

LA MAMA 50 YEARS YOUNG!

FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE

By providing a low financial risk/high artistic risk framework, La Mama facilitates the creation, presentation and ongoing development of contemporary theatre practice and new Australian work by a diverse range of theatre-makers.

ARTISTIC VISION

To provide a truly accessible space for artistic ambition, freedom, and support, a space which genuinely celebrates diversity and individuality, warmly welcomes audience from a wide cross-section of the community, and stimulates work that is adventurous, vigorous, relevant and risky and which reflects a vital range of needs and voices.



Image of our CEO & Artistic Director, Liz Jones (left) and Company Manager, Caitlin Dullard (right) at our La Mama 50th Birthday Party. Photo taken by Darren Gill.

WELCOME SPRING!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of you who came to the LA MAMA 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY and made it the unforgettable night it was!! THANK YOU Tony Nicolini and DOC from the magnificent pizzas! THANK YOU Fabio Angele and BRUNETTIS for the extraordinary cake! THANK YOU Judith Lucy for your incomparable comparing style!...and thank you Nedd Jones, Susan Bamford Caleo and Dave Evans, Richard Frankland and his mob, The Suns of Suction and Ella Filar with Krows Bar Kabaret for all your brilliant musical contributions.

It was also our BOOK LAUNCH! Thank you Adam Cass for creating the book, thank you to MUP and Miegunyah Press for publishing the book and thank you Tom Burstall for launching it!

Thank you too, to Leo and DONATI'S MEATS for supplying their gourmet sausages for all four season launches in 2017.

Now welcome to our SPRING SEASON including our huge EXPLORATIONS season, our YOUTH PROGRAM, a season of PLAYREADINGS and exciting individual seasons by Melbourne doyens of theatre: Sandra Shotlander, Alison Richards, Rosie Johns, Alex

Menglet, Alan Laverty and relative newcomer Zac Kazepis.

Cheers and enjoy!

Liz Jones C.E.O. & Artistic Director, La Mama Theatre

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SANDRA SHOTLANDER AN EVENING WITH

18 October - 22 October

Featuring her latest play Lady in Waiting and other pieces, old and new, this evening of short works celebrates Sandra's career and contribution to Australian theatre.

evening features some of Melbourne's leading independent actors.

founder, Women Playwrights International on Lady in Waiting. "Eloquent, graceful and powerful", Professor Anna Kay France,

and stunning", Amelia Swan, Artshub. "Understated and elegant, Alison Richards' direction is simple

works for the theatre include Framework (1983), Blind Salome with the politics of contemporary sexuality. Her best known for its warmth, incisive wit and wryly humorous engagement tor young people as well as adults, Sandra's work is notable Sandra Shotlander has been hailed as one of Australia's Collected Phone calls of Gertrude Stein and Others (1991). (1985), Angels of Power (1991) and Is That You, Nancy?: favourite feminist playwrights. The author of original plays

Helen Thomson, The Age. 2004 Australia then Sandra Shotlander's Framework is it." "If there is such a thing as a classic of gay theatre writing in

Written by Sandra Shotlander Lighting design Mikk Hwat Set and Costume design by Dagmara Gieysztor Directed by Alison Richards

With Suzanne Ingleton, Rosemary Johns, Brenda Carmelina di Guglielmo Palmer, Marissa O'Reilly, Alison Richards and

> Wed 6.30pm Sun 4.00pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm

Approx. 65 minutes Duration

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OF SPECIAL PURPOSE **ICHEKOV AT THE HOUSE**

Чехов в доме специального назначения

25 October - 5 November

the Romanovs at the hands of the Bolsheviks. What are you waiting for? To Moscow! To Moscow! upside down and dismembered. Tchekov's Three Sisters is turned inside out, 'Love, ideology and murder in the last summer of

Sound Design by Millie Levakis-Lucas Written by R. Johns, with reference to Tchekov's Three Sisters Lighting Design by Shane Grant Production Design by Peter Mumford Directed by Alex Menglet

Meg Spencer, Peter Stratford and Yvette Turner. Fryer, Huw Jennings, Asleen Mauthoor, Adam May Carolyn Bock, Milijana Cancar, Jim Daly, Gregory J Performed by Maria Paula Afanador, Alice Batt,

Stage Management by Millie Levakis-Lucas Wardrobe by Michael Mumford

Image by Peter Mumford

An ambitious production with live music and a wonderfully esteemed Russian trained theatre-maker Alex Menglet. winning designer, directed by the highly acclaimed and talented cast, an AWGIE nominated writer, an award-

In the Centenary of the Russian Revolution

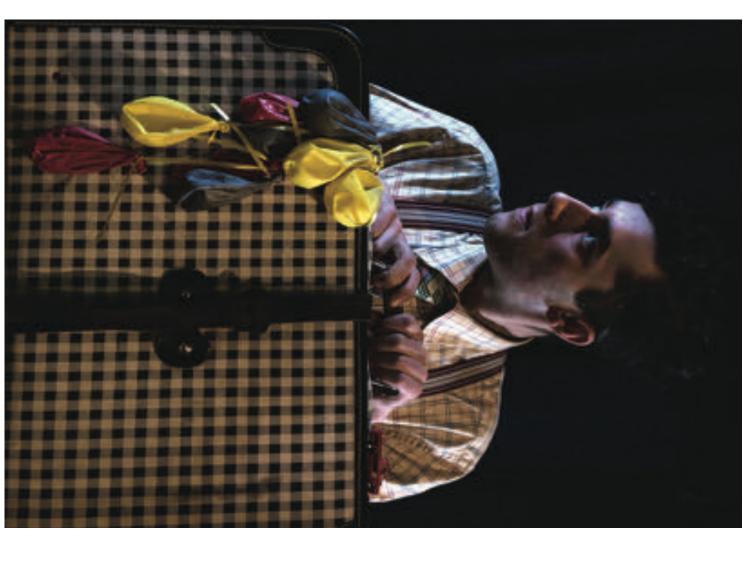
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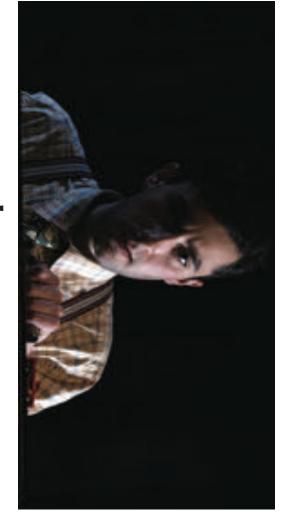
Sun 4.00pm

Approx. 90 minutes

Venue La Mama Courthouse

Duration





LAST YEAR'S EVE

15 November - 26 November

Hugo was 8 years old when he came to the country as an refugee. He has spent the last 15 years of his life living and working in this place that he has slowly grown to call home.

Tomorrow, Hugo will leave the country and never return.

Last Year's Eve is an original work by Zac Kazepis, which explores the themes of identity, friendship, family and isolation. This is a show about the past, the present, and an un-known future.

This is a story about home.

