



# HEIDELBERG THEATRE COMPANY

## AUDITIONS

### OTHER DESERT CITIES

by Jon Robin Baitz

Director: Gaetano Santo

#### AUDITION DATES/TIMES:

- Sunday 25 May 2025 from 2:00pm
- Tuesday 27 May 2025 from 7.30pm
- *callback date/times TBA*

#### PERFORMANCE DATES:

Sep 5 – Sep 20, 2025

Evenings at 8:00 pm: Sep 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20.

Matinees at 2:00 pm: Sep 6 & 7, 13 & 14

Note: The middle Saturday, Sep 13 has two performances: at 2:00 pm and at 8:00 pm

#### PLAY SUMMARY:

*Other Desert Cities* is an emotionally charged family drama set in Palm Springs, California, during the Christmas holidays. Brooke Wyeth, a liberal writer recovering from depression, returns home to announce the publication of a memoir that reveals painful family secrets. Her revelation forces the conservative Wyeth family to confront long-buried truths, leading to clashes over ideology, loyalty, and personal responsibility.

With biting wit and heartfelt emotion, the play explores the tensions between generations, political beliefs, and personal truth.

## CHARACTERS:

- **BROOKE WYETH:** 40s. A sharp, emotionally wounded writer who has recently recovered from a deep depression. Intelligent, articulate, and principled, Brooke is determined to tell her family's story, regardless of the consequences. *California accent.*
- **POLLY WYETH:** Late 60s to 70s. Brooke and Trip's mother. A former screenwriter and proud, politically conservative matriarch. Sophisticated, sharp-tongued, and fiercely protective of her family and reputation. *Slight New York accent.*
- **LYMAN WYETH:** Late 60s to 70s. Brooke and Trip's father. A former actor turned U.S. Ambassador and staunch Republican. Affable and charming, Lyman is diplomatic and good-natured but harbors deep emotional scars. *Slight Texas accent.*
- **TRIP WYETH:** Late 30s to early 40s. Brooke's younger brother. A reality TV producer with a good sense of humor and a peacekeeping nature. Witty and affable, he tries to keep the family from tearing itself apart. *California accent.*
- **SILDA GRAUMAN:** 60s to 70s. Polly's liberal, recovering alcoholic sister. A former screenwriting partner of Polly's, Silda is outspoken, disheveled, and passionate, often acting as a foil to Polly's conservatism. *Slight New York accent.*

## AUDITION DETAILS:

- Location: 36 Turnham Ave. Rosanna, Vic - opposite Rosanna Railway Station car park (Performances will also be at this venue.)
- Auditions by Appointment: For an appointment, contact Gaetano Santo: [gaetanosanto.aus@gmail.com](mailto:gaetanosanto.aus@gmail.com).
- COVID SAFETY: Please do not attend auditions if you are unwell. Advise the Director so that a separate session can be arranged for you
- For any other queries, including a perusal copy of the script, contact Gaetano Santo, [gaetanosanto.aus@gmail.com](mailto:gaetanosanto.aus@gmail.com).

## REHEARSALS:

Rehearsals begin in July 2025. There will be two weeknight rehearsals, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7.30-10pm, and Sunday afternoons or evenings, depending on cast agreement.

Any unavailability, please state clearly in your submission.