

MEDIA RELEASE

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TERRESTRIAL

Teenagers. Aliens. Outback mysteries.

Country Arts SA and State Theatre Company South Australia present *Terrestrial*, a mysterious love letter to the abandoned communities of regional South Australia.

Liddy, an alien-obsessed teenager, and her mum arrive in a remote South Australian town seeking escape. What they find is a community collapsing in on itself due to an impending mine closure. Liddy swiftly connects with Badar, a witty, cynical 15-year-old just like her. An outsider just like her. A lover of sci-fi, just like her.

The two newly crowned best friends explore what is fast becoming a ghost town, embracing their differences and celebrating their shared eccentricities. But when Badar disappears, Liddy must search back through her recent past to find the point where reality and fantasy divide.

Jill Blewett Playwright Award winner Fleur Kilpatrick makes her State Theatre Company debut with this mysterious and enticing story.

"Fleur Kilpatrick has created a tender yet twisting tale of social dislocation in regional Australia. It's a beautiful new work that announces another powerful voice to the State Theatre Company stage," State Theatre Company artistic director Geordie Brookman said.

Directed by the perceptive Nescha Jelk (*Gorgon, Othello*) *Terrestrial* promises to both touch the heart and engage the mind.

"Terrestrial is a play for South Australia. It grew out of memories of being a teenager and visiting a remote South Australian mining town. The warmth of the kids I met there, their boredom, generosity and isolation have all made it into this play. As have the empty houses they took me to, the Martian landscape and the dusty air. It has been wonderful to return to my home state both collaboratively and imaginatively," Fleur Kilpatrick said.

Suitable for Year Level 9 and above

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Dates:

Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga – 9 May, 1pm
Cornerstone College, Mount Barker – 10 May, 1.15pm
Centenary Hall, Goolwa – 11 May, 1pm
Chaffey Theatre, Renmark – 14 May, 1pm
Tatiara Civic Centre, Bordertown – 15 May, 1pm
Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mount Gambier – 17 May, 1pm
Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie – 6 June, 1pm
Cummins Institute, Cummins – 7 June, 7pm
Nautilus Theatre, Port Lincoln – 12 June, 1pm
Middleback Arts Centre, Whyalla – 13 June, 1pm
Roxbylink, Roxby Downs – 15 June, 11am & 7pm
Institute Theatre, Port Augusta – 18 June, 1pm & 7pm
Leigh Creek Auditorium, Leigh Creek, 19 June, 7pm
Space Theatre, Adelaide, May 23 to June 2

Tickets \$10 – 27*

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