

Jacaranda Theatre presents

EUROPE

by Michael Gow. Directed by Debra Low. Designed by Kathryn Nicholson.

Cast includes: Richard Grieve. Alex McTavish.

THE LONDON PREMIERE OF THE AUSTRALIAN PLAY

A smitten young Australian travels to Europe in pursuit of an actress. The encounter of the old world with the new triggers a continental clash of cultures and emotional revelations. Where is the meeting point of one culture with another? Will their cultural competitiveness allow them to meet at all? This witty and astutely observed two-hander accomplishes a dramatic metaphor for history, the theatre and the possibility of hope.

The cast includes **Richard Grieve**, best known to British audiences for his roles as Sam Kratz in *Neighbours* and Dr. Lachlan Frazer in *Home and Away*, whose many theatre credits includes roles with the acclaimed Sydney Theatre Company and Melbourne Theatre Company; and Australian actress Alex McTavish making her London debut.

Multi-award-winning playwright Michael Gow is one of Australia's most successful dramatists. His other works include the highly successful *Away, Sweet Phoebe* (both winners of the New South Wales Premier's Literary Award) and *Furious* (Sydney Theatre Critics Circle Award). He also won the Australian Film Institute award for best mini-series for *Eden's Lost*. He is currently the Artistic Director of the acclaimed Queensland Theatre Company.

Europe was first performed in Sydney in 1987, and was also twice broadcast on ABC Radio Australia. It was performed in the UK on national tour in 1989, and now receives its London premiere.

PRESS NIGHT: THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD 2004 AT 7.00PM

PHOTOCALL: TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST 2004 AT 1.00PM-1.30PM

Finborough Theatre, The Finborough, 118 Finborough Road, London SW10 9ED
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Tuesday, June 1st-Saturday, June 26th 2004

Tuesday to Saturday Evenings at 7.00pm. Sunday Matinees at 3.00pm.

Tickets £8, £7 concessions. Tuesday Evenings £7 all seats. Saturday evenings £8 all seats. Previews (June 1st and 2nd) £6 all seats.

Performance Length: Approximately 1 hour.

Europe plays concurrently with *Eyes Catch Fire* – see both plays for £15, £13 concessions.

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