

LA MAMA MOBILE PRESENTS
THE GANG OF FIVE
A NOVEL NEW WORK
BY NOEL FIDGE



This is a play in two Acts with music but different than the usual "musical". It combines the strongest and best trained voices of established singers who also act convincingly in a cleverly crafted play to tell a story about five Chinese characters who in different ways have had their lives affected by the Cultural Revolution, particularly during the terror incited by the Gang of Four. The five characters, due to a common interest in art and music have ended up in the same house in Melbourne and brought with them their individual stories, secrets and problems.

Some of the secrets which if exposed, could potentially damage their relationships, but with good will and delicate juggling, all is resolved happily in this bitter sweet comedy.

But the play is more than that. It confronts the cultural challenges experienced by people who choose to leave 'home' and reside in a different country. The younger characters have easily tuned into the peculiarities of Australian life and adopted the vernacular in their stride, leaving the older members of the Gang perplexed at times.

The story unfolds as a play but is supplemented by songs in the 'lied' or Art song tradition which requires great vocal strength, emotion and virtuosity by both singers

and accompanist. It is theatre which will appeal to people who enjoy 'drama' and chamber music and in this case they get the best of both worlds.

Written and directed by Noel Fidge, who successfully launched "A Garden of Money" in Melbourne with similar concepts in 2012, the cast boasts experienced classical singers and pianist. We are pleased to have La Mama assisting in the production.

Written and Directed by:
Noel Fidge

Performed by:
Po Goh, Cindy Liu, Yu Lin, Maurice Wan and Raymond Khong

Lighting by:
Hayley Fox

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