

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Spring Awakening A New Musical

**An electrifying fusion of morality, rebellion, sexual awakening and rock & roll that is thrilling audiences across the world like no other musical in years.**

**Presented by Monash Uni Student Theatre (MSA) & Monash University Academy of Performing Arts**

**Book & Lyrics by Steven Sater**

**Music by Duncan Sheik**

**Based on the original play by Frank Wedekind**

**Director Yvonne Virsik**

**Musical Director Tom Pitts**

**Set Design Jason Lehane**

Spring Awakening is a cross-generational phenomenon. The premiere production won 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Score and skyrocketed Glee's Lea Michele and Jonathan Groff to stardom. An adaptation of the controversial 1891 play, the musical has "the most gorgeous Broadway score this decade" (Entertainment Weekly) which ranges from power ballads to grunge anthems that capture the exhilarating highs and devastating lows of the journey from adolescence to adulthood.

The original play was banned in Germany due to its frank depiction of sexual discovery, homosexuality, abortion and suicide. With direction from Yvonne Virsik "firmly establishing herself as a must have young director" (aussietheatre.com) and known for pieces such as An Air Balloon Across Antarctica: "a real theatrical treat" (The Scotsman) and I Love You, Bro "Wow. Strap yourself in ... a revelation" (Fringe Review, UK); musical direction from the uber-talented Tom Pitts (front man of local indie band The Harlots and member of brilliant new theatre company, AtticErratic); an electric 20-strong cast and a killer band, Spring Awakening has the energy of a rock concert, the power of a great drama and poignancy and passion you will never forget.

Peter Tregear, Executive Director of Monash University Academy of Performing Arts (MAPA) said; "The Academy is delighted to be collaborating with MUST on producing Spring Awakening, a brilliant modern adaptation of German playwright Frank Wedekind's ground-breaking play."

Bookings: [monash.edu/mapa](http://monash.edu/mapa) 9905 1111

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### Spring Awakening

#### VENUE

Alexander Theatre  
Building 7, Monash University  
Clayton, VIC 3800

DATES: Fri 30 Sept – Sat 1 Oct

Tues 4 Oct - Sat 8 Oct

TIME: 8.00pm, 2.00pm and 8.00pm 8 Oct (2hr30min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$32

Concession: \$24

TO BOOK visit [melbournefringe.com.au](http://melbournefringe.com.au) or call (03) 9660 9666

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