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La Mama Theatre is on traditional land of the people of the Kulin Nation. We give our respect to the Elders of these traditional lands and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and future. We acknowledge all events take place on stolen lands and that sovereignty was never ceded.

ABOUT LA MAMA

La Mama is a not for profit, independent theatre with a distinct artist focus. Treasured for its continued advocacy of those seeking to explore beyond the mainstream theatre, La Mama champions artistic freedom and individuality. Providing the integral foundational resources and support for new and experienced theatre makers, La Mama ensures artist remuneration, celebrates creative risk and advances the development of new vibrant work.

La Mama prioritises accessibility and celebrates its excitingly diverse community, warmly welcoming artists and audiences alike from a wide cross section of the community. With its rich history spanning over fifty years, La Mama stimulates work that is adventurous, vigorous, relevant and reflective of a vital range of needs and voices.

La Mama has operated out of our home at 205 Faraday Street since 1967. In 1998 we took over management of La Mama Courthouse in Drummond Street, which we gratefully rent through Working Heritage. Through a major fundraising effort in 2008, the La Mama community bought the Faraday Street site. Sadly on May 19, 2018, just short of our 10th year anniversary, the building on Faraday Street burned down. Our intention is to restore our beloved La Mama to its humble, intimate self, honouring our rich past and preparing for a fruitful future. The size of the performance space



1976 La Mama Theatre on 205 Faraday Street, Carlton. Image by James Clayden.

will not change and we are aspiring to recreate its mood, simplicity and magic. Despite the tragedy of the fire, there is a significant opportunity for La Mama to make some adjustments and improvements – one very clear example is that we will be able to realise our long-held ambition to make La Mama an accessible space; which delights us greatly. Once through the process of permit applications with City of Melbourne and Heritage Victoria, we intend to start building later this year and will be reopen fully by January 2021.

La Mama is home to many and open to all. We hope to see you there.

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WELCOME

Welcome to our Winter and Spring seasons 2019

Our REBUILD LA MAMA campaign is going magnificently. Thank you so much for your support. At this point we are hoping that by January 2021 we will have our beloved headquarters restored and will once again be able to facilite work at both our great venues. For now tho' and throughout 2020 we will largely be presenting our creative works out of the La Mama Courthouse, with our day time office in the foyer of that building.

That is with the exception of our exciting EXPLORATIONS SEASON which we are presenting out of THE BURROW at 83 Brunswick St Fitzroy. This very warm and welcoming venue is run by former La Mama staffer Pippa Bainbridge and her partner Swiss Kalken. The program is packed with exciting events and the season runs until 30th June so we hope to see you there.

What follows is our magnificent Winter and Spring Season 2019, diverse and inviting theatrical fare along with nights of Musica, Poetica and Saturday afternoon Playreadings.

Our venue is warm and dry, our fridge and bar well stocked and our staff always happy to see you.

So come along between now and Christmas just as often as you can!

Warm regards, Liz Jones

C.E.O. & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Artistic Director of La Mama Theatre, **Liz Jones AO**, announced as the **recipient of the 2019 Sue Nattrass Award®** for exceptional service to the live performance industry. This prestigious award honours exceptional service to Australian live performance, shining a spotlight on people in service roles that support our industry.

The Award will be presented at the 19th annual Helpmann Awards in Melbourne in July.





Thank you to our wonderful community for all your support with Rebuild La Mama. We still have a little way to go, so for your chance to contribute, and for updated information on our campaign go to lamama.com.au/supportlamama

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Amanda Anastasi La Mama Poetica Curator

Gemma Horbury La Mama Musica Curator

FRONT OF HOUSE STAFF

Amber Hart, Maureen Hartley, Caitlin Dullard, Elena Larkin, Sophia Constantine, Jen Tran, Laurence Strangio, Anna Ellis, Susan Bamford Caleo, Carmelina Di Guglielmo, Dennis Coard, Zac Kazepis, Phil Roberts, Dora Abraham, Alex Woollatt, Isabel Kniight.





VENUE ACCESS

We are delighted to share the news that from 2021, La Mama on Faraday street will be a universally accessible space including two lifts, accessible bathrooms and an accessible shower.

The La Mama Courthouse is now fully accessible for all patrons.



BOOKING TICKETS

Tickets can be booked either through the La Mama website or by phoning 03 9347 6948.

If you need to, you can also contact La Mama through the National Relay Service on 13 36 77 and request 03 9347 6948.

You are also welcome to book in person at our Courthouse Theatre during office hours.



AUSLAN INTERPRETING, AUDIO DESCRIPTION AND RELAXED PERFORMANCES

Please check our website for the the most up to date information about accessible performances at La Mama, such as Auslan interpreted shows, audio described events and relaxed performances.

La Mama encourages all our artists to make shows here as accessible as possible. If you have some suggestions for performances that could be Auslan interpreted, audio described or captioned (for example), please get in touch. Please also be in touch if you have additional access requirements or suggestions so that we can assist.



COMPANION AND CARER CARDS

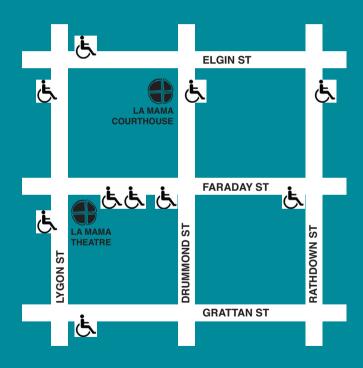
La Mama accepts Companion Cards and Carer Cards - you can either book through TryBookings or by getting in touch with the office so we can process your tickets for you.



Guide dogs and assistance animals are welcome at the La Mama Courthouse.

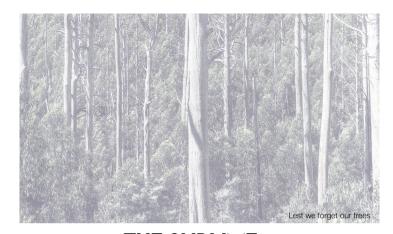


Please see the map below for the closest accessible parking spots.



