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Price Check! The Musical returns to Melbourne in concert for **3 shows only** from August 1-3 at the Alex Theatre, St Kilda. With the support of the City of Port Phillip Cultural Development fund, local writer and composer **Sean Weatherly** has joined forces with musician **John Thorn** to present an orchestration for a 6 piece orchestra.

Weatherly began writing *Price Check!* in 2006 as much needed therapy to manage the trauma from working in the supermarket retail industry for 14 years whilst attempting to support his performance career. Since then *Price Check!* has garnered readings at La Mama, the Adelaide Cabaret Fringe Festival and had performed concerts at Theatre Works in St Kilda and the Bakehouse Theatre in Adelaide.

Price Check! is an Australian musical comedy in 2 acts, exploring the lives of 5 diverse characters in a suburban Melbourne supermarket. Mr Butler is a well paid profit hungry store manager with a bitter divorce and a bad dance routine. Narelle Sims is a middle aged widowed checkout chick slowly working her way through the junior shelf fillers in search of romance. Zayeeb Dash is a new Indian migrant struggling with the strange Aussie vernacular whilst displaying a unique devotion to his work. Dave Fisher is a geeky store assistant flaunting his arts degree about hoping for an in store promotion to help fix his failed marriage. Mrs Zimmerman is an elderly Jewish patron suffering from loneliness and a bout of sharp tongue. They all do their best to make meaningful connections in a world full of differences whilst suffering the pressures of their own lives.

Weatherly has assembled a well seasoned cast including Don Bridges, Jacqy Phillips, Nelson Clemente, Caitlin Mathieson and Mudit Dhami. The orchestra will feature a professional orchestra sourced through the *Australian National Academy of Music* Alumni closely supported by the City of Port Phillip - Peter Burgess (bass guitar/tuba), Alex Waite (piano), Stuart Byrne (clarinet), Nichaud Munday (flute), Hamish Upton (percussion) and Tony Frantz (trumpet).

Starring

 Don Bridges as <i>Mr Butler</i>	 Jacqy Phillips as <i>Mrs Zimmerman</i>	 Nelson Clemente as <i>Dave Fisher</i>	 Caitlin Mathieson as <i>Narelle Sims</i>	 Mudit Dhami as <i>Zayeeb Dash</i>
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Don Bridges has recently been taking over the small screen as Cohen the Barbarian in the short film **Troll Bridge** which played at this years' St Kilda Film Festival. He performed with many shows for Hit Productions and Melbourne Theatre Company, guest roles on Neighbours and on screen with hit films such as **Charlotte's Web**, **The Oyster Farmer**, **Road to Nhill** and **Malcolm**.

Jacqy Phillips' career has spanned 37 years as an actor. She is well known for her role as the original Irene on Home & Away as well as playing the horrible Mrs Cribbage in the award-winning Australian movie **Red Dog**. She's recently been touring the Australia and the word with Slingby's **The Young King**.

Caitlin Mathieson's musical theatre credits include the Australian Premiere of **High Fidelity** with Pursued by Bear (2014), and as Olive Ostrovosky in **The 25th Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee** with Vic Theatre Company (2016).

Nelson Clemente has worked for HBO in the TV Series **Serangoon Road** and has performed in various short films and stage shows with Limelight Theatre in Perth. He is a new resident to the City of Port Phillip.

Mudit Dhami is a Melbourne based performer and theatre-maker, currently studying a Bachelor of Arts (Theatre) at Monash University. He has performed in many musicals and plays with recent productions including **Heathers The Musical** and **Shrek the Musical** (SLAMS) and **Much Ado About Nothing** (MSC).

"This quirky tale is hilarious in its familiarity" - Kerry Cooper (Stage Whispers)

"This musical is packed to the cereal box top with pure, unsaturated fun!" - Brian Godfrey (Glam Adelaide)

PRICE CHECK! The Musical – In Concert

**Alex Theatre, Studio Theatre
135 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda, 3182**

1-3 August 2019

Thursday, Friday & Saturday night at 8pm

Ticket Prices: Adult \$30, Concession \$25

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