AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE & MUSIC

Ladies lack

Book by
Carolyn Burns
Music and lyrics by
Tim Finn

Adapted from the book
THE WOMEN IN BLACK

by

Madeleine St John



Director's Notes

Welcome to Sydney – now and in 1959. It's been a rare treat for us to rehearse and perform this work set right here in the harbour city, to tell an Australian story in Australian (and international) accents, and to engage with a piece that celebrates change and growth. Tim Finn was inspired to create the show after reading Madeleine St John's novel in an airport (everybody wants to write a musical!) and it has also been adapted into a film and series, but we are proud to bring it to you all-singing, all-dancing and live. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show.

Paul x

Special thanks to:

Philippa Duflou, Suzanna Littler, Joshua Maxwell

Theatre etiquette

While mobile phones are part of our daily life in 2025, they were not yet invented in 1959... Please switch your mobile phones OFF for the duration of the performance!

LADIES IN BLACK was first produced by the Queensland Theatre Company in association with Queensland Performing Arts Centre in 2015.

The Cast



Rubi Bagnell

Miss Jacobs/ Mrs Crown



Diana Beech

Lisa



Jocelyn Josephine

Dawn/ Saleswoman 2



Felicity Littler

Fay



Brayden Beecroft

Rudi/Lloyd/Fred



Chloe McWilliam

Miss Cartwright/ Joy



Geoff Edouard-Betsy

Mr Miles/Stefan



Aeryn Oborne

Mrs Miles



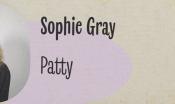
Benjamin Gluskie

Frank/Joe



Eloise Periac

Magda





Hannah Yu

Myra/ Saleswoman 1

The Crew

Director	Paul Geddes
Technical Director	Jourdain Vitiello
Musical Director	Brad Miller
Choreographer	Penny Martin
Costume Design	
Sound Design	
Lighting Design	
	Lorna Mitchell
Assistant Stage Managers	
	Eloise Godlewski
	Yizhou Wang
Dialect Coach	Alex Andrews
	Chloe McWilliam

The Band

Piano/Keyboard	Brad Miller
Bass	Hugh Fraser
Drums/Percussion	Andrew Massey
	Zach Ebbitt-Sandstrom
Violin	Nataliya Lukich
	Steve Meyer

Orchestrations by Guy Simpson









