

BLUE ROO THEATRE COMPANY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH QPAC, ARTS QUEENSLAND AND CANTACARE,
PRESENTS TWO OUTSTANDING PRODUCTIONS

A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Owners

Blue Roo Theatre Company pays respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestors of this land, their spirits and their legacy. The foundations laid by these ancestors - our First Nations Peoples - gives strength, inspiration and courage to current and future generations, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, towards creating a better Queensland.



Image by Dylan Evans Photography

Welcome

FROM DEBORAH WALKER,
PRESIDENT, BLUE ROO THEATRE



Yes, here we are again at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre where we are made to feel so welcome – isn't it wonderful!!

It is with the greatest pleasure I introduce Blue Roo Theatre Company's major production for 2021. A Midsummer Night's Dream is a comedy written by William Shakespeare. The play is one of Shakespeare's most enduring, popular and widely performed. For centuries it has been one of Shakespeare's most beloved plays and now it's Blue Roo Theatre Company's turn to bring it to the stage.

This production is brought to you through our partnerships with Arts Queensland, Centacare and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre. We could not do this without their wonderful support.

The production features a cast of 25 fabulous Centacare performers and this year we have a special addition.

Each performance is being opened by the Variety Kids Choir. The choir is directed by the talented singer/songwriter Luke Scott. Variety - the Children's Charity is dedicated to kids who are sick, disadvantaged or who have a disability.

Blue Roo Theatre Company strives to create inspiring performance experiences for people with disability and our audiences.

With the help and support of our partners, sponsors, the performing arts and disability sectors and Queensland communities...

Blue Roo changes lives.

It is now time for you to sit back and enjoy the performance - please let us entertain you.

Deborah



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Director's Notes

A warm welcome.

Reaching this live performance has been a long and challenging journey.

We have zoomed, followed all the COVID guidelines and now, two years later, we have arrived.

This performance is Blue Roo's reimagining of Shakespeare's 1596 classic A Mid-Summer Night's Dream.

I want to thank all the remarkable performers, facilitators and volunteers for their commitment and, finally, to thank all the stakeholders who made this production possible.

I hope you enjoy today's performance

Clark Crystal
Production Artistic Director

Creative Team

Clark Crystal – Production Artistic Director
Sonny Clarke - Playwright
Brian Lucas - Movement
Sharon Clarke - Costume Designer
Josh McIntosh - Set Designer
Dylan Evans - Photographer
Joshua Hatcher - Music Director/Woodwinds
Mal Wood - Trumpet
Steve Russell - Piano/Keyboards
Pat Farrell - Bass Guitar
Steve Francis – Drums/Percussion

AUSLAN Connections

Mel Busch - Sign Interpreter
Adele Greedy-Vogel - Sign Interpreter



A Midsummer Night's Dream Team

Cast

Mary Morris - Titania Queen of the Fairies

Daniel Tomlinson - Oberon King of the Fairies

Tanya Bartlett - Courtney the Koala

Christopher Gaunt - Puck

Liam Maloney - Ghost of Shakespeare

Brendan Davey - Button

Dan Schoch - Pixie

Kylie Dean - Spy Fairy Bumble Bee

James Loakes - Spy Fairy Bottlebrush

Jarred Mellish - The Strawberry King

Ben Hawton - Fairy Euca

Marisa Rouillon - Fairy Angel

Nicole Theodoros - Fairy Butterfly

Laura Solomon - Fairy Lily

David Baird - Fairy Roo

Lincoln Inger - Fairy Dave

Emma Gordon-Smith - Fairy Daffodil

Brigit Coote - Fairy Gabriel

Jesse Atkinson - Fairy Gumnut

Caitlin Manktelow - Fairy Blossom

James Savage - Fairy Wattle

Mark Fraser - Fairy Opal

Lyndal De Vantier - Fairy Harmony

Joel Dodemont - Fairy Marigold

Helene Smith - Fairy Philabelle

Fireys Music Ensemble

Emma Gordon-Smith - Glockenspiel

Joel Dodemont - Triangle & Guitar

Jesse Aikinson - Drums

Lyndal De Vantier - Bass

Caitlin Manktelow - Keyboard

Nicola Theodoros - Sticks & Vocals





All kids should be able to follow their dreams and be the best they can be. No matter what life throws at them. No matter what their ability.

Each year, thousands of kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs, get support from Variety – the Children's Charity when they need it most.

Our mission is to empower Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs, to live, laugh and learn.

Our vision is for all Aussie kids to attain their full potential regardless of ability or background.

Introducing the Variety Choir

Isabella Anderson
Isabella Coward
Vitolino Elisara
Ivy Roger
Charlotte Smith
Oliver Smith
Isabella Stanfield
Jahzara Temple
Char Tenkate

Creative Team:

Luke Scott - Musical Director/ Composer/
Guitar
Holly Leeson - Blue Roo Choreographer
Chris McLaren - Guitar



Director's Notes

A warm welcome.

