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DRIFTWOOD THE MUSICAL HAS RECEIVED WONDERFUL REVIEWS PLUS GREEN ROOM AWARD NOMINATION ... THREE SYDNEY SEASONS NEXT!

Driftwood The Musical is a true story that adds a more human layer to the atrocities committed in Europe during World War II, and with the current world climate leading where it is, its crucial that stories like this are told. **Lilithia**

"Driftwood ticks all the warm and fuzzy boxes. That's what audiences need and want! To leave the theatre feeling uplifted and grateful for their lot in life. This musical might be 'small in scale, but it's big on emotion! Don't miss it!" **Stage Whispers**

Driftwood The Musical has returned to Chapel Off Chapel, Melbourne with reviewers and audiences overwhelmed by this powerful new production. This inspirational story of renowned Austrian/ Australian sculptor Karl Duldig and his artist-inventor wife, Slawa Horowitz-Duldig is on until **20 May** before transferring to Sydney playing **Glen Street Theatre, Belrose 24 – 28 May, Riverside Theatres, Parramatta 31 May – 4 June** and **Eternity Playhouse, Darlinghurst 7 – 18 June**.

Follow the family's lives in pre-war Vienna, their narrow escape from Nazi Austria, the ingenious invention of the foldable umbrella, and the incredible chain of events that took place after the family escaped the Holocaust and rebuilt their careers in Melbourne.

"An Australian musical of impressive quality and innate humanity, Driftwood the Musical deserves every success as it spreads its inspiring message of joy and hope."
Man in Chair

"While the first act establishes the relationships, I found the second particularly impactful, as the revelations keep on coming. Tears rolled down my cheek." **ItellyouwhatIthink, Alex First**



The cast features **Tania de Jong AM** as Slawa, **Anton Berezin** as Karl, **Bridget Costello** as Eva, **Michaela Burger** as Rella and **Nelson Gardner** who plays Ignaz, Marcel and other roles.

This epic story traverses three continents and three generations and is based on an original stage play by **Jane Bodie**, and memoir of **Eva de Jong-Duldig**. Book by Gary Abrahams and Jane Bodie, music and lyrics by Anthony Barnhill, additional lyrics by Jane Bodie and Tania de Jong AM. The show is directed by **Gary Abrahams**.

2023 production images

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2023 Reviews and testimonials

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

www.driftwoodthemusical.com.au

VENUE: Chapel Off Chapel, 12 Little Chapel St, Prahran
SEASON: Wednesday 3 – Saturday 20 May 2023
TIMES: Wed – Sat 7.30pm; Wed 1pm; Sat & Sun 2pm
PRICES: from \$39.90
BOOKINGS: <https://chapeloffchapel.com.au/show/driftwood-the-musical-2/>

VENUE: Glen Street Theatre, Cnr Glen St & Blackbutts Rd, Belrose
SEASON: Wednesday 24-Sunday 28 May
PRICES: All tickets \$65
BOOKINGS: <https://glenstreet.com.au/whats-on/driftwood-musical>

VENUE: Riverside Theatres, Cnr Church & Market Sts, Parramatta
SEASON: Wednesday 31 May – Sunday 4 June
PRICES: \$39.90 - \$69.90
BOOKINGS: <https://riversideparramatta.com.au/show/driftwood-the-musical/>

VENUE: Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst
SEASON: Wednesday 7 June – Sunday 18 June
PRICES: \$49 - \$89
BOOKINGS: darlinghursttheatre.com/driftwood

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