



Join us next year for:

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

THE TALE OF
PINOCCHIO



Written By
Ryan Purdey
Erich Fordham

Directed By
Ryan Purdey
Sean Tessari

5 Dec - 13 Dec 2025

* Evenings Dec 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 at 7pm

* Matinees Dec 6, 7, 13 at 2pm

Tickets: \$15

Book at htc.org.au, call 94574117 or buy at the door
36 Turnham Ave, Rosanna

About The Show



HTC Youth's production of *Pinocchio* stands as another proud chapter in the Heidelberg Theatre Company's longstanding commitment to developing young talent across Melbourne's north-east. As with all of HTC Youth's major shows, this production brings together *emerging* performers and young creatives working across every backstage and offstage department — from costume and set to lighting, marketing, and stage management. It is a celebration of the next generation of artists learning, leading, and discovering their craft in a professional environment. Under the guidance of Ryan Purdey (2015's *Treasure Island*, 2019's *Christmas Carol* and 2022's *The Legendary Robin Hood*), and Sean Tessari (2024's *Peter Pan*), this brand new adaptation of *Pinocchio* draws its true strength from the energy, imagination, and dedication of its young cast and crew. Their hard work, passion, and courage to step into new roles — onstage and behind the scenes — embody everything Heidelberg Theatre Company strives to champion. This *Pinocchio* is not just a retelling of a classic story; it is living proof of what young people can achieve when given the space, the support, and the opportunity to shine.

Cast

PINOCCHIO - Matteo Maxwell

GEPETTO - Ewan Cocking

HOP - Angus Cook

BLUE FAIRY - Kara Jaeger-Pound

FOX - Nick McInnes

CAT - Samuel Drew

LAMPWICK - Theodore Rickard

PAZ - Elsie Costin

LUCA - Blake Taylor-Barnett

COACHMAN - Jasper Pascoe

MANGIAFUOCO - Joshua Fernandez

POLICEMAN/ HEADMASTER/ CARNIE -
Finn Stefani

Crew

Director - Ryan Purdey

Assistant Director - Sean Tessari

Producer - Morgan Thomas-Connor

Stage Manager - Daniel Trenkovski

Set Design - Morgan Thomas-Connor

Costume Design - Morgan Thomas-Connor

Sound Design - Tamsin Mackie

Lighting Design - Jerome Pollard

Backstage Crew - Jemma O'Donohue,

Mia Stefani

Costumes - Diviya Mahto, Genevieve Waters,

Wendy Drowley

Props - Daniel Trenkovski

Set Construction - HTC Construction Crew

Light & Sound Op - Sabrina Hutchinson

Poster Design - Christian Orkibi

Publicity - Ashley Claussen