

MEDIA RELEASE

**MOIRA BLUMENTHAL PRODUCTIONS** presents



**A KIND OF REUNION** by ALICE SPIGELMAN

Starring ANNIE BYRON, LLOYD ALLISON-YOUNG and KATE BOOKALLIL

Directed by MOIRA BLUMENTHAL

The final play for 2020 in the staged reading series **Our Second Stage** presented by Moira Blumenthal Productions will be **A KIND OF REUNION** written by **Alice Spigelman** to be presented on **Wednesday 16 December** at ARA Darling Quarter Theatre.

Dora, a vivacious woman in her sixties, is an irrepressible force of nature, who loves Marlene Dietrich and plans to become a platinum blonde. Her life moves forward with gusto, so as never to look back at the past.

One evening, the tightly held memories of her traumatic past threaten to loosen when her son Stanley finds clues in an old diary. Stanley is then confronted with the decision to keep the secret to protect her, or risk freeing what has stood stubbornly between them for more than thirty years.

**Alice Spigelman AM** is a clinical psychologist and writer. Until recently she was chair of Sculpture by the Sea. Her most recent book is *The Budapest Job*, a political thriller set in 1989, at the time of the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Spigelman was born in Hungary and came to Sydney with her family in 1956. She has a BA an MA and a postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology from the University of Sydney.

Alice has served on boards and has been director for diverse institutions and companies such as NIDA, Australia for UNHCR and chaired its Womens' Projects Committee, the Benevolent Society, the Bundanon Trust, Australian Institute of Music, Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation and was a member of the Advisory Council, Faculty of Built environment at the UNSW.

Spigelman was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2012 for "service to the community as an advocate for human rights and social justice, particularly for women and refugees, and through contributions to cultural organisations.

**Venue:** ARA Darling Quarter Theatre (home of Monkey Baa)  
**Date:** Wednesday 16 December at 3pm & 7pm  
**Tickets:** info and TICKETS

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