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Theatre Works presents

Red Sky Morning

By Tom Holloway

A By Theatre Works production

6 to 16 May 2026

Theatre Works: 14 Acland Street, St Kilda

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Winner of the **2008 Green Room Award for Best New Writing (Independent Theatre)** and the **2007 R.E. Ross Trust Development Award**, this May Theatre Works brings audiences **Tom Holloway's** powerful and poetic story about family, silence, and finding hope in the everyday.



Capturing the heart of regional Australia; the early mornings, the long silences, and the unspoken care that holds families together, **Red Sky Morning** spotlights the connections between a woman, a man, and a girl, who all live under the same roof. Over the course of one day their stories unfold. Revealing love, regret, and the quiet hope that things might get better, **Red Sky Morning** expertly crafts the world of a country life that is steeped in beauty, but also brutal honesty. Deftly reflecting its challenges and strengths.

“We were excited to include this work in our 2026 programming because it speaks so quietly and so truthfully about what people carry when the ground beneath them feels uncertain”, explains **Theatre Works Executive Director Dianne Toulson**.

“It felt especially relevant given what regional Victoria has been through recently with devastating fires after years of drought, followed by more fires again. These events don’t just disappear once the news cycle moves on. The impact lingers through families, businesses, and whole communities and that felt incredibly resonant, particularly in regional contexts where mental health services are limited and people tend to hold things in rather than speak them aloud.”

In the same way, this production is not driven by spectacle or big emotional moments, it’s driven by silence, rhythm, and the spaces between people who love each other. It trusts the audience to lean in and sit with complexity, rather than spelling things out.”

Directed by **Lyll Brooks**, this compelling work will be crafted by a remarkable team comprised of actors **Alpha Kargo**, **Izabella Day**, and **Emma Choy** alongside **Green Room Award winner/nominated** creatives **Sidney Younger** on lighting, **Jack Burmeister** on sound/composition and **Harry Gill** with set and costume.

Running as part of the 2026 **By Theatre Works** programming, this production of **Red Sky Morning** will also tour to regional Victoria, playing at the **Portland Arts Centre (26 May)**, **Hamilton Performing Arts Centre (27 May)**, **Lighthouse Theatre (28 May)**, **Camperdown Theatre Royal (29 May)** and the **Bellarine Arts Centre (30 May)**. Further information is available on the **Theatre Works** website.

Last staged in Victoria well over a decade ago and playing for a limited season at the **Theatre Works’ Acland Street** venue, don’t miss the chance to catch this iconic, award-winning Australian work brought to life by an outstanding team of local artists. Tickets now selling.

Based in St Kilda, **Theatre Works** has been home to bold, independent theatre for more than 40 years. They give artists the space, support, and freedom to take risks, and audiences the chance to discover powerful new Australian stories. Each year, they present dozens of productions across their three venues, from reimagined classics to brand new works, created in partnership with some of the country's most exciting theatre makers.

Other **2026 By Theatre Works** productions include *Australian Open*, *Savages*, *Beyond The Neck*, *Mara*, *Lazarus*, *Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity*, *The Wolves*, and *Lord of the Flies*.

Directed By Lyall Brookes

Performed by Alpha Kargo, Izabella Day, and Emma Choy

Lighting design Sidney Younger

Sound design by Jack Burmeister

Set and costume design Harry Gill

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Tues - Sat 7:30pm, Sat 2pm (16 May only)

Preview: Wednesday 6 May 7:30pm

Opening Night: Thursday 7 May 7:30pm

Tickets: \$55 Full, \$48 Concession, \$40 Preview

Bookings: www.theatreworks.org.au/2026/red-sky-morning

Venue: Theatre Works – 14 Acland Street, St Kilda

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Duration: 75 mins no interval

Age suitability: 15+

Warnings: Adult themes, family tension, mild strong language, alcohol use and emotionally charged moments

Accessibility: Theatre Works is a wheelchair-accessible venue. A full-access guide will be available closer to the date