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Perfect Wedding

by Robin Hawdon

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24 October – 8 November 2025

Directed by Pip Le Blond

Cast

Rachel..... Mia Jabara
Bill..... Feliks Woltersdorf
Tom..... Mason Frost
Judy..... Danielle Carey
Julie..... Grace Denney
Daphne Kate Harvey

About the Play

The big day has finally arrived! In a few short hours, Bill and Rachel will be happily married. But when Bill wakes up in the bridal suite with a hangover, no memory of the night before, and a strange woman in bed beside him, he will have to think fast to save himself from disaster. When the best man arrives early, along with the chambermaid, and the mother-in-law, the only thing that could possibly make it worse would be for Rachel herself to... well, your wedding day is a day you'll always remember!

With wild misunderstandings, hilarious mishaps, and loads of laughs, this frantic farce has delighted audiences in over 30 countries. Welcome to this 'Perfect' Wedding!

Setting

The honeymoon suite of a gracious period hotel in the countryside outside of London. The time is early 2000's.

The performance runs for approximately two hours, including a 20 minute interval.

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be available during the interval. Wine will also be available for purchase.

About the Playwright

Robin Hawdon



Robin Hawdon is an English actor, director, author and playwright. He has written numerous plays with his first major commercial success being *The Mating Game*. Other plays include *Birthday Suite*, *Revenge*, *Don't Rock the Boat*, *Shady Business* and *Don't Dress for Dinner* which ran in the West End and was nominated for two Tony Awards. Hawdon lives between Bath, the South of France and Australia. He has been married for 57 years to actress and psychoanalyst Sheila Davies, with whom he has two daughters.



Mia Jabara – Rachel

Mia graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Theatre) degree and has since worked professionally as an actor in the US, South Korea and now back in her hometown of Melbourne. She has performed in productions like *Fefu and her Friends* at the Atlantic Theatre Company in NYC and TV shows like *Red Swan* on Disney Plus. She is excited to make her Malvern Theatre Company debut with *Perfect Wedding*.



Feliks Woltersdorf – Bill

Feliks is thrilled to be debuting at the Malvern Theatre Company. His acting journey has taken him interstate, and internationally. He enjoys collaborating and storytelling with his passionate peers, and hopes you all enjoy this partnership of artistry and camaraderie. Most recently audiences might have seen him as 'Nigel' in Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre Company's show *Haunted*.



Mason Frost – Tom

Mason recently performed with Malvern Theatre Company in the rehearsed play reading of *The Scottish Play* and is honoured to return as the best man, 'Tom', in *Perfect Wedding*. Mason has been lucky enough to have worked on various productions, with highlights including *The 39 Steps* with Eltham Little Theatre, *Proof* with Peridot Theatre Company, *The Glass Menagerie* with Warrandyte Theatre Company and *The 3 Musketeers* with Beaumaris Theatre Company. Now it's time to raise our glasses to the perfect wedding!



Danielle Carey – Judy

Danielle is a graduate of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and appeared in Malvern Theatre Company's recent rehearsed play reading of *The Scottish Play*. Other favourite productions include playing 'Bubba Ryan' in *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* and 'Rosie Price' in *Things I Know to be True*. She also loves to perform on screen, in simulated patient/actor work and as a singer/cantorial soloist. Danielle is thrilled to play 'Judy' in *Perfect Wedding*.



Grace Denney – Julie

Grace studied classical ballet and vocal tuition in her hometown of Launceston, where she trod the boards in various plays, concerts and musicals. Whilst studying in Adelaide, Grace performed at *Broadway Sessions* and in the University of Adelaide's (infamous) *Law Revue*. She has recently designed costumes for *Consent* (Bottled Snail Productions) and *The Humans* (Malvern Theatre Company). A lawyer by day, Grace is thrilled to be back on stage making her Melbourne, and Malvern Theatre Company, stage debut.



Kate Harvey – Daphne

Kate is thrilled to be back at Malvern Theatre Company, after first appearing here as Harriet in *Nobody's Perfect* in 2023. Since then, she has played a series of strong and outrageous women from 'Judy' in *Four Flat Whites in Italy*, to 'Helen' in *Pack of Lies*, 'Clairee' in *Steel Magnolias* and recently as 'Lisa' in *The Corflutes of Kooyong*. In her acting career, Kate splits her time between TV and media advertising, podcasting, voiceovers and training videos, as well as live theatre.