For more information on La Mama's Disability Action Plan see our website or ask the office for a copy.





"it's about... THE SUBLIME... in search of"

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

The Sublime is...the overpowering...the awe inspiring...the terrifying! Has 'it' become, in the mindfields of the 'modern era", all-swallowing, devouring 'its' succinct meanings along the way?

Challenging, exciting, incomprehensible, humblingand more.

What might we uncover across five performances? A feint hint of The Sublime's own universe?

Perhaps what we are really seeking is a genuine engagement... with...the beauty of the incomplete...

This work is full of surprises. Expect the unexpected. AND for you the audience, time to reflect in situ. Bookings essential (only 28 seats).

Devised, directed and designed by **Lloyd Jones** in collaboration with **The Ensemble**

Pippa Bainbridge Robyn Clancy Tim Ferris Amber Hart Justine Jansz Liz Jones Peter Murphy Raymond Triggs Scott Welsh Evangeline Oster Elena Larkin Jessica Cherry Anna Ellis Greg Fryer Maureen Hartley Rosemary Johns Zac Kazepis Elnaz Sheshgelani Darren Vizer Rebecca Mezei Sandra Chui

as well as guest performers.

Light and Sound Technician Lisa Inman

Date

26 - 30 June

Time

Wed - Sat 7.30pm

Sun 4pm **Duration**

Approx. 70 minutes

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La Mama Courthouse

Image by Lloyd Jones with Adrian Prosen





TWIGS THAT NEVER TOOK

Through Comedy, tragedy, puppetry, truth and fantasy, Twigs That Never Took depicts a woman struggling to find the way forward. Time has moved on and she is no longer young, but she has an urgent need to relive her happier days as an attempt to stay positive and gain strength. She has always tried to do the right things in life, but things haven't always turned out as she had hoped, so now it is time to find another way forward. Like the cuttings she is trying to strike, she too wants to thrive and flourish.

Written and Performed by **Donna De Palma**Produced by **Donna De Palma and Lee Naish**

Director: Carmel Hyland

Set design and construction: **Lee Naish**Shadow puppets and screen maker: **Peter Fernon**Sound and Lighting Technician: **Teri Steer**

Dramaturg: **Angela Costi**Photography: **Moira Callegari**Poster graphic design: **Jean Watson**

Publicity: Donna De Palma/Lee Naish/Maria Romnios

Date

3 - 7 July

Time

Wed & Fri 6.30pm Thu & Sat 8.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 55 minutes

Venue

La Mama Courthouse

Image by Moira Callegari





THE INTRIGUING CASE OF THE SILENT FOREST

The play was inspired by one short improvisation between Kathleen Doyle and Yoka Jones four years ago and developed in the Thursday Group ensemble-shared personal examinations, and improvisation in poor-theatre-modes making metaphors around the legacy of trauma.

A story of a heroine who tries to find a path through the tangled undergrowth of unwanted memories, Silent forest is a psychological thriller of yugen-shadows, a fragmented noir in full-body mode.

Josephine- "...in the sanctity of any normal street, odd or even side, if you listen, you will hear a cry for help".

Performers: Rodrigo Calderón, Matthew Crosby, Kathleen Doyle, Eidann Glover, Alana Hoggart, and Lorna McLeod Writer/director: Matthew Crosby

The Thursday Group facilitators: Matthew Crosby, Kathleen Doyle

Production Manager: Alana Hoggart Paper work: Noriko Ikaga

Date

3 - 7 July

Time

Wed & Fri 8.30pm Thu, Sat & Sun 6.30pm

Duration

Approx. 70 minutes

Venue

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Image by

Jack Kirby Crosby



Supported by the City of Melbourne Arts Grants Program





THE BACCHAE

A new exploration of the Bacchae myths, steeped in ritual and rebellion. An all-female & non-binary cast tell stories of women and cults who have challenged the patriarchal status quo throughout history. Forget the original Bacchus, where the women wait offstage while men try and fail to tell their story. In Robert Reid's epic new text the women take centre stage en masse! This fierce retelling, inspired by Richard Schechner's Dionysus in '69, weaves in classic and pop culture references from Sophocles to The Manson Family. Join the Cult.

Featuring a dynamic cast of 40 women and non binary people comprised of professional actors and emerging MUST performers including:

Freva Pragt, Melanie Beddie, Sharon Kershaw, Jess Gonsalvez, Carissa Part 2 8.30pm Lee, Felicity Steele, Eleanor Howlett, Kerith Manderson-Galvin, Danica Kohn, Casey Bohan, Peita Collard, Tess Luminati, Shamita Sivabalan, Kathryn Yates, Ellen Grimshaw, Yoni Prior, Amanda Dhammanarachchi, Gillian Lee, Chelsea Rabl, Aileen Lau, Zainab Abdul, Alice Stewart, Celina part) Mack, Baria Khan, Jessica Hayden, Tijen Lrmak, Bianca Montagner, Roxana Paun-Trifan, Xanthe Sefton, Ellen Ma, Audrey Li, Elena Fanaritis, Caitlin Harry, Georgina Bright, Mia Fine, Madeleine Brown, Gemma La Mama Courthouse Livingstone, Agata Dmochowska, G. Ulrich, Kelly Wilson

A Robert Reid & MUST co-production.

Script & Direction by Robert Reid Assistant Direction and Musical Direction by Kelly Wilson Assistant Direction and Choreography by Sarah Macky Produced by Georgia Kate Bell Photography and Graphic Design by Julia Kaddatz

Date

10 - 21 July Part 1 first week Part 2 second week Both parts on weekends

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu & Fri 7.30pm Sat & Sun Part 1 5pm

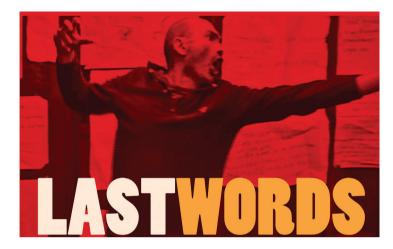
Duration

Approx. 120 mins (each

Venue







LAST WORDS

A new theatre work for one actor and one musician in an expansive exploration of memory and its loss.