"Last Year's Eve is a very moving and beautiful contemplation on the meaning of "home". Something which most of us take for granted and yet is so vital to so many of the world's displaced peoples. Zac Kazepis takes us gently on the latter journey not with a shout of protest, rather a whisper of grief... a very audible and audience embracing whisper!"

- Liz Jones, Artistic Director and CEO, La Mama Theatre

Time
Wed 6.30pm
Thu - Sat 7.30pm
Sun 4.00pm

DurationApprox. 60 minutes

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Devised and Performed by **Zac Kazepis**Stage Manager/Operator **Daniel Barca**Image by **Darren Gill**





KISS SIGH SHOUT Laugh Cry Dream 29 November - 10 December

The exhilarating debut of the La Mama Youth Ensemble.

body, voice, ideas. An uncensored investigation of space, performer, audience,

Inspired by La Mama's years-long collaboration with Platform Youth Theatre, this is a show not to be missed.

Curated by Adam Cass

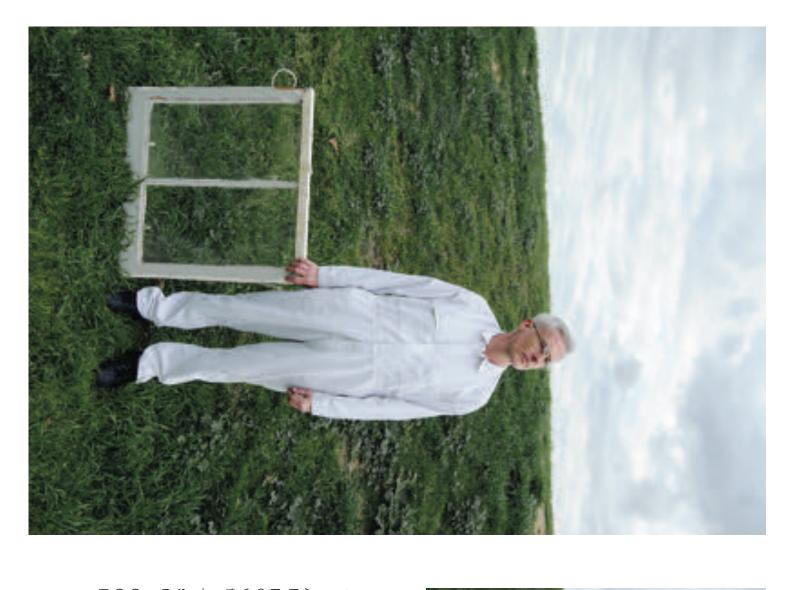
Suitable for audiences 16 and over.

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm

Sun 4.00pm

DurationApprox. 90 minutes

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HE CARETAKER

13 December - 17 December

A man and his shed, surrounded by his tools. They call him Mr Fix It. He builds, he mends, he fixes. He stays calm under pressure. And yet before him is a crack, and as he gets older, it gapes wider. He presses his face against the cool wall to seek its source and as he chips away at the plaster the memories begin to fall.

This is the story of a father, his daughter and her son. It's a story of the last link in a chain, the erosion of the mind and its memories. In this shed he works to hold the pieces together.

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4.00pm

Duration Approx. 60 minutes

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Created and Performed by Allen Laverty
Collaborator Tamara Kirby
Image credit Sarah Walker

EXPLORATIONS 23 OCT - 17 DEC

THE CAVE	JEREMY AND LUCAS BUY A FUCKING HOUSE	LOOSE TEETH	I'M NOT QUITE THEREYET!	ERGO	THE YELLOW WALLPAPER	BIN THIS WORD?	IN HER ROOM	SERVING COFFEE @ SIMMS SUPERMARKET	VOCAL DIGS	OCTOROON	BIPOLAR KARAOKE	THE TRAUMA PROJECT	WOMAN WITH A TOMAHAWK	VAGABONDS	CROSSROADS
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CROSSROADS

"Something shifted in the world when she was gone. The dark eeriness of an eclipse fell, with no breeze or birdsong. If I could find my voice then I would wail."

Centred on the experience of a young woman seeking to discover the truth behind her mother's death, *Crossroads* will harness the evocative power of ancient myth to speak to the contemporary climate. *Crossroads* weaves together dance, design, music and words to form a richly layered performance language, creating a visceral experience of one person's passionate response to injustice.

Performer Rebekah Robertson
Director Anna Molnar
Set & Costume Designer Daniel Moulds
Choreographer & Dramaturg Na An
Composer Claire Healy
Lighting & Sound Designer Celine Khong
Image by Daniel Moulds

Date 23 - 25 October

Mon 6.30pm Tues 8.30pm Wed 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 45 minutes

La Mama Theatre

Director **Kellie Tori**

Venue





VAGABONDS

In 1873, on Winter's longest night, two strangers meet in an outlying shepherd's hut. He has wandered the Australian bush for 10 years, trying to escape punishment for a mysterious crime; she has returned here time and again to secretly draw her lost child, shrouding the walls of the hut in charcoal portraits. In the other, they each discover a glimpse of themselves, and an opportunity for connection, confession and redemption; but how can the unspeakable ever be uttered, let alone forgiven? Inspired by an 1873 article featured in *The Age*, this new devised work explores shame, isolation and the enduring need for human connection.

Created by the **Company**Performers **Joanne Owen-Smith**, **Luke Lennox** & **Lachlan Bryan**

Dramaturg & Producer Jonathan Graffam Original Music & Lyrics Lachlan Bryan Sound & Lighting Designer Celine Khong Set & Costume Designer Abbie-Lea Hough

Set & Costume Designer Abbie-Lea Hough Rehearsal SM Jordan Carter Stage Manager Imogen Titmarsh Artwork by Abbie Matthews Image by Jacinta Tori

24 - 26 October

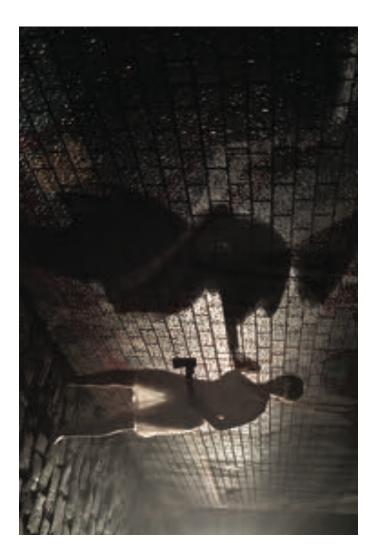
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Tues 6.30pm
Wed 8.30pm
Thur 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 55 minutes

VenueLa Mama Theatre







WOMAN WITH A TOMAHAWK

It's 1994, and a woman wielding a weapon is shot and killed by Victoria police. How did it come to this? A young woman, struggling with the pain of her own life's journey, hears the news report and mourns for the lost woman she never knew. She writes a song, and ponders. Is what we term mental illness a product of the stories we carry and how they shape and shift us; what we bury deep and what we allow to surface? Stories define who we are, those we've lived; those that are told to us, those we tell ourselves. What's your story, and are you sticking to it?

