

MEDIA RELEASE



NEW THEATRE LAUNCHES WITH WORLD
PREMIERE STARRING GUY PEARCE

POOR BOY

a play with songs

by Matt Cameron and
Tim Finn



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The new MTC Theatre will have its long anticipated opening with a new play by **Matt Cameron** and **Tim Finn**, starring **Guy Pearce** and directed by MTC's Artistic Director **Simon Phillips** on **Wednesday 28 January, 2009**.

Poor Boy, which has been commissioned by MTC, is a play with songs about a boy who announces on his seventh birthday that he is really a grown man who died some years before.

Combining well-known and new songs by Tim Finn, *Poor Boy* is a supernatural ghost story about loss, anguish and redemption.

Cast: **Linda Cropper** (Viv), **Matt Dyktynski** (Miles), **Sara Gleeson** (Sadie), **Guy Pearce** (Danny), **Sarah Peirse** (Ruth), **Greg Stone** (Sol) and **Abi Tucker** (Clare)

Creatives: Director: **Simon Phillips**, Musical Director: **Ian McDonald**, Set Designer: **Iain Aitken**, Costume Designer: **Adrienne Chisholm**, Lighting Designer: **Nick Schlieper**, Assistant Director: **Naomi Edwards**, Associate Musical Director: **Mathew Frank**, Associate Lighting Designer: **Chris Twyman**, Dramaturg: **Aidan Fennessy**

Musicians: **Michael Barker**, **Stephen Ely**, **Stephen Hadley**, **Gerry Hale**

Poor Boy represents a return to the stage for Pearce who was last seen in MTC's production of Tennessee Williams's *Sweet Bird of Youth* in 2002.

Pearce first came to international attention in *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* (1994). He cemented a growing reputation in the noir thriller, *LA Confidential* (1997) and then *Memento* (2000). His other film credits include William Friedkin's *Rules of Engagement* (2000), *The Count of Monte Cristo* (2001), *The Time Machine* (2002), *The Proposition* (2005), *Factory Girl* (2006) and *Death Defying Acts* (2007). His next screen appearance will be in the adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's best-seller *The Road*.

Presented by arrangement with Poor Boy Enterprises Pty Ltd and Llegup Pty Ltd. Inspired by an original idea by Tim Finn.

A co-production with Sydney Theatre Company.

Poor Boy - MTC Theatre, Sumner

Season dates: 21 January to 8 March

Opening Night: Wednesday 28 January 2009 at 8:00pm

Tickets: From \$58.20 (Under 30s - \$30)

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