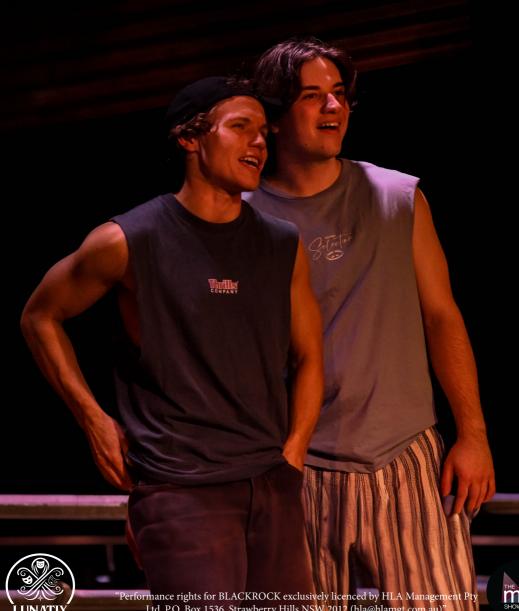
# BLACKROCK

By Nick Enright







At Lunatix we respectfully acknowledge First People's sovereignty and recognise the continuing connection to lands, waters and storytelling by Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia

We pay our respects to the clans and lanague groups in Victoria, to their elders past and present, and acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Aboriginal peoples.

Always was, always will be Aboriginal Land.

It's Toby Ackland's birthday party down near the surf club and that should mean heaps of grog, drugs and good clean fun. But by the morning a young girl is dead raped by three boys and bashed with a rock.

Who is responsible? The boy? The girl? Or the whole town.

Blackrock, playwright Nick Enright's play about a teen party which culminates with a brutal rape and murder on the beach, was deeply disturbing when it was written 30 years ago.







#### BACKRECK **DIRECTORS** Grace Mclauglin & Maddie Richards Stage Manager Charlotte Fisher **Assistant Stage Manager/Set Design** Sarah Ryan **Lighting Design** Carla Grcic **Sound Design** Patrick Spencer **Costume Design** Amelia Joy Fraumano, Maddie Richards & Cast **Properties** Maddie Richards & Cast **Intimacy Coordinator** Jessica Stanely Fight Choreography Scott Jackson **Photograghy** Maddie Richards Cast **Bailey Griffiths** James Parker Cassandra Hart Javier Lumsden Charlotte Palmer Matt Young Olivia Mitchel Fletcher Von Arx Sabrina Rault Hayley Michaels Isabel Dickson Samuel John With Special Thanks to Brighton Theatre Company, Cass Hansen, Deborah Fabbro, Ghostlight Theatre, Collarts, Adelle Richards



## BLACKROCK CAST OF 1996

### **FLECTHER VON ARX**



Fletcher is a Melbourne based performer who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Acting) from the Australian College of the Arts. This allowed Fletcher to work with a range of inspiring people and grow his passion for performing. Some of these productions included Woyzeck (2023, Briony Dunn), Metamorphoses (2024, Naomi Edwards) and Almost Maine (2024, Emily O'Brien Brown). Fletcher also appeared in Burning House 2024 production of Cymbeline as Guiderius, (Dir, Rob Johnston) which allowed him explore deeper in the realms of Shakespeare. Fletcher thoroughly enjoyed working with Lunatix on this production of Blackrock and exploring the deep complexities, conflictions and emotions that it takes to be human. He can't wait for audiences to see this fantastic cast bring this relevant story to life.

## OLIVIA MITCHELL

Having a passion for every facet of the industry, from stage to screen to writing and beyond, Olivia is a well-rounded artist based in Melbourne. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Performing Arts from Federation University, where she originated the role of Jenny Greenteeth in Shannon D Whitelock and Anthony Crowley's debut performance of Zoe Becomes a Comet. Since graduating, Olivia has explored her love of writing and has composed multiple scripts for Comedy on the Rocks, one of which was performed as a part of Melbourne Fringe festival. She is currently working on her own full length play, Murder at the Residence, with writing partner Madeline Lacy. Olivia has thoroughly enjoyed the juxtaposition from comedy into the world of Blackrock, with the up and coming Lunatix Theatre.



### SABRINA RAULT

#### Rachel

With experience across film, theatre and music theatre, Sabrina has trained at numerous institutions including 16th Street, APO Arts Academy, TAFTA and Film & Television Studio International.

Sabrina has had the opportunity to work on projects with Screen Australia, as well as short films and international web series. Sabrina is extremely excited to be stepping back into the theatre space portraying the role of Rachel Ackland in Lunatix's production of Blackrock.



## JAMES PARKER

James Parker is a Melbourne-based Actor who has recently graduated with a Bachelor of Performing Arts in acting at Collarts (Australian College of the Arts). While at Collarts, James got the opportunity to work with many talented creatives. Such works include Woyzeck (2023, Briony Dunn), Metamorphoses (2024, Naomi Edwards), and Almost, Maine (2024, Emily O'Brien Brown). He has been involved in some independent short films, such as Sharehouse (2024, Alyssa Sandler). James loves telling stories and being able to bring amazing and complex characters to life, flaws and all. He is excited to be a part of his first independent theatre show since graduating and can't wait for audiences to see the hard-working and talented cast of Blackrock.



