

# ENTERTAINMENT **ALIVE**

by Chris Urankar



## SISTER ACT

*Catholic School Girls*, the off Broadway smash hit satire is currently in prayer session at the Darlinghurst Theatre. The heaven-sent play opened off Broadway in 1982 to rave reviews and toured Australia but hasn't been back for almost two decades.

*Catholic School Girls* turns its back on the progressive world of nuns today and transports back to the conservative 1960s. "This is a play about the complex shift from childhood to adolescence," director Kingston Anderson says. "*Catholic School Girls* reminds us of the fragility of young minds and casts a spotlight on the deeply important role of those charged with looking after them."

The core cast of characters includes

Elizabeth, a thinker who undergoes a spiritual crisis, Colleen – a trouble maker, Maria Therese, a timid misfit and Wanda the teacher's pet. Stepping into these roles are actresses Lucinda Armour, Helen O'Connor, Kim Lewis and Rhonda Doyle. Set in the political and social pressure-cooker environment of the 1960s, the play explores religious doctrine on impressionable young minds in light of events such as the first astronaut on the moon, the pill, protest marches and women's liberation.

***Catholic School Girls* is playing at Darlinghurst Theatre, 19 Greenknowe Ave, Potts Point. \$37. [darlinghursttheatre.com.au](http://darlinghursttheatre.com.au)**

## ON THE WALL



### THE SMIRNOFF BLACK ROOM

Smirnoff Black vodka has created an exhibition at blank\_space Gallery in which artists have been invited to be inspired by the five senses, including work by fashion photographer Cameron Grayson (pictured). Until March 19. Free. 374 Crown St, Surry Hills.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### LOVE ME TENDER

A haunting vision of contemporary Australia drawn from experiences of catastrophic bushfires, pre-teen sexuality and domestic aspirations, Directed by Matt Lutton. Opens at the Belvoir St Theatre this Thursday. \$35. [belvoir.com.au](http://belvoir.com.au).

### FACE FACTS SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Supporting the Australian Government's 2010 National Drugs Campaign, the Face Facts Short Film Competition asks young filmmakers how they would warn mates of the risks associated with taking ecstasy. \$10k is up for grabs for the winner. Entries are wanted, more info at [facefactsfilms.com.au](http://facefactsfilms.com.au).

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