LLABOITE

CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
OF OPENING NIGHTS AND
OPENING MINDS





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Australian Government



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY At La Boite Theatre, we acknowledge the country on which we work, and the traditional custodians of the land - the Turrbal and Jagera people. We give our respects to Elders past and present. We honour the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first Australians, whose lands, winds and waters we all now share, and their ancient and enduring cultures. This country was the home of storytelling long before La Boite existed, and we are privileged and grateful to share our stories here today.

LA BOITE SEASON 2025

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Macbeth
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- 14 2025 Mainstage Season at a Glance
- 16 La Boite Encores
- 18 Tickets
- **21 Artist Development**

Teaching Artist Residency School Holiday Workshops In-School Workshops

100 YEARS OF LEARNING AND GROWTH

We believe that theatre is a powerful tool for transformative learning and growth. Our season is designed with students in mind, featuring performances that spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and encourage critical thinking.

We've carefully crafted our productions to align with educational goals while striving to providing unforgettable theatrical experiences for our young audiences.

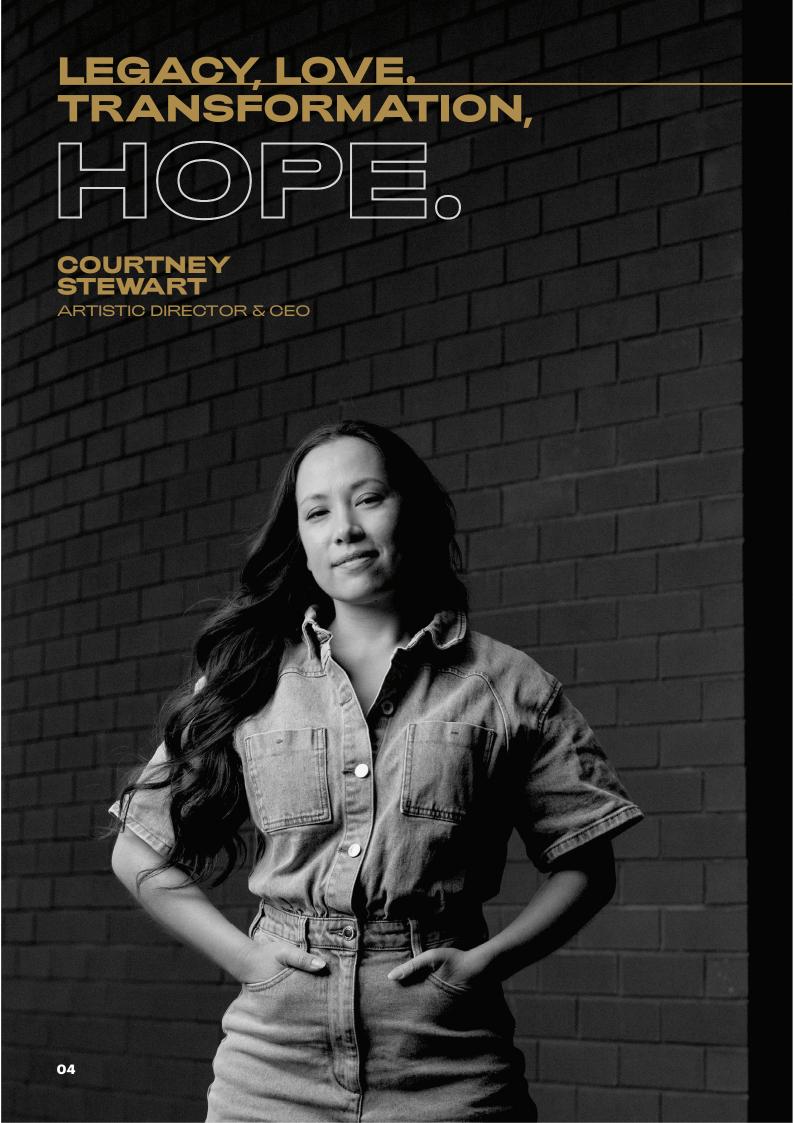
We value your time, and we're committed to making your visit as enriching and seamless as possible. To support you, we offer educational resources and pre-show workshops that compliment our productions and enhance your students' learning experience.

