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Perth Theatre Company
Taking Liberty by Ingle Knight

September 20 – October 4 Playhouse Theatre

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America's Cup euphoria recreated onstage



Perth Theatre Company will recreate the euphoria of Australia's triumph in the 1983 America's Cup in a new production, *Taking Liberty* presented at The Playhouse from September 20 to October 4.

25 years ago on September 26, 1983 Australia II sailed into history when skipper John Bertrand and designer Ben Lexcon ended the USA's 132 year dominance of the world's most prestigious sporting competition, the America's Cup, that pre-dates the modern Olympics.

This exciting recreation by award-winning writer, Ingle Knight charts the rise of Bond's initial syndicate in the 1970s through to the triumphant nation-stopping victory in Newport.

A raft of characters from Alan Bond to Bob Hawke and the renowned 'yachties' will be portrayed by WA's finest male actors including Reg Cribb, Benj D'Addario, Glenn Hall, Stuart Halusz, Damon Lockwood, Sam Longley, Rohan Nichol, and Sean Walsh.

This specially commissioned piece for the 25th anniversary of the America's Cup win will be directed by celebrated theatre practitioner Neill Gladwin, renowned for the outrageously iconic lawn mowing finale of the Sydney Olympics.

Mr Gladwin said that *Taking Liberty* is a hi-octane sporting epic that retraces the heart stopping moments of the challenge. "It is an honour to take over the helm of *Taking Liberty*," he said. "This epic story is a defining moment in both WA and Australia's sporting and cultural identity. I look forward with great anticipation and excitement to bringing *Taking Liberty* to life."

The production previews on Thursday and Friday September 18 and 19 at 7:30pm with a grand opening on Saturday September 20. Bookings can be made at BOCS on 9484 1133 or their website www.bocsticketing.com.au.

"Any boss who sacks a worker for not turning up today is a bum."
The Hon. Robert J Hawke MP (Australian Prime Minister 1983 -1991)

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Taking Liberty

Playhouse Theatre

September 20 – October 4

Mondays at 6:30pm, Tuesdays – Saturdays at 7:30pm

Previews: Thursday 18 September & Friday 19 September at 7:30pm

Matinees: Saturday 27 September & Saturday 4 October at 2:15pm and Wednesday 1 October at 11am

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