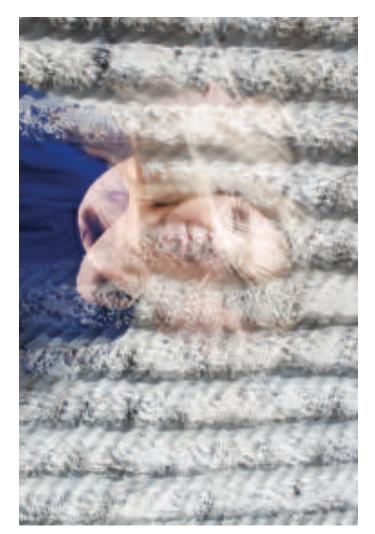
Written by Ruth Katerelos
Directed by Iris Gaillard
Performed by Ruth Katerelos, Chanella Macri
and John Desengano
Image by David Burrows

Date 27 - 29 October

Time
Fri 6.30pm
Sat 8.30pm
Sun 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 70 minutes

VenueLa Mama Theatre



THE TRAUMA PROJECT

Monday afternoon, November 2012, and the street is waiting. Letterboxes empty, children at school, silent cars in driveways. As I chat to my neighbour on the verge where the road meets the nature strip, I see a bearded man reaching, a blonde woman falling and the flash of a rifle barrel pressed against her temple. Gun shots as we run. Bullets and blood on the bitumen.

The Trauma Project is an autoethnographic work for theatre, developed to explore the schism of self that occurs at the moment of witnessing and the intrusive nature of traumatic experience thereafter. Beyond rational thought and understanding, when words are insufficient, the body remembers.

Written and Performed by Elizabeth Walley, with Isabella Gilbert and Company

Direction by Alec Gilbert

Visual Dramaturgy by **Dagmara Gieysztor**

Choreography by Isabella Gilbert
Writing Support by Julienne Van Loon, Craig Batty & Sarah Pink
Image by Isabella Gilbert

28 - 30 October

Sat 6.30pm Sun 8.30pm Mon 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 60 minutes

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BIPOLAR KARAOKE

autobiography of bipolar disorder and a voice lost character, text and song. A writer reads her script to you as she writes it. An then found through karaoke performance. Told in

Audio Visual by Kirsty Letts Written and Performed by Spescha Barakat

Image by Ali Hogg

31 Oct - 2 Nov

Wed 8.30pm Tues 6.30pm

Approx. 60 minutes Duration

Time Thur 6.30pm

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OCTOROON

and numerous tribe now on the brink of extermination... day Mount Gambier, where she was the sole European woman. It was here she encountered the Boandig people, a once powerful isolated port in south-eastern South Australia, close to present In 1845 Christina Smith was a Scottish missionary settled in an

perpetrator? Is it Black or White? Was it a settlement or an invasion? Was she a protector or

is our often divisive history. with one-eighth Aboriginal ancestry, explores themes of belonging, alienation and identity through the kaleidoscope that Octoroon, a term used by colonialists to describe a person

Written by **Anna Ellis** Performed and Directed by Maggie McCorrmack & Anna Ellis

Stage Management by Annabel Warmington Movement Consultant with Darren Vizer Sound Design by Pippa Deanne Bainbridge Lighting design & Operation by Simon Fisher & Annabel Warmington

Image by File Stock / Museum of South Australia - Rick Evertz

Additional Vocal by Greg Fryer

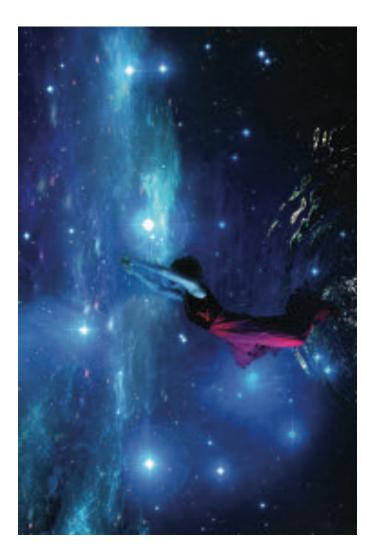
1 - 3 November

Wed 6.30pm Time

Fri 6.30pm Thur 8.30pm

Approx. 75 minutes Duration

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VOCAL DIGS

and intimate expanse that music offers us. and moments of experiencing; meeting with the internal stirring beyond form and an engagement with the edge of imagination the known and unknown; Vocal Digs is an unearthing of forms An invitation to travel with Charlotte through the territories of

and song form, Vocal Digs is an offering for you to witness a meaning-making work in progress relationships, identity, life, art, health, home and human-being. transformation and the discovery of uncharted digs around In 2017, Emerging out of Charlotte's vocal art residency; Through an inquiry into the spaces between improvisation 'Dwelling in Voice'; these explorations are a home for

Image by Scott Wilson and Chris Liddell Directed by **Danielle Cresp** Produced and performed by Charlotte Roberts

4 - 6 November

Sun 8.30pm Mon 6.30pm Sat 6.30pm

Approx. 50 minutes Duration

La Mama Theatre Venue

SERVING COFFEE @

SIMMS SUPERMARKE

exists in a time-warp, where the 'mad ones', Jack Kerouac's them just like Bob Dylan. But in Simms supermarket, reality the junky dens and drive immigrants elsewhere, until you pity references and begging (50 cent pieces only). Nothing happens in this play, except coffee, madness, literary bookish punk, whose first love is a copy of Catcher in the Rye. beloveds, sip strong coffee, made uncomfortably by the West Footscray, it's becoming gentrified. Townhouses eclipse

Cherian Jacob Performed by Jaz Wickson, Anne Jessup, Sean Paisley and Written by Dr Scott Welsh

Image by Scott Welsh

Date

5 - 7 November

Time Sun 6.30pm Mon 8.30pm Tues 6.30pm

Approx. 60 minutes Duration

La Mama Theatre Venue



IN HER ROOM

Totalitarianism has discovered a means of dominating and terrorizing human beings from within. (Hannah Arendt)

It's the 1950s. Bulgaria. Every seventh person is an informer for State Security. Stalin is in power. A woman lives alone. The typewriters of the Secret Services tap-tap-tap away as they record the lives of people. What is true and what is a lie? The camps are full of those who are deemed enemies, among them, her husband. The woman writes stories. Ogres, princesses, biblical stories. Reality is more frightening than any story. A room of memory, secrets and archives. The door opens. The dust is unsettled for a moment.

A showing of a work in progress

Written and Performed by Bagryana Popov
Directed and Co-created by John Bolton
Designed by Adrienne Chisholm
Lighting by Bronwyn Pringle
Image by Tess Hutson

Date 8 - 9 November

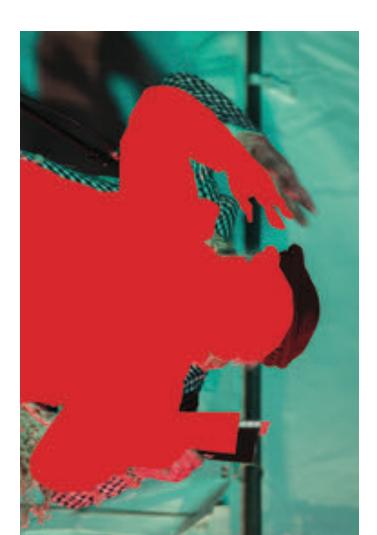
Wed 8.30pm
Thur 6.30pm &

DurationApprox. 45 minutes

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BIN THIS WORD?

