

# BRISBANE FESTIVAL

## Media Release

Under Embargo until 8am Thursday 24 June 2021

### PREMIERE SEASON OF *BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE* EXTENDED AGAIN TO MEET OVERWHELMING DEMAND FOR TICKETS

The spotlight will linger on Brisbane this September with the world premiere season of **Trent Dalton's** *Boy Swallows Universe*, adapted for the stage by **Tim McGarry**, extended for a fifth big week.

An extra eight performances have been announced for the hotly anticipated production, presented by Brisbane Festival, Queensland Theatre and QPAC.

The season in QPAC's Playhouse, which begins on **Monday 30 August** and runs throughout Brisbane Festival, has been extended for a fifth week with its final curtain call on **Sunday 3 October**.

Brisbane Festival Artistic Director **Louise Bezzina** said she was delighted – but not surprised – at how enthusiastically audiences from Brisbane, and beyond, had embraced the brand-new production from the moment it went on sale.

"Brisbane Festival is deeply committed to telling the stories of our great city and *Boy Swallows Universe* is a boldly Brisbane story, written by an exceptional Brisbane author and brought to life by incredibly talented group of artists and creatives," Ms Bezzina said.

"We've been waiting a long time to see Eli and August Bell on stage, along with the unforgettable characters who inhabit the world Trent crafted in his standout debut novel.

"Brisbane Festival, alongside our co-production partners Queensland Theatre and QPAC, thanks audiences for their patience and rewards their loyalty and support with another week of shows to ensure as many people as possible, particularly visitors to Brisbane during September, have the opportunity to see a work I know we will be talking about for years to come.

"Now, more than ever, we have a responsibility to support the local arts industry and provide artists and companies with the opportunity and platform to once again thrive."

Purchase *Boy Swallows Universe* tickets at [qpac.com.au](http://qpac.com.au)

Brisbane Festival returns in 2021 to fill the city with art, music and joy from **3 – 25 September 2021** and will launch its full program on **Wednesday 14 July**.

For Brisbane Festival program announcements, visit [brisbanefestival.com.au](http://brisbanefestival.com.au) or follow Brisbane Festival on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Brisbane Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government and Brisbane City Council and is generously supported by strategic partner, Tourism and Events Queensland and the Brisbane Festival Giving Program. Brisbane Festival features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.



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### ENDS

Brisbane Festival, Queensland Theatre, and QPAC present  
Trent Dalton's **Boy Swallows Universe**, adapted for the stage by Tim McGarry

Monday 30 August to Sunday 3 October 2021  
Playhouse, QPAC, Queensland Cultural Centre, South Bank, Brisbane

Tickets: Available at [qpac.com.au](http://qpac.com.au) or 136 246

Director: Sam Strong  
Designer: Renée Mulder  
Lighting Designer: Ben Hughes  
Composer/Sound Designer: Steve Francis  
Video Designer: Craig Wilkinson  
Movement Director: Nerida Matthaei

Cast:  
Joe Klocek  
Tom Yaxley  
Anthony Gooley  
Michala Banas  
Ngoc Phan  
Hoa Xuande  
Anthony Phelan  
Joss McWilliam  
Mathew Cooper  
Ashlee Lollback  
Andrew Buchanan  
Hsin-Ju Ely  
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