

**THE OPERA
EVENT OF 2010**

**HARRY JOY
WAS TO DIE
3 TIMES.**

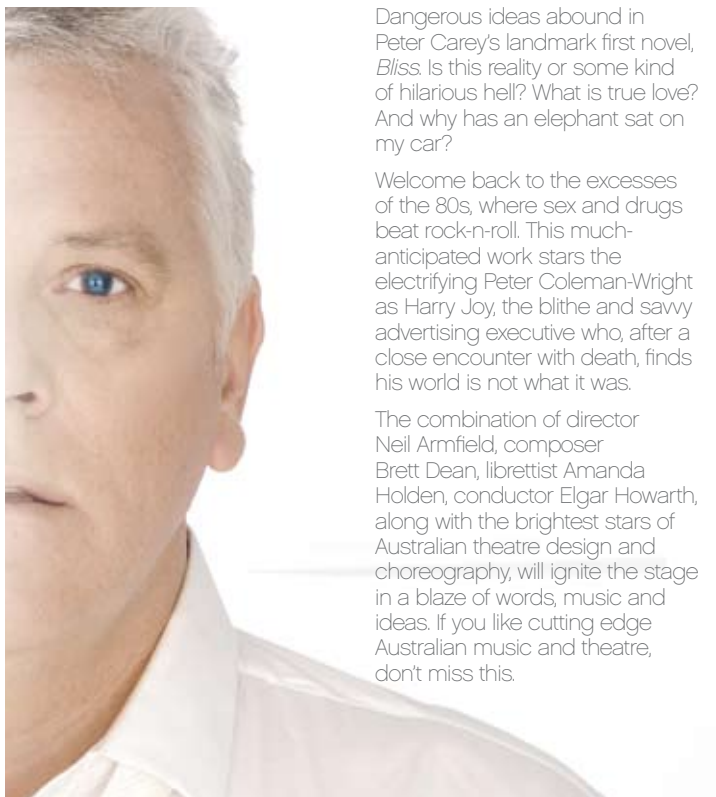
BLISS

AN OPERA BY **BRETT DEAN + AMANDA HOLDEN** BASED ON THE
NOVEL BY **PETER CAREY** DIRECTOR **NEIL ARMFIELD** CONDUCTOR
ELGAR HOWARTH SET DESIGNER **BRIAN THOMSON** COSTUME
DESIGNER **ALICE BABIDGE** LIGHTING DESIGNER **NIGEL LEVINGS**
CHOREOGRAPHER **KATE CHAMPION**

The lights go up on the world premiere of *Bliss*. The combination of Dean's music, Holden's words and Peter Carey's kaleidoscopic imagination is a potent one.

Add in the directorial vision of Neil Armfield, and this new production will be dynamite. Don't miss the chance to experience one of the most anticipated theatre events of 2010.

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Dangerous ideas abound in Peter Carey's landmark first novel, *Bliss*. Is this reality or some kind of hilarious hell? What is true love? And why has an elephant sat on my car?

Welcome back to the excesses of the 80s, where sex and drugs beat rock-n-roll. This much-anticipated work stars the electrifying Peter Coleman-Wright as Harry Joy, the blithe and savvy advertising executive who, after a close encounter with death, finds his world is not what it was.

The combination of director Neil Armfield, composer Brett Dean, librettist Amanda Holden, conductor Elgar Howarth, along with the brightest stars of Australian theatre design and choreography, will ignite the stage in a blaze of words, music and ideas. If you like cutting edge Australian music and theatre, don't miss this.

BLISS

EVENINGS AT 7.30PM:
MARCH 12 | 17 | 25 | 27 | 30
MATINEE AT 1PM: MARCH 20

Running time: approximately two hours and forty minutes including one twenty-minute interval. Please note this opera contains coarse language, scenes of a graphic sexual nature and adult themes. It is not recommended for children.

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Harry Joy **Peter Coleman-Wright**
Betty **Merlyn Quaife**
Honey B **Lorina Gore**
Alex **Barry Ryan**
David **David Corcoran**
Lucy **Taryn Fiebig**
Johnny **Kanen Breen**
Reverend Des/Police Officer 2/
'Nurse' **Shane Lawrencev**
Aldo/Nigel Clunes **Henry Choo**
Mrs Dalton **Milijana Nikolic**
Police Officer 1/Betty's
Doctor **Stephen Smith**
Nurse 1 **Teresa La Rocca**
Nurse 2 **Jane Parkin**
Neighbour/ Asylum
Doctor **Malcolm Ede**
Onstage Violinist **Erkki Veltheim**



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