"These days", usage of the word 'truth' is, more than anything else, a cover for deceit. Most of us know that its application is thick on the ground within the bowels of societal power groups. So-called 'fake news' is a pathetic badge for what has been taking place for yonks in our parliament, courts, media, real estate, religions, in schools, yes, and even our homes. This work responds to that fear of stepping over the line of our comfort zones. All of us are guilty of letting things slide and accepting that the misuse of the word in question and its accompanying words that also support its original meaning, as being OK. This intimate, challenging-for-all piece will excite, inspire and possibly cause anger for some. So be it!

Hope to see you as one of the fifteen members of the audience at one of the three sessions.

Book now!

Date 10 - 12 November

Time Fri 7.30pm Sat 7.30pm

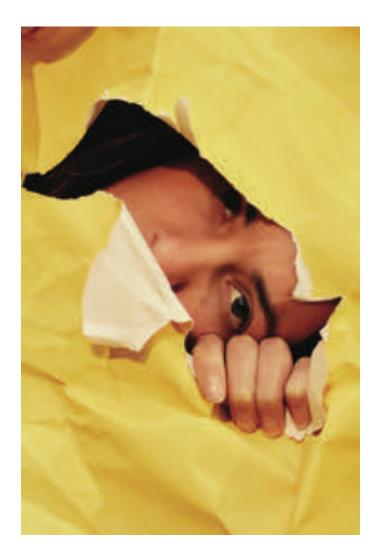
Sun 7.30pm

DurationApprox. 70 minutes

venue La Mama Theatre

An O.T.H.A.N. Company presentation

Devised, designed and directed by **Lloyd Jones**, in collaboration with **The Ensemble** Image appropriated from a photograph by **Darren Gill**



THE YELLOW WALLPAPER

dream. It creeps all over the house." buttercups, but old foul, bad yellow things ... It is like a bad of all the yellow things I ever saw - not beautiful ones like "It is the strangest yellow, that wall-paper! It makes me think

patterned study of the fine line between madness and liberation papered bedroom. The Yellow Wallpaper is a gothically-A recuperating woman, a misguided husband, a hideously

Ones) on The Lover (featuring Annie Thorold) "See anything adapted by Strangio ..." Sarah W (The Plus

Performed by Annie Thorold Adapted & devised by Laurence Strangio with Annie Thorold Directed by Laurence Strangio Text by Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Image by Laurence Strangio

6 - 8 November

Mon 6.30pm Wed 6.30pm Tues 8.30pm

Approx. 55 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse



ERG0

would never be the same again. On 10 November 1619, Descartes had a dream and the world

usually translated as 'I think, therefore I am'. As often parodied puns in cartoons, advertisements, T-shirts and coffee mugs. as praised, the cogito has been the basis for numerous bad Rene Descartes is most famous for his dictum cogito ergo sum,

true, especially in our post-truth world? world, and reality and appearance. How can we know what is relationship between the mind and the body, the self and the romp through the life and thought of Descartes, exploring the continue to haunt our world, 400 years on. Ergo is an irreverent Despite many attempts to kill him off, Descartes and his ideas

7 - 9 November

Wed 8.30pm Tue 6.30pm

Thur 6.30pm Approx. 50 minutes Duration

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and Annie Thorold Directed by Laurence Strangio Performers include Laura Lattuada, Adam Pierzchalski Written by Andrew Preston



I'M NOT QUITE THERE...YET!

a quarter-life crisis. A disjointed journey of a crazy cacti lover attempts to overcome

down, get serious, get married, buy their first home, populate kid at heart, she has a rude awakening as friends start to settle proclaimed spinster experiencing a quarter-life crisis. Still a big norror! the earth with children and throw Tupperware parties...Oh, the Kate is an unsuccessful poet, cacti enthusiast and self-

decisions to change her life around, but at what cost? Determined not to be left behind, Kate drastically starts making

an adult. Experience the struggle of keeping your inner child and being

Created & Performed by Natalie Pillar With Direction by Jennifer Monk

Image by Soley Angelica Benitez

Date 10 - 12 November

Time

Sun 6.30pm Sat 8.30pm Fri 6.30pm

Approx. 50 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse Venue



LOOSE TEETH

seven friends and three time lines. Loose Teeth is a nonlinear strategically unveil each other over. dinner, their kitchen table becomes a chess board which they in the various relationships of our lives. A first generation Greek narrative that mirrors the tangles of realisation and deception Every family is a Greek tragedy. Two dinners five years apart, family and their Australian partners have come together over

Image by Cassandra-Elli Yiannacou Set design Georgia Rumble Written and Directed by Cassandra-Elli Yiannacou

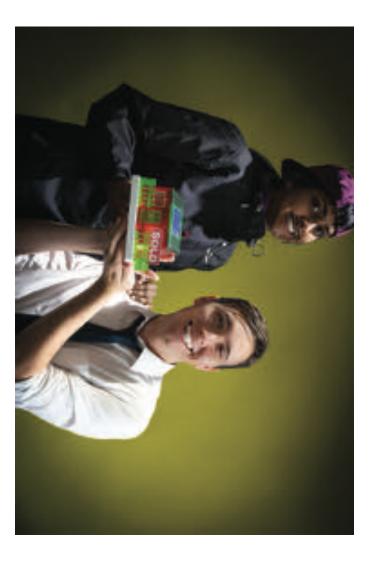
11 - 13 November

Time Sun 8.30pm Sat 6.30pm

Approx. 50 minutes Duration Mon 6.30pm

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JEREMY AND LUCAS BUY A FUCKING HOUSE

Jeremy and Lucas are best mates ready to take their friendship to the next level by investing in the Australian property market. They are ready to dry hump the Australian dream into infinity. They are ready to stick their dicks into the glory hole that is the Australian middle class.

Written and Co-Directed by Natesha Somasundaram
Co-Directed by Sarah Branton
Dramaturged by Morgan Rose
Lighting & Sound Designer/Technical Manager Jason Cheetham
Performed by Jordan Broadway & Natesha Somasundaram
Production Supported by Lonely Company
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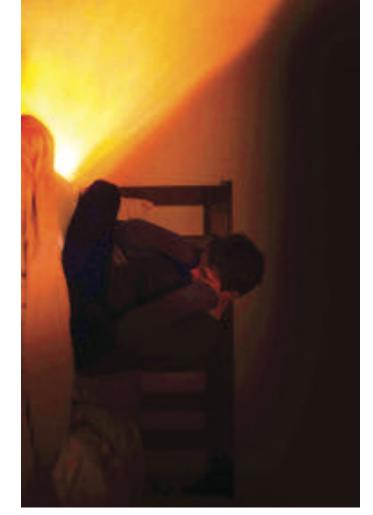
14 - 16 November

Time

Tues 6.30pm Wed 8.30pm Thur 6.30pm

Approx. 45 minutes

Venue La Mama Courthouse



THE CAVE

Jordan stares at the ceiling. Darkness. He begins to make shapes out of shadows around his room. A dinosaur roars. A tree sways. A panther jumps and freezes in mid-air. The shadows return to just being shadows and Jordan drifts to sleep.

