

Further Information

The Chaise Lounge

Artist:

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Creative Director

The Chaise Lounge was installed in 2006.
It can be viewed at the Stage Door, Drum Theatre,
Langhorne Street, Dandenong (Melway Map 90 D7).

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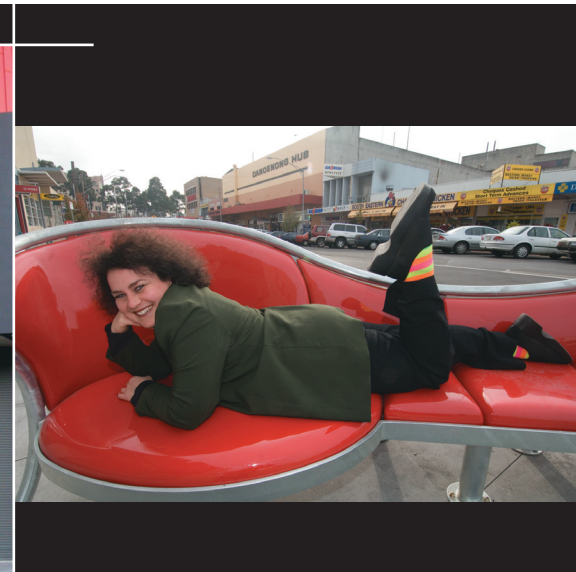


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With a prop like appearance, the bright red whimsical *Casting Couch* at the Drum Theatre was created to be a talking point as well as being utilised by visitors, shoppers and performers.



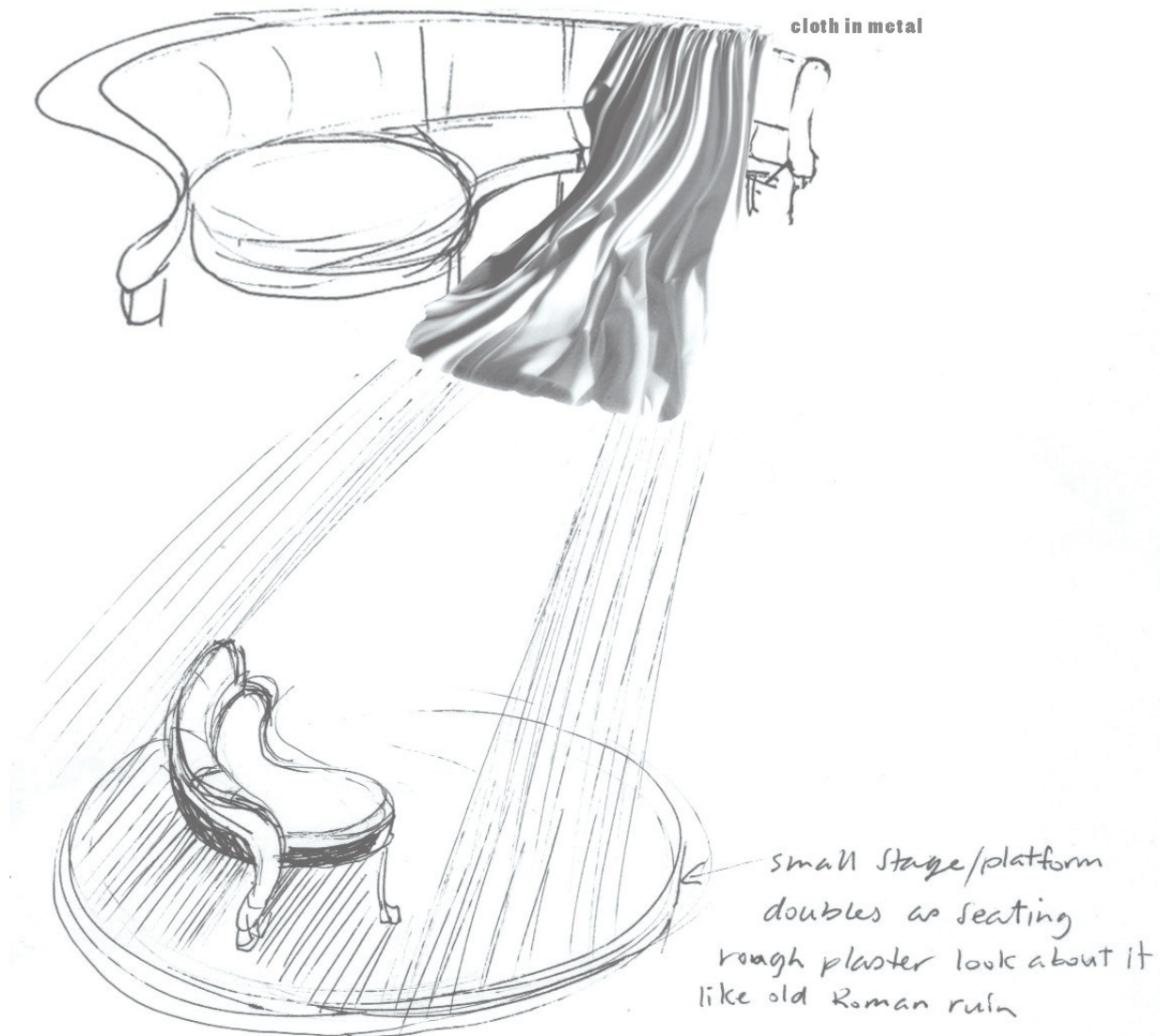
The Project

The Drum Theatre at the redeveloped Dandenong Town Hall attracts hundreds of patrons each month. Despite most of the pedestrian movement occurring at the entrance of the Drum Theatre, much of the day to day activities occur at the rear of the building that allows large theatre production vehicles to unload stage equipment and theatre props.

The Vision

The Langhorne Street Drum Theatre façade offers a stage door for performers to enter and exit as productions permit. It was with a vision that the stage door area be activated with an external seating treatment to respond to this activity.

The vision was for a whimsical seat that had a prop like appearance and would prompt passers by to question whether the seat had been left outside of the Drum Theatre by accident.



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Big Fish Pty. Ltd., an accomplished design and construction company, were commissioned to design, fabricate and install an external seating feature to the newly designed streetscape. With a reputation for creating a number of diverse and innovative artworks both within the City of Greater Dandenong and across Victoria, Big Fish Pty. Ltd. was well equipped to materialise the vision.

The Chaise Lounge

The creation of the red resin chaise lounge at the back entrance of the Drum Theatre is a talking point for guests and performers alike. A number of performers have been spotted sneaking a break and relaxing on the chaise lounge during and after performing on stage.

The *Casting Couch*, as it is now locally known, provides a quirky and light hearted contrast to the Master Builders Association of Australia's Best Construction 10 - 15 Million Dollar Award winning Drum Theatre façade.