

La Mama Theatre presents

SURPRISE PARTY WITH JEM AND DEAD MAX

WRITTEN BY **Georgia Symons**
DIRECTED BY **Iris Gaillard**
FEATURING **Anna Kennedy** and **Christian Taylor**

16 – 27 August, La Mama Courthouse

Jem's best mate Max is dead, but he won't let that get in the way of a good party. As the night unfolds, blurry memories get pulled into uncomfortable focus, until they reach the one memory they can't agree on but will never forget.

Written by **Georgia Symons** during her Wheeler Centre 2015 Hot Desk Fellowship, *Surprise Party with Jem and Dead Max* examines a relationship between childhood best friends, and how even the strongest bonds can be torn apart by the confusion and silence around sex and consent.



"I wanted to write this for anyone who looks back on certain sexual experiences with confusion or discomfort," says playwright Georgia Symons. "All of us - but especially young people - need a wider dialogue around sex and consent. What do we do when we can't feel hatred? What do we do with fond memories when they turn sour?"

Directed by **Iris Gaillard**, this new Australian play provides a compelling perspective on social pressure and consent, exploring teenage relationships and events that carry repercussions into adult life. Starring **Anna Kennedy** as Jem and **Christian Taylor** as Max in their most electric roles to date, Gaillard's production will be one party you don't want to miss.

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VENUE: La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St, Carlton

DATES AND TIMES: 16 – 27 August; Wed 6.30pm | Thu, Fri, Sat 7.30pm | Sun 4.00pm

TICKETS: \$25 Adult / \$15 Concession

DURATION: 70 minutes, no interval

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