# NIDA National Institute of Dramatic Art



Music and Lyrics by	Maury Yeston
Book by	Arthur Kopit
Directed by	Dean Drieberg
Music Direction by	Natalya Aynsley
Choreography by	Brendan Yeates
Venue	Parade Theatre
When	06 Jun - 13 Jun
Run time	130 mins (incl. 20 min interval)

**Content advice -** *Nine* contains haze and fog effects, strobe and flashing lights, and mature themes. Suitable for ages 12 and over.

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Directing *Nine* has been a meta journey into the creative process -a reflection on what it means to be an artist. It's an exploration on the beautifully chaotic lives we lead and the impact our immersion has on those around us. An interesting provocation for a group of artists who are about to embark upon a formative chapter in their careers.

*Nine* is not structured like a conventional narrative musical. It moves rapidly through reality, memory, and fantasy, echoing Federico Fellini's belief that the mind exists in these intersecting layers. Our production leans in to this idea, inviting the audience not just to watch Guido Contini spiralling, but to experience it viscerally.

Though rooted in 1960s Italy, we've intentionally merged period and contemporary elements, framing Guido as an avant-garde filmmaker, one who curates what we see on screen, omitting what he is reluctant to show.

Guido is reckoning with the weight of expectation in the absence of inspiration. While this is central to the story, we offer insight into those who have shaped his life and work – some he cherished and others he took for granted or neglected. Each grapple with how they've been cast in Guido's world, how they are seen, reflected, romanticized, or erased through his lens. They demand recognition, not just as parts of Guido's narrative, but as full human beings with their own needs, identities, and truths.

This production is a mirror, not just for Guido, but for anyone who's ever wrestled with ambition and the people left in its wake.

## **SYNOPSIS**

#### Lights. Camera. Crisis.

Guido Contini, Italy's most celebrated filmmaker, is out of ideas. With his next film looming and his personal life in freefall, he's haunted by the women who have defined his past and now hold the key to his future—his wife, mistress, muse, and mother.

Inspired by Federico Fellini's film  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , *Nine* is a Tony Award-winning musical that blends dazzling sequences with the glamour and chaos of 1960s Italy. Directed by Dean Drieberg (*Hamilton*), this eye-catching production is a love letter to la dolce vita—in all its beauty and complexity.

With stunning choreography and a powerhouse ensemble, *Nine* promises emotional insight and theatrical delight.

### When your life becomes your art, who pays the price?

<b>CAST</b> (in order of appearance)		
Guido	Alpha Sylla	
Luisa	Jenny Guigayoma	
Carla	Jasmine Phipps	
Guido's Mother	Anastasia Feneri	
Necrophorus/Dance Captain	Violeta Brau Mugica	
La Fleur	Quinn Chambers	
Lady of the Spa/Saraghina	Minerva Khodabande	
Claudia	Chemon Theys	
Little Guido	Haawai Takuira*	
Little Guido	Dev Raval*	
Little Guido Understudy	Dhruv Raval*	

By arrangment with ORiGiN tm Theatrical on behalf of Samuel French, Inc, A Concord Theatricals Company

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# **ENSEMBLE CAST**

British Reporter Renatta Olga Sofia Cardinal Mama Madelena Diana American Reporter Julietta Lina / Dance Captain Maria German Reporter German Olga Giulietta Annabella

Amelie Devos Anaiya Mahony Asha Perry **Celeste Anchique Emerson Goodenough** Erin Pacholke Grace Trainor Jasmine Salinas Kayla Jade Harris **Keeley** Tennyson Khiara Paris Kristin Mitchell Maya Hobley Paige Astrophel Tiara Junor

# BAND

Conductor / Keys Natalya Aynsley\* Drums / Percussion Drums / Percussion dep Double Bass Reeds Reeds dep Trumpet / Flugelhorn Violin Violin dep Cello

Tom McCracken\* Alysa Portelli\* Jason Smith\* Lindsay Kaul\* Liz Scott\* Ryley Gillen\* Bonita Silva\* Lorraine Chan\* Jenean Lee\*

THE COMPANY Director

**Musical Directions.** 

Dean Drieberg\* Natalya Aynsley\*

Arrangements & Orchestrations Choreographer **Costume Designer Lighting Designer** Set/Props Designer **Sound Designer Video Designer** Intimacy Co-ordinator Voice Coach Assistant Director Assistant Director **Production Stage Manager Construction Manager Technical Manager Costume Supervisor Costume Supervisor Props Supervisor Deputy Stage Manager** Deputy Stage Manager 2 **Production Coordinator** Chaperone Head Electrician Sound System Supervisor **Video Systems Supervisor Assistant Stage Manager Assistant Stage Manager** Assistant Stage Manager **Costume Assistant Designer** Set Assistant Designer **Costume Assistant** Costume Assistant **Props Assistant** Set Construction Assistant Video Assistant **Followspot Operator Followspot Operator Microphone Technician Environmental Sustainability** Coordinator

Brendan Yeates\* **Daisy Hughes Thomas Hamilton** Mia MacCormick Poppy Townsend Archer Dametto Bree Peters\* Laura Farrell\* **Esther Dougherty Cameron Taylor** Taylah Crouch Nick Day\*\* Harry Smyth Siann Lau Sophy Simson Rachael Palazzi Jonathan Ogilvie **Brent Russell** Otto Zagala Rachel Crossan\* Darcy Duncan Bella Muslado Lilly Green Aiden Carter Indiana Jones Jade Dunleavy Sophia Gionis Sophie Weller Ella Hall Charlotte Johnson Talia Welfare Will Lenehan Grace Wilson Harry Deacon Sophie Aloi Adelaide Tustian Darcy Duncan