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Sydney Theatre Company presents
After Dinner
By Andrew Bovell

15 January to 7 March 2015. Opening Night: Tuesday 20 January 2015
Wharf 1, Sydney Theatre Company, Pier 4/5 Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay

Andrew Bovell's appreciation for the nuances of deeply human moments, loved by Sydney Theatre Company (STC) audiences in *The Secret River* and *When the Rain Stops Falling*, was already evident in his first ever play in 1988, the black comedy *After Dinner*. Now, for its opening production of 2015, STC presents this play of mismatched, lonely, frustrated singles with a stellar cast comprised of Glenn Hazeldine, Anita Hegh, Rebecca Massey, Josh McConville and Helen Thomson. Directed by former STC Richard Wherrett Fellow Imara Savage, *After Dinner* is at STC's Wharf 1 from 15 January to 7 March 2015, opening on 20 January.

Work friends Paula and Dympie are having one of their regular Friday nights at the pub, only this time they've invited another colleague, the recently bereaved Monika. It's busy tonight but they've managed to nab a good table and nearby are a couple of potentially eligible blokes. Stephen is keen to make a move on the ladies but Gordon just seems desperate to talk. Between carafes of wine, oysters and the odd Valium, it's probably inevitable that things are going to get messy tonight.

While firmly placed in the 1980s, in its amusing yet poignant banality the world of Bovell's first play has a timeless quality. The trivial table talk and petty preoccupations are at once comic and affecting in this bittersweet exploration of friendship and singledom.

Imara Savage's production of STC's *Machinal* was a critical and box office success in 2013. For *After Dinner* she again collaborates with lighting designer Verity Hampson and composer Steve Francis, while designer Alicia Clements makes her STC debut.

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Tickets from \$50 (fees apply)

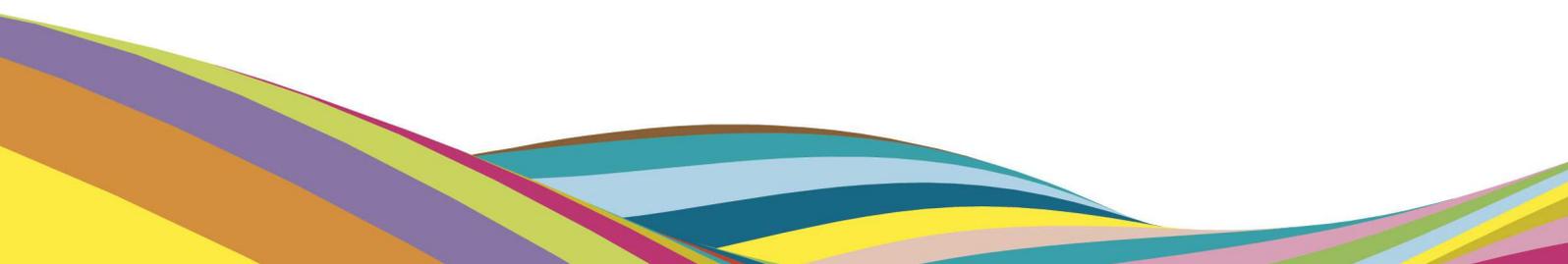
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Insight events:

Pre-season Briefing: Monday 12 January at 6.15pm at The Wharf

Audi Nights with the Actors: Monday 2 February and Monday 2 March post-show

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