



MEDIA RELEASE | COLIN FRIELS TAKES TO THE STAGE AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE

HOTA, Home of the Arts, is thrilled to welcome critically acclaimed Australian actor, Colin Friels, as he stars in British playwright, Justin Butcher's, brilliant one-man show, Scaramouche Jones.

It's 11pm on Millennium Eve and the ancient clown, Scaramouche Jones, has given his final performance and retires to his dressing room to wait alone for the stroke of midnight – and his own centenary. In his quest for a father and a homeland, audiences will watch as Scaramouche Jones reflects on the extraordinary fortunes of his life that span the furthest reaches of crumbling empires and the darkest episodes of the 20th century. By turns bizarre, comic, epic, tragic – laced with the consummate wit of the circus clown – Scaramouche's tale unfolds as an enchanting fable of poignancy and laughter. HOTA CEO, Criena Gehrke, said she is excited to be presenting such great Australian theatre. "This is what live theatre is all about for me - superb storytelling in the hands of an incredible actor," said Criena. "As the extraordinary tale unfolds, you'll find yourself actually in the circus with Scaramouche, witnessing every emotion and expression up close." Star of the one man show, Colin Friels, is known for his award-winning work in theatre, television and film and has received many accolades including a Helpmann Award for Best Male Actor. "We are thrilled to welcome Colin to HOTA and to give audiences the opportunity to see him perform as we've never seen him before," Criena said. Audiences can also join Colin in a special high tea event on Friday 1 November. Colin will share stories from his incredible career on stage and screen; accompanied by sparkling wine and gourmet treats. Scaramouche Jones will take place indoors at HOTA's Outdoor Stage on the following dates and times: Wednesday 30 October, 7.30pm Thursday 31 October, 2pm Friday 1 November, 7.30pm Saturday 2 November, 2pm & 7.30pm For more information, visit the HOTA website: <https://hota.com.au/theatre/scaramouche-jones/> 'Friels packs more into words than mere meaning.' - The Australian 'Scaramouche Jones is an absolute work of art.' - Melbourne Observer 'To see this show is to see a master at the top of his game.' - The Plus Ones - ENDS - ALL MEDIA ENQUIRIES: Madeline Feint | M10 Collective E: madeline@m10.com.au M: 0423 586 232