The rain fades out.

Jordan enters the cave.

Jordan is dealing with a lot right now. His father has left him. His mother has since grown distant. He has little in common with the kids at school. So Jordan leaves this world for another one. Every once in a while. He leaves this world for the magical, wild and relentless one in his imagination. But now that world is starting to crumble around him, too.

חשוב

15 - 17 November

Wed 6.30pm Thur 8.30pm Fri 6.30pm

Time

DurationApprox. 45 minutes

Venue
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Written by Jack Currie
Directed by Justin Nott
Image by Jack Currie



LONELY PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

Lonely People are Always Up in the Middle of the Night is a new play comprising twelve vignettes that explore the desire for human connection in a dystopian city on one cold night. Just before midnight, we meet various characters - The Prostitutes, The Bitter Man, The Other She & The Other He and more, who desperately seek kindness, empathy, compassion, happiness and beauty in the company of others. Through the use of humour, colors, baking powder and holes this work asks "Do we need each other?"

An International collaboration between award-winning playwright **Hila Ben Gera** (with work presented in NYC, Tel Aviv and Adelaide), and an Australian creative team and cast.

Written and Directed by **Hila Ben Gera**Dramaturgy by **Erez Drigues**Assistant Director / Stage Manager **Laura Barnes**

Design by Natasha Lacey

Composer/Sound design by Joshua Trappett Lighting design by Shane Grant Image by Natasha Lacey

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18 - 20 November

Sat 6.30pm Sun 8.30pm Mon 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 80 minutes

VenueLa Mama Courthouse



YOUNGER AND SMALLER

"What were we doing at 17? Nothing.

And trying to find alcohol."

Younger and Smaller is the story of three young adults who are coping with the loss of a close friend while navigating their anxieties from adolescence.

Combining grounded text with heightened imagery, Younger and Smaller explores relationships and is an unflinching look at grief and maturity.

Inspired by the comedy of Chris Sievey and Frank Sidebottom

Writer and Director Amelia Newman
Cast Anna Elise Louey, Alanna Marshall & Jack Zapsalis
Assistant Director Sarah Conroy
Lighting Designer Isabel White

Photography Credit Jack Zapsalis

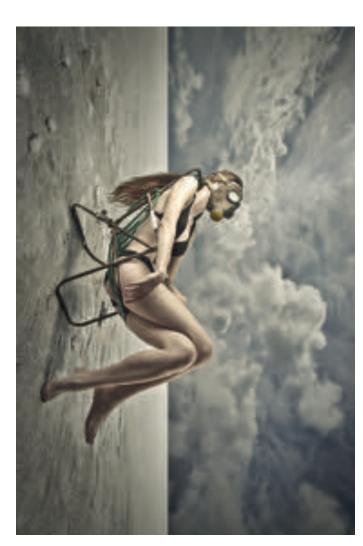
19 - 21 Nov

19 - 21 November

Time
Sun 6.30pm
Mon 8.30pm
Tues 6.30pm

Tues 6.30pm **Duration**Approx. 55 minutes

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CHRONIC

Chronic is a Conspiratorial Comedy or a Comedy of Conspiracy or an homage to a History Teacher obsessed with *Dr Strangelove* or the Recapitulation of time spent on nightshift looking up 911 videos. Inside Job. **Chronic** is partly set within the subterranean world of Melbourne, including that little train place in Eltham. It involves a character based on a mash of Mick Dundee and David Icke. The female characters have rhyming names. Nuclear war is dealt with – wittily. Cricket is mentioned – tragically. **Chronic** is the first coherent work by Coburg playwright Milton and the directorial debut of David Sweeney. The play begins in a hardware store when Cliff Young, student of Law, meets Meaghan, student of humanity, born of eyes.

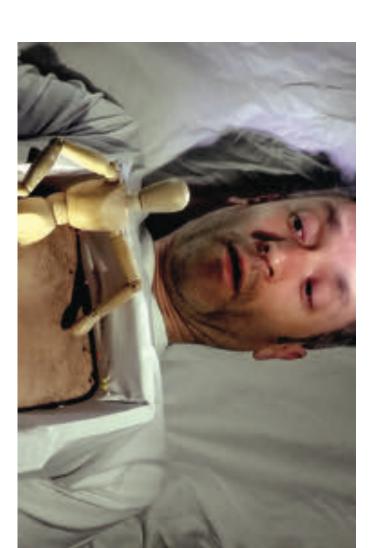
Playwright Milton
Director David Sweeney
Sound Design Lee Stout
Image by Eric George

Date 22 - 24 November

Wed 6.30pm Thur 8.30pm Fri 6.30pm

Duration Approx. 50 minutes

Venue La Mama Courthouse



AWOKEN

Eight characters collide in a tale of parental expectations, friendship, cutting-edge science, coffee addiction and reanimation.

23 - 25 November

Dad has taken 3D printing to the next level down in the lab. This time it's far more ambitious than a skin graft. Neither he nor his creation know it, but this is more than a mere experiment. It's the promise of immortality – and a public relations masterpiece in someone else's game.

Fri 8.30pm

Time Thur 6.30pm

Sat 6.30pm

Drama/Comedy with mild horror references

Creating a Climate for Change with Melbourne Playback Theatre Company, "...a narrative for our times" Vivian Langford, Beyond Zero Emissions Radio 3CR, 12/8/2016.

DurationApprox. 55 minutes

La Mama Courthouse

Written and performed by **Danny Diesendorf**Directed by **Vanessa Chapple**Image by **Melisa Chabierski**



SOMA

SOMA is a dance theatre work that inquires into the notion of an embodied past, considering cultural, social and personal histories and how they influence our present moment. How does the body act as archive? How do our relative histories shape our habitual or performed physicality? How does our physicality in the present shape our memories of the past and intuitions about the future? Conceived by choreographer/dancer **Ogemdi Ude** (USA) and composer/sound artist **Jack Palmer** (Melb), **SON/A** uses sound and movement as analogy to challenge performers and audiences alike to investigate the stories that bring us into our bodies.

Created and performed by **Ogemdi Ude** in collaboration with **Talia Rothstein** and **Lay the Mystic** in collaboration with **Talia Rothstein** and **Lay the Mystic** Live music composed and performed by **Jack Palmer** with performer **Michael McNab**Set and Costume Design by **Brynna Lowen**Image by **Wilson Liew**

Date 26 - 28 November

Sun 6.30pm Mon 8.30pm Tues 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 40 minutes

VenueLa Mama Courthouse

PERSPECTIVA ARTIFICIALIS

'All night, Paolo Uccello used to stay in his study trying to work out the vanishing points in his perspective, and when his wife called him to bed, he would say, "Oh, what a lovely thing this perspective is!"

