

# CLASSY PLAY AT THE J

THEATRE LEGEND MAGGIE DENCE WILL LEAD A FINE CAST IN MARJORIE PRIME



The play *Marjorie Prime* will be a highlight of this year's NOOSA alive! programme.

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The acclaimed off-Broadway play *Marjorie Prime* is coming to Noosa as part of this year's NOOSA alive! program. Presented in association with the Ensemble Theatre in Sydney, it promises to be a highlight of The J theatre series with three performances only.

Written by Jordan Harrison (writer of the Netflix hit *Orange Is The New Black*) and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, *Marjorie Prime* is a coup for NOOSA alive! showcasing some of Australia's finest actors, including Australian theatre legend Maggie Dence as Marjorie.

*Marjorie Prime* delves into a world of artificial intelligence, robotics and virtual assistants but through the lens of the everyday, the every woman and family.

It reveals the benefits and joys that technology could bring but also the possible heartache: the impression we leave on others, the details we remember, the stories we re-craft and the love we're lucky to experience.

This is a play for all demographics, for those who are interested in the ways in which we rely on technology and also for anyone who loves great theatre or great writing.

Dence is one of our most prolific and acclaimed stage actors, playing comic character Mavis Bramston in one of Australia's earliest comedy TV shows, *The Naked Vicar*, and is also the character of

Dorothy Burke in *Neighbours*.

"*Marjorie Prime* is a four hander. I play Marjorie and there is my daughter, my husband and Walter – the hologram," she said.

"The story is a bit of a mystery I think, a family saga about relationships.

"This is a warm and charming play with a really interesting twist that audiences will love!"

"And the director and cast are fabulous, I'm so looking forward to the play and also visiting and performing in Noosa."

Lucy Bell, who plays Marjorie's daughter Tess, and Richard Sydenham, who plays Marjorie's son-in-law Jon,

are also well known.

Bell played the lead role in the TV series *Murder Call* for many years as well as key roles in *Love Child*, *A Place to Call Home* and *All Saints*.

Actor Jake Speer plays Walter – the hologram. Speer is a graduate of NIDA and during his training made a memorable impact as Richard in Shakespeare's *Richard III*, amongst other roles. Following graduation he has been a series regular on *Home & Away* playing Oscar Maguire, and has appeared in other productions and series.

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