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LOOKING FOR ALIBRANDI

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LOOKING FOR ALIBRANDI IS SET TO STIR UP GENERATIONAL DRAMA AND PLENTY OF PASSATA IN THE LIVE STAGE PRODUCTION COMING TO GEELONG

Geelong Arts Centre welcomes a vibrant and heartfelt adaptation of *Looking for Alibrandi* to The Story House stage from 20 to 23 August, in one of the most anticipated productions of the season.

Adapted by AWGIE-nominated writer **Vidya Rajan** (*Deadloch*, *The Feed Comedy*) from **Melina Marchetta**'s beloved novel, presented by Brink Productions, the stage interpretation reimagines the iconic story for a contemporary audience while honouring its enduring themes of self-discovery, culture, and acceptance.

Celebrating 25 years since the premiere of the cult classic film, the production is directed by **Stephen Nicolazzo** (*Loaded*, *Merciless Gods*) and stars **Chanella Macri** (*Barking Gecko*, *Whale*) in the role of Josie Alibrandi—a character whose honesty and humour continue to resonate with audiences across generations.

Looking for Alibrandi follows Josie, as she balances school, relationships, and the pressures of her strict Nonna and idealistic

mother. While trying to navigate life in 1990s Sydney, Josie begins to uncover deep truths about her family's past, her cultural identity, and the social expectations set around her.

Following seasons at Malthouse Theatre and Belvoir St Theatre, which drew standing ovations and rave reviews from both critics and audiences, the Geelong run promises to be just as unforgettable.

Whether you're revisiting a high school favourite or discovering Josie's story for the first time, *Looking for Alibrandi* delivers a moving and relatable experience. So, grab your friends, book a table at one of the city's bustling Italian restaurants and settle in for a night of culture, chaos and cannoli.

Looking for Alibrandi will be at Geelong Arts Centre from 20 to 23 August 2025. Tickets are available at geelongartscentre.org.au

Geelong Arts Centre's *Season 2025* is proudly supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and Major Artistic Partner Deakin University.

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reads to Geelong, I leapt at it! Looking for Alibrandi is a story cherished by those who've read the book or watched the film—and now, I can't wait for a new generation to experience its magic."

- Director, Programming Geelong Arts Centre – Penny McCabe

INDUSTRY REVIEWS

"Buoyant and entertaining, spirited and good-humored."

- The Age

"Chanella Macri is an excellent Josie, with her quality eye-rolling and ability to deliver cheeky wisecracks injecting a vibrancy to the heart of the show that made this reviewer cackle more than once."

- Time Out

BILLING & CREDIT

Full billing and credits available at <https://geelongartscentre.org.au/whats-on/all-events/looking-for-alibrandi/>

TICKET PRICES

Full Price - \$69.00
Senior - \$62.00
Concession - \$62.00
Group (10 or more) - \$59.00
Under 30 - \$30.00

Mob Tix - \$20.00

***\$6.00 transaction fee applies**

Looking for Alibrandi is part of Geelong Arts Centre's \$30 Under 30 and Mob Tix program. For more information, head to geelongartscentre.org.au.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Media imagery available here. For access to talent and prospective interview opportunities, please contact Marketing Manager, Jess Pedretti jessicap@geelongartscentre.org.au

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