Giorgio Vasari
The Lives of the Artists, 1550

Lovely and infuriating. Tantalising and terrifying. Visible and always out of reach. In perspectiva artificialis, the vanishing point always lies beyond what you can actually see. But does this mean you shouldn't move towards it?

Written, performed and directed by Fiona Rutkay
Co-created by Jack Moon and Fiona Rutkay
Directorial advice by Jack Moon and Alice Cummins
Music by Ken Herrera
Set design by Rachel Joy
Image by Sarah Walker

Date 07 00 N

27 - 29 November

Mon 6.30pm Tues 8.30pm Wed 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 50 minutes

La Mama Courthouse



REHEARSAL FOR DEATH (AN ODE TO FRANCESCA)

In this physical theatre piece, two bodies negotiate self-portraiture, identity and death. Using movement and dance, the impermanence of life is explored, and the notion of inevitable decay is savored. Through an exploration of what goes into a photograph, questions are posed: can an artist preserve herself through self-portraiture? Or is a photograph a haunting reminder of what is no longer?

Directed, Choreographed and Performed by Rebekah Stuart and Sophie Thompson Image by Peter Baka

30 Nov - 2 Dec

Thur 6.30pm Fri 8.30pm Sat 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 25 minutes

Venue
La Mama Courthouse



DOG SHOW

Who picks up the shit? You or your dog?

DOG SHOW is a theatrical competition that mimics the structure of the competitive canine world.

1 - 3 December

Time

It's a game, an experience, a full on shit fight where theatrical rules are challenged. Move seats, Leave your phones on, get loud and vote. Yes, vote for your fave pedigree dog.

Fri 6.30pm Sat 8.30pm Sun 6.30pm

Approx. 50 minutes

Duration

Three performers become dogs AND the humans who run circles around them.

Don't drop your guard; with the story changing as the competition tightens, animal and human are likely to snap!

Tighten the leash and don't fuck it up.

hanging as the La Mama Courthouse (ely to snap!

Created and Directed by Cassandra Fumi
Created and Performed by Tom Halls, Simone French & Alex Roe
Produced by Natalie Smith

Image by Sarah Walker



INSTINCT + INERTIA

I thrust my hand into the dark earth...

and curl my fingers into a loose fist... The rays of sun above me filter through the coverage of a heritage magnolia tree... I've spent hours, if not days, clearing the wilting red petals...

My neighbour attempted to convince me to cut the magnolia down to save all the extra work. I wasn't about to cut down a fifty-year-old tree for the inconvenience of sweeping flowers.

It's not about the food, it's not about the politics, it's not about the greater good; it's about recovering a piece of irrationality, living beyond the efficiency at the core of our civilisation's malaise.

Two short dance works on connection, plants and modernity

Creator Ellen Rijs
Designer Ione Rijs
Creative Support Jeremy Neideck
Production Support David Cuthbertson
Image by ImageLab (Pictured: Ione Rijs)

Date

4 - 6 December

Mon 6.30pm Tues 8.30pm Wed 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 40 minutes

VenueLa Mama Courthouse





PILLOW TALK

Pillow Talk is a piece of highly collaborative, devised theatre that seeks to explore the private and personal ways in which women discuss their experience of patriarchal violence. There are nuances that exist within the conversations had between women that sometimes get lost when the same topics are discussed in a public forum. Through poetry, physical theatre, verbatim theatre, film, music and original writing the show aims to convey the intimacy and honesty that characterise these interactions. **Pillow Talk** attempts to explore the ways in which smaller, quieter moments of resistance can be more powerful than grand statements and gestures.

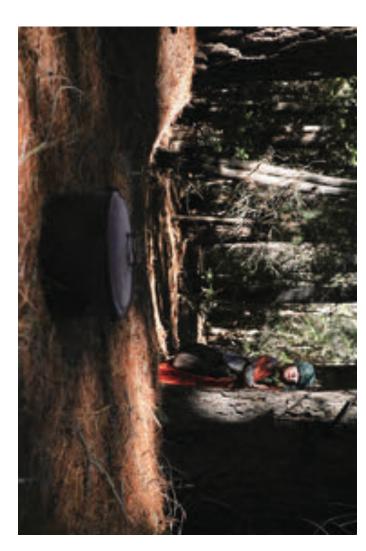
Directed by Alice Wheaton and Alexandra Culshaw Performed by Alexandra Culshaw, Adelaide Greig & Ella Du Vé Artwork by Miranda Smith

5 - 7 December

Time
Tues 6.30pm
Wed 8.30pm
Thur 6.30pm

DurationApprox. 45 minutes

VenueLa Mama Courthouse



THE STRANGE LUCK

a mysterious pot appears, challenging the old woman with a she throws caution to the wind, and takes a shortcut through game of trickery, and magic. the forest. Ignoring the warnings from the villagers of a resident, shapeshifting trickster. Suddenly on the path ahead, barter for food. One late afternoon, as darkness approaches fond of people, she only travels to town to do odd jobs and On the outskirts of a village, an old woman lives, alone. Not

the 'outsider'; The fear they evoke in us, and the sweet surprises For young and older, **The Strange Luck** considers the 'other' Based on the story *The Lucky Old Woman* by Robin Muller. that can be ours, if we don't run away.

Devised and performed by Carole Patullo

Sound design by Anna Durham Costume design by Madi Mccarthy Lighting design by John Collopy

Image by Ariel Johnson Song by Jane Bayly

8 - 10 December

Sun 6.30pm Sat 8.30pm Fri 6.30pm

Approx. 45 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse

With votes on same-sex marriage and assisted dying on the

Approx. 50 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse

I GIVE YOU MY LIFE

"When it comes to the end of my life, my trust is with myself."

9 - 11 December

give him what he needs. the comfort prescribed in the rule book. But none of them can his sister has good intentions and the nurse is trying to provide wasting away to death. Liam's doing his best to be supportive, Dan's dreaming of dead ducks and cartoon ghouls. He's also

> Sat 6.30pm Time

Sun 8.30pm

Mon 6.30pm

a chance to exercise your rights? It seems everyone else can agenda what if the clock was ticking so fast you wouldn't get have a say in how you live and die. It's time for Dan to take

Glavicic and George Gayler Performed by Shaun Goss, Jackson Trickett, Catherine Image by **Ellen Taylor** Written and Directed by Rory Godbold



IF GIANTS

serious in a sometimes moving and often maniacal mash-up of experimental cabaret, Of Giants blends the silly and the movement, storytelling, poetry and clowning Part speculative lecture on emerging science and part

inside the deep interior realms of our DNA collective story and genetic inheritance, this new work leads us personal narrative to grapple with questions of family, gender, Weaving together threads of science, social history and

Choreographed by Nicole Schild Performed by Nicole Schild, Siobhan Housden and Written and directed by Sophia Constantine

Set Design by Jennifer Tran Sophia Constantine

Sound operation & design support by Max Schollar-Root

Dramaturgy mentoring by Dr Tom Payne

Photographed by Jorge De Araujo

Epigenetic science consultant Alexandre Guérin Graphic design by Jennifer Tran

12 - 14 December

Wed 8.30pm Tues 6.30pm

Thur 6.30pm

Approx. 50 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse Venue

CITIZEN 457

applications, and ineffectual compassion. It explores what it the performers and their struggles with national pride, visa citizenship. In Helvetica will draw from the experiences of means to belong. To belong to Australia. To be a citizen. legislation in our country regarding emigration, refugees and Citizen 457 is an improvised dance theatre response to the

