

# Cosi comes to the asylum

Got a burning desire for theatre? Laughter is always the best medicine! The critically acclaimed play **Cosi**, written by Louis Nowra, is coming to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, on **Wednesday 5 May 2010**.

Lewis, a young director and a university drop-out, takes a job in a mental asylum working with patients who are interested in the dramatic arts. He thinks his work will involve staging a small variety show with the group, until long-term patient Roy hijacks the show and insists that the production be nothing less than a grand staging of Mozart's opera *Cosi Fan Tutte*. An ambitious thought to say the least! After all, none of the patients can speak Italian, nor sing and the cast is made up of aging nymphomaniacs, obsessives and pyromaniacs. Lewis is faced with the daunting task of drawing performances from a disparate group of people brought together by their individual needs and desires.

By contrasting the passion and fervour of the anti-Vietnam movement with a world of isolation and control behind closed doors, Nowra allows all the characters in his play to find fulfilment and humour in the making of a piece of theatre. Lewis' life is touched by these extraordinary people as his operatic production lurches forward. We learn, along with Lewis, that when chasing your dreams it helps not to be too attached to reality. After all if its sanity you are after, there is no recipe like laughter!

***"Nowra's generous humour offers up a world of the most extraordinary, ordinary people, and a hilarious situation-comedy, to boot (but there are) hints of a darkness that lies beyond the lights: the real world."***  
**Sydney Morning Herald**

Louis Nowra's *Cosi* will be directed by Denis Moore (*A Stretch of the Imagination*), who will head an exceptional creative team. Featuring a stellar ensemble cast of eight talented actors, the play is funny, warm and wonderfully mad.

***"In many ways Cosi is about the liberating nature of theatre and how it unifies everyone."***  
**Louis Nowra, Playwright**

**PERFORMANCE DATE:** Wednesday 5 May 2010 8pm

**TICKETS ON SALE:** 12 February 2010

**WHERE:** Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

**COST:** Adults: \$43.50, Concessions: \$38.00, Group Bookings 10+: \$38.00

**SPECIAL OFFER\*** Enjoy a complementary glass of champagne on the night of the show for every ticket purchased between Friday February 12th and Friday March 12th 2010. **BOOKINGS:** Call the box office on 1300 788 503 or book online @ [www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au)

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