

MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to endorse this application from New Ghosts Theatre Company and recommend *THE KICK*, led by Playwright Madelaine Nunn and Director Rachel Chant, for Project Funding.

Madelaine first collaborated with Melbourne Theatre Company in 2020 as a playwright selected to showcase an excerpt of her new Australian play, *Kinder Surprise* for the 2020 Cybec Electric Readings. This was one of only several works selected in a highly competitive process due to the intriguing premise, strong writing and the great comedy present in the script. Since then, Madelaine has been a teaching artist for the Melbourne Theatre Company and Virtual Schools Victoria as well as being commissioned to write a monologue for the students and lead several writing masterclasses in the lead up to the final assessment.

Rachel has been involved with Melbourne Theatre Company since 2019, when she was a member of our Women in Theatre Program. In addition to assistant directing for Sarah Goodes on our production of *Così* she was the Director of our 2020 Cybec Electric Readings. Rachel was one of only a few artists chosen to be a part of this program and it was here I was able to observe her excellence in developing new Australian writing with a high level of skill and care.

I am thrilled to see these leading creatives team up with New Ghosts Theatre Company for this project. I have witnessed Lucy Clements and Emma Wright build New Ghosts over the last decade, and it is wonderful to now see them take residency at the legendary Old Fitz Theatre. These spaces are crucial to creating a rich theatre community and for launching and supporting the careers of our most talented artists. With their long and successful track record of developing and presenting new Australian writing, there could be no better home for this project. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My very best,



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