

RIVERSIDE'S UPSTAGE CLUB

2024 PROGRAM

EVENT 1: GETTING TO KNOW YOU/ ACTING FOR REALISM with WIT COMPULSORY EVENT

Date: Saturday 9 March

Times: 10:15am – 4:30pm

Workshop Description: Get to know your fellow 2024 Upstage club members with Amy Matthews, Senior Producer – Education and Communities and your Upstage club coordinator. Then, participate in an acting workshop in the art of Realism with a professional actor and learn how to tap into the real emotions and motivations behind the characters you perform.

Show Description: Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, *Wit* is a play about life, death and the significance of a semicolon. Vivian Bearing is 50, in the prime of her life, highly respected and at the height of a stellar academic career. She's a fiercely rational academic with a passion for poetry. And she has just weeks to live.

[See more here.](#)

Event 2: PAGE TO STAGE – NOVEL ADAPTATION with FOURTEEN

Date: Saturday 4 May

Times: 3:45pm – 9:15pm

Workshop Description: The art of adapting a novel for the stage is unique and challenging, and not something every writer can do. Find out how to work with the source material to draw out the theatricality of a story without re-writing the authors intent.

Show Description: Shannon Molloy is a year 9 student at an all-boys rugby-mad Catholic school in regional Queensland, with a secret that no one can ever find out. Shannon is gay. Based on the best-selling memoir by award-winning journalist Shannon Molloy, *Fourteen* is the inspirational true story of growing up gay in central Queensland, transformed into a powerful must-see theatre production by nationally acclaimed Shake & Stir Theatre Co.

[See more here.](#)

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Event 3: DIRECTING MAGICAL REALISM with HIGHWAY OF LOST HEARTS

Date: Saturday 15 June

Times: 10:30am – 4:00pm

Workshop Description: Magical Realism is a style where the fantastical and magical seamlessly exist in an otherwise realistic world. It's a convention that may be used to help heighten or highlight a particular theme, help the audience suspend disbelief or just engage a particular audience demographic. But how do you direct it? How to you make the marry the magical with the mundane? Learn this and more from a professional Director experienced in the artform.

Show Description: Mot wakes up one morning to find that her heart is missing from her chest. She can breathe; she has a pulse — but she feels... nothing. So, she decides to go and look for it. With her dog enlisted as co-pilot, Mot heads down the Highway of Lost Hearts: into the deepest core of the Australian outback — navigating red dirt landscapes, fire and flood, brittle dryness, vast salt lakes, age-old mountains and murky waters filled with lost souls.

[See more here.](#)

Event 4: PLAYWRITING and THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS with a MYSTERY SHOW!!

Date: Saturday 3 August

Times: 10:15am – 4:00pm

Workshop Description: How does a play come to be on our stages? Usually, it's not just about writing a script and putting it on stage. There is a process of collaborative development that happens with most new work. A professional playwright will take you through this process with your own work.

Show Description: Your 2023 Mystery Show! This particular performance has not been released for sale at the time of writing this. All will be revealed to you in time!

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Event 5: USING TECHNOLOGY IN THEATRE FOR CHILDREN with IMAGINE LIVE

Date: Saturday 28 September

Times: 10:45am – 4:00pm

Show Description: This time we're seeing the show first!

The Helpmann award winning team from Robot Song led by Jolyon James have translated Alison Lester's iconic book 'Imagine' into a 60 min live interactive musical performance for children and families. Supported by a stunning original musical score, performers play and sing through the pages, while digital puppetry allows the illustrations to travel seamlessly between real & animated worlds.

[See more here.](#)

Workshop Description: Theatre for Children is some of the most innovative theatre made in the world today. Join an award-winning team for a workshop on how to manipulate technology to creatively enhance the magical worlds we present to children on stage.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION: Join us after the workshop for an end of year celebration with your fellow Upstagers!

EXTRAS!!

Stay tuned for EXTRA events and special offers that will be offered to members of the Upstage Club throughout 2023! These may include:

- Ticket discounts to other shows
- Networking events
- Skills development opportunities

And more!