

## WORLD FAMOUS ROCK STAR MOVES TO KENMORE

Brisbane Powerhouse and Brisbane Festival 2009 present the world premiere of  
*THE TRUE STORY OF BUTTERFISH*  
*a play by Nick Earls*

Curtis Holland was a rock star. He was in a chart-topping band that played sold-out stadium gigs. He was married to a gorgeous girl and he was on top of the world. But all good things must come to an end.

In *The True Story of Butterfish* a play by Nick Earls, see what has become of Curtis in the aftermath of living his dream, as he returns to Brisbane, buys a house in Kenmore and tries desperately to get on with 'real life'. Brisbane Powerhouse is proud to premiere this brand new work and the first full-length play written by Nick Earls to be professionally produced, which will be produced by Brisbane Powerhouse as part of the Brisbane Festival program from **Thursday 1 – Sunday 25 October 2009**.

To bring this quintessential Brisbane story to life, Director **Andrew Ross** has sourced a team of Brisbane creatives including singer/songwriter and Go-Betweens co-founder **Robert Forster**; well known *Ranger* bassist and vocalist **Adele Pickvance**, media artist, composer and curator **Lawrence English**, and lighting designer **Ben Hughes**. This collection of talented local artists, who have been working on this project together for months, are looking forward to combining their unique individual elements to create Curtis' suburban, but often chaotic existence.

Filled with the acute observation, humour and tenderness Earls is renowned for, *The True Story of Butterfish* explores what happens after the dream is over. Curtis Holland lived the clichéd rock dream with his chart-topping band Butterfish. Residing in hotels and recording studios and travelling in custom-built buses. Back in Brisbane, the party is over. Butterfish is no more. Curtis is attempting to become a producer for a promising foreign band, trying to reconnect with his brother Patrick and putting his divorce from wife Jess behind him. But you can never escape your past.

Ex-band mate Derek shows up on his doorstep to disrupt suburban bliss, stirring up the relationship Curtis has struck up with his new neighbours. Soon, what was a quiet return home for Curtis to rebuild and reflect becomes a wake up call from reality. Everyone wants something from him and all he wants is to take some time out from life... a hard thing to do, especially when his neighbour, sixteen-year-old Annaliese, is dangerously crossing the boundaries of neighbourly friendliness.

*The True Story of Butterfish* will feature some well known TV personalities in the lead roles, plus some fresh faces discovered right here in Brisbane. Original songs by Forster and Pickvance will set the scene for this rock journey that will have you rocking out and then bring you all the way home.

Tickets for *The True Story of Butterfish* are on sale from **Tue 9 June, 2009**. Book over the phone on **3358 8600** or online at **brisbanepowerhouse.org** for your chance to be one of the first to see this heart-warming production.

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<b>Date</b>	Thu 1 – Sun 25 October 2009
<b>Time</b>	Sun, Tue + Wed 6.30pm, Thu – Fri 7.30pm and Sat 2pm _ 7.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	Powerhouse Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse, 119 Lamington Street, NEW FARM
<b>Tickets</b>	Preview (Thu 1 Oct) \$35 All tickets, Opening night (Fri 2 Oct) \$55 All tickets. All other dates \$46(f), \$38(c), \$35(s/g), \$35 (Groups 6+), \$35 (Schools)
<b>Bookings</b>	07 3358 8600 or <a href="http://brisbanepowerhouse.org">brisbanepowerhouse.org</a>