



The Clean House

By Sarah Ruhl

29 May – 19 June 2010

Playhouse Theatre

Cast includes Carol Burns, Vivienne Garrett, Sarah McNeill, Hugh Parker & Brooke Satchwell.

Director	Kate Cherry
Set Designer	Andrew Bellchambers
Costume Designer	Alicia Clements
Lighting Designer	David Murray
Composer/Sound Designer	Ash Gibson Greig
Choreographer	Claudia Alessi

The Clean House by American playwright Sarah Ruhl is comedy about a clean house and messy lives.

Matilde has moved to the United States after her parents – the funniest couple in Brazil – literally died laughing. She is hired as a live-in maid by Lane, a successful doctor who values order in every aspect of her life. But cleaning proves to be a thoroughly depressing occupation for Matilde, who would much rather spend her time concocting jokes in the tradition of her beloved parents.

As luck would have it, Lane's modest sister Virginia thrives on cleaning and secretly begins to take over the maid's duties, allowing Matilde to create the world's funniest joke. When Lane's husband, a surgeon, unexpectedly falls in love with Ana, one of his cancer-stricken patients, everything that was clean and tidy for Lane - her house, her emotions, her relationships – is thrown into disarray, and Matilde must come to her rescue.

Forced to pick up the pieces and closely evaluate their lives, Matilde, Lane, Virginia and Ana come to find an uncommon bond filled with comedy and tragedy as they begin to discover what living and dying are all about, and how shared laughter can heal almost everything.

Student Season:	11:00am Thu 10th Jun 2:15pm Sat 5th Jun, Sat 12th Jun, Sat 19th Jun 5:00pm Sun 13th Jun 7:30pm Mon 31st May (Preview 2), Thur 3rd Jun, Tue 8th Jun, Wed 9th Jun, Thur 10th Jun, Tue 15th Jun, Wed 16th Jun, Thu 17th Jun
Pre-Show Talk:	10.30am Thu 10th Jun (Book with Black Swan for talk)
Post-Show Q&A:	9.50pm Tue 15th Jun (Book with Black Swan for talk)
Venue:	The Playhouse Theatre
Duration:	Approx. 2 hrs [including one interval]
Warning:	Contains occasional strong language and Adult themes
Themes:	Love, family, comedy & infidelity
Target Audience:	Years 10-12 and tertiary students
Learning Areas:	Drama, English, Literature, Society & Environment, Art & Design & Languages (Contains some Portuguese dialogue with subtitles)

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