

# LA MAMA PRESENTS VOYAGERS: A NEW MUSICAL



Red dirt. Isolation. A tight-knit family journeying with you as you hurtle around the sun at 107991 km/h. Mars? Or just Wagga Wagga?

The world premiere staged reading of a brand new musical by Green Room Award-winning writers Loclan Mackenzie-Spencer and Andrew Strano.

Voyagers is a brand-new Australian musical about... well, it's about the Opportunity Mars Rover, giant butterflies, dogs, dead owls and deep space, yes, but mostly it's about grief, isolation, loss and how we can survive it together.

When a friend's kid brother took his own life, we asked her what we could do to help. She said to "talk about it. We should, and we don't". With her permission, the two of us wrote the song, "Something's Wrong", and it was first performed in 2015 by Mike McLeish. Over time (and with the help of a commission from the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre and a 2020 City Of Melbourne Arts Grant), that song has become a whole musical... Voyagers.

"... Their songs weave threads of familiar feelings through unexpected topics, twanging at old hurts and remembered heartbreaks."

– Broadway Baby ★★★★★

Loclan and Andrew's debut show, "Nailed It!" won the Greenroom award for best original songs, and toured the world to 5-star reviews.

Loclan is a pianist, conductor and composer originally from Bendigo. He has completed an MFA focused on music direction for the theatre from Penn State University, and has worked on- and off-Broadway with "SpongeBob SquarePants The Musical", "Fiddler Afn Dakh", "Assassins" and "Elf". In Australia, Loclan's music director credits include "Calvin Berger", "Wicked", "Strange Bedfellows", "Doctor Zhivago" and "Ned".

Andrew developed the Musical "Jack of Two Trades" as the inaugural Jeanne Pratt Artist in Residence and was awarded the Victorian Fulbright to complete an MFA in Musical Theatre Writing at New York University. Their works "STARSONG" and "Songs of the village" have been presented at Rattlestick Playwrights Theater off-broadway and included in "Broadway's Future Songbook" at the Lincoln Center.

Music by: Loclan Mackenzie-Spencer  
Book & Lyrics by: Andrew Strano  
Director / Dramaturgy: Casey Gould  
Musical Director / Dramaturgy: Lucy O'Brien  
Producers: Alexandria Garlan and Nick Rouse  
Performed by: Daniel Cosgrove, Penny Larkins, Bek Schilling, John Wood  
Lighting Design: Tim Bonser  
Set & Costume Design: Madeline Nibali  
Assistant Director: Sarah Frencham  
Stage Manager: Ben Cronin

Content Warning: Suicide

**SEASON** 18 - 22 August 2021  
**TIMES** Wed 6.30pm (preview)  
Thu - Fri 7.30pm  
Sat 2pm (auslan interpreted & relaxed)    
Sat 7.30pm  
Sun 4pm  
**VENUE** La Mama Courthouse  
349 Drummond St, Carlton  
**LENGTH** Approx. 1 hour 45 minutes, plus interval  
**TICKETS** \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession  
**BOOKINGS** 03 9347 6948 or [www.lamama.com.au](http://www.lamama.com.au)

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