At the narrative core of this work is the story of the actors parents beginning from the USSR in the 1930s to their Alzheimer's dementia in 21st Century Australia - A testament to a courageous and an imperfect life lived, told through a kaleidoscopic and unpredictable meditation on memory itself.

Performer, Writer, Co-devisor, Producer Joseph Sherman Co-devisor, Director John Bolton Composer, Musician Chris Bolton Design Brian Lipson Lighting design Shane Grant Image by Danny Blay Colour portraits Paul Dunn

Date

24 July - 4 August

Time

Wed & Fri 6.30pm Thu & Sat 8.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

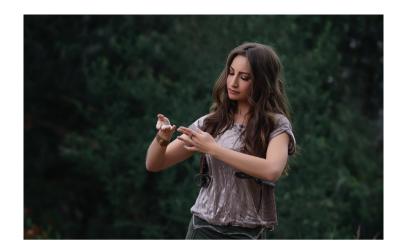
Approx. 70 minutes

Venue

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MAKE ME A HOURI

Two women have passed on.

After experiencing grave punishment, Asmara desires to transform into a Houri, a virgin of paradise. Safia, who had never married, assists her with this endeavour.

Make Me A Houri is a story of two women seeking to defy the external forces governing their bodies. It blends poetry, stylised physicality and unusual anecdotes to explore the relationship between the realms of the sensual and the spiritual, the mystical and the material.

Written by Emina Ashman
Directed by Stephanie Ghajar
Set and Costume Design by Lara Week
Lighting Design by Shane Grant
Sound Design by Sidney Millar
Performed by Emina Ashman and Nisha Joseph

Publicity by Eleanor Howlett (Sassy Red PR) Photographed by Keith Costelo

Date

25 July - 4 Aug

Time

Opens Thursday Wed & Fri 8.30pm Thu, Sat & Sun 6.30pm

Q&A

Wednesday 31 July

Duration

Approx. 70 minutes

Venue

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A_TISTIC PRESENTS: HELPING HANDS

When the whole world wants you to be a certain way, what does Date it mean to get help?

Sheridan needs help to do battle with the Department for Very Time Differently Special Needs. Alice needs help to find a therapist 7,30pm who knows anything at all about autism and gender. And Donna needs... well, no one seems to know exactly what Donna Duration needs. She can't tell us. Not vet.

Created in collaboration with a majority autistic and/or otherwise neurodivergent cast. Helping Hands is a surrealist, experimental exploration of what help is, and what help could be.

Co-created by directors Hannah Aroni, Jess Gonsalvez and James Matthews, and devising cast Tara Daniel, Vanessa Di Natale, Emily Griffith, Dee Matthews, Artemis Munoz, Aislinn Murray and Alexander Woollatt Creative consultancy by Hari Srinivasan Sound design by Jacinta Anderson Set and lighting design by John Collopy Costume design by Hannah Aroni Cinematography by Gideon Aroni Stage management by **Jacinta Anderson** and **L. Turpin** Production management by Theodore Murray.

Following its debut La Mama season, this production will also be available to experience online for a limited time via a high-quality, captioned, streamable film. Head to a-tistic.com.au/helping-hands to purchase a film ticket or learn more!

Originally developed with the support of Brunswick Mechanics Institute.

Wed 7 - Sat 10 Aug

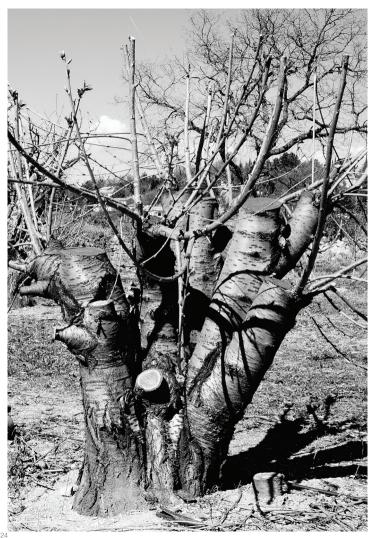
Approx. 90 minutes followed by Q & A

Venue

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Image by John Collopy (original photography) Hannah Aroni (illustration)







WILD CHERRIES

"Catch on fire and people will come for miles to see you burn." John Wesley.

Broken stories of forgotten people - A powerful new work from internationally acclaimed playwright Daniel Keene.

Trapped by circumstance and poverty, exploited and disposable, a group of forced labourers risk everything to break the bonds that imprison them.

Each has a different story to tell, but all their stories are broken. Trapped in a cycle of unrelenting labour, cut off from their past and uncertain of their future, eight individuals must discover their collective strength. Perhaps together they can create a new beginning. No matter what the price.

Director Beng Oh

Designer Emily Collett Sound designer Ben Keene Stage manager Teri Steer Cast Lucy Ansell, Molly Broadstock, Milijana Čančar, Dennis Coard, John Marc Desengano, Carmelina Di Guglielmo, Kim Ho and Troy Larkin

Date

14 - 25 Aug

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 90 minutes

Venue

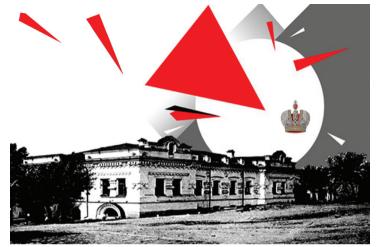
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Image by **Daniel Keene**

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TCHEKOV AT THE HOUSE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE

Чехов в доме специального назначения

"To Moscow! To Moscow! What are you waiting for?"

The Reds once the powerless now the powerful. The Whites once absolute rulers now the powerless. The Tsar family are imprisoned by the Bolsheviks in a provincial house. It is a fact the Romanov girls performed Chekhov to pass the time under house arrest. But what happens in this last house - of existential chaos, youth versus age, hope versus paranoia, and love versus fear?