Thank you for fostering a love of storytelling in your classrooms and prioritising brining your students to the theatre.

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to La Boite in 2025 and sharing in the joy of storytelling together.

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HESE ARE THE THEMES THAT POWER LA BOITE THEATRE'S SEASON FOR 2025.

As we look ahead to our 100th year of telling stories on the precious lands of the Jagera and Turrbal - ever grateful for their continued custodianship - we turn our attention to the legacy of this small but mighty company and look at what the next 100 years of storytelling may hold.

Theatre is a powerful tool for transformative learning and growth. Our upcoming season features stories that have a meaningful social impact, spark curiosity, elevate creativity and inspire critical discussions.

Working with an incredible cohort of new and returning artists, we will look at the very life force that has enabled our company to reach a centenary of unbroken theatrical activity.

EVERYONE HAS A LA BOITE STORY.

This company has been a catalyst for so many people in our sector and continues to be a place where artists transform from emerging to established.

Being cast in La Boite's production of **Michelle Law's** Single Asian Female quite literally changed my world. My love for telling new Australian stories, my passion for cultural leadership, my desire to continue to cultivate new cohorts of artists and audiences were all borne from this revolutionary moment in time. Single Asian Female made so much else possible.

AS WE APPROACH OUR CENTENARY, IT'S CLEARER THAN EVER THAT LEAVING A LEGACY REQUIRES THE CONSTANT ACTIVE CREATION OF ONE.

Our 2025 Season has been created with the artists and audiences front and centre. We want to move you. Entertain you. Empower you. Surprise you. Transfix you. We want to launch into another century of changing our world, one story at a time.

We invite previous artistic director **Sue Rider** back to La Boite along with the iconic **Lisa Fa'alafi** to join me in taking a beloved classic and stripping it back to reveal the core of war and human conflict. In order for something to be won, it must also be lost. The forces that are set to divide us are stronger than ever. How will we resist this? How do we rebel against violence and devastation? How do we heal?

We look at the biggest issue facing the youngest members of our society and throw up big questions of what it will take to get on board to save the planet. How do we shake ourselves out of inaction? How do we fight for our collective future? Working with our dear friends at the internationally renowned Dead Puppet Society, this new work of scale gives voice to the next generation of change-makers.

We include an unbridled rush towards the ecstasy of being alive. A reminder that we have agency over our legacy, we have a say in how our story unfolds. The unequalled **Merlynn Tong** explores inter-generational trauma, transformation and how to reclaim our joy in her newest comedy. We will share this story with audiences in Sydney and Singapore through our collaboration with our colleagues at Sydney Theatre Company and our new friends at Singapore Repertory Theatre.

We present a show of young love and survival by one of the country's most revered contemporary writers. We are thrilled to bring **Dylan Van Den Berg's** poetic masterpiece to Queensland audiences. Helmed by two of the finest theatrical minds in the country, **Declan Greene** and **Amy Sole**, we can't wait to share in the ecstasy of a young friendship blossoming into a romance against the impossible backdrop that is the history of colonialism.

With the help of the company's previous Artistic Directors, all of whom were visionaries, we will take a deep dive into the archives and look at 10 plays that changed the company for the better. We will celebrate the artists who have left their indelible mark on this incredible company and share these stories again in a play-reading series designed as a book-club for theatre lovers.

To survive, flourish, adapt and stay relevant for 100 years is no simple feat and certainly doesn't happen by chance. It takes ingenuity, resourcefulness, and community to make sure great stories reach their audiences.

We look forward to celebrating 100 years of remarkable storytelling with you in 2025.



