

LIGHTERS IN THE AIR

After five years away, Leo (Kris Hagen) returns to his old dive bar hangout, The Empty. Apart from the bar's owner Stacy (Anna Douglas) and her busker boyfriend Benji (Taylor Whittaker), Leo's old friends have disappeared, and a once loud and lively music scene has faded to a whisper. As Leo ponders an uncertain future, he is haunted by flashbacks of better days, when his band was at its peak and a music-inspired romance with Clair (Belinda Corpuz) was in bloom.

As the promises of youth slip away, and its triumphs fall further into memory, perhaps only The Empty's newest barflies, including an enigmatic artist (Natalia Bushnik) and an odd pair of streetwise wannabe musicians (Cody Crain and Olaf Sham), can help Leo rediscover his passion for the music he left behind.

Each night, *Lighters in the Air* features a special guest as part of the play, performing standup or music at The Empty's open mic.