Playwright: R. Johns, Director: Alex Menglet, Production Design: Peter Mumford, Lighting Designer: Shane Grant, Sound Designer: Zac Kazepis, Stage Management: Julian Adams.

Actors: Jim Daly, Olga Makeeva, Gregory. J. Fryer, Anita Torrance, Adam May, Phil Roberts, Joanna Halliday, Huw Jennings, Maria Paula Afanador, Mona Mina Leon, Natalia Rozpara and Kandice Joy.

A 2019 VCE Theatre Studies Unit 4 Playlist Production A Melbourne St Petersburg Sister City 30th Celebration Event **Date** 28 Aug - 8 Sept

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Matinees Wed & Thu 1pm Fri 11am

DurationApprox. 90 minutes

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Venue La Mama Courthouse

Peter Mumford in homage to Lazar Markovich Lissitzky







BROKEN RIVER

"Those who talk, don't know, Those who know, don't talk..." Carl Williams.

The dismembered body of Junie Patel is discovered in a shallow grave in country Victoria. Detective Sergeant Peter Rowstone of Major Crime pins criminal Marlene Corchoran as the prime suspect. But there are many questions to answer. What was Rowstone doing at Broken River the night Patel was murdered? Is Rowstone's investigation revealing the dark heart of the crime or is it an elaborate conspiracy? Who and what is 'The Brotherhood', the secret organisation of powerful men who engage in depraved rituals at an isolated lodge in northeastern Victoria?

An exciting fictional expose of the dark heart of evil lying beneath the surface of crime and its policing in present-day Melbourne.

Writer: Tony Reck
Director: Richard Murphet

Lighting Designer: **Kris Chainey** Sound Designer: **Adam Casey** Stage Manager: **Jackie Mates**

Cast (includes): Adrian Mulraney, Carole Patullo, Adam Cass, Matthew Whitty, Jackson Trickett, Nick Stribakos, Allen Laverty

Date

11 - 22 Sept

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 140 minutes

Venue

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Image by **Tony Reck**







FACING MEDEA BY FRANÇOIS CERVANTES

Three young women pass a church where an important marriage is taking place, they hear an explosion and terrifying screams an horrific tragedy unfolds in front of them. Hours later they are still there trying to piece together what has happened.

Gradually they realise it is Medea's tragedy that they have witnessed. It is as if it has only just happened for the first time - the immediacy of its impact is unexpectedly personal and powerful. Facing Medea is not an adaptation of a Greek tragedy but a search for the traces of this potent tale that still remain. It offers a fresh and contemporary perspective on this ancient yet deeply relevant myth.

Translated by Marissa O'Reilly

Director: Jenny Kemp

Performers: Iris Gaillard, Annie Thorold Image by Iris Gallard and David Burrows

Date

25 Sept - 6 Oct

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Matinee

Fri 27 Sept 1pm

Duration

Approx. 90 minutes

Venue

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THE DISAPPEARING TRILOGY

A three-part mini-episodic tragicomedy exploring the shocking disappearances of an actress as the performance of character collides with the performance of personal fears.

Set in the magical world of theatre, the actress, fading, and hung-over suffers the post-show blues of a one-star show. Out-of-control and now, out-of-work, the actress spirals into a life-changing decision, catapulting onto a path of self-destruction. In a desperate attempt to secure a role uniquely her own, the actress hires a new agent who promises her success. The agent manipulates the actress into surrendering her willpower for a fantasy world in which she is now trapped. As her make-believe world collapses, the actress faces her greatest illusion. Warning: This story has a serrated moral edge.

Creator and Performer: Suzie Hardgrave Lighting and Set Design: Bronwyn Pringle Sound Design: Chris Wenn Directorial and Dramaturgical Consultant: Alister Smith Movement Advisor: Sarah Cathcart Assistant Director Internship: Greta Doell

Special thanks to Professor Jane Montgomery Griffiths, Professor Stacy Holman Jones, Karl Willebrant and the Centre for Theatre and Performance, Monash University. Date

16 - 27 Oct

Time

Wed & Fri 6.30pm Thu & Sat 8.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 75 minutes

Venue

La Mama Courthouse

Image by Darren Gill

MONASH ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS





SAVANNAH BAY

"You don't know who you are, who you were, you know you have played, you don't know what you played, what you are playing, you know you have to play, you don't know what, you play.

Savannah Bay is you."

A young woman attends to Madeleine, an ageing actress – she may be her carer, she may be her grand-daughter. She desperately seeks to entice from her the fragile memories which bind them together – memories that have merged with a life immersed in the theatre.

Life and art blur in this delicate production featuring **Brenda Palmer** as 'Madeleine'.

Text by Marguerite Duras
Performed by Brenda Palmer and Annie Thorold
Directed by Laurence Strangio

Presented with support from Alliance Française

Date

17 - 27 Oct

Time

Thu, Sat, Sun 6.30pm Fri 9pm *no Wed performances

Duration

Approx. 60 minutes

Venue

La Mama Courthouse

Image by Laurence Strangio







THIGH GAP

Two women. One apartment. They're surrounded by flashy lipstick ads, wellness trends and dating apps. The women self-examine and compare, examine and compare. They're aiming for something. They're aiming for a thigh gap and they don't know why.

Thigh Gap is an absurd, dark comedy that explores the commodification of women's bodies in a capitalist patriarchy.

Written by Jamaica Zuanetti
Directed by Alice Darling
Performed by Veronica Thomas and Izabella Yena
Dramaturgy by Keziah Warner
Sound Design by Russell Goldsmith
Produced by Michaela Bedel and Jamaica Zuanetti
Developed through Lonely Company

Shortlisted for London's **Platform Presents Playwright's Prize 2019**, successful recipient of artists residency with **Terracina Estate** and **Lonely Company**.

"Zuanetti is a playwright to watch." - Cameron Woodhead, The Age.

"A sharply intelligent play: political, confessional, poetic and formally daring."

- Too Ready Mirror. Andrew Fuhrmann, Realtime.

