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Adelaide Festival
Adelaide Festival has
appointed Rob Brookman AM

Dear Member,

April has been a busy month, despite all the long weekends. Members would be aware of the recent Federal government announcement with respect to changes to the 457 visa. These changes will impact some LPA Members, particularly those that have used this visa category for long term appointments. We have provided details on these changes to Members below. However, if you are unsure how these changes impact on your company's operations, you should contact us as soon as possible.

The LPA team is in Perth this week for the Member briefing and dinner. Kim Tran, Director Policy and Programs is also presenting a Ticketing session tomorrow 9-11am. For Perth Members who have not already registered, it's not too late. If you would like to send staff, please let the LPA office know today. Details can be found below.

The Helpmann Awards team has been very busy managing entries which closed on Friday. We have had a huge response from Members which is great! The panels meet in late May to determine the nominees which will be announced on Monday 19 June in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth so put a save the date in your diaries now. The Ceremony will take place on 24 July, at the Capitol Theatre, Sydney on the set of Kinky Boots. Congratulations to Rob Brookman AM, our **[Sue Natrass Award recipient for 2017!](#)**

LPA also prepared a submission to the Victorian Government regarding their proposal to extend the Major Sporting Events Act 2009 to major cultural events. In particular, the government is looking at amending the ticket redistribution and ticket resale provisions. LPA has provided Member feedback and sought further information about how these proposed changes will work in practice.

If there are industry issues you need help with, please contact us on 03 8614 2000 or via email.

and Torben Brookman as Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director respectively.

Opera Australia

Rory Jeffes has been announced as the new Chief Executive Officer of Opera Australia. He will commence his role on 31 July 2017.

Opera Queensland

Opera Queensland has announced Australian director Patrick Nolan as its new Artistic Director. He will commence his role in November 2017.

Kind regards,

Evelyn Richardson

Chief Executive



457 Visa Changes: Are You Affected?

As Members may be aware, the Prime Minister has announced the Government's plan to abolish the Temporary Work (Skilled) 457 visa.

The current 457 visa will be phased out, being replaced with a new "Temporary Skills Shortage Visa" by March 2018.

To view information on the principal changes affecting the live performance industry, [click here.](#)

Any Members who require further clarification are encouraged to contact René Spoor, Workplace Relations Advisor on 03 8614 2000 or rspoors@liveperformance.com.au



LPA 2017 PERTH MEMBER BRIEFING

The LPA 2017 Perth Member Briefing takes place today.

The Member Briefing provides a platform for discussion of industry issues and enables us to share the work undertaken on behalf of Members in the previous 12 months, plus our strategic priorities for 2017.

Your feedback and involvement is crucial to our ability to best represent the views of our Members and the Australian live performance industry.

Event Details:

Monday 1 May 2017, 2.30pm – 4.00pm

State Theatre Centre of WA, Rehearsal Room 2,
Cnr William Street & Roe Street, Northbridge, 6000

Please RSVP to rsvp@liveperformance.com.au

TICKETING COMPLAINTS AND DATA SHARING - WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW?

Tomorrow, on Tuesday 2 May, Kim Tran (LPA's Director, Policy and Programs) will host a workshop in Perth about ticketing complaints, privacy and data sharing. The session will cover some common and tricky ticketing complaints and how to resolve them. The session will also provide tips for sharing customer information.

Workshop Details:

Tuesday 2 May 2017, 9.00am – 11.00am

State Theatre Centre of WA, Rehearsal Room 2,
Cnr William Street & Roe Street, Northbridge, 6000

Please RSVP to rsvp@liveperformance.com.au



Entries for the 17th Annual Helpmann Awards are now closed! Thank you to all those who submitted entries.

What's the next step? Getting excited for the 2017 Helpmann Award Nomination Announcement!

The Nomination Announcement will take place on **Monday 19 June** simultaneously in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. We will also be posting the results live on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

LPA Member tickets for the Helpmann Awards ceremony are now on sale! Tickets include the best seats in the house for the Helpmann Awards Ceremony, access to the Official After Party and a souvenir program.

LPA Member tickets: \$150*.

This exclusive offer for LPA Members can only be accessed via the link below.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS

*Subject to availability. Price is inclusive of GST. An additional transaction fee of \$8.35 is applicable to all online bookings per transaction.

The Helpmann Awards ceremony will be staged live at the Capitol Theatre in Sydney, on the set of Kinky Boots, on Monday 24 July 2017.

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