

RELATIVELY SPEAKING BY ALAN AYCKBOURN

DIRECTOR: **MARK KILMURRY**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: **JANINE WATSON**

DESIGNER: **HUGH O'CONNOR**

LIGHTING DESIGNER: **PETER NEUFELD**

CAST: **JONNY HAWKINS, TRACY MANN, ELLEN PALMER, DAVID WHITNEY**

In 1960's London, couples are swinging, some more than others. **Greg (Jonny Hawkins)** is paying a visit to Ginny's parents to ask for her hand in marriage. Blithely misinformed, he arrives at the home of **Philip (David Whitney)** and **Sheila (Tracy Mann)** hoping they'll give their blessing. But no-one is quite what they seem and nothing quite goes to plan.

In this perfectly paced comedy of misunderstandings, Alan Ayckbourn expertly weaves an exquisite entanglement that will leave you guessing to the last minute.

Artistic Director **Mark Kilmurry** has assembled a stellar cast for Ensemble Theatre's final production for 2016. **Jonny Hawkins** is a recent WAAPA graduate who last year appeared in the tv mini-series PETER ALLEN: NOT THE BOY NEXT DOOR. **Tracy Mann** has appeared in almost every regular Australian TV series – THE BOX, PRISONER, SWEET AND SOUR, SKIRTS, JANUS, EAST OF EVERYTHING and WONDERLAND are just a few. She has won a Logie Award, a Silver Logie nomination and an AFI Best Actress Award. **Emma Palmer** is a 2007 NIDA graduate with many theatre, film and tv credits, best known as one of the hosts on ABC-TV's PLAYSCHOOL. **David Whitney** has more than 30 years experience on stage and screen. He most recently appeared in MY FAIR LADY directed by Dame Julie Andrews. He has a mass of theatre and musical theatre credits to his name as well as tv appearances in LOVE CHILD 3, WONDERLAND, FATAL HONEYMOON and McLEOD'S DAUGHTERS to name a few.

"An ingenious comic joy...bitter but brilliantly witty comedy...evocatively captures the mood and the morals of the swinging Sixties." The Telegraph

"... the play that gave Alan Ayckbourn his first West End hit. He is as funny as any of the classic comedy writers." The Guardian

In the introduction to the published script, playwright ALAN AYCKBOURN writes: "I wrote this play originally as a result of a phone call from the late Stephen Joseph, (a truly remarkable man of the theatre) who asked me simply for a play which would make people laugh when their seaside summer holidays were spoiled by the rain and they came into the theatre to get dry before trudging back to their landladies. This seemed to me as worthwhile a reason for writing a play as any, so I tried to comply. I hope I have succeeded."

SEASON DETAILS: RELATIVELY SPEAKING

VENUE: Ensemble Theatre, 78 McDougall St, Kirribilli, NSW, 2061

DATES: Previews from 18 November, 2016, opening night Wed 30 November, season to 14 January, 2017.

PERFORMANCE TIMES: Tues 7.30pm, Wednesday to Friday 8.15pm, Sat 4.30pm & 8.15pm, Sun 5pm.

Some Tues and Thurs matinees at 11am: check website: <http://ensemble.com.au/whats-on/plays/relatively-speaking>

PRICES: \$66-\$73 (booking charges may apply)

BOOKINGS: 02 9929 0644 or www.ensemble.com.au

RUNNING TIME: Approx 2 hours including interval

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