Date

30 Oct - 10 Nov

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 60 minutes

Venue

La Mama Courthouse

Image by

Darren Gill

COMPANY





THE AUDITION

The Audition is a multi-authored work that interrogates the protocols and power relationships of the audition process to uncover what it means to seek asylum. The asylum seeker shares something in common with the actor. They are experts at being patient with a force that keeps them endlessly waiting without having their hopes dashed. The stage is a country in itself. With its own rules and regulations. Or lack of them.

Director & Concept Irine Vela

Writers Christos Tsiolkas, Melissa Reeves, Milad Norouzi, Patricia Cornelius, Sahra Davoudi, Tes Lyssiotis & Wahibe Moussa

Cast Mary Sitarenos, Milad Norouzi, & Sahra Davoudi Dramaturg Maryanne Lynch Lighting Designer Gina Gascoigne











Developed with support from Australia Council for the Arts, Creative Victoria, City of Melbourne, Lord Mayor Charitable Foundation and Inner North Community Foundation.

Date

13 - 24 Nov

Time

Wed 13 Nov 1pm Opening Night Thu 14 Nov Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm Wed 20th Nov 11am & 6.30pm

Duration

Approx. 80 minutes

Venue

La Mama Courthouse

Image by Miguel Rios & Meredith O'Shea









I SHOT MUSSOLINI

'The world is full of dictators who grow old in their tyranny and corruption because we are not as brave, or as mad, as Violet Gibson was.'
Collins

Rome 1926. The Honourable Violet Gibson tries to assassinate Benito Mussolini. She misses. Mussolini puts a bandage on his nose and carries on with his plans for dictatorship.

Another 2 inches to the right and Violet would have changed the entire sweep of world history.

Saint, subversive, prophet or madwoman? I Shot Mussolini is the story of an eccentric Irishwoman who wanted to kill Mussolini and the Italian policeman who wanted to find out why.

Written and Directed by **Alice Bishop**Additional Research and Italian Translation by **Heather Lythe**Based in part on Richard Collins' manuscript *The Irish Baron's Daughter*and Mussolini's Nose.

Date

27 Nov - 8 Dec

Time

Wed - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm preview Wed 27 Nov at 7.30pm

Duration

Approx. 90 minutes

Venue

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Image by

Alice Bishop







ANNA

1950s Bulgaria. Stalin is in power. The door bell rings. The typewriters of the secret service tap, recording lives. This woman lives alone and writes stories; ogres, princesses, myths. Her reality is more frightening than her stories. There is nowhere to go where they are not watching. Tap, tap. A room of secrets and files. They mount up over the years and dust gathers. It's hard to find out what is true, what is a lie.

Written and performed by **Bagryana Popov** Directed by **John Bolton** Designed by **Lara Week** Lighting Design by **Bronwyn Pringle** Stage Manager **Julian Adams** Image by **Tess Hutson**

Date

11 - 22 Dec

Time

Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm

Duration

Approx. 50 minutes

Venue

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Sentient Theatre's production

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN BY VIRGINIA WOOLF

Adapted for the stage and directed by Peta Hanrahan

"This luminous, accessible production captures the beauty of Woolf's prose and the complexity of her ideas [and] gives her potent words vivid voice." The Age

Following a sold-out premiere season in 2016, Sentient Theatre's stage adaptation of Virginia Woolf's classic essay returns. Breathing new life into the history of women and literature, this production features four performers as aspects of Woolf's mind in conversation with herself and the audience. Today, with campaigns such as Me Too, Time's Up and NOW Australia, 'A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf' shines a light on our history with astounding relevance to contemporary society.

Adapted and Directed by Peta Hanrahan
Performed by Anthea Davis, Marissa O'Reilly,
Anna Kennedy & Jackson Trickett
Lighting Design by Paul Lim
Set Design by Dagmara Gieysztor
Sound Design by David Thomson
Produced by Anna Kennedy
Stage & Production Management by
Tennessee Mynott-Rudland
Publicity by Eleanor Howlett (Sassy Red PR)
Image by Henry Choo

Date

17 - 28 July

Time

Tue - Sat 7.30pm Sun 5pm Preview Wed 17 July Opening Thu 18 July

Duration

Approx. 60 minutes

Venue

fortyfivedownstairs 45 Flinders Lane, City **All bookings via** fortyfivedownstairs.com

REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA







GAZPACHO

This is a song for Garcia Lorca Who; like many who looked For a future but were Murdered by the past

On Tuesday night 18th August 1936 Frederico del Sagrado Corazon Jesus Garcia Lorca better known as Garcia Lorca was taken by a Francoist death squad from the house of a friend in Granada; driven to a field near the farm called Cortijo de Gazpacho and shot dead. His remains still await exhumation; like 114,266 other Republican dead. GAZPACHO takes up an oral history story from later in the Civil War of four Republican prisoners awaiting their last dawn.

Written by Peter Green

Date Sun 27 July Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 70 mins **Venue** La Mama Courthouse

PLAYREADINGS
All Tickets \$10



CHEER UP CARL

Carl is a man grieving the death of his dog Grover and the deportation of his Taiwanese, drug trafficking girlfriend. Over the course of an evening with his brother and sister in law he finds a sense of family and love.

Written and produced by Louis Dickins Directed by Greg Csrroll Performed by Zac Kazepis, Vincent Kos, Maddie Roberts Image by Ben KL

Date Sat 10 Aug Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 60 minutes **Venue** La Mama Courthouse



SIR PERCY'S CONQUEST

It is 1774 and England Is bathed in sunshine. The reign of King George III is causing disdain and suffering. The rich are getting richer, the poor don't even register.

Sir Percy Cavendish, thirty-nine, a society man, a man with a conscience, a leader of men. His mission to confront injustice and fight for a cause that resonates through his soul. He lives a double life of, our Percy, and his alias 'The Rose of the Valley'.

Please join us on a journey of danger, secrecy, sovereignty and freedom.

