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The Green Room Awards Association proudly presents

The 37th Annual Green Room Awards

Monday the 30th of March, 7:00pm Comedy Theatre - 240 Exhibition Street, Melbourne CBD www.greenroom.org.au

Melbourne's Arts Industry once again converges at the iconic **Comedy Theatre** to celebrate and applaud the accomplishments of its talented community at *The 37th Annual Green Room Awards*. Hosted by the **Green Room Awards** Association (GRAA), Victoria's peak body for



honouring excellence and innovation across our dynamic performing arts sector, this vibrant evening is always a highlight on the Melbourne Arts Calendar.

Launched in 1983, the **Green Room Awards** are wholly peer-presented **Performing Arts Industry Awards**, supporting outstanding achievements from artists, creatives, and companies across **Cabaret, Contemporary and Experimental Performance, Dance, Independent Theatre, Musical Theatre, Opera,** and **Theatre Companies.** Previous winners include **La Mama's** legendary **Liz Jones,** singer **Christine Anu, Order of Australia** recipients **Anthony Warlow** and **Caroline O'Connor**, actor **Kat Stewart,** and the multi-talented **Eddie Perfect.**

Four distinguished members of our community will also be recipients on the night of the **Outstanding Contribution to Cabaret Award**, **Technical Achievement Award**, the **Geoffrey Milne Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Contemporary and Experimental Performance**, and the **GRA Lifetime Achievement Award**.

"The **GRAs** acknowledge great work in the performing arts.", highlights **GRAA President Hilary Glow.** "Julia Zemiro, the **GRA Patron**, once said that receiving a Green Room nomination boosted her energy and confidence in her career just at the time when she most needed it. For lots of artists the **Green Room Awards** are vital because they let you know that your peers have seen and admired your work, and you get to participate in a joyous celebration of the sector as a whole."

In 2020, the **Green Room Awards Association** introduces a private giving program called **The Winners Circle**; inviting former winners and members of the performing arts community to help extend the awards' reach and be part of the annual performing arts conversation. For close to four decades thousands of talented artists have benefitted from the awards, and the ceremony has become a vital gathering point for the sector. Although the **GRAA** receives support through the **City of Melbourne**, government funding is becoming ever-tighter. **The Winners Circle** provides an opportunity to achieve the twin goals of bringing previous winners, judges and committee members together and helping to support the ongoing success of the awards.

Hosted by **Otto and Astrid**, Berlin's Prince and Princess of Art Rock and Europop, the 2020 ceremony will be an electric night with live performances, fabulous fashion, and inspiring words honouring the outstanding work on our stages in 2019. Presentations will be made by valued **Partners** and **Sponsors of the GRAA** as well as arts industry professionals. The annual **Green Room Awards** is a joyous celebration of our local arts and artists. The **GRA** are a not-for-profit community event and public tickets are available. Bookings essential.

The GRAA is proudly supported by **City of Melbourne, Marriner Group, Media Super, Arts in Sync, Auspicious Arts, MTC, the Ron and Margaret Dobell Foundation** and the **Media and Entertainment Arts Alliance**.

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Tickets: \$30 (+ booking fee)

Bookings: 13 61 00 or online via www.greenroom.org.au

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Please note: This event will be Auslan Interpreted and Audio Described



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