### **BAILEY GRIFFITHS**

#### Rickn

Bailey (he/him) is an athletic, hardworking and passionate performer who began performing at the age of 14. Queensland-born-and-bred, Bailey performed in various shows prior to his tertiary studies in Performing Arts at Federation University Ballarat (BAPA). Since graduating, most notably he finished two 9-month tours with Brainstorm Productions, a Theatre Works tour of AWAY (Tom) in Melbourne and performed in the Melbourne Season of Swan Lake with The Australian Ballet. He also found himself diving into the professional world of Film and Television and working on many projects; he recently wrapped a Branded Centennial Film Thomas Cook (Thomas Cook). Most recently, he appeared in Fresno: The Musical at Chapel Off Chapel (Swing/JJ Cover) and ELI Alternate at TW Explosives in BLACKPILL. He can't wait to shed light on some of the shocking truths and problems that are still prevalent in today's society with BlackRock.



### ISABEL DICKSON

#### Tiffan

Isabel is excited to be making her Melbourne theatre debut as Tiffany in Blackrock with Lunatix. Other theatre credits include Sydney productions of THE SPOILS, MACBETH, and SISTER CITIES, as well as director of THE LARAMIE PROJECT. She has co-produced, directed, written and starred in two award-winning short films that screened at festivals internationally - RAPID and BLIND TURN. Other credits include JANET KING and RAVENSWOOD. She is the voice behind Amazon's MAKE MEDIA MAGIC campaign. Isabel studied at the Howard Fine Studios in both LA and Melbourne, and is a graduate of Screenwise. She thanks her fiancé Matt for being her biggest champion.



## CASSANDRA HART

Cassandra Hart is a Melbourne based, award winning actor and producer.

Stage credits include the local, interstate and international staging of Corey
Glamuzina's 'The Brothers Rapture – A Hip Hop Cabaret', 'The Dilly Dally of Death
and Dying' with Fairly Lucid Productions, 'The Macbeths' with Misfit Toys
Productions; and 'Caligula' with Burning House Productions. In her roles as
Producer and Performer with The Ghostlight League; the local and Adelaide
Fringe stagings of 'Shakespeare Aliens' and 'Shakespeare Ghostbusters' as an
Adelaide Fringe Artist Fund recipient; and the Melbourne Premiere of 'William
Shakespeare's Reservoir Dogs'. Screen credits include Missy Higgins' music videos
'Craters' and 'When 4 became 3' and 'Last Dance' – Dir. Nick Sumner-Wright; for
which she won 'Best Actress' at the Geelong Independent Film Festival. You can
see Cassandra in the forthcoming Oedipus, with Barkly Theatre.



## JAVIER LUMSDEN

Javier (he/him) is excited to be playing Davo in Lunatix Theatre's production of Blackrock . He has been performing on stage for over six years, some of his credits include Michael Astroff in Uncle Vanya (Dir. Sarah Goodes, COLLARTS 2024), Stanley Webber in The Birthday Party (Dir. Cassandra Fumi, COLLARTS 2025), Al Deluca in A Chorus Line, and Gomez Addams in Addams Family. Javier is currently studying a Bachelor of Performing Arts(Acting) at the Australian College Of The Arts.



### HAYLEY MICHAELS

#### Glenys/Marian

"British-born, naturalised Aussie, Hayley Michaels, is a stage, screen and voice actor returning to the industry after an extended hiatus. She is a BFA graduate from Rose Bruford (UK), an alumni of the NIDA Screen Actors Studio, and a current student at Howard Fine Acting Studio. She was an original ensemble member of the award-winning devised production of 'Ovid's Metamorphosis' by UK theatre company, Pants On Fire, and this year joined the ensemble for Scary Goats Theatre 'A Twist of Fate' anthology series. Since her return to acting last year, she has filmed multiple screen projects, is wrapping recording of an audiobook for Cally Jackson's Ripple Effect series, and is currently in rehearsals for The Importance of Being Earnest with Misfit Toys. Blackrock is her professional theatre debut in



## CHARLOTTE PALMER

SAMUEL JOHN

Sami is a Melbourne-based actor represented by Jackie Olivier (Oh Jackie O).

He trained in the NIDA Melbourne Screen Actors Studio and has completed

workshops with TAFTA, Antipodes, and NIDA. Blackrock marks his theatre

debut, and he's embraced the challenges and growth that have come with stepping

into the complexity and nuisances of Scott Abbey. Outside of acting, Sami works

as a disability support worker and his lived experience deeply informs his creative

practice - bringing empathy, authenticity, and emotional truth to the characters

he plays. He is passionate about storytelling that challenges social norms and

sparks meaningful conversation. Sami is grateful to Maddie, Grace, the cast, crew,

and all the creatives at Lunatix Theatre Company for their trust and is very proud

to be part of such a powerful and relevant production.

Charlotte Palmer (she/her) is a recent graduate of The National Drama School (2024). She is passionate about creating work that showcases and amplifies strong multi-faceted female roles on both stage and screen. Prior to the National, Charlotte trained with Canberra Youth Theatre participating in pre-professional programs, plays and weekly workshops with industry professionals. Some of her career highlights thus far include touring a devised show to Sydney, performing at The Australian Theatre for Young People and being invited to collaborate with Long Cloud Youth Theatre in Wellington New Zealand. Some of her recent acting credits include Constellations directed by Emily O'Brien-Brown (2024) and WHAT'S THIS? directed by Jaime Dörner (2024),



## MATT YOUNG

#### Stewart/Len/Roy

Matt graduated from University of Ballarat Arts Academy (now Federation Uni) with a Bachelor of Arts (Acting) in 2008.

He is best known as an Actor and Director for Ozact Theatre Company, Australia's foremost touring Shakespeare company.

Acting credits for Ozact include Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing, Jacques in

As You Like It, and most recently Oberon in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Matt previously served as Performance Director of Underground Cinema, as well as

co-founder of Controlled Chaos Theatre Company.



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