



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	2003.0087
<b>CATEGORY</b>	University, official
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	Repertory theatre company
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1962-1994
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	23 boxes
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	<p>Melbourne Theatre Company was established at the University of Melbourne in 1953 where it was first known as the Union Theatre Repertory Company. It was originally administered and directed by John Sumner, an English theatre professional. Sumner was the driving force at MTC for thirty- four years, turning the Union Theatre into the nation's largest theatre company. Ray Lawler and Wal Cherry were the Artistic Directors of the company from the mid-1950s when Sumner took a position with the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust. He returned in 1959 and remained with MTC until 1987. Roger Hodgman led the company from 1984 until 1999 when Simon Phillips became Artistic Director. In 1966 the company moved from the University to the Russell Street Theatre. Its subsequent venues were St Martin's Theatre in South Yarra, the Athenaeum in Collins Street. It left the latter in 1984 for the Playhouse Theatre at the Victorian Arts Centre and in 1994 moved from the Russell Street Theatre to the Fairfax Theatre at the Arts Centre.</p>
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	10 Oct 2003
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Restricted
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Production files for plays by Australian authors, containing a variable mixture of material including prompt copies of scripts, sound effects /music tapes, set designs, props lists, lighting data, rehearsal schedules.

# MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY PROMPT COPY ( AND SOUND TAPE) ARCHIVES

## 1970 – 1975 Australian Plays

Box

2	1971	The Man Who Shot the Albatross	Ray Lawler
1	1972	Tom	Alex Buzo
1	1973	Jugglers Three	David Williamson
1	1973	Batman's Beach	Alex Buzo
1	1973	Last of the Knucklemen	John Powers
1	1973	President Wilson in Paris	Ron Blair
1	1973	Stopwork!	Simon Hopkinson
2	1974	The Removalists	David Williamson
2	1974	Coralie Lansdown says No	Alex Buzo
2	1975	Shindig	John Powers

## 1976 Australian Plays

Box

3	1976	The Gift	Michael Cove
3	1976	The Doll Trilogy	Ray Lawler
4	1976	A Handful of Friends	David Williamson
3	1976	Going Home	Alma de Groen
2	1976	Arden	Mick Rodger
3	1976	Martello Towers	Alex Buzo
4	1976	Other Times	Ray Lawler

## 1976 – 1977 Australian Plays

Box

4 & 5	1976	Some of my Best Friends are Women	T & L Radic
5	1977	Cop Out	Cliff Green
5	1977	The Fall Guy	Linda Aronson
6	1977	The Club	David Williamson

## 1978 – 1979 Australian Plays

Box

6	1978	Breaker Morant	Kenneth Ross
24	1978	Gone With Hardy	David Allen
7	1978	Departmental	Mervyn Rutherford
7	1978	Makassar Reef	Alex Buzo
7	1978	Marsupials	Barry Oakley
6	1978	In Duty Bound	Ron Elisha

**1979 – 1981 Australian Plays**

Box

8	1979	Errol Flynn's Great Big Adventure for Boys	Rob George
24, 25	1979	The Club	David Williamson
7	1980	Boy for Me, Girl for You	Ian Nash
8	1980	As We Are	Beverley Dunn
25	1980	In Duty Bound	Ron Elisha
7	1980	One Last Dance	
8	1980	Demolition Job	Gordon Graham
7 & 8	1981	Frankly Thring	Frank Thring

**1981 Australian Plays**

Box

27	1981	The Truce	Sandy McCutcheon
24, 26	1981	The Man from Mukinupin	Dorothy Hewett
26	1981	Pete McGynty and The Dreamtime	Keith Michell
25	1981	Einstein	Ron Elisha
26	1981	Bedlam Autos	Barry Dickins

**1982 Australian Plays**

Box

28	1982	Narrow Feint	David Knight
27	1982	The Perfectionist	David Williamson
27	1982	Vocations	Alma de Groen
27, 28	1982	The Floating World	John Romeril
24	1982	Godsend	Ray Lawler

**1983 Australian Plays**

Box

28	1983	Percy and Rose	Rob George
29	1983	The Maringal Farm	Alex Buzo
24, 29	1983	Slice	Kim Carpenter
29	1983	A Pair of Claws	Michael Gurr
28	1983	Gulls	Robert Hewett

**BOX 9: 1983 – 1984 Australian Plays**

1983	Slice	Also in Box 24, 29	Kim Carpenter
1984	Sail		Simon Hopkinson
1984	A Fortunate Life		C. Gorman & A.B. Facey
1984	Pax Americana		Ron Elisha
1984	Cheapside		David Allen

