

DEAR PATRONS

Dear Patrons,

The Guild Theatre Rockdale is pleased to announce its return in 2021 with a season of five stories to thrill, inspire, make you laugh, and welcome you back.

Our season opens with **Crown Matrimonial** by Royce Ryton, a powerful royal drama. Queen Mary struggles to steer her sons through intrigue and scandal as one abdicates his throne for love and the other unexpectedly rises to power.

Our second play is a timeless Pulitzer Prize winner but is so in demand that professional productions both in Australia and on Broadway prevent us from even saying its name! Casting is underway and we anticipate revealing it soon.

Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Jeffrey Archer is a courtroom thriller that puts the audience in the jury as veteran lawyer Sir David Metcalf defends himself from the charge of murdering his wife. Is he guilty? Decide for yourself.

In **Calendar Girls** by Tim Firth, a group of extraordinary women pose for a charity calendar with a difference and in the process find themselves exposed in ways they never expected, revealing more than was ever intended.

An O. Henry Christmas by Howard Burman takes us into the festive season with a collection of tales by the American author O. Henry, as a group of down-and-outs share stories and find Christmas cheer in difficult times.

We're so glad to be back in 2021 and we hope you'll come and join us!

We thank you for your continued support of The Guild - your local community theatre.

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BOOKING INFORMATION (02) 9597 4558

The Booking Office will open for telephone bookings on the following dates for each production:

CROWN MATRIMONIAL	12 JANUARY
(A MYSTERY PLAY)	13 APRIL
BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT	22 JUNE
CALENDAR GIRLS	7 SEPTEMBER
AN O. HENRY CHRISTMAS	26 OCTOBER

All plays are subject to availability and may change without notice. Due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic, there exists the possibility of postponement. Please, check our website and social media for updates.

- Website: www.guildtheatre.com.au
- Facebook: The Guild Theatre
- Twitter: @OurGuildTheatre
- YouTube: The Guild Theatre
- Instagram: the.guild.theatre

TICKET PRICES (All performances)

Price includes programme and interval refreshments.

\$30.00	Adults
\$25.00	Concessions
\$25.00	Theatre Parties (20 or more)
\$25.00	Wednesday Night Special
\$100.00	Season Ticket

Price includes programme. Complementary interval refreshments may be temporarily unavailable as part of our safety measures. We look forward to serving them again soon.



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THE GUILD THEATRE SEASON 2021

(A MYSTERY PLAY)

BY WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY
DIRECTED BY LYN LEE

"A Pulitzer Prize winner and a timeless classic"

We are not yet allowed to announce our production of this mid twentieth century theatrical masterpiece. Due to the lasting appeal of the show there are professional productions in Australia and on Broadway in the next year but as soon as possible we will be announcing our production of this heartwarming story of love, life, death, and home.



MAY 7 – JUNE 5

An Amateur Production BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL, ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

CALENDAR GIRLS

BY TIM FIRTH
DIRECTED BY SUSAN STAPLETON

"A comedic romp filled with wit, warmth, and genuine insight."



When the middle aged women of Knapely set out to raise money for Leukemia research, a naked calendar was not what the Women's Institute had in mind. Based on a true story, this heartwarming comedy of old friends fighting hard to bare all is the fastest selling play in British theatre history.

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 30

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CROWN MATRIMONIAL

BY ROYCE RYTON
DIRECTED BY CHRIS SEARLE

"The drama and politics of a royal family in crisis."

Britain, 1936. Queen Mary, widowed mother of a new king, steers her family through turmoil and scandal. To follow his heart, her son abandons the throne, leaving his stammering brother daunted by responsibility and dark forces looming over Europe. Allannah Jarman leads the cast in the regal true story behind The Crown and The King's Speech.



FEBRUARY 5 – MARCH 6

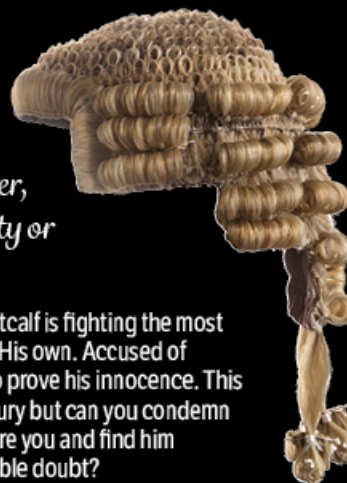
This production of Crown Matrimonial" by Royce Ryton is by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd, on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd London

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT

BY JEFFREY ARCHER
DIRECTED BY JIM FARROW

"Do you find the prisoner, Sir David Metcalf, guilty or not guilty of murder?"

Distinguished lawyer Sir David Metcalf is fighting the most important defence case of his life. His own. Accused of murdering his wife, he struggles to prove his innocence. This courtroom thriller puts you in the jury but can you condemn a man based on the evidence before you and find him innocent or guilty beyond reasonable doubt?



JULY 16 – AUGUST 14

An Amateur Production BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL, ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

AN O. HENRY CHRISTMAS

BY O. HENRY, HOWARD BURMAN
BASED ON STORIES BY O. HENRY
DIRECTED BY BILL AYERS

"A collection of heartwarming Christmas stories from the most surprising of places."



In 1893, a wandering story teller finds himself amongst the homeless of New York. There he brings to life quirky, moving, funny, and dramatic tales, written by the famous author O. Henry, as he tries to evoke, even in the darkest of places, the spirit of Christmas.

NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 11

An Amateur Production BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN™ THEATRICAL, ON BEHALF OF SAMUEL FRENCH, INC., A CONCORD THEATRICALS COMPANY