

*The Adventures of*

# TAHI & KŌWHAI



 CIRCA  
THEATRE

4 - 21 July 2023



LITTLE DOG BARKING  
THEATRE COMPANY

Little Dog Barking Theatre Company Presents

# The Adventures of Tahī and Kōwhai



## Cast & Crew

**Senior Puppeteer/Performer**

**Puppeteer/Performer/Social Media**

**Writer/Director**

**Composer/Sound designer**

**Set Designer**

**Lighting Designer**

**Original Puppet Designer**

**Puppet/Prop Designer**

**Prop/Puppet/Set Intern**

**Prop/Puppet/Set Intern**

**Technical Operator/Stage Manager**

**Te reo Māori Advisor**

**NZSL Advisor**

**Producer**

**Publicist**

**Graphic Designer**

**Photographer**

Kenny King

Jeremy Hunt

Jacqueline Coats

Liam Reid

Tolis Papazoglou

Jason Longstaff

Sue Hill

Sharon Johnstone

Erin Belcher (Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School)

Nika Beaton (Toi Whakaari: NZ Drama School)

Nicholas Batey

Lawrence Wharerau

Pollyanna Ferguson

Hayley Collett

Anna Barker

Tom Noble

Maeve O'Connell

## About Little Dog Barking Theatre Company

Founded by Peter Wilson, Little Dog Barking Theatre is an award-winning internationally recognised company that has entranced audiences around NZ and overseas for more than 14 years. We aim to excite and inspire a child's curiosity through presenting high-quality shows using puppets, mask, mime, live music and NZ's three languages - English, te reo Māori, and NZSL.



For more information head to [www.littledogbarking.co.nz](http://www.littledogbarking.co.nz)



## About the show:



In 2021, Little Dog Barking Theatre Company produced *The White Tree*, here in Circa Two. It was the last play written by our much-missed founder, Peter Wilson – a beautiful work that explored the often-devastating impact that humans have on our natural environment in Aotearoa NZ. Featured in that show were two quirky, tenacious hoiho (yellow-eyed penguins), who quickly became audience favourites. It struck us that these two penguins deserved a comic show of their own, and so we set about creating a prequel that explored how the two met and fell in love, with, of course, some drama along the way! While it shares some of the same environmental messaging of *The White Tree*, it also speaks about how the love of our friends, family and the community around us can help us through when we face challenges – something we think we all need in these times, no matter our age. We hope you enjoy the adventures of these two hoiho as much as we have enjoyed creating them!

## Thank you:

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# WHAT'S ON AT CIRCA

## ***Prima Facie***

24 June – 22 July | Circa One | \$30 - \$55

By Suzie Miller

Directed by Lyndee-Jane Rutherford

Starring Mel Dodge

Presented by Kavanah Productions & BRAVE Theatre

**Winner of The Olivier Award for BEST NEW PLAY 2023**



Tessa is a criminal defence lawyer at the top of her game and loving it: defending, cross-examining, and playing the rules of the law to win. But when the tables turn she finds herself at the mercy of the very system that she has dedicated her life to. Shadows of doubt are illuminated, making us question, who is our legal system serving?

## ***The Sun and the Wind***

28 Jul – 26 Aug | Circa Two | \$30 – \$55

By Tainui Tukiwaho

Presented by Taurima Vibes

Proudly supported by Shoreline Partners



In the midst of a birthday celebration, Rangi and Hūkerikeri are caught off guard when two unexpected guests crash through the door intent on robbing the couple. But things don't go as planned when the older couple mistake the would-be thieves for their deceased son and his wife. Come with us as we explore the dangers of love and secrets. Of loving someone too much, not enough and being starved of it.

## ***Public Service Announcements – Election 2023***

29 Jul–26 Aug | Circa One | \$30 – \$55

By Thom Adams, Jamie McCaskill and

Johanna Cosgrove

Directed by Gavin Rutherford

Presented by arrangement with Playmarket



*Public Service Announcements* – Aotearoa's longest running political satire – returns with a brand-new production just in time for the election, bringing together a collection of ferociously talented theatre artists. *PSA* promises a great night of irreverent, ridiculous and up-to-the-minute political satire with lots of laughs.

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