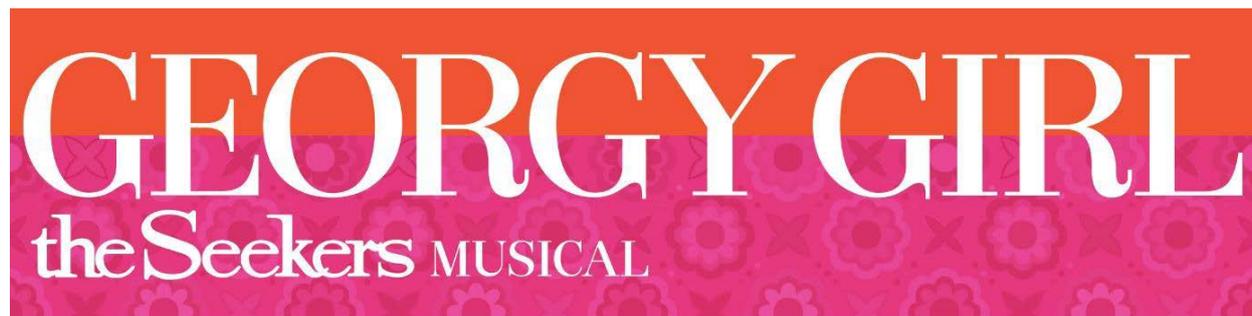


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## GEORGY GIRL – THE SEEKERS MUSICAL

### CROWN THEATRE PERTH

8 to 24 July, 2016

Celebrating one of Australia's most loved groups, **Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical** will commence its Perth season at the Crown Theatre from 8th July, 2016. Georgy Girl tells the remarkable story of legendary pop group The Seekers, the first Australian band to achieve international success.

**Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical** features all their hit songs including The Carnival is Over, I'll Never Find Another You, Morningtown Ride, A World of Our Own and, of course, the Oscar-nominated Georgy Girl. These classic songs have been enjoyed by generations of music lovers around the world, and particularly by Australians for whom The Seekers form part of their musical DNA.

Featuring a stellar cast including **Pippa Grandison** as Judith Durham, **Phillip Lowe** as Keith Potger, **Mike McLeish** as Bruce Woodley, **Glaston Toft** as Athol Guy and **Ian Stenlake** as John Ashby, **Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical** follows the story of the group from their folk and jazz beginnings in Melbourne, through their meteoric rise to world pop stardom in the '60s, to today.

*"We are absolutely delighted that the story and the music of the Seekers is being brought to the stage as a musical. The idea of a musical based on the story of our group was first raised over four years ago by someone very familiar to us - Patrick Edgeworth, the talented scriptwriter is Judith's brother in-law, and knows our story well. He consulted with Graham Simpson, who has been part of our team for many years, and wrote Judith's life story in his best-selling book 'The Judith Durham Story - Colours of My Life'.*

*"In August 2014, Richard East and Dennis Smith asked us to be part of an invited industry audience at a workshop presentation of the musical. The response from the audience was amazing - a standing ovation. It was everything we could have wanted and more.*

*"We hope you will share and continue to enjoy our journey, as our story comes to life as a brand new Australian musical."*

*- Judith Durham AO, Athol Guy AO, Keith Potger AO & Bruce Woodley AO, The Seekers*

This new musical is produced by Richard East, an originating producer of *Mamma Mia!*, and Dennis Smith, producer of *Dusty – The Original Pop Diva*.

# MEDIA RELEASE

The popular quartet was the first Australian group to achieve major chart success in the UK and US, and they became the first group ever to reach number one on the UK charts with their first three singles, *I'll Never Find Another You*, *A World of Our Own*, and *The Carnival is Over*, which outsold The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Influential UK music magazine NME voted The Seekers 1965's 'Best New Group'.

In 1967, *Georgy Girl* became the first number one song for an Australian group in America. Later that same year, the Seekers made a triumphant return to their home town, drawing a record-breaking crowd of more than 200,000 people to Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl. The band was also named joint "Australians of the Year" for 1967 - the only group to be honoured with this award; and were each awarded the Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours.

In July 1968, Judith announced she was leaving The Seekers to pursue a solo career and the group disbanded. The Seekers' *Greatest Hits* album was released and spent 17 weeks at number one in Australia and six weeks on top of the UK charts.

Written by Patrick Edgeworth, ***Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical*** tells the incredible story of one of the country's true national treasures. A band whose modest beginnings at a café in South Yarra took them to concerts around the world. It's a journey full of laughter, a few tears, but most of all, featuring the magnificent songs we all know and love.

Crown Australian Resorts Chief Executive Officer, Barry Felstead said "We are delighted to bring you *Georgy Girl*, which is just one of many spectacular shows due to entertain Perth audiences here in the coming months. Crown Theatre Perth plays host to an exciting line-up of award winning shows each year with over 490,000 patrons coming through its doors in the last year. We are proud of our dedication to delivering world class entertainment and support of live theatre, the arts and culture in Western Australia."

***Georgy Girl - The Seekers Musical*** is directed by Gary Young with musical supervision by Stephen Amos.

Tickets on sale 23 March via Ticketmaster 136 100 or [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)

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<http://georgygirlthemusical.com/media>

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