

The Street Theatre Presents

# FROM A BLACK SKY

composer SANDRA FRANCE | librettist HELEN NOURSE

*And birds fell dead upon our  
neat back lawns from poisoned skies*

In January 2003 when the fires raged and the seemingly impossible happened in Canberra, our city and the people in it changed. **From a Black Sky** is a gripping chamber opera set in the maelstrom of that day. An unnerving portrait of a man reduced, a devouring passion, and a community catastrophe.

Scored for a chamber orchestra of twelve and featuring an ACT-based cast and chorus, the opera takes us back into the ordeal as it intensifies each character's passions, fears, jealousies and strengths creating the crucible in which the true mettle of all is tested.

**SEASON: 20 – 22 SEPTEMBER**

**Times:**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7:30pm  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 4pm

**Tickets:**

Standard \$35  
Concession \$30

*Conductor* David Kram | *Director* Caroline Stacey | *Designer* Christiane Nowak  
*Lighting Designer* Gillian Schwab | *Sound Designer* Seth Edwards-Ellis | *Chorus Master* Alan Hicks  
*Orchestra Leader* Rowan Harvey Martin | *Children's Chorus Director* Lynne Kowalik  
*Featuring* Don Bemrose, Judith Dodsworth, Rachael Duncan, David Rogers-Smith  
*Introducing* Erindale College Vocal Ensemble and the Arawang Primary School Chorus

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