

## Bell Shakespeare presents the first production in new theatre space at Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct

*In A Nutshell*  
4 - 7 August 2022



IMAGE: Bell Shakespeare's new performance space, The Neilson Nutshell at the redeveloped Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.  
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**Sydney, Australia:** Bell Shakespeare will present the first production in their new theatre space **The Neilson Nutshell** at the newly redeveloped **Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct** from **4 – 7 August**. Titled *In A Nutshell*, an ensemble cast will perform scenes and speeches from some of **Bell Shakespeare Artistic Director Peter Evans'** favourite plays.

Offering a look into Peter Evans' personal thoughts on Shakespeare as he offers his own commentary, the production features scenes showcasing the imagination and linguistic magic of Shakespeare. Evans will explore key themes from power to love and forgiveness across some of Shakespeare's best-known plays, ultimately giving an intimate and inspiring look at humanity.

**Peter Evans, Artistic Director of Bell Shakespeare, said:** *"More than 30 years after John Bell founded Bell Shakespeare, it is an incredible feeling to finally be in our permanent home and welcome the public into our brand-new theatre space, The Neilson Nutshell. This production is a perfect way to showcase how this space is ushering in a new era for us as a company, with the ability to stage new work and continue to explore Shakespeare's enduring relevance."*

The ensemble cast will skillfully switch between characters and scenes from a variety of plays, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Twelfth Night*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear* and *As You Like It*, bringing to life Shakespeare's words. The cast includes Bell Shakespeare Associate Director **James Evans, Eleni Cassimatis, Harriet**

**Gordon-Anderson** and **Robert Menzies**, who recently starred in the company's acclaimed production of *Hamlet*, along with **Blazey Best** and **Toby Schmitz**.

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**KEY DETAILS:**

*In A Nutshell* will be presented in Sydney at The Neilson Nutshell at Pier 2/3 at Walsh Bay Arts Precinct from 4 – 7 August 2022.

**CAST:**

Peter Evans  
Blazey Best  
Eleni Cassimatis  
James Evans  
Harriet Gordon-Anderson  
Robert Menzies  
Toby Schmitz  
Amy Hack (understudy)

**CREATIVES:**

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 dream 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 and beyond. Performing and teaching in theatres, schools, youth justice centres and regional and remote communities, the company enjoys unrivalled reach and impact, further extending its influence through innovative digital programs.