A SHOW OF WAR LOST AND WON

The prophets who once hailed Macbeth, foretelling his rise to power, have lingered in the shadows for too long. Now, the

Weird Sisters step out from the wings and take centre stage.

TERM 1

Weeks 6 - 8

ABOUT

SUITABILITY Years 10 - 12, Tertiary

CONTENT ADVISORIES Contains references to death, dying and infanticide. Subject to change.

> SEATING Round

DURATION 90 minutes (no interval)

CURRICULUM LINKS

GENERAL DRAMA Unit 3: Transform

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM - DRAMA Exploring and Responding Developing Practices and Skills

THEMES
Power
Fate
Ambition
War / Conflict

STYLES Magical Realism Physical Theatre Contemporary Dance In this reimagining of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, the Witches—whose cryptic prophecies drive Macbeth to murder, madness, and ruin—become the focus. Their deep spiritual and philosophical connection to the Earth reveals a world groaning under the weight of human ambition. Through their eyes, we see not just Macbeth's bloody climb to the throne, but the profound consequences of our insatiable desire for power.

In this innovative production, the Weird Sisters are no longer mere bystanders. They embody the forces of nature itself, their voices intertwined with the Earth's cries for balance and need for healing. Blending dance, movement, text and sound, this hybrid performance explores the interconnectedness of all things—reminding us that every action we take ripples through the natural world.

Co-directed by La Boite Theatre's Artistic Director **Courtney Stewart** and **Lisa Fa'alafi** (Co-Artistic Director Polytoxic, Hot Brown Honey), with a dynamic local cast, this production also welcomes back the formidable **Sue Rider**, former Artistic Director of La Boite, as dramaturg.

Opening on International Women's Day, experience a bold new take on one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies in this daring reimagining of *Macbeth*.

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!

BY MADDIE NIXON
DIRECTED BY MATT SEERY
& DAVID MORTON
MUSIC BY DEAN HANSON
(BALL PARK MUSIC) 30 JUL - 16 AUG Roundhouse Theatre La Boite

A SHOW OF MONSTERS AND HEROES

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE! is a high-octane comedy that will leave you on the edge of your seat, brought to life in a

TERM 3

Weeks 3 - 5

large-scale production in collaboration with **Dead Puppet Society**.

ABOUT

SUITABILITY Years 8 - 12, Tertiary

CONTENT ADVISORIES Contains coarse language and themes of natural disasters and climate anxiety. Subject to change.

> SEATING Round

DURATION 90 minutes (no interval)

Off the coast of Queensland, deep in the Pacific Ocean, something terrifying is stirring. Meanwhile, in Brisbane, a local student feels the tremors of its approach.

No one listens to her warnings, and as the beast draws closer, she must decide what's more dangerous—the monster, or the society that created it.

CURRICULUM LINKS

GENERAL DRAMA Unit 2: Reflect Unit 3: Transform

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM - DRAMA Exploring and Responding Developing Practices and Skills

THEMES
Climate Change
Social Justice
Social Responsibility
Australia Politics

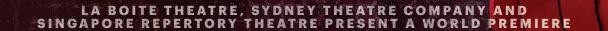
STYLES
Visual Theatre
Puppetry
Comedy

Equal parts climate change thriller, schlock horror, and live-action comic book, WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE! is Godzilla meets The Betoota Advocate, created for a post - Greta Thunberg world.

Written by **Maddie Nixon**, directed by **Matt Seery** and **David Morton** (*Dead Puppet Society*), with original music by **Dean Hanson** (*Ball Park Music*), this is a show you don't want to sleep on!

CO-PRODUCER

B Dead Puppet Society



CONGRATULATIONS GET RICH! (恭喜发财, 人日快乐)

BY MERLYNN TONG DIRECTED BY COURTNEY STEWART

4 - 20 SEPT

Roundhouse Theatre La Boite

Image features Hsin Ju Ely representing the character to be played by Seong Hui Xuan

A SHOW OF TRANSFORMATION AND HOPE

Congratulations, Get Rich! is a wild, hilarious rush that revels in the messy joy of being alive.

