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Stage & Screen

Returns Wednesday, March 1 at 7.30pm AEST
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Australia's diverse and thriving arts scene is covered in the returning weekly arts guide and review program **STAGE & SCREEN** hosted by **Deborah Hutton** and produced exclusively by **Foxtel Arts** which returns on **Wednesday March 1 at 7.30pm AEST**.

Each week Deborah is joined by regular presenters, Australian iconic movie host **Margaret Pomeranz**, legendary television critic **Graeme Blundell** and Australian cultural figure **Leo Schofield** who all provide viewers a snapshot and their critical insights of what's on show, where and when across, theatre, music, opera, dance, visual art, film and television.

STAGE & SCREEN also features unique interviews with arts luminaries and the star performers of cinema, television and the live performing arts, offering insight into the diverse offerings and talent that exists right across the Australian arts and culture landscape.

Deborah welcomes viewers back to a series which covers what's on in theatre performances around the country, music and dance, must-see exhibitions, upcoming cinema releases and what's on the small screen.

In the returning episode next Wednesday March 1 at 7.30pm, Deborah is joined by performing arts expert and co-Artistic Director of the Adelaide Festival **Rachel Healy** who gets us excited about the festival which she is co-artistic directing with Neil Armfield.

The episode also features actors **Alison Whyte** and **Colin Friels** who interview each other about their upcoming Melbourne Theatre Company production *Faith Healer* in which they never actually appear on stage at the same time in this four part monologue play structure.

Margaret Pomeranz offers critical insights into the new Australian coming-of-age film *Jasper Jones*, before interviewing author **Craig Silvey** and seasoned director **Rachel Perkins** prior to the film release.

Margaret is joined by television critic **Graeme Blundell** to take a look at showcase (Foxtel) channel's latest drama series offering *Big Little Lies*. A subversive, dark comedic drama based on the book of the same name by best-selling Australian author Liane Moriarty and stars Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Shailene Woodley, Laura Dern and Alexander Skarsgard.

The second episode of Stage & Screen, **Wednesday March 8 at 7.30pm**, features a 'television first' reuniting the legendary and longest on screen partnerships of Stage & Screen presenter Margaret Pomeranz and **David Stratton**.

Margaret and David are reunited on our television screens for the first time on Stage & Screen since the final episode of *At The Movies* in 2014. Margaret welcomes David on set to interview him about his much anticipated documentary *David Stratton: A Cinematic Life*, featuring a who's who of Australian cinema including Gillian Armstrong, Fred Schepisi, Eric Bana, Bryan Brown, Russell Crowe and Nicole Kidman.

Deborah Hutton chats to **Peter Evans**, director of Bell Shakespeare's *Richard III*, which stars Kate Mulvaney and also chats to classically trained and alternative pop Australian artist **Kate Miller-Heidke** and some of her co-stars from Melbourne Symphony about their exciting new orchestral tour.

Following every episode on Foxtel Arts, Stage & Screen will be available to watch on demand, via Foxtel Anytime on internet connected iQ boxes. Customers can also stream the documentary on demand on Foxtel Play or Foxtel Go. Foxtel Go is included in all residential and Foxtel play subscriptions at no extra cost.

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