

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Rumpelstiltskin

Presented by State Theatre Company and Windmill Theatre  
By Rosemary Myers and Julianne O'Brien, based on the tales by the Brothers Grimm

*Rumpelstiltskin* launches the Australian National Theatre Live's Play in a Box Tour\*. In 2017 ANT is bringing more theatre to locations around Australia that don't have the capacity to feature big live theatre productions.

In October 2016, Windmill Theatre Co. and State Theatre Company South Australia presented their live production of *Rumpelstiltskin* at the Dunstan Playhouse in Adelaide. ANT LIVE were there to capture the live performance on film with ANT's Play in a Box Tour so that your community can now see it on the big screen, up close – the best seats in the house!

Tintinara Presenter Group spokeswoman Patsy Crabb said: "We can't wait to have ANT's Play in the Box's *Rumpelstiltskin* screen in Tintinara. It's a great initiative to bring fantastic, huge productions to smaller towns. We encourage local schools to bring their students to these art productions to expose them to experiences that they may not otherwise get because of the isolation of living in the country. This production will enthrall the whole family so you can get everyone from kids to grandparents to come along and enjoy a day out."

The classic Grimm Brothers fairytale *Rumpelstiltskin* has had a makeover in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century musical your family will love.

Co-writers Rosemary Myers and Julianne O'Brien said they relished the freedom and ownership of putting their spin on this fairytale: "Our new story is a cheeky melding of classic elements and contemporary obsessions. It speaks to an all-ages audience about desire, greed, devastating regret and ultimate redemption. We have tried to keep our story-telling as brave and as fresh as the very first time it was told – possibly hundreds of years ago – at some enthralled child's bedside."

Spinning straw into gold is a party trick that will take you far. It can buy you a big house full of beautiful things, a wardrobe of designer clothes and a life of total luxury. But money, as they say, can't buy you everything.

This is the story of the ultimate price of greed; two people, once best friends, torn apart by desire for the things they cannot have. The exquisitely mercurial Paul Capsis stars as a shape-shifting goblin whose thirst for vengeance may well bring him undone. He joins the creative team that spun theatrical gold with the Helpmann Award winning *Pinocchio*, which took New York by storm after rocking Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.

Now, Rosemary Myers, Julianne O'Brien, Jethro Woodward and Jonathon Oxlade take on a new and equally fantastic fairytale, with their unique brand of the theatrical spectacular; pumping music, extravagant performance and surreally supreme silliness.

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Full of twists and turns, it's a whole new musical spin on a heart of gold for ages 8–108.

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**Tintinara War Memorial Hall**

**Wednesday July 26, 10am**

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