TERM 3

Weeks 8 - 10

ABOUT

SUITABILITY Years 10 - 12, Tertiary

CONTENT ADVISORIES

Contains coarse language, references to suicide, inter-generational trauma, death and dying. Subject to change

> SEATING Thrust

DURATION 90 minutes (no interval)

CURRICULUM LINKS

GENERAL DRAMA Unit 3: Challenge

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM - DRAMA Exploring and Responding Developing Practices and Skills

THEMES
Relationships (esp mother-daughter)
Inter-generational Trauma
Vulnerability
Traditions / Rituals
Transformation
Legacy
Hope

STYLES Magical Realism Comedy It's a big night for Mandy. Her heart and soul—her karaoke business—is failing. In a last-ditch attempt to save it, she's hosting a mega-event: a reunion dinner special!

Things take an unexpected turn when two women arrive. Mandy instantly recognises one as her mother, who died by suicide over two decades ago. But who is the other woman? What do they want, and why are they here?

Penned and performed by **Merlynn Tong** (Golden Blood), this explosive musical comedy celebrates the vibrancy of Singaporean culture, centering on three powerful women in a supernatural tale.

Directed by La Boite Artistic Director

Courtney Stewart, Tong stars
alongside Singapore's Seong Hui

Xuan, and beloved Queenslander

Kimie Tsukakoshi (The Poison of
Polygamy).

Congratulations, Get Rich! is a fresh Asian-Australian story exploring transformation, legacy, and hope. With humour and heart, it asks if we are all bound to our fate – or whether we can in fact escape the shadows of our past to create our own future.

CO-PRODUCERS





IN ASSOCIATION WITH





A SHOW OF Once in a blue YOUNG LOVE

moon, in the middle of nowhere, two teenage boys meet under a lemon tree. When they look at

TERM 4

Week 3 - 5

each other, it's tense, exciting, and strange.

ABOUT

SUITABILITY Years 10 - 12, Tertiary

CONTENT ADVISORIES

Contains loud noise, blinding lights, simulated sex scenes, weapons, and descriptions and representations of colonial violence.

> SFATING Thrust

DURATION 90 minutes (no interval)

CURRICULUM LINKS

GENERAL DRAMA Unit 1: Share Unit 3: Challenge

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM - DRAMA **Exploring and Responding** (First Nations Perspectives) **Developing Practices and Skills**

> THEMES Coming-of-age LGBTQIA2+ Love Colonialism

STYLES First Nations Contempoary Drama Poetic Theatre

Ty and Neddy fall madly in love, as teenagers are wont to do. After a rough start, a fragile friendship fruits into a heady romance.

If history would just unfurl a little differently, the boys might have a beautiful future ahead of them. But without knowing it, Ty and Neddy are poised on the brink of a world that is about to change forever.

It's the early 19th century. Ty is River Mob. Neddy is Mountain Mob. And the earth they stand together on is about to be declared 'Australia'.

Featuring Pertame and Tiwi actor Joseph Althouse (The Visitors), Whitefella Yella Tree is the La Boite debut of awardwinning Palawa playwright **Dylan Van** Den Berg, winner of the Griffin Award, the Rodney Seaborn Playwrights Award. the David Williamson Prize and two NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

Co-directed with subtlety and sophistication by Griffin Theatre Company's Artistic Director **Declan** Greene and Wiradjuri and Worimi theatremaker Amy Sole, Whitefella Yella Tree is a heart-warming and heartbreaking story about love, Country, and Blak queerness.

A GRIFFIN THEATRE COMPANY PRODUCTION



Whitefella Yella Tree was developed as part of Griffin Studio, an initiative of Griffin Theatre Company, with support from the Malcolm Robertson Foundation and Griffin Studio donors, and through Melbourne Theatre Company's Cybec Electric Play Reading Series. The premiere production was supported by Griffin Theatre Company's Production Partner program.

