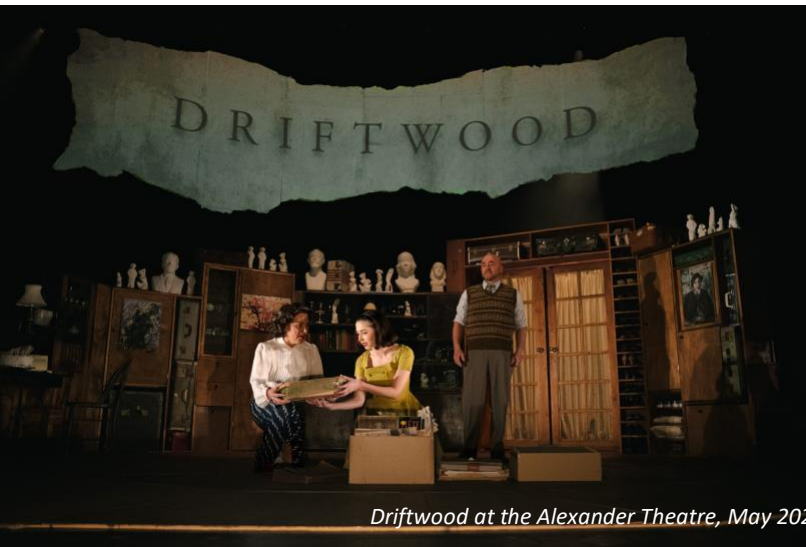


# DRIFTWOOD

THE MUSICAL

## *Driftwood The Musical*

An epic true story of love, creativity, invention, the Holocaust... and foldable umbrellas



*Driftwood at the Alexander Theatre, May 2022. Photo: Cameron Grant, Parenthesy*

[Umbrella Foundation](#) is delighted to present Driftwood The Musical. Based on the original memoir by Eva de Jong-Duldig and stage play by award-winning playwright Jane Bodie. Acclaimed Director Gary Abrahams brings a stellar cast to the stage. This epic story features original music, lyrics and arrangements by Anthony Barnhill with additional lyrics by Tania de Jong AM and Jane Bodie.

*Driftwood The Musical* tells the inspirational story of the renowned Austrian/Australian sculptor Karl Duldig and his artist/inventor wife, Slawa Horowitz-Duldig. We follow their lives in pre-war Vienna, Slawa's ingenious invention of the foldable umbrella, and an incredible chain of events: miraculously escaping the Holocaust and rebuilding their careers as artists in Melbourne. A magical story of art and creativity, survival and perseverance, family, freedom and love.

*"Driftwood comes together with so much talent and commitment. The singing is excellent. Based on a true story, this show has heart."*

– Cameron Woodhead, The Age

**Technical requirements** - [Download full technical specifications here.](#)

**Theatre Format** – Proscenium Arch or end on Black box

**Touring party** - 9-11 (5 Cast, 1-3 Musicians, 3 Crew)

**Bump In (hrs)** – 7; 2 x multi-skilled crew – 5hrs, 1 x multi-skilled crew – 7hrs

**Bump Out (hrs)** – 2.5 – 3 hrs; 3 x MX

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*"Driftwood The Musical is a heart-wrenching and inspiring piece of musical theatre, reflecting a dark period of history that changed and destroyed the lives of millions."*

- Alex First, J-Wire

*"I laughed, I cried and most importantly, I felt the strength of this family's love for each other."*

- Lilithia Reviews

## Supporting information

Driftwood website: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au>

Testimonials and reviews: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/testimonials-and-reviews>

Best production photos: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/best-production-photos>

Videos: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/videos>

Articles and interviews: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/articles>

Cast: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/cast>

Creative team: <https://driftwoodthemusical.com.au/creative-team>

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*"Driftwood The Musical is a moving, enthralling story of a family surviving the ravages of war. It is so timely, that it's both poetical and painful. The stage craft is mesmerising. The music is sublime. The acting and singing are superlative."*

- Stephanie Johnson, Australian Stage

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