Written by Marty MonStar
Directors Tina Fodera and Marty MonStar
Foley Artist George O'Harra
Performed by Brendan Bonsack, Marty
MonStar, Gerard Lewis-Fitzgerald,
Tina Fodera, Sasha Cuha, Eddy Burger,
Steve Smart

Date Sat 24 Aug

Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 90 minutes **Venue** La Mama Courthouse On selected weekend afternoons throughout the year, La Mama gives writers (and directors) highly sought after space for a reading, audience feedback and the chance for these scripts to grow and develop. This informal setting encourages dialogue and is often the first stage of development.



THE WEIRDO CLUB

Professional Collective © presents the first public reading of an absurd new black comedy / melodrama by Awgie award winning playwright, Stephen House. Set in real time in the living room of Mary's mansion and wrapped in secrets and lies, the play looks at fame, failure, fraudsters and family. (The first draft of the play was commended by The Fellowship of Australian Writer's, Victoria, for The Di Cranston Script Award). Join House and the team of Melbourne actors for a brief chat after the reading.

Written & Directed by Stephen House Performed by Alec Gilbert, Isabella Gilbert, Stephen House, Ruth Kateralos Image by Isabella Gilbert

Date Sat 28 Sept

Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 60 minutes **Venue** La Mama Courthouse

PLAYREADINGS continued...



TALKING TO THE FUTURE

What kind of people brought about Federation, created Australia as a nation? Idealistic, complex, and energetic, yet to some modern eyes, limited by the beliefs of their era. The cause they strove for, the dilemmas they faced, are strongly relevant today, in a time of concern about globalisation, race, social inequality and national division. This richly textured and extensively researched play presents the complex vision and political, personal and spiritual life of Alfred Deakin, often called this country's greatest Prime Minister.

Written & Directed by Darryl Emmerson
With Marc Lawrence, Christina
McLaughlin, Paul Mitchell
Choreographer Janice Florence
Composer Brett Wake
Musician Joe Burke
Image by Stuart Sullivan

Date Sat 19 Oct Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 80 minutes **Venue** La Mama Courthouse



SHIT COUNTRY

I love a stupid country, a land of idiot brains...

Round them up. The loudmouths, the tall poppies, the C grade celebs and the sacred cows. They're all here? Excellent. Now pass me something sharp.

Written by Damian Smith Directed by Caitlin Overton Performed by Kelsie Schulz, Jane Cameron, Damian Smith Image by Carly Smith

Date Sat 26 Oct Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 20 minutes

All Tickets \$5

Venue La Mama Courthouse

As part of La Mama's commitment to providing pathways for artists, works in both our Playreadings and Explorations program often go on to have main seasons at La Mama. In addition, scripts seeking appraisals can be proposed for main seasons.



MARA KORPER

Mara KORPER is a sci-fi theatrical experience set in a futuristic world where gender is obsolete and the flesh must remain whole. This brilliant and terrifying new theatrical work explores themes of extremism, gender and body image in a dystopian future, picking up where Orwell and Huxley left off. Fusing experimental sound and technology with absurdist expressionism, Mara KORPER is on the cutting edge of experimental feminist theatre.

Presented by Citizen Theatre
Writer/Director Jayde Kirchert
Composer Anthony Lyons
Music Director Imogen Cygler
Performed by Willow Sizer, Freya Pragt,
Jack Wunsch, Jordan Barr, Kayla Hamill
Image by Stu Brown

Date Sat 9 Nov Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 120 minutes **Venue** La Mama Courthouse Please send requests for Playreadings and Script Appraisals (with scripts) to:

Liz Jones liz@lamama.com.au



KITCHEN SINKS IN FOUR PHASES

a playlette written by Lloyd Jones

Originally produced by Melbourne Theatre Writers, Festival of Short Plays, in the 1980's at The Courthouse, directed by Caroline Stacey.

In this revised version, there will be FOUR rehearsed readings (with movement) of this work, each to be performed in four different languages each employing 2 performers.

Each pair of actors will assume the tasks normally those of a Director.

Date Sat 14 Dec Time 2pm

Duration Approx. 70 minutes

Venue La Mama Courthouse

LA MAMA **POETICA**

Tickets \$15 Full \$10 Conc.

Venue La Mama Courthouse

Time 7.30pm for 8pm start

Duration Approx. 90mins BELLA LI is the author of 'Argosy' which won the 2018 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Poetry and the 2018 NSW Premier's Literary Award for Poetry, and 'Lost Lake' which was shortlisted for the 2018 QLD Literary Award for Poetry.

HARRY REID is Melbourne poet whose has appeared work Cordite. Australian Poetry Journal. Overland. The Lifted Brow and elsewhere. They also co-host Sick Leave. a monthly reading series at the Gasometer Hotel.

LUCAS' ROSE first collection, 'Even in the Dark' (UWAP 2013) won the Mary Gilmore Award; second collection. 'Unexpected Clearing' (UWAP) was published in 2016. She is currently completing her third collection, 'This Shuttered Eye'

ROSS DONLON is the author of 'The Blue Dressing Gown and other poems', 'Sjovegen' and 'Lucidity'. He is a recipient of the MPU International Poetry Prize, the Launceston Cup and the Dorothy Hewett Flagship Fellowship.











ALI WHITELOCK is a Scottish poet living on the south coast of Sydney. Her works include the poetry collection 'and my heart crumples like a coke can' and the acclaimed memoir. 'Poking seaweed with a stick and running away from the smell'.



poet and а Bantu descendant of the Bashi peoples of walungu. who often speaks in third person. He is the 2017 Grand Slam Champion and the 2018 Victorian Poetry Slam Champion. and the winner of a Green Room Award



ANIA WALWICZ is the author of 'Writing', 'Boat' (winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award), 'Red Rose', 'Elegant', 'Palaces of Culture', and 'Horse' (winner of the Alfred Deakin Medal). She has been published in over 200 anthologies and recordings.

HENRY **BRIFFA** an emerging poet and Melbourne psychologist. His debut collection 'Walking Home' was published by the Melbourne Poets Union. He received a Special Commendation in the 2018 Queensland Poetry Festival Emeraina Older Poets Mentorship Award.