BOSS is a highly physical combination of comedy and drama which explores the personal and political issues surrounding disability and power.

BOSS is created and performed by collaborators Laura Solomon and Brian Lucas.

This premier season of BOSS is proudly supported by Blue Roo Theatre Company Inc, Brisbane City Council via the Creative Sparks Grant programme, and QPAC.

We hope you enjoy today's performance.

Brian Lucas and Laura Solomon
Production Creators and Directors

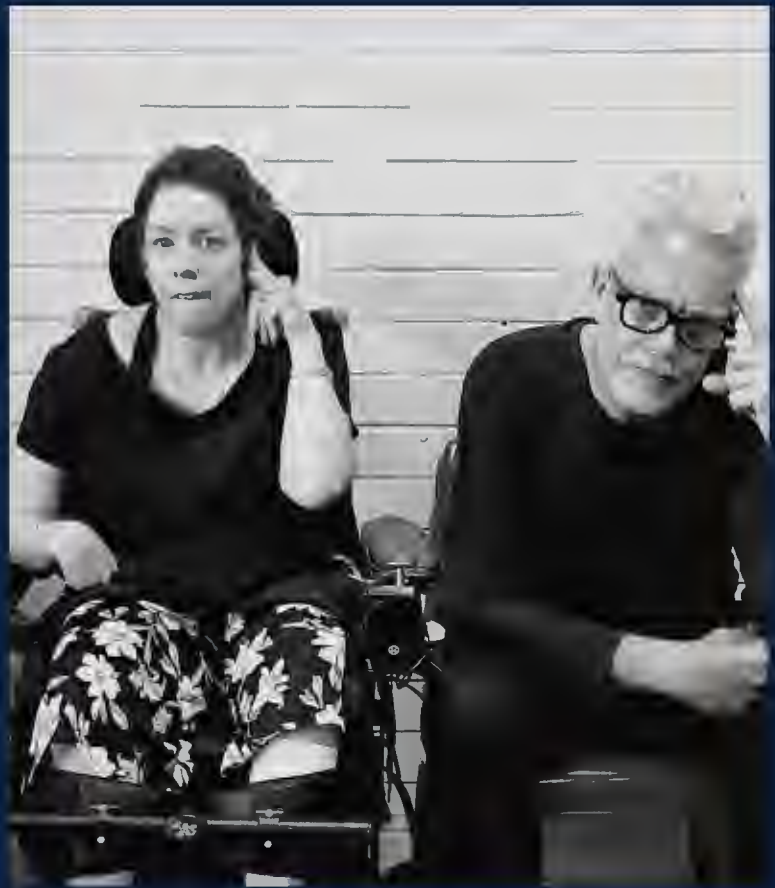


Image by Jan Brutton

BOSS

Two average people meet in a generic waiting room in the offices of a mysterious company where they await an interview for an unspecified job.

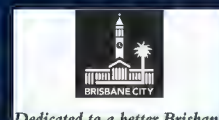
As they wait, they chat to fill in the time and find themselves gradually drawn in a playful world of facts and fantasy - a world of supermodels, Disney princesses, Shakespearean lovers, masters, servants, and superheroes.

But what is the "company"?

What is the job?

Will anyone ever attend to them?

And who exactly is the mysterious "Boss"?



Dedicated to a better Brisbane

About Blue Roo Theatre Company

Blue Roo Theatre Company Inc. is a not-for-profit inclusive arts company, empowering people with a range of disability and proudly celebrating diversity in theatre.

Our vision is to make a positive difference in the lives of Queensland communities through the performing arts.

Our purpose is to provide opportunities for people with disability to become involved in the performing arts and public performance.

Our values are empowerment, excellence, inclusivity, innovation, passion and fun.

Blue Roo Theatre Company Inc is a registered Australian charity accepting tax-deductible donations to support performers and artists with disability to share their creative abilities, tell their stories and have their truths heard.



What's Coming Up?



·Shaping next year's major production - **'Tis the Season'**
We're reminded that the magic of happiness is focussing on the solution, not the problem. Yesterday is not tomorrow.

·**Coming to You** - two short tours, with community workshops, to nearby regions

·Our newly developing **Music and Rhythm Ensemble** will thrill new audiences

·Tune into YouTube to see our upcoming **Knowledge Series** video podcast to be co-hosted by Holly, our Blue Roo Artistic Coordinator, and a 'surprise' inclusive artist.

And more!

We're looking forward to another year of building on our creative successes and venturing joyfully into the unknown.

While you're waiting for the show to start, relive and celebrate our very first digital production, My Life, My Story. Did you know it's been viewed 113 times globally as well as our Australian views?

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Please visit our website or Facebook to find out more. We do need your help. Give us a call or send us an email (info@bluerootheatre.org.au) to find out the many ways you can contribute to, be involved in or donate to the ongoing activities of Blue Roo Theatre Company.



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