

Review excepts for 'Mother, Wife & the Complicated Life (previous show name)

Reviews from the 2015 Australian production & New York Musical Theatre Festival Production

"This is the start of something big for this witty musical comedy that depicts real life to a tee...Writer, producer and performer Amity Dry has nailed it with Mother, Wife and the Complicated Life. This sassy, tell-it-how-it-is story seems so obvious it's a wonder no one has thought of it before... It's slick and snappy, with witty lyrics and belly laughs aplenty. Rating: 4.5 stars out of 5" **Jo McEniry, ArtsHub**

"If you're lucky, you find musicals that are funny and endearing and speak to you on a personal level. This is one of those musicals. Amity Dry is extremely clever in not only writing music and lyrics, but in crafting a book which is largely vignette based and reminiscent of the revue styles of *Nonsense* and *Menopause the Musical*. It's a genuinely warm and witty show and great entertainment value. And how wonderful to be able to say that it's entirely Australian." **Carol Drouyn, Stage Whispers**

"This beautifully written musical explores the reality of marriage and motherhood...Where Dry has succeeded is in writing an endearing story that moves between lighter and darker moments seamlessly...The funnier moments are appropriately over-the-top, while the darker moments are handled with tenderness and sincerity...Mother Wife and the Complicated Life is a musical that Australia should be proud to claim as being home-grown, that has also succeeded on the international stage and Amity Dry has proven to be a truly talented composer, writer and performer. Let's hope there's much more to come. Rating: 5 Stars"

Alison Hillbig, Theatre People

"Completing the rarely achieved task of writing the book, music and lyrics, Amity Dry displays keen insight and strong empathy for a range of characters at differing points of motherhood...The combination of intelligent songs and excellent performers creates abundant laugh-out-loud moments as the audience recognises and appreciates the characters' situations. Given the potentially frothy nature of such entertainment, Dry bravely includes serious emotional moments that address some rarely spoken truths behind motherhood. The risk pays off with a deeper, more involving show that provides food for thought in addition to all the laughs." **Simon Parris, Man in Chair**

"There's much humour in all of this but also a good-hearted realism about the physical realities of birth and babies and sexuality that the cast (and the audience) clearly relishes. It certainly deserves to find an audience who will appreciate its frankness, energy and fun."

Alana Maclean, The Age, Sydney Morning Herald, Canberra Times, The Guardian

"The hook and the chorus are always incredibly powerful in Amity's music. What's more, she's very smart about the type, style and size of cast she writes for. Amity is an artist who wants her work to be seen and knows what makes a show commercial. She writes for a contemporary audience who wants to be moved and entertained." **Mary Kate Burke, Director of Programming, New York Musical Theatre Festival.**

"Not since I watched Bridget Jones's Diary as a desperately single 30 year old have I identified so strongly with a story. Mother, Wife and the Complicated Life is hands down my favourite musical of all time because it so sublimely captures the joys of motherhood along with the moments that have us reaching for the wine. Go see it. Then just try and wipe the smile off your face. It is nothing short of brilliant."

Rebecca Sparrow, Mamamia.com.au

"A chick's night out, a celebration of female friendships and a laughing examination of girl power. At a time when new musicals all seem to be imported re-hashes of movies, this is a home-grown gem."

Adelaide Theatre Guide

"Amity Dry's talent shines in this poignant and funny musical."

Natasha Stott Despoja, Social Commentator, Former Politician & Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls.

"Refreshing, honest and written from the heart."

Carl D White, Tony Award Winning Producer, Martian Entertainment NY