Where's my National Hero? Why can't I accept others? Why do I want to join this nation? Why do I struggle with National Pride?

often raises walls, protecting the borders instead of the people It gets harder to answer these questions in a world that more

held within the arms of our country. It's a cold bureaucratic, emotionless process to become, to be

Performers/Devisers of In Helvetica:

Sara Di Segna, Toni Main and Gene Holland

Image by Sabrina Testani

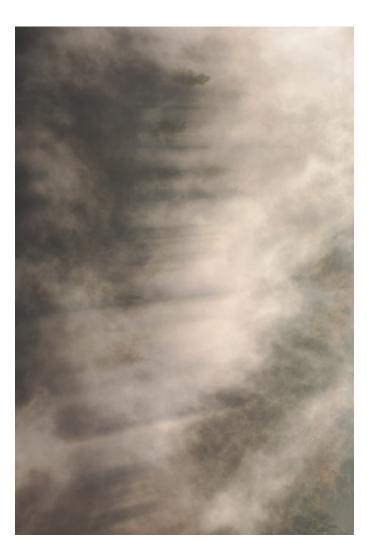
Date

13 - 15 December

Wed 6.30pm Time Thur 8.30pm

Fri 6.30pm Approx. 45 minutes Duration

La Mama Courthouse



A FIGURE WALKS INTO AN EMPTY ROOM

This work explores the quality of co-presence between a figure and a room.

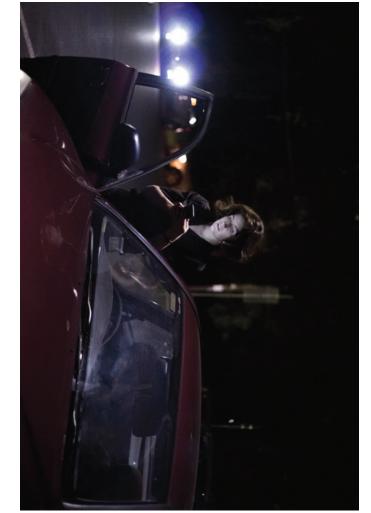
Created by Smiljana Glisovic
Dramaturgy by Peta Murray
Image by Artem Sapegin

Date 16 - 17 December

Sat 6.30pm Sun 2pm & 4pm

DurationApprox. 20 minutes

VenueLa Mama Courthouse



SANCTUARY

After a long day at work, she gets in her car, turns the music up and tunes the world out. This is her time to relax, unwind and feel free.

But then he starts calling.

Exploring marriage, motherhood and what it means to be safe, this is just another drive home. Until it isn't.

Using a mix of audio and live performance, Sanctuary explores the safety and the isolation one woman finds behind the steering wheel. Take a drive through the streets of Melbourne for this intimate, immersive theatre experience.

A new work by **Kasey Gambling**, creator of Melbourne Fringe sell-out *The Maze*, and **Keziah Warner**, 2017 Red Stitch INK playwright.

Date

22 - 24 November

Time

Wed 8.30pm & 9.30pm Thur 8.30pm & 9.30pm Fri 8.30pm & 9.30pm

Duration

Approx. 60 minutes

Venue Car - Meet at La Mama Courthouse

THE HQEYTRAP

Created and Performed by Kasey Gambling
Co-created and Dramaturgy by Keziah Warner
Image by Jez Hunghanfoo

TOANDEXPLORATIONS DESCRIPTIONS SCRIPT APPRAISALS PLAYREADINGS

scripts to grow and develop. This informal audience feedback and the chance for these setting encourages dialogue and is often the highly sought after space for a reading the year, La Mama gives writers (and directors) On selected Saturday afternoons throughou-

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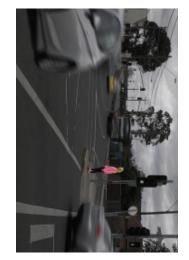
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experience. \
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As part of La Mama's commitment to providing pathways for artists, worder the intention of assisting development of both both our Plavrearding. a free play-script assessment service. We will give detailed feedback on any play, regardless of the writer's level of experience. We seek to give an honest but constructive response the intention of accidents. SCRIPT APPRAISAL
For ten years, La Mama har a free plant

EXPLORATIONS

where works in development are given - December) is a special time of year the core of all works produced and Explorations annual season (October presented at La Mama, however the since 1980. Creative exploration is at been supporting works in development La Mama's Explorations season has



BLACKSPOT HOTSPOT

a bend in the road where there are many disgust. Heg resolves to get rid of him. out and assisting them. It's getting out of motorcyclist, and brings him home to Heg's control when Alyss falls for Chris, an injured the confidence of the injured by running ways to encourage accidents and then gain when the accidents dry up they start finding providing them with accident details and They link up with tow truck companies goes along with it because they are broke from the accidents. Alyss is reluctant but maybe they can earn some kind of income road accidents. Heg starts to think that Alyss' Dad's old place. The house is above Heg and Alyss are unemployed and living in

Image by Isabella Gilbert Walley, Clare Larman and Alec Gilbert Cast includes Isabella Gilbert, Mathilda Directed by Elizabeth Walley Written by Bruce Shearer

Date 4 November La Mama Courthouse Approx. 45 minutes

Time **All Tickets** Venue **Duration**



ENOUGH SAID

PERFORMERS. NOT TO BE MISSED! HILARITY, SEX AND SADNESS. THREE AWARD WINNING

Be prepared for three professional actors whose minds could be in panic!

A rehearsed reading come on trust!

Written & directed by Sue Ingleton with Rob Meldrum,

Image by MCEscher

Jillian Murray and Sue Ingleton.

Time Date Venue **Duration** La Mama Theatre 18 November Approx. 60 minutes

All Tickets



THE BLAZING SON

in which he has remained cloistered and A man admits to murdering a girl with His mother comes to visit him. her body unfound. By his confession, he whom he was involved. Years have passed stands on the brink of being condemned.

had one remaining matchstick in and a gold I put my hand in and pulled out the pack. It I heard the matchsticks jiggle in my pocket. earring.

Here. I said.

She took it and said - Whose is it? Then her face paled and she said nothing only hid it within the folds of her hanky and stuffed it down her cleavage. I smiled and said,

If somebody would help me with this body I'd be grateful.

