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### Action Star Paul Allica Returns to the Stage in "The Real Thing" After 15 Years

After a distinguished 15-year career in television and film, acclaimed actor Paul Allica is making a highly anticipated return to the stage. Allica will be playing the role of Max in Tom Stoppard's Tony Award-winning play, "The Real Thing," directed by the renowned Michelle Swan.

Max is a complex character, a witty and passionate actor who grapples with the challenges of love, fidelity, and self-discovery. As the narrative unfolds, Max's journey highlights the contrasts between reality and appearance, exploring the depths of his emotions and relationships. Paul's portrayal of Max promises to bring a profound intensity and nuance to the character, making this production of "The Real Thing" a must-see event.

This thrilling production has already captivated audiences, with tickets 95 percent sold out. Due to overwhelming demand, an extra show has been added, but tickets are extremely limited.

Paul Allica, known for his compelling performances on screen, brings his exceptional talent and depth back to live theatre, promising an unforgettable experience for theatre-goers. "The Real Thing," a play celebrated for its witty dialogue and profound exploration of love and fidelity, is the perfect vehicle for Allica's return to the stage.

### Synopsis of "The Real Thing"

*"It's no trick loving someone at their best. Love is loving them at their worst."*

Henry, a successful playwright, writes about a failing marriage and the possibility of new love. When does life begin to imitate art? This play, by master playwright Tom Stoppard, explores the nature of love and commitment, highlighting the differences between reality and appearance, love and lust, passionate commitment and affection. How do we know when we are experiencing 'the real thing'?

Performances are scheduled from June 26 to July 13, 2024. Secure your tickets now before they are completely sold out by visiting [\[WLT\]](https://www.wlt.org.au) (<https://www.wlt.org.au>).

### About Paul Allica

Paul Anthony Allica is a distinguished actor, director, and martial artist, celebrated for seamlessly merging martial arts mastery with dynamic dramatic performances. Recognised for iconic roles such as Robin Hood in "The Siege Of Robin Hood" and James Lowe in "The Trigonal," Paul brings a unique blend of acting artistry and martial prowess to the screen.

Paul's journey began early with local theatre, appearing in shows like "Fame," "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat," and "High School Musical On Stage." His martial arts foundation, starting with the Vietnamese style of Cop Den Do, has been instrumental in casting him in diverse, demanding, and action-infused roles.

During his time in China, Paul Allica had the incredible opportunity to collaborate with some of the industry's most renowned talents, including Sam Hargrave, known for his work on "Extraction" and "Avengers: Infinity War," and Wu Jing, the star of "Wolf Warriors 2." Paul also had the privilege of working alongside international icons such as Scarlett Johansson in "Ghost In the Shell," Frank Grillo in "The Purge: Anarchy," Milla Jovovich in "The Rookies," and legends like Jackie Chan and Arnold Schwarzenegger in "The Iron Mask." These experiences have not only broadened his professional network but also enriched his skills in dramatic acting, action sequences, and creature roles, contributing to the success of blockbuster films like "Wolf Warriors 2," which grossed over a billion USD worldwide and was an official selection at the 90th Academy Awards.

In his expansive career, Paul has portrayed formidable characters like Rembrandt in "Kung Fu Police" and James Lowe in "The Trigonal," showcasing his versatility and dedication to his craft. His martial arts accolades include titles such as State Champion and National Runner-Up at the National All Styles Martial Arts Tournament. He continues to hone his craft in Wushu under Master Tang Lai Wei, a member of the legendary Beijing Wushu Team alongside Jet Li.

Paul's commitment to excellence extends beyond the camera. He holds a Bachelor of Creative Arts (Film and Digital Media) from Deakin University, graduating with Distinction. His diverse skill set includes Wushu kung fu, stunts, weapons, boxing, horse riding, and surfing, complemented by proficiency in various accents, from USA (General, Southern) to British (RP, Cockney), Russian, and Australian.

His debut as a theatrical feature filmmaker with "The Siege Of Robin Hood" showcased his versatility, tenacity, and skill as a writer, producer, and editor, reaching audiences in over 92 countries. Paul's journey embodies the fusion of passion and perseverance in the pursuit of artistic mastery, and he aims to bring this deep and diverse experience to all roles he plays.

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### **About "The Real Thing":**

"The Real Thing," written by Tom Stoppard, is a Tony Award-winning play that delves into the complexities of love, art, and fidelity. Directed by Michelle Swan, this production promises to deliver an engaging and thought-provoking theatrical experience. Performances are from June 26 to July 13, 2024. For tickets, visit [\[WLT\]](https://www.wlt.org.au) (<https://www.wlt.org.au>).