

Mission of Flowers

The Actors' Forum introduces the fifth and final play in it's 2011 season
Gerry Greenland's new Australian play *Mission of Flowers...*

Based on a true story, it's a gripping tale of wild adventure, romance, betrayal and more. *Mission of Flowers* has been presented recently in Adelaide, Los Angeles, London's West End and at the 2010 Edinburgh Fringe Festival to wide acclaim.

Nominated for 'Outstanding Contribution to Los Angeles Theatre' (*LA Theatre Review*) and 'Best Theatre' (*Hollywood Fringe Festival*), this is the first time it has been presented in Sydney.

It tells the story of 1930's pioneer aviator Bill Lancaster's epic struggle. In 1933, he is alone, fighting for his life in the blistering heat of the Sahara. The wreckage of his plane, his only shelter. Memories of the last sixteen years flash through his mind; from his tempestuous love affair with Jesse 'Chubbie' Miller, to standing trial in one of the most notorious American murder cases of the 1930's and ultimately, his life-long pursuit for recognition that brought him here.

Mission of Flowers chronicles Lancaster's life from World War I. It follows his 1927 flight from England to Australia and his promise to deliver pamphlets for the 'Mission of Flowers' charity along the way, through to his purchase of Charles Kingsford-Smith's renowned biplane, the Southern Cross Minor, in which Lancaster was to make his toughest and final flight.

Performed by **Leof Kingsford-Smith**, who toured the play internationally, it will be directed by **Linden Wilkinson** whose previous directing credits for the Actors' Forum include Ray Lawler's *Kid Stakes*, Roger Hall's *Taking Off* and *Jigsaws* by Jennifer Rogers.

Mission of Flowers will be presented over four weekends at:

Bondi Junction — Waverley Library Theatrette — Sunday, October 16 — 2pm

Belrose — Glen Street Theatre (Sorlies) — Saturday, October 22 — 1.30pm

North Sydney — Independent Theatre — Sunday, October 23 — 2pm

Maroubra Junction — Bowen Library Theatrette — Saturday, October 29 — 1pm

Killara — Marian Street Theatre — Sunday, October 30 — 2pm

Balmain — Mayflower Hall, St. Andrew's Church — Sunday, November 6 — 2pm

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE FOR GLEN STREET ONLY: (02) 9975 1455

Admission: \$20 — Concession \$15

TICKETS ON SALE AT DOOR ONE HOUR BEFORE PERFORMANCE

Each year, The Actors' Forum presents five fully staged play readings at six venues. These are weekend matinee presentations, performed by high profile professional actors working with seasoned directors. The plays, by Australian and overseas playwrights, include revivals of popular classics and contemporary plays, as well as exciting works which are rarely performed by commercial or subsidised companies. Now in its 16th year, the Forum is a non-profit group run and administered by volunteer actors and directors. This means prices can be kept to a minimum - \$20 full price and \$15 concession.