Actors Meg Clancy & Tom Richards Writer Lynn Preston Dramaturge **Sue Ingleton**

Date Time **All Tickets Duration** Venue 2pm Approx. 60 minutes 25 November La Mama Theatre

> Date Time

Venue

Duration

Approx. 120+ minutes La Mama Theatre

2pm 2 December

All Tickets



INDIA SONG

set in a fictional Calcutta. evocation of delirium and obsessive desire Marguerite Duras' India Song is a dreamy

other love story." (Duras) Memories that distort. That create. Like any place of forgetting, of faltering memory. Music, images and text intersect in "... a

remarkable film. An impossible play that became a

Image by Kip Scott (Abandoned India) Pierzchalski, Luca Romani, Rupert Burns, Laura Lattuada, Adam Performers include Richard Directed by Laurence Strangio Written by Marguerite Duras Thorold and Edwina Wren www.kipscottphoto.com Annie



down, the internet has failed, the bandwidth overtaken by bird song and insect to the high ground, the power lines are The waters are rising, people are retreating interference. The Ravening is set in a collapsing world

guests who'll never arrive. Jason, the his mistakes. It's possible there is no one son and brother, returns home, fleeing up in their mansion planning parties for group hanging on at the water's edge. The left outside the family and the remnant be meat soon. Ravens are gathering. They know there will Carmilla and her daughter Ingrid are holed

Directed by Susie Dee Image by Caroline Amos The Ravening by Maude Davey



Australia O Council for the Arts

Date Time Venue **Duration** 9 December 2pm

All Tickets La Mama Theatre Approx. 60 minutes

OTHER EVENTS

A special encore performance Due to public demand...



La Mama and Devil's Own presents

GAOL BY OSCAR WILDE THE BALLAD OF READING

oldest Prison, The Old Melbourne Gaol... Five intrepid performers in a world first perform Dont miss out!! The Ballad of Reading Gaol in Melbourne's

was first composed. incarceration, is as visceral today as when it Written in 1897, Oscar Wilde's heart wrenching verse work, in response to his notorious

own version of his Victorian hell. ... The Old witness to Wilde's truths over 100 years later. Melbourne Gaol is the ultimate set...bearing "Wilde's j'accuse! rings loud in our very

- Reviewed by Sarah W. from The Plus Ones

Peter McKeown **Phoenix The Street Artist** Artwork, poster and set designed by Music composed and performed live by Marco Lawrence and Michael F Cahill Performed by Tanya Burne, Leah Filley, Directed by Alice Bishop

Date Venue **Duration Tickets** 8pm sharp Sunday 22 October \$50 Full | \$35 Concession Approx. 60 minutes Melbourne CBD 377 Russell Street The Old Melbourne Gaol

> and songs, alongside contemporary origina Melbourne's Asylum Seeker Resource works using electronics and big amps for a big party sound. Come prepared to dance playing both culturally traditional instruments Centre Music Group) is a large ensemble MUSICAL JOURNEYS LA MAMA MUSICA (formerly

LA MAMA POETICA

LA MAMA PROGRAMS

Date Featuring Anthony Lawrence, Lady Longdrop Petra White, Tony Paige &

Venue Tickets \$12 Full | \$8 Concession La Mama Courthouse 7.30pm for an 8pm Tuesday 31 October

Time



LA MAMA MUSICA

bass trombone and percussion Adrian Sherriff Composition, shakuhachi, percussion and special guests keyboard, sampled prepared piano and Carmen Chan Just intoned Pianoteq **Deborah Kayser** Soprano 山彦 Yamabiko Mountain Echo

Date Venue Time Tickets \$15 Full | \$10 Concession La Mama Theatre Tuesday 21 November

and celebrate community.

Date **Tickets** Time Venue \$15 Full | \$10 Concession La Mama Courthouse Monday 18 December

Note: Ticket price includes entry to the Old Melbourne Gaol. There is no seating, standing only

SERVICE TO ARTIST



LA MAMA CREATIVES

Introducing La Mama's feature page for Directors and Designers!

Following on from the success of *The La Mama Casting Service*, we would now like to broaden the ability for more creatives to connect with each other by offering Directors, Theatre Makers, Stage Managers, Set Designers, Sound Designers and Lighting Designers the opportunity to be featured on a dedicated page specific to their field - thus creating the possibility for more free and open collaboration!

With this in mind, La Mama would like to open up the opportunity for creatives of all kinds to submit a professional headshot and CV, which will be displayed and listed on our newly created La Mama Creatives Page, relevant to their particular field. This service can help by providing a free and simple platform to showcase yourself as a creative, and to connect with other artists.

If you haven't already, check out our Casting Page.

lamama.com.au/casting

If you are interested in being featured, please contact

zac@lamama.com.au

LA MAMA NEWS



LA MAMA 50TH BOOK

La Mama is written by Adam Cass with the La Mama Theatre Community and is published by Miegunyah Press, an imprint of Melbourne University Publishing. This beautiful book is a rich, chaotic oral and visual history of La Mama. It is a celebration of the thousands of people who have made La Mama, and of the infinite ephemeral moments which have shaped careers, changed lives, and have combined to create such an incredibly significant contribution to Australia's cultural and social fabric.



Price \$50.00
Only at La Mama
All proceeds go to La Mama



LA MAMA ACCESS

La Mama Courthouse is still under construction, as we work towards full accessibility for all patrons. The Courthouse renovations will be complete and La Mama Courthouse will be a fully accessible venue from Monday 23rd October.

Many thanks to Working Heritage for their support in allowing all to access the wonderful La Mama Courthouse.

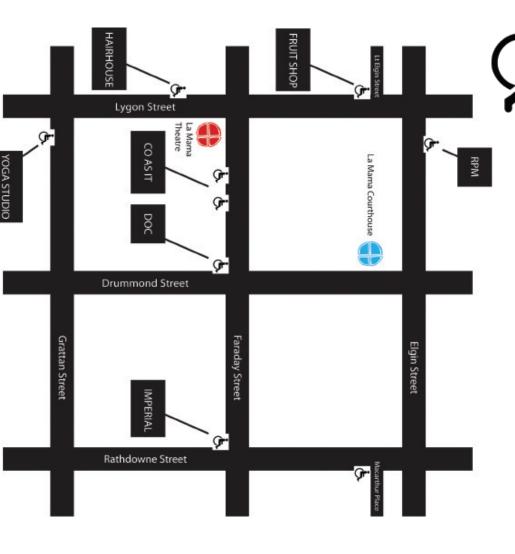
La Mama Theatre has limited wheelchair access. Please call La Mama in advance to discuss access needs.

La Mama accepts Companion Cards and regularly programs Auslan Interpreted performance.

For more information about La Mama Access, please go to: http://lamama.com.au/our-venues/la-mama-accessibility

DISABLED PARKING MAP

There are several accessible parking options around both our venues, and La Mama also offer patrons with a disabled permit the option to park on our forecourt at 205 Faraday Street, Carlton. Please see map below.



La Mama Theatre is on traditional Wurundjeri land. We pay our respect to all Indigenous Australians, past and present, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land.

The La Mama community acknowledges the considerable support received in the past decade from Jeanne Pratt AC and The Pratt Foundation.

We would also like to express our gratitude for the support received from our donors; whose invaluable contribution ensures La Mama remains Melbourne's home of cutting edge contemporary theatre and artistic freedom.

La Mama Theatre is registered by the Heritage Council Victoria and has received National Trust status.





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Tickets

Full Season: \$25 Full | \$15 Concession

Exploration: \$15 Playreadings: \$10

Bookings close 5pm on Mondays - Saturdays

and 3pm on Sundays

Venues

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