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ICONIC AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS NONI HAZLEHURST MAKES BRISBANE THEATRE DEBUT IN *MOTHER* AT QPAC

One of Australia's favourite and most respected actors and presenters **Noni Hazlehurst AM** will make her mainstage Brisbane theatre debut in the critically acclaimed production of ***Mother*** at Queensland Performing Art Centre's (QPAC) **Cremorne Theatre** from **7 to 18 August 2018**.

Written by Australian playwright Daniel Keene specially for Hazlehurst as her first one-woman show, *Mother* tells the story of Christie, a homeless woman in a world detached, unforgiving and destructive.

Christie is a great survivor, a storyteller, who comically and dramatically evokes her life in a performance described by *The Daily Telegraph* as "alternately feisty and conquered, angry and loving, and someone who can tell her story with honesty, wit and self-deprecation".

The play speaks of madness, denial, ignorance and free-falling poverty. Utterly devastating, yet written with Keene's characteristic lyricism, the award-winning show is wrought with tenderness, violence, black humour and loneliness in equal measure.

Universally praised by critics and audiences, *Mother* won the 2015 Drama Victoria Award for Best Performance by a Theatre Company, was nominated for two Helpmann Awards® including Best Performance by a Female Actor and Best Regional Touring Production, and was a finalist in the 2016 Performing Arts Connections Australia Tour of the Year Awards.

Directed with great acclaim by Matt Scholten, the 75-minute drama has awakened many people to issues surrounding motherhood, poverty and isolation by bringing one Australia's most loved actors to a wide theatre audience across the country, with Hazlehurst performing the show for more than two years, including a sold out three-week season in Sydney earlier this year.

Hazlehurst is a celebrated film, theatre and television actor, beloved *Play School* presenter and *Better Homes and Gardens* host and has one of the most impressive and wide-ranging careers in the business.

In 2017, she appeared in season five of Foxtel's *A Place to Call Home* and ABC's *The Letdown*. Other recent credits include the feature films *Ladies in Black*, *Truth* and *The Mule*, and the television series *The Broken Shore* and *Redfern Now*. In 2016, she was inducted into the Logies Hall of Fame.

Tickets are on sale via qpac.com.au or 136 246.

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"Noni Hazlehurst delivers the performance of a lifetime" - The Sydney Morning Herald

"Scholten directs with great sensitivity, never letting the play slide into sentimentality. With an unforgettable performance by Hazlehurst, it's harrowing, heartbreaking theatre" - The Sunday Telegraph

"Audiences around the country should jump at the chance to see Hazlehurst perform in this haunted, confronting work" - The Age

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QPAC presents an If Theatre production

Mother

WHEN: Tuesday 7 to Saturday 18 August 2018
WHERE: Cremorne Theatre, QPAC, Cultural Precinct, South Bank, Brisbane
TICKETS: Refer to qpac.com.au for current pricing
BOOKINGS: qpac.com.au or 136 246

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