MACBETH 6 - 22 MAR

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			7.30PM Preview	7.30PM Preview		
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	6.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM	7.30PM Auslan/ Artist Talk	2.00PM 7.30PM	
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WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!

30 JUL - 16 AUG

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CONGRATULATIONS, GET RICH!

4 - 20 SEP

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			7.30PM Preview	7.30PM Preview		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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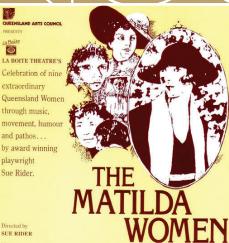
WHITEFELLA YELLA TREE

23 OCT - 8 NOV

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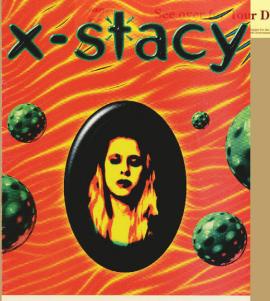
Directed by SUE RIDER ANNE ROYLANCE

JUSTINE ANDERSON SUE DWYER SHARONLEE MARTIN CHRISTEN O'LEARY



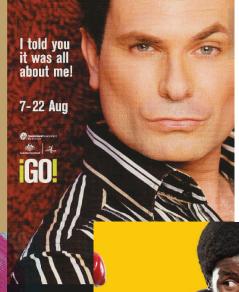
The Narcissist

by Stephen Carleton

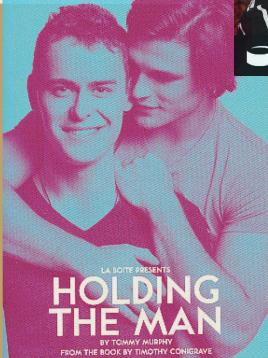


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16 July - 8 August 1998









EPIC PLAYS FROM THE ARCHIVE

MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025

OPENING ENCORETO BE REVEALED

TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025

THE MATILDA WOMEN BY SUE RIDER

MONDAY 12 MAY 2025

X-STACY BY MARGERY FORDE

MONDAY 19 MAY 2025

SPECIAL EVENT TO BE REVEALED

MONDAY 26 MAY 2025

ZIG ZAG STREET
BY PHILIP DEAN
ADAPTED FROM THE NOVEL
BY NICK EARLS

MONDAY 2 JUNE 2025

THE NARCISSIST
BY STEPHEN CARLETON

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MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025

N BOY GIRL WALL
BY MATTHEW RYAN
& LUCAS STIBBARD

MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025

HOLDING THE MAN
BY TOMMY MURPHY
FROM THE BOOK BY
TIMOTHY CONIGRAVE

MONDAY 23 JUNE 2025

PRIZE FIGHTER
BY FUTURE D. FIDEL

TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025

SINGLE ASIAN FEMALE BY MICHELLE LAW

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EPIC HAIR

DESIGNS

Celebrate La Boite's 100-year history with **La Boite Encores**, a captivating play reading series that brings 10 iconic hits and fan favourites from the archives to life.

This series, perfect for theatre lovers, reunites original cast members and directors along with emerging Brisbane talent, offering an intimate journey through La Boite's rich history.

Hand-picked in collaboration with La Boite's former Artistic Directors, each reading provides a unique, close-up experience with the plays that have defined our centurylong legacy as Australia's oldest continuously running professional theatre company.

Held weekly in the Roundhouse Theatre, the readings showcase the talent and stories that have shaped our 100 years of theatrical excellence.

Single tickets \$20 each.



TICKETS

TICKET PRICES

\$28 *^ STUDENT

\$28 *^ TEACHER

1x complimentary teacher per 10 paid students

- * An additional \$10 transaction fee applies.
- ^ Terms and Conditions apply.

FREE TEACHER PREVIEWS

WWant to catch the show before you students do? We offer complimentary preview tickets to teachers to allow you to attend the production ahead of your group booking.

