

GERALDINE HAKEWILL TOBY SCHMITZ

Patrick Hamilton's GASLIGHT

MADNESS OR MANIPULATION?

Adapted by

Johnna Wright and **Patty Jamieson**



“In this world there is always danger for those who are afraid of it.”

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The fuse has been lit ...

If you revel in the secrets and intrigue of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, or take pleasure from the spills and thrills of Alfred Hitchcock, then you are primed for this timely and compelling new version of **GASLIGHT** starring Geraldine Hakewill and Toby Schmitz.

Young, trusting, and fragile – Bella Manningham thinks she's losing her mind.

In the evenings, she hears strange noises. The sitting-room gas lamps dim for no apparent reason.

Is Bella's loving relationship with her partner Jack all that it seems?

Patrick Hamilton's 1938 play introduced us to the powerful term we now use to describe an insidious form of deception and manipulation.

This liberating adaptation by Wright and Jamieson, which world premiered at Canada's Shaw Festival in 2022, is a gripping, reimagined thriller of daring and doubt. Will the “gaslighting” have its intended dire effect, or will our heroine find the strength to save herself?

With all the hallmarks of Victorian Gothic, refreshed with intriguing new insights, **GASLIGHT** is a thrilling theatrical experience.

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GERALDINE HAKEWILL

Bella

One of Australia's best-known theatre and television performers, Geraldine will star as Bella Manningham. Television credits include lead roles in *Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries*, *Wakefield* and *Wanted* for which she was nominated for a TV Week Logie for Most Outstanding Newcomer.



TOBY SCHMITZ

Jack

Toby plays Bella's husband, Jack Manningham. A respected writer, director, actor and Helpmann Award Nominee, Toby was most recently seen on stage in *Amadeus (Red Line)* opposite Michael Sheen.



KATE FITZPATRICK

Elizabeth

Kate Fitzpatrick, Perth-born, Adelaide-raised actor and writer, plays Elizabeth. Kate was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for services to the theatre and has appeared in plays for just about every major theatre company in Australia as well as numerous TV and film productions. She is also an accomplished writer, essayist and humourist.



COURTNEY CAVALLARO

Nancy

Courtney Cavallaro joins the cast as Nancy. Courtney is an actor and writer who graduated from WAAPA as a Belinda Dunbar Prize recipient. She has been cast in *Irreverent (Netflix)* and made her Queensland Theatre debut in *As You Like It*.

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