Tue 22nd **OCTOBER**

Featuring Wani. Henry Briffa, Ania Walwicz, and Ali Whitelock.

ABOUT POETICA

La Mama Poetica is a night of some of the best spoken word and poetry that Melbourne has to offer, with a diverse selection of both emerging and established poets. La Mama Poetica is curated and hosted by Amanda Anastasi. For more details please contact:

Amanda Anastasi amandaanastasi12@ gmail.com

Tue 20th

AUGUST

Featuring

Rose Lucas, Ross

Donlon, Harry Reid.

and Bella Li.

LA MAMA MUSICA

Tickets \$15 Full | \$10 Conc.

VenueLa Mama Courthouse

Time Duration 7.30pm Approx. 90 mins

La Mama Musica is one of Melbourne's longest running music nights, in operation since 1969. These days it is a curated monthly concert series showcasing creative music, improvising musicians and sound-artists at La Mama Courthouse. The intimate setting and fabulous acoustics allow fine musicians to perform in a very special environment — amidst the set of the current theatre production — so improvisation and flexibility of presentation is also part of our process.

After more than a dozen years, the curatorial team of Annabel Warmington and Adrian Sherriff have entrusted Gemma Horbury to continue this rich tradition. Musica supports artists by providing a vital space for creative risk and encouraging unusual collaborations; giving each event a special air of excitement for artists and audience alike.



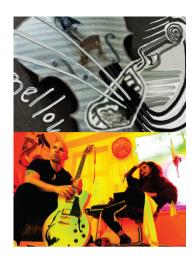
Mon 15th

The Confabulations; solo duo trio

Confabulation: a memory error defined as the production of fabricated, distorted, or misinterpreted memories about oneself or the world, without the conscious intention to deceive. Carl Polke (saxophone, electronics) and Chris Lewis (drum kit) are The Confabulations – continuing their longstanding musical connection with a night of bizarre fabrications and "subtly altered recollections."

Demanding intense concentration and total body awareness, **solo duo trio** draws together the elements of singing, trumpet, percussion and dance – held in harmony by focus on the breath. **Phil Day** (trumpet, multi-instrumentalist) presents a boldly original performance that pushes the boundaries of improvised music and human endurance.

Images by The Confabulations and Bryony Jackson.



Mon 19th AUGUST

Bellow; CYBER-DEEP

Bellow - a deep roaring shout or sound. Teresa Blake (cello, voice, electronics, percussion) is known for her viscerally embodied work. She explores the relationship between the organic and the artificial, the human voice and the instrumental voice.

CYBER-DEEP is a weaving of two artistic energies; dynamic streams coming together to create an electric torrent. LAY the Mystic (lyrical poet) and Diego Villalta (guitar, effects) blend music, poetry and visual art to conjure a unique performance space.



Mon 16th SEPTEMBER

Modulate Music; Shavasana

Modulate Music offers a new immersive experience, combining guided meditation and reflection with live violin and ambient electronics. Featuring new compositions which interrogate internal themes of body and mind, Isabel Hede (violin) creates a deeper state of listening and presence.

Shavasana, or Corpse Pose, is traditionally used to re-integrate the body-mind-spirit back into the world at the end of a yoga practice: a fully conscious pose aimed at being awake, and yet completely relaxed. Tully Sumner (vocals, multi-instrumentalist, composer) responds to this theme with a series of works exploring mind/body dynamics, dream-like states of consciousness and music as a tool to explore the internal landscape.



... MUSICA **CONTINUED**



Mon 21st **OCTOBER**

Box: Thunder Grass

Box invites the audience into immersive sonic worlds inspired by visual collections of small journeys and experiences. Box is the third iteration of Sound Stories, an ongoing series from Rebecca Hart (sound, visuals), exploring acoustic spaces from studio to warehouse

ThunderGrass is a new quartet of old friends summoning a storm of tightly wound improvisations in a whirlwind of sound. Howling horns Ros Jones (trombone) and Gemma Horbury (trumpet) meet rumbling drum 'n' bass Nat Grant and Miranda Hill as the squall approaches.

Mon 18th **NOVEMBER**

WORKERS UNION: Inside the 'Music City'

La Mama has always supported creative risk, and championed artists working in music and sound alongside their peers in the theatre. To celebrate five decades of boundary-pushing music and ideas. MUSICA alumnae present Louis Andriessen's Workers Union and other iconic compositions.

Looking to the future, the second half of the program will be a panel discussion exploring what it is to be a musician in Melbourne today. How does sustaining a career in music balance against the price of rent in Australia's cultural capital?

Image by TRAVELER.



KEN'S QUEST BY CHER CHIDZEY SEEKING WRITER

"Ken. Wei Da's Chinese professional qualifications aren't recognised so he bribed his way to a holiday work visa, first in a Mildura winery and now fitting security doors in Toorak with an ocker Australian named Red.

Ken does not fit in. The turning point comes when Ken saves Red's dog, Fu Manchu. Friendship blossoms Communication erodes prejudice as Red introduces Ken to leisure and later explains why he has hated immigrants. Ken in return reveals some of his family obligations.

100 days before visa expiry he looks for a marriage of convenience but fails. He pairs off with Julia, his Aussie teacher. She loves Ken's dark skin and his exquisite food. arrogance, lies and clothes.

Ken's Quest is a triumphant ode to the diversity of Australia, and a plea for tolerance in these turbulent times.'

- Cher Chidzev

We are seeking a playwright interested in adapting Cher Chidzey's book for stage. Cher herself is offering a Performed by Carolyn Bock, Verity Charlton, Helen substantial commission.

If you are interested in applying for this position through La Mama please send your CV and expression of interest to Liz Jones at info@lamama com.au by July 31st.



HALLOWED GROUND

Help aet Hallowed Ground to Edinburgh!