Bookings required, subject to availability.

RISK MANAGEMENT

We've created a risk management document to assist teachers and excursion providers in developing risk assessments and appropriate documentation. Visit our website to download or contact us to enquire.

ACCESS INFO

La Boite is committed to providing accessible venues and performances. Please visit our website for a comprehensive guide to access at La Boite. Alternatively, get in touch via (07) 3007 8600 or ticketing@laboite.com.au for more information.

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HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1

Complete the School Booking Form at laboite. com.au/xxxxxx

STEP 2

La Boite requires a 20% deposit for school group bookings. Deposit invoices will be issued once our team has confirmed your details and booking request. Your deposit will secure the booking once paid.

STEP 3

Confirm final booking numbers, including students and teachers attending, by the due date stipulated below.

STEP 4

Receive and pay your final invoice by the due date stipulated below.

STEP 5

Your tickets will be waiting for you at La Boite's Box Office upon arrival, on the day of the performance. Enjoy the show!

BOOKING DUE DATES

MACBETH

Deposit: At time of booking
Final Numbers: Fri 14 Feb (Term 1, Week 3)
Final Invoice: Fri 21 Feb (Term 1, Week 4

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!

Deposit: At time of booking

Final Numbers: Fri 20 Jun (Term 2, Week 9) Final Invoice: Fri 27 Jun (Term 2, Week 10

CONGRATULATIONS, GET RICH!

Deposit: At time of booking

Final Numbers: Fri 15 Aug (Term 3, Week 5) Final Invoice: Fri 22 Aug (Term 3, Week 6)

WHITEFELLA YELLA TREE

Deposit: At time of booking

Final Numbers: Fri 10 Oct (Term 4, Week 1) Final Invoice: Fri 17 Oct (Term 4, Week 2)



YOUTH & EDUCATION

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Designed for budding performers to develop their passion for storytelling, develop acting skills, enhance creativity, build confidence and connect with like-minded peers.

La Boite's School Holiday Workshops are designed for school students, aged 12-18 years who are ready to make the most of their holidays and boost professional drama skills all in a comprehensive three-day program.

The program pairs young people with industry professionals who help train and explore acting and performing in a fun and creative environment.

AUDITIONS AND MONOLOGUES
7 - 9 JULY 2025

ACT! WRITE! DIRECT!
15 - 17 DECEMBER 2025

TEACHING ARTIST RESIDENCY

Are you after a more sustained relationship with La Boite? We also offer Teaching Artist Residencies! Our residencies can be a series of workshops designed to help you kick curriculum goals or can be ongoing sessions to help devise or direct a school performance.

Quoted on request.

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TO DISCOVER MORE



WORKSHOPS

La Boite in-school workshops align with relevant curriculum links and leading industry practices.

Our teaching artists are actors, writers and directors who are eager to share their skills and techniques with your students. Take the stress away from planning and choose one of our eight curated workshops.

In an open conversation with you, we will tailor the program to ensure that your students achieve your desired learning outcomes. We've got options for everyone: junior, senior and tertiary.

Teachers, we're here for you!

AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE

Contemporary Theatre

Group Devising Theatre

Rehearsal Room Processes

Playwrighting & Dramaturgy

Directing for Theatre

Physical Theatre

Monologues & Auditions

Working with Text, Genre & Conventions including Greek, Verbatim, Shakespeare,

Political Theatre, Documentary Drama / Collage Drama, Realism, Magical Realism and Gothic Theatre

Bespoke Workshop

If you have an alternative subject matter in mind, let us know and we can tailor the workshop around your students needs.





PRICING

\$ 300 On Period

\$ 440 **Two Preriods**

\$ 580 Half Day

\$890 Full Day

Travel to and from La Boite is calculated at \$1 p/km.

Includes costs associated with administration, workshop planning and facilitation. To account for additional facilitators, pricing will increase for classes greater than 25 students. A quote will be provided on request.

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