Director

Pip Le Blond



Pip's association with community theatre spans over 30 years, alongside television and film credits. She has performed in numerous stage productions at many theatre companies, including Peridot Theatre Company, Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre Company, The Basin Theatre, Sherbrooke Theatre Company, Beaumaris Theatre Company, Knox Theatre Company and The 1812 Theatre. Her directing credits include *The Last of the Summer Wine*, *Boeing Boeing*, *Dad's Army*, *Leading Ladies*, *Outside Edge*, *Till Death Do Us Part*, *Barefoot in the Park* and *Hypnosis*. Pip, together with her husband Robin, recently formed their own theatre company, Blond Productions, which toured a production of *War of the Worlds*. More recently, it produced the story of Ruth Ellis, *The Thrill of Love*. Pip is delighted to be working with Malvern Theatre Company again after the successful production of *Ladies Day Out* in 2023.

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Production Team

Director	Pip Le Blond
Assistant Director.....	Jan Langford
Stage Manager	Barry James
Set Designer	Neil Barnett
Lighting Designer.....	Robin Le Blond
Sound Designer.....	Robin Le Blond
Costume Designer	Sue Halls
Props Designer	Neil Barnett
Lighting and Sound Operator.....	Linda Corrin
Rehearsal Prompt.....	Annie Grant
Technical Director	Michael Birkett
Set Construction.....	David Allen, Neil Barnett, Noel Ellis, Graeme Munro
Scenic Painting	Gill Karkeek
Production Coordinator	Annie Grant
Programme Designer	Janine Evans
Programme Coordinator.....	Monica Greenwood
Photography	Lorraine Bell
Publicity.....	Blake Stringer
FOH Manager.....	Judy Clues
Ticketbox Manager.....	David Gordon
Ticket Secretary.....	Kerry Carr

Featured Creative Team Member



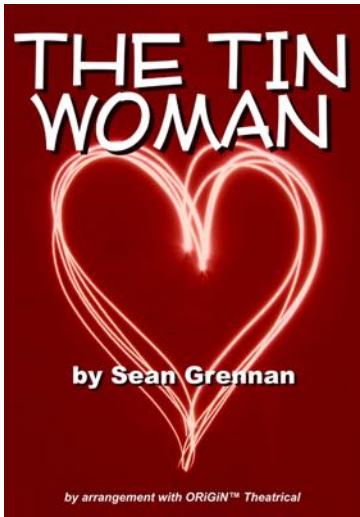
Barry James – Stage Manager

Ah! The magic behind the proscenium! Barry has been imbued with the love of all things theatrical from a very early age. After four decades of onstage roles (60 plus, including three best actor awards), he has made the transition to Stage Manager. He has stage managed with six community theatre companies and it is a role he loves. Barry and his Assistant Stage Manager, *Todd*, a standard poodle, attend all rehearsals and he shares the joy and excitement of opening nights, without the nerves!

Calling All Volunteers

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Next at Malvern Theatre Company



The Tin Woman by Sean Grennan

Joy has Jack's heart – literally. She received it as a transplant. But rather than finding peace in the new opportunity she has been given, Joy spirals into despair. Why has she been given more life? Whose heart now beats in her body? Meanwhile, Jack's parents and sister grapple with the sudden loss of a deeply loved young man. Can a meeting between Joy and Jack's family bring the possibility of acceptance and peace to them all?

Based on a true story, Sean Grennan's humorous, heart-warming play explores the challenges of moving on, and the joy of a second chance. Malvern Theatre Company is delighted to present this poignant, life-affirming story about the threads that bind us together.

Directed by Brett Turner-Valenta

13 – 28 February 2026

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Acknowledgements

Malvern Theatre Company acknowledges that we are performing on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri People and offer our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

Malvern Theatre Company is very grateful for the support provided by the City of Stonnington.

We would like to thank the following people for their additional support of this production, without whom the show would not be what it is: The Cornice Store for provision of free cornice materials, Chris Leopard for additional props and Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre Company for the loan of costumes..

As an organisation, we take pride in supporting the local volunteer network in the community and the charitable organisations that underpin this important work. As such, we have donated all benefits of the Charity Night performance to the following organisations:

- Ashburton Baptist Church
- Order of the Eastern Star (Box Hill Chapter)
- RSPCA
- The Compassionate Friends Victoria
- The Country Women's Association of Victoria (Umina Branch)

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