




QPAC presents

# The Flying Orchestra

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In 2012 Out of the Box celebrates its 20th anniversary as a leading provider of arts experiences for children aged 8 and under. *The Flying Orchestra* is a new work specifically made for children and their families, and has been commissioned by QPAC for this year's festival.

*The Flying Orchestra* is proudly supported by

QPAC presents the world premiere of

# The Flying Orchestra

13 – 17 June 2012  
Lyric Theatre, QPAC

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE, QPAC



John Kotzas

For the past twenty years we have had the pleasure and privilege of both developing and presenting exciting new work for Out of the Box audiences. For the festival's 20th anniversary, QPAC is pleased to present The Flying Orchestra as its centrepiece production. This dazzling piece of visual theatre merges storytelling, music, puppetry and a touch of whimsy – a quintessential Brisbane story from Queensland writer and illustrator Clare McFadden. We have assembled a group of Australia's leading theatre makers as our creative team, including some who have collaborated with us on numerous Out of the Box productions over the years. I would like to thank and congratulate everyone involved in the making of this production, and I look forward to welcoming you to the magical world of *The Flying Orchestra*.

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES



Peter Wilson

Every now and then a children's book captures the imagination of all its readers taking them on a joyful and magical journey. *The Flying Orchestra* by Clare McFadden is one such book with its delightful pictures and a wonderful playful narrative. I was thrilled when I was invited to direct *The Flying Orchestra* as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of this highly regarded international children's festival. My association with OOTB goes back to the inaugural festival in 1992 and the page to stage of *The Flying Orchestra* has been one of the most delightful theatrical experiences I have undertaken. The rich imagery and text in the book ignited the imaginations of the creative team with script by Janis Balodis, set, puppet and costume design by Richard Jeziorny (that is ever in a state of transformation), a brilliant and emotional musical score by Chong Lim and an evocative lighting design by David Walters. *The Flying Orchestra* plays the music of our lives as we meet our charming and engaging characters in their whimsical enchanting world. Come fly with our orchestra and enter into the beautiful world of music.

### COMPOSER'S NOTES



Chong Lim

When Peter Wilson brought Claire's wonderful book to me at my studio, I was immediately captivated by her beautiful illustrations and the magical world of *The Flying Orchestra*. The unfolding stories seemed to leap from the book at me and I knew that I needed no convincing to be part of this project. From the initial idea of the intertwining of music into the daily rituals of life involving the eternal themes of the ever-present orphaning characters in our everyday lives, we decided to mould a simple story into the imaginations of the creative team with script by Janis Balodis, set, puppet and costume design by Richard Jeziorny (that is ever in a state of transformation), a brilliant and emotional musical score by Chong Lim and an evocative lighting design by David Walters. *The Flying Orchestra* plays the music of our lives as we meet our charming and engaging characters in their whimsical enchanting world. Come fly with our orchestra and enter into the beautiful world of music.

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