

AS PART OF THE
MELBOURNE FRINGE
FESTIVAL 2020,
LA MAMA NORTH
PRESENTS:

FRESHLY MINTED

ONLINE 12PM NOVEMBER 22 / 4.5 hours

An eclectic mix of new, fresh digital theatre created by emerging artists from La Trobe University.

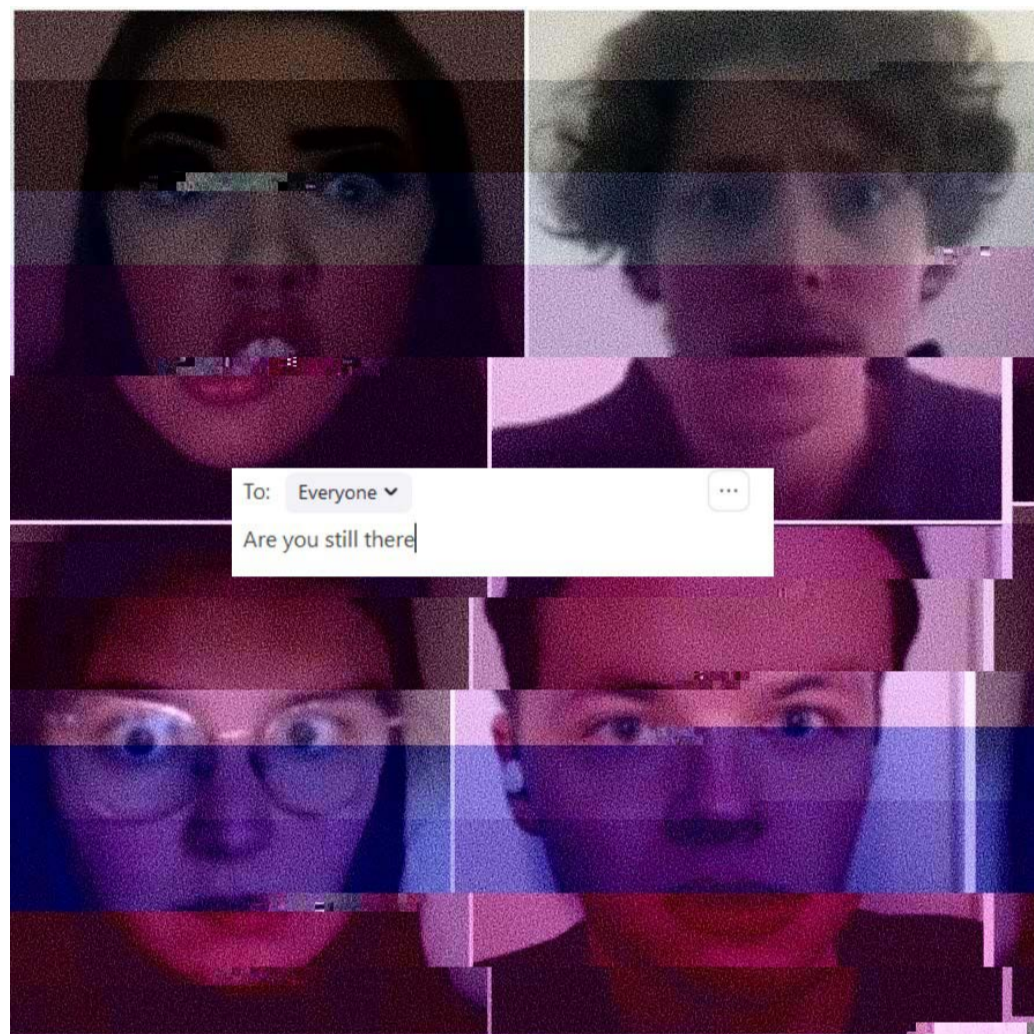
Freshly Minted is a one day mini-festival, **performed live via ZOOM**, featuring new work created by current students and recent alumni, including three shows as part of La Trobe Student Theatre's Geoffrey Milne Commission.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Melbourne, Student Theatre was in the middle of their 36th annual Moat Festival: the longest continuously running student arts festival in Australia. The set pieces, props, and costumes from what were to be their final two productions are still sitting in La Trobe's theatre spaces. Due to funding cuts at the university, emerging artists at La Trobe now wonder whether student theatre will return at all.

Say **Kat Harrington** and **Lucy Rees**, La Trobe Student Theatre & Film (STF) Coordinators:

"Student theatre is often the starting point for many creative. It provides a safe space for emerging artists to learn, to grow, to create, and importantly, to fail. We wanted to offer a different type of Geoffrey Milne Award for 2020 – instead of offering money to one playwright to create a full-length stage play, we've commissioned three artists to create an online piece that responds to their experience of 2020. We wanted to pay students to create something, to say to them that their art is worth payment."

La Mama North is a pilot program connecting emerging artists from **La Trobe University's** theatre program with **La Mama Theatre**, Melbourne's iconic home of independent theatre.



Featuring works written and performed by La Trobe University students and alumni, including: **Erin Miller, Alyssa Trombino, David Rorkell, William Foley, Amy Parker, Fergus Black, Ben Barnett, Rachael Taylor, Georgi McLaren, Jessica Grant, Bryce Hosken, Tayla Harry, Julia Koutsodontis, and Brigid Charis.**

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