

## Director's Notes Possum Magic

What a magical and epic journey it has been bringing this much-loved, iconic Australian story to the stage. And what an honour.

At the heart of *Possum Magic* is the powerful shared love between a grandparent and her grandchild, and the journey of that love as it releases like a magical spell. 'Journey' seems to be a key word for this story – the marvellous 'Hero's Journey' around Australia that Grandma Poss and Hush embark on, as they face the challenge of obstacles and the joy of surmounting them. This idea, of the importance of adults encouraging and supporting young people in their journey to find their own voice and visibility, was a theme we discovered in the creative development and adaptation process working with the wonderful students at Bankstown West Public School!

My deepest appreciation and thanks to the amazing and truly magical team of creatives, cast and crew. We are so lucky to have you on board. You've conjured up the most incredible ideas that I'm sure audiences will love as much as I do. Your generosity, creativity and artistry are truly inspiring! And a BIG thank you to team Monkey Baa who keep the cogs turning – it seems – with no effort!

Finally, an enormous magical shooting star of gratitude to Mem Fox and Julie Vivas for entrusting Monkey Baa with their beautiful story.

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