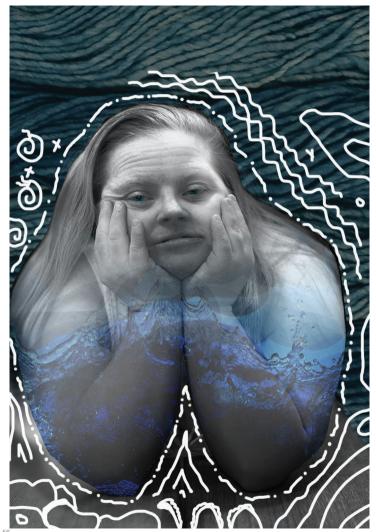
We are thrilled to have been invited to present Hallowed Ground - Women Doctors in War at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival, so this is our fundraiser to assist with all the costs involved in getting our show across the world! Edinburgh is the home of The Scottish Women's Hospitals, founded in WW1 by Doctor Elsie Inglis. Many Australian medical women found their place in these outfits - staffed entirely by women, and they paved the way for the future. One of those women was surgeon Lilian Violet Cooper. Her story, among others of but tension escalates as she peels off his courage and endurance, features in Hallowed Ground. In a way, we are bringing the stories home to Scotland!

> Written by Carolyn Bock and Helen Hopkins Directed by Catherine Hill Set design by Meg White Lighting by Richard Vabre Sound by Abe Pogos Production Managers Bec Etchell/Imogen Titmarsh Hopkins and Chi Nauven

Date Duration Venue **Tickets**

Image by Theresa Harrison

Tues 30 July, 7.30pm Approx. 60 minutes La Mama Courthouse All tickets \$50





SPIN ME A YARN OF THE OCEAN AND THE INVISIBLE DANCES

"Spin Me a Yarn of the Ocean Spin me a Colourful Sky, Spin me round and upside down and watch the birds go free."

......DVA Theatre Ensemble

Come join DVA Theatre in collaboration with Sanctum Studios and Arcko Symphonic Ensemble as we spin a yarn of ocean preservation, breaking free and the place of community in healing and self- discovery. In world's imagined and real, mythical and wild, gentle and brave, lonely and lost and found, see the centre starfish heart returned to a crying ocean in a story of restoration, release and love.

Come sail your ships to the Concord School Theatre for an ocean full of performance, sound stories, puppetry, music, visual arts and projection art.

Directed By: Nicla Byrnes, Michael Buxton
Performed by: DVA Theatre Company Ensemble
Puppetry Artists: Lachlan Plain, Jasmine Powell
Music by: Arcko Symphonic Ensemble
and led by Tim Phillips

Original music: Nicla Byrnes and Simone French

Singer: Siobhan Housden

Lighting by: Shane Grant and Mac Yee

Stage Manager: **Hayley Fox**Graphic Design Credit: **Declan Scott**Photography Credit: **Patti Green**

Costumes: **Nicla Byrnes, Jeanette Wilks** Sound Technician: **Olivia Borghesan**



Sat 13 & Sun 14 July

Time

2pm

DurationApprox. 120 minutes

Venue

Concord School Bundoora, 411 Grimshaw Street Bundoora

















BLAK MAMA: 5 PLAYS IN A DAY

Five First Nations playwrights. Five full length play readings. All in one day. All FREE

Featuring Coconut Woman by Maryanne Sam, Flash Blacks by Jacob Boehme, Cottagers and Indians by Drew Hayden Taylor (Canada), Mi Wi by Glenn Shea and Swim by Ellen van Neerven.

Writer Maryanne Sam

Writer Jacob Boehme

Writer Drew Hayden Taylor (Canada),

Writer Glenn Shea

Writer Ellen van Neerven

Artistic Directors Jane Harrison and Glenn Shea

Date & Time Sunday 8 September

10.30am-5.30pm

Duration

Approx. 60 minutes per play

Venue

Grant Street Theatre Victoria College of the Arts

Website

blakandbright.com.au Bookings essential





REBUILD LA MAMA

Following our launch of **Rebuild La Mama** on May 19, we are excited to share our plans with the community. For updates and information, please go to **lamama.com.au/rebuild-la-mama**.



Rebuilding La Mama will restore the existing theatre building and allow construction of an entirely new structure that will sit in front of and perpendicular to the existing building, along the Shakahari wall.

All drawings, images and associated documentation are pending authority approval.

Renders have been used to help illustrate the project but cannot exactly represent the final project. The final materials and finishes may differ from those shown in the images. Renders by **Cottee Parker Architects**.



The size of the performance space will not change, maintaining its mood, simplicity and magic. The internal staircase, trapdoor, fireplace and all the doors and windows – features that made our theatre so unique – will be reinstated.



Designed in close consultation with La Mama's key stakeholders, the rebuild will preserve our precious heritage, cater to the changing needs of our community, and looks to the future, ensuring La Mama can continue to provide an exceptional service to our artists, audiences and community.



LA MAMA COURTHOUSE **OPEN HOUSE**

Since 2008, Open House Melbourne has been spotlighting the unique spaces and places that form the foundation of Melbourne, providing an opportunity to consider what makes Melbourne unique. The Weekend of July 28 & 29 showcases buildings of significance in a free and accessible format so everyone can experience the value of good design and architecture, and consider what makes a liveable city.

La Mama will again be part of the Open House Melbourne Weekend, by opening La Mama Carlton Courthouse for free guided tours, every half-hour. Please meet at the newly refurbished front of house area at 349 Drummond Street Carlton (south side entrance).



Date

Sat 27 & Sun 28 July

Time

10am to 12.30pm Tour every 30mins

Address

349 Drummond Street Carlton VIC 3053

Cost

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Access

Accessible bathroom available Pram & wheelchair accessible

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La Mama Theatre is on traditional land. We pay our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, past and present, and we recognise their continuing spiritual and cultural connection to the land.

La Mama is financially assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council - its arts funding and advisory body, the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, and the City of Melbourne through the Arts and Culture triennial funding program.

We are grateful to all our philanthropic partners and donors, advocates, volunteers, audiences, artists and our entire community as we work towards the La Mama rebuild. Thank you!









