



THE CONSPIRATORS

BY VÁCLAV HAVEL · TRANSLATED BY TOMAS RYCHETSKY AND CAROL ROCAMO

NOV 2-11

AN AUSTRALIAN PREMIERE

presented by RED PHOENIX THEATRE & HOLDEN STREET THEATRES

Who is Helga and why can't any man resist her? The revolution has taken place. The dictator has fled. The new government is in power and Helga shamelessly uses her sexuality to ensure her own survival in the new order.

THE CONSPIRATORS serves up a delightful dessert of biting satire, laugh out loud comedy and the occasional whipping. It's **HOUSE OF CARDS** meets **YES, MINISTER** as the hapless government invents a conspiracy to justify military force, censorship, and torture to preserve its democratic ideals.

This was the first play **HAVEL** wrote after the Czechoslovakian government banned his work. It took him five years to write before it was handed over in a secret bathroom exchange, smuggled out of the country, and eventually performed in Germany.

Shake your head in wonder as our flirtatious heroine seduces a line up of powerful men. A wonderfully funny night of anarchic humour.

ANYONE WHO TAKES HIMSELF TOO SERIOUSLY ALWAYS RUNS THE RISK OF LOOKING RIDICULOUS; ANYONE WHO CAN CONSISTENTLY LAUGH AT HIMSELF DOES NOT.

- VÁCLAV HAVEL

WITH POLITICAL SATIRE AS RAZOR SHARP AS THIS, QUITE FRANKLY IT'S NO WONDER THE RUSSIANS SOUGHT TO SMOTHER HAVEL'S WORK.

- THE STAGE

Directed by **MICHAEL EUSTICE**, **THE CONSPIRATORS** features a troupe of talented and popular Adelaide actors including **ANNA BAMPTON**, **ADRIAN BARNES**, **KYLA BOOTH**, **EMILY BRANFORD**, **TONY BUSCH**, **GABI DOUGLAS**, **BRANT EUSTICE**, **NICK FAGAN**, **RUBY FAITH**, **HUGO FIELKE**, **MARTHA LOTT**, **STEVE MARVANEK** and **RUSSELL SLATER**.

NOVEMBER 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 @ 7.30pm & Sunday 5 @ 2.00pm

HOLDEN STREET THEATRES - THE STUDIO

34 Holden Street, Hindmarsh

BOOKINGS

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