

**Bell Shakespeare presents its first full production in
The Neilson Nutshell - an intimate production of *Romeo and Juliet*,
with single tickets now on sale**



Sydney, Australia: Bell Shakespeare has today announced further cast members for its upcoming production of *Romeo and Juliet*, the first full production to be presented in the company's theatre **The Neilson Nutshell** at Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct from **23 June – 27 August 2023**, with a two-week season at the **Arts Centre Melbourne** in the middle, from **14 – 29 July 2023**.

Artistic Director Peter Evans' beautifully intimate new production stars **Rose Riley** and **Jacob Warner** as the star-crossed lovers, and they will be joined onstage by just announced cast members **Ana Maria Belo** as Lady Capulet, **James Evans** as Capulet, **Kyle Morrison** as Benvolio, **Robert Menzies** as the Nurse and Friar, and **Blazey Best** as Mercutio.

This passionate portrayal will bring audiences closer than ever before to the intensity and the heartbreak of Shakespeare's most evocative tragedy. After a chance meeting, a forbidden love is ignited between two young lovers, Romeo and Juliet. And despite the unending, violent feud between their families, they will risk everything to be together.

Artistic Director Peter Evans said: *"I am excited that perennial favourite Romeo and Juliet is our first full production in The Neilson Nutshell. This early tragedy from Shakespeare is endlessly fascinating. Romeo and Juliet is of course the saddest of sad plays but also one of the funniest and naughtiest tragedies ever written. It is a tragedy of*

accidents where a community's selfish, ancient feud fatally impacts the young people. In The Neilson Nutshell this will be raw and contemporary, and you will be up close and personal with this great play. I am pleased to continue my collaboration with Rose Riley and Jacob Warner as Juliet and Romeo. Funny, irreverent, and fearless actors who will take these great roles by the scruff of the neck. Not to be missed. We are also pleased to be taking our 'Nutshell' production to the semi-circular space of the Fairfax Studio at the Arts Centre in Melbourne, so wonderful for Shakespeare."

Single tickets are now on sale [here](#).

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CAST:

Rose Riley as **Juliet**
Jacob Warner as **Romeo**
Ana Maria Belo as **Lady Capulet**
James Evans as **Capulet**
Kyle Morrison as **Benvolio**
Robert Menzies as **Nurse/Friar**
Blazey Best as **Mercutio**

CREATIVE TEAM:

Director Peter Evans
Designer Anna Tregloan
Lighting Designer Benjamin Cisterne
Composer & Sound Designer Max Lyandvert

ABOUT BELL SHAKESPEARE

Bell Shakespeare is Australia's national theatre company specialising in the works of William Shakespeare and his contemporaries. Founded in 1990 with the aim of sharing Shakespeare's plays in a way that was relevant and exciting to all Australians, the company has evolved further than its visionary founder, John Bell AO, could have hoped.

Today, Bell Shakespeare tours major theatre productions, education programs and outreach initiatives to every state and territory in Australia. Performing and teaching in theatres, schools, juvenile justice centres and regional and remote communities, the company enjoys unrivalled reach and impact, further extending its influence through innovative digital programs.