**BOX 10: 1984 – 1985 Australian Plays**

1984	Buffaloes Can't Fly	Simon Hopkinson
1984	To Botany Bay on a Bondi Tram	Beverley Dunn
1984	Christian Brothers	Ron Blair
1985	Victoria Bitter	M. Gurr & L. Housman
1985	The Sentimental Bloke	C.J. Dennis
1985	The Celebrated	Stephen Gard
1985	Reservoir by Night	Barry Dickins

**BOX 11: 1985 Australian Plays**

1985	Too Young for Ghosts	Janis Balodis
1985	Sons of Cain	David Williamson
1985	Visions	Louis Nowra

**BOX 12: 1986 – 1987 Australian Plays**

1986	Some Night in Julia Creek	Terry Stapleton
1986	The Levine Comedy	Ron Elisha
1986	One Day of the Year	Alan Seymour
1986	Dead to the World	Michael Gurr
1986	Pommies	David Allen
1987	A Chorus of Disapproval	Alan Ayckbourn
1987	Wet and Dry	Janis Balodis
1987	The Three Musketeers	S. Phillips & A. Dumas

**BOX 13: 1987 – 1988 Australian Plays**

1987	Emerald City	David Williamson
1987	Shimada	Jill Shearer
1988	The Rivers of China	Alma de Groen
1988	Tristram Shandy-Gent	T. Robertson & L. Sterne

**BOX 14: 1988 Australian Plays**

1988	A Touch of Silk	Betty Roland
1988	Europe	Michael Gow
1988	Eichmann in Haifa	Colin Golvan
1988	God's Best Country	Gordon Francis
1988	And the Big Men Fly	Alan Hopgood
1988	Dinkum Assorted	Linda Aronson

**BOX 15: 1989 Australian Plays**

1989	The Chocolate Frog	Jim McNeil
1989	The Old Familiar Juice	Jim McNeil
1989	Heart for the Future	Janis Balodis
1989	Dreams in an Empty City	Stephen Sewell
1989	Bedlam Autos	Barry Dickins
1989	Our Country's Good	Timberlake Wertenbaker

**BOX 16: 1989 – 1990 Australian Plays**

1989	Top End	John Romeril
1990	On Top of the World	Michael Gow
1990	This Old Man Comes Rolling Home	Dorothy Hewett
1990	Stretch of the Imagination	Jack Hibberd

**BOX 17: 1991 Australian Plays**

1991	Bali, Adat	Graham Shiel
1991	The Selection	George Whaley
1991	Sunday Lunch	Bill Garner
1991	Morning Sacrifice	Dymphna Cusack

**BOX 18: 1991 – 1992 Australian Plays**

1991	The Girl Who Saw Everything	Alma de Groen
1992	Gulliver's Travels	A. Bovell & J. Swift
1992	Game of Love and Chance	Pierre de Marivaux

**BOX 19: 1992 – 1993 Australian Plays**

1992	Summer of the Aliens	Louis Nowra
1992	No Going Back	Janis Balodis
1993	St James Infirmary	Nick Enright
1993	Blabber Mouth	M. Morris & M. Gleitzman

**BOX 20: 1994 Australian Plays**

1994	Elocution of Benjamin Franklin	Steve Spears
1994	Hotspur	Geoffery Atherton

**BOX 21: 1980 – 1988 Australian Plays**

1980	Big River	Alex Buzo
1982-4	On Our Selection	Steele Rudd
1985	The St Kilda Soirees of Bonnie Smith (Melbourne Workers Theatre)	Ted Neilsen
1988	A Separation	Tom Kempinski

**BOX 22: 1988 – 1994 Australian Plays**

1988	First Born	
1990	Daylight Saving	Nick Enright
1994	Cosi	Louis Nowra

**BOX 23: 1962 – 1983 Australian Plays**

1962	The Ballad of Angel's Alley	J. Underhill & B. George
1963	The Good Ship Walter Raleigh	R. Livermore & P. Eddey
1968	Burke's Company	Bill Reed
1976	Kid Stakes	Ray Lawler
1979	Cinderella – A Pantomime for Adults	Frank Hauser
1982	Stone	Edward Bond
1982	Glycerine Tears	Jack Hibberd
1983	Striptease	Slawomir Mrozek
1983	Magnetic North	Michael Gurr