

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

THE ESCAPE

ONLINE 7.30PM NOVEMBER 19 / 50 minutes

From post-war Paris to a pre-COVID commute in Melbourne, a double bill of sublime stories that will take you away...

In Hilary Bell's **The Red Balloon**, follow the adventures of Pascal and his only friend— a big, round, red balloon—in post-war Paris, as they navigate a world that doesn't care they exist with curiosity and wonder. In the face of cruel headmasters, strict grandmothers, and bullies, they prove that friendship comes in different forms.

Hot Cross Buns, Dr. Phil, Passion Pop, PTV, Repeat. Reimagining train life, Anna Tregloan's verbatim piece **The Dictionary of Imaginary Places** explores the mundane realities of the daily commute in the most imaginative way. With ridiculous characters and over-the-top banter, tap on and enjoy the ride.

"The Red Balloon...is just a stunning piece of work." – Theatre People

"The Dictionary of Imaginary Places is a view of Melbourne that could be imagined by none other that the creators, but still resonates with us who live on train lines, and even those who can only imagine the joys of public transport." -- Anne-Marie Peard, Sometimes Melbourne.

The Red Balloon

Written by Hilary Bell
Performed by Chloe Deane-Johns, James Anderson, Nathan
Milne, Lily Smith, and Lauren Nesbit

The Dictionary of Imaginary Places

Written by **Anna Tregloan**

Performed by Jack