

JUST MACBETH!

BY **ANDY GRIFFITHS**

DIRECTED BY **WAYNE HARRISON**



People who are really bad at karaoke surely deserve to die.

“This is a high-energy, madcap production that had the children in the audience spell-bound from start to finish and they weren’t the only ones.”

Sunday Herald Sun, Melbourne

“8/10. Poo, bum and wee jokes fly thick and fast in this irresistibly silly rendering of Shakespeare’s bloodfest. Ten-year-olds – and the 10-year-old in all of us – will love it.” *Sun Herald, Sydney*

Following a rip-roaringly successful debut season in Sydney and Melbourne in 2008, ***Just Macbeth!*** returns to Sydney to delight audiences all over again.

Featuring a talking severed head, a garden gnome, marshmallows, Wizz Fizz and bum jokes, Griffiths has reworked Shakespeare’s most haunting thriller, *Macbeth*, to star Andy, Lisa, Danny and (yuck!) Jen from his best-selling *Just!* series of children’s books.

Having concocted the witches’ magical brew as part of their school project, our heroes suddenly find themselves on a freezing Scottish heath with kings and queens, speaking very strange English. Andy in particular begins to be seduced by the idea that he could finally be boss.

Just Macbeth! is really silly, with plenty of slapstick, and a peppering of in-jokes sure to thrill those already familiar with Griffiths’ books. Whilst it explores the themes of *Macbeth* through the eyes of Griffiths’ hilarious characters, the play also introduces a young audience to Shakespearean language.

Just Macbeth! is directed by Wayne Harrison (Creative Director of the New Year’s Eve Celebrations on Sydney Harbour 2005–2007) and stars Patrick Brammall (*Rush, The Alice* and *Canal Road*) as Andy and Pippa Grandison (Kookaburra’s *Company* and *Muriel’s Wedding*) as Lisa.

Acclaimed children’s writer Andy Griffiths is one of Australia’s funniest, most successful and versatile writers. His books include *The Day My Bum Went Psycho* and the extremely popular *Just!* series, which has sold over two million copies worldwide and now includes the recently published, best-selling ***Just Macbeth!***

Just Macbeth! is suitable for ages 7 – 77.

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