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MAKE A DATE WITH MELBOURNE THIS WINTER

Melbourne Theatre Company invites you to **Make a Date with Melbourne** this winter to soak up the city's cultural attractions and experience the abundance of great theatre on offer at MTC including ***North by Northwest*, *Birdland*, *Death and the Maiden*** and ***The Weir***.

'Melbourne's theatres, galleries and concert halls come alive in winter with so many wonderful arts and culture events happening around the city,' **MTC Executive Director Virginia Lovett** said. 'It's a fantastic time of year to be out and about in Melbourne, and with four MTC productions opening over the next three months, there's no shortage of great entertainment on our stages every night.'

'You don't have to go far to encounter world-class arts and culture, so I encourage everyone to Make a Date with Melbourne and experience the superb work produced by our city's creative industries,' **Ms Lovett** said.

Taking the hard work out of planning a Melbourne getaway, makeadatewithmelbourne.com.au brings together information about cultural activities happening around the city, nearby accommodation and dining offers, travel information and details about MTC shows.

The world premiere production of ***North by Northwest***, adapted by **Carolyn Burns** and directed by **Simon Phillips** is **now playing** at **Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse**. This stunning stage adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's infamous spy thriller stars **Matt Day** as man-on-the-run, Roger O. Thornhill, and **Amber McMahon** as the cool blonde, Eve Kendall.

Birdland is the must-see new play from **Simon Stephens**, the creative mind behind the award-winning stage adaptation of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Opening on **Thursday 11 June** at **Southbank Theatre, The Sumner**, ***Birdland*** charts the unravelling of a superstar in a sexy and revealing exposé of fame, celebrity and mega stardom.

Susie Porter stars in ***Death and The Maiden*** by Ariel Dorfman, a psychological thriller and ethical teaser that resonates viscerally and intellectually as few plays ever have. Directed by **MTC Associate Director Leticia Caceres**, ***Death and the Maiden*** opens **Thursday 23 July** at **Southbank Theatre, The Sumner**.

MTC Associate Artistic Director Sam Strong directs ***The Weir***, Conor McPherson's award-winning play that brings together the great Irish tradition of bar room tales and the theatrical power of storytelling. Proving there's nothing more revealing than the tales we choose to tell and starring **Nadine Garner** and **Greg Stone**, ***The Weir*** opens **Thursday 20 August** at **Arts Centre Melbourne, Fairfax Studio**.

To find out more about these MTC productions, special deals on offer for dining and accommodation, and events at other Melbourne cultural organisations visit makeadatewithmelbourne.com.au

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