubt**

What lies beneath the surface

David and Heather Andrews seem like the perfect couple. Nestled in the Kalamunda hills, their life appears flawless. But appearances can be deceiving. Now as they sit in the witness box, it becomes clear there are three sides to every story: his, hers, and the one that can't stay hidden. The question is: which version casts the true Shadow of Doubt?

PRESENTED BY
Fine Comb Theatre
Company

15 April - 3 May



# **OUT OF ORDER**

Silly. Farcical. Chaos. Coffee.

OUT OF ORDER is a fast-paced comedy about a motley bunch of office workers becoming more desperate and less civil in the pursuit of their Monday morning coffee fix.

A welcoming, silly, healing exhale from the stress we have been inherently holding onto for five years. PRESENTED BY

Tamara Creasey

29 April - 17 May





For some, life is a cactus

A Paris apartment. Christmas has been and gone, but the fireworks are just beginning. 3 expat housemates are back together – a rising tennis star, an unstable waitress living on fragile dreams and the sympathetic undergrad caught between. Tensions rise as romantic notions are pulled from under their feet. A love triangle, a Grand Slam and an open apartment window.

PRESENTED BY
ITSAHA
PRODUCTION

29 April - 3 May



# two thread

Two stories, forever in orbit

two thread looks back through time, unearthing the fabric of our past, and the threads of our stories that are tightly woven together. It is a glimpse into our deepest reflections, contemplations and negotiations as kin. We meet ourselves through each other, honouring the collisions of lineages that exist within and around our bodies.

PRESENTED BY

13 - 17 May

Karlia & Danni Cook

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1920s feminist rebellion meets film noir

Imagine being transported to a 1920s cinema—a world of flickering film reels & slapstick comedy. *Hyperfantasia* is a live silent film, celebrating the daring flapper women who embraced freedom and femininity in a world where their voices were muted. Confront the past and connect with the present through a hypnotic dance between light and shadow.

PRESENTED BY
Enneagon
Movement

27 - 31 May



# **How The KKK Saved The Day**

Satire Musical Comedy - Hilarious, Daring, Wholesome

Ever wanted to join the KKK? Well now's your chance! Join the KKK on a hilarious adventure as Milton and the rest of the klan deal with a mix up of their town's new family, they were expecting the Johnson's but instead they got the !ohnson's (from Africa!)! Will this be the end of the klan, or will they realise that their differences are skin deep?

PRESENTED BY

Amri Mrisho

27 May - 14 June





Tear it all down.

It's 1892, the sun has set, a candle is lit and a young mother is secretly writing about her life. Away from the prying eyes of a controlling husband and surrounded by the most horrific wallpaper imaginable, she descends into a deep, mindbending, depression. This revisioned feminist classic is not to be missed.

PRESENTED BY

Monkey Brain

Theatre

10 - 28 June



# SKIN

The tones beyond the SKIN.

An intimate exploration of love, loss, and the unspoken bonds that shape us. Through the lens of brown skin we witness the deeply personal and often unseen experiences that ripple through families, hearts, and bodies.

A testament to resilience, uncovering what we carry inside, even when the world looks away.

PRESENTED BY

lan De Mello

26 June - 5 July





Journey back to our essence.

Reconnect with the joy and curiosity you thought you'd left behind! *Child* is an uplifting journey of rediscovering your inner spark through music, dance, and spoken word. This heartfelt show explores the moment we stop listening to our inner voice and invites us to rekindle our childlike wonder. Come curious, leave inspired!

\*Offsite Location: Saraswati Mahavidhyalaya, 263 Beaufort Street, Perth

PRESENTED BY

Ascension Arts

8 - 19 July



# **Love Stories**

Listen, and wonder.

Thousands of parallel sensory worlds coexist. The world is speaking, but our bodies are unable to hear much of what surrounds us. Through stories of migratory humpback whale pods, of evolving Australian birdsong, and a vibrating universe, *Love Stories* wonders what we can learn from listening to the parallel sensory worlds surrounding us.

PRESENTED BY
stop drop + roll
theatre company

1 – 5 July





Interwoven Lives in a Changing World

BRUISED is a poetic journey into the lives of three women whose stories reflect our changing world. Through evocative dialogue, direct addresses, and striking visuals, the play explores the elemental forces that shape their lives and the strength they find in each other as they navigate a future filled with hope and uncertainty.

PRESENTED BY

Follow That Cat and Split Lip Productions

8 - 26 July



## **600 SECONDS**

short works, big ideas



PERFORMING LINES V

T Z D A T U S I C E

Two big weeks of ten short works. In 2025, our *Summer Nights* favourite is making a return, bringing that unforgettable summer vibe to warm you up this winter. Week one sees boundary pushing storytelling and live performance under mentorship from WA gem Bonnie Davies. Week two, dance and movement artists take over strut-ting their new ideas with mentorship from local icon Tyrone Earl Lraé Robinson. Two compelling line-ups of local talent, artistry and innovation.

MAKES

5-9 AUGUST

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP with Centre for Stories & Performing Lines WA

MOVES 12-16 AUGUST
PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP
with STRUT Dance

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Talk through it, fight through it.

Mina is transgender, April is infertile, they both do Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. They both want to start a family. Through interrogating their past heartbreaks, and confronting their present tragedy, Mina and April must come to terms with the fact that they are incapable of communicating through crises, big or small, and must find a more physical way to work through their feelings.

PRESENTED BY
Flash Brew & PDA

12 - 16 August



# Written by a Robot

Uncanny valley, avant-garde or utter nonsense?

Created by AI, delivered by humanity. Lively performance, artificial intelligence. Utilizing generative AI as a key driver of its creative process Written by a Robot is an experimental work exploring the possibilities of, and implications behind, artificial creativity. Sacrilege, masterpiece or train-wreck? In any event, it's gonna be worth a watch.

PRESENTED BY

BS Productions

19 August – 6 September





O Death! I shall become!

Meditation is a powerful force. O knew this, and used it for liberation, until their peaceful passing. E is led astray by desire and seeks to bring O back from the dead. Death is just doing her job. Until she isn't.

*O,D,E* is a new experimental opera: a queer, avantmetal retelling of Orpheus & Eurydice, grounded in the suffering of being alive.

PRESENTED BY
Sage J Harlow &
Tone List

26 August – 6 September



# **Leg Business**

Welcome to Club Leg Business

Monstrous sensuality and divine sin... Welcome to Club Leg Business. Enter a pulsating world of possibility as our performers grapple with hungry beasts of empowerment, gaze and desire... with a healthy splash of striptease. Featuring live music and guest performers from Boorloo's rich nightlife scene, Leg Business is contemporary theatre at its sexiest.

PRESENTED BY

Delaney Burke & Scarlet Rose

16 September – 4 October

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Championing the voices of young Western Australians



Made in Boorloo is a program of new work by a group of WA Youth Theatre Company members aged 13-26. The Boorloo-based theatre makers have worked side-by-side with local professional directors and a dramaturg to bring their ideas to life. Expect fresh takes, variety and a commitment to telling stories about what matters to young people today.

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

WA Youth
Theatre Company

30 September – 4 October



# Resistance | ചറുത്തുനില്പ്

Join the movement: resilience, strength, dance

Experience the compelling solo dance-theatre performance, Resistance | ചറുത്തുനില്പ്, choreographed by Swaroopa Prameela Unni. This powerful work explores a woman's right to bodily autonomy, shining a light on the various forms of violence—emotional, physical, financial, and sexual—that women endure in society.

PRESENTED BY
Swaroopa
Prameela Unni

8 - 11 October





No house? No problem. Buy now!

Things keep breaking. The bedroom door won't close. The printer keeps jamming. The plaster is cracking. Nothing is still. Costs are rising. Bills are piling. Downtime is dwindling. Cute cats are on the news. A line for meatballs gets longer. And a chair and a lamp are trying to be enough when the world is constantly demanding more.

PRESENTED BY
Harrison
Lorenz-Daniel

14 - 25 October



# **Sunday Reset**

Rest when you're dead.

It's Sunday and Zara hasn't left the house in 3 weeks. Stuck in her childhood bedroom as the sudden sole carer for her Mum, she's finally ready to get her life in order — all by Monday morning. Come and find how to save yourself from catching on fire when you're about to burn out.

PRESENTED BY

Medina Dizdarević

21 - 25 October





Wrestling and dance collide

Two guys hit the stage with scrappy energy, hugging and shoving, bonding and tussling. Their bodies crash into each other in a whirlwind of limbs. They squeeze and strain in a messy tangle, until they stop, breath, and let the remaining knot soften. *THE SCRAMBLE* is a rough-and-tumble celebration of the complex ways men connect through touch.

PRESENTED BY
Shaun Johnston
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
STRUT Dance

28 October – 8 November



# The Little Mermaid

A small scale ballet

The youngest son in a mobility aid-using family runs away from his Mandurah home, looking for the love he deserves on land. Made with care by a disabled-led team of underrepresented theatre, dance and music collaborators – this coming-of-age ballet adaptation shimmers with interdisciplinary magic and the tender determination of our city's underdogs.

PRESENTED BY
Patrick Gunasekera

4 – 22 November





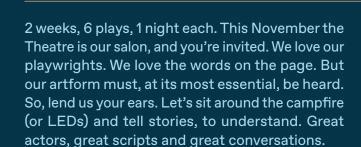
Join the journey: vacant spaces, hidden stories.

You walk past shop front after shop front with 'For Lease' signs. Who even is Lease and why do they get all the empty shop fronts? You look up to the second level of terrace shops, "Oh, but they're for storage", your friend says, your Mum says, your friend's Mum says. But surely all these spaces aren't for storage. What stories do they have to tell?

PRESENTED BY
UP THERE
Walking Tour

4 - 22 November

\*Please note this show is a walking tour



PRESENTED BY
Red Ryder
Productions

11 - 22 November



# **Red Ryder is Script Teasing**

Play readings are fun too

# **Memberships**

Join the Community, and enjoy the perks of becoming a Blue Room member, which include: discounted tickets, access to apply to be part of our artistic program, discounted rehearsal space and discounts at our bar. Plus, every membership supports The Blue Room Theatre to do what we do. Head to our website to find out more.

## **Multishow Passes**

The only thing better than seeing a show at The Blue Room Theatre is seeing lots of shows at The Blue Room Theatre! Offering you flexibility and saving you money, our Multi Show Passes help you get the most out of our 2025 Season.

### **4 SHOW PASS**

\$108 | \$88 for Members Perfect to dip your toe in

### **8 SHOW PASS**

\$216 | \$176 for Members Take a chance on some more

### 14 SHOW PASS

\$378 | \$308 for Members When you simply can't miss a show

## The Blue Room Bar

Our bar is the perfect place to gather with mates before the show and meet the artists afterwards. Drop by, grab a drink and a toastie. The bar is also available for hire for your next event!

### **Thank You**

Thanks to all our 2025 Season artists that attended the shoot and a special thanks to Curtin University - Hayman Theatre and City of Cockburn -Memorial Hall.

The Blue Room Theatre is a community of artists and audiences, of creatives and makers, and we would not be here without the generous support from our donors, members and sponsors. We thank you for your generous contributions and being champions for The Blue Room Theatre. If you would like to find out more about becoming a donor or sponsor, please get in touch with our Executive Director Sukhjit Kaur Khalsa: sukhjit@blueroom.org.au

Thank you to all our 2025 Season casual staff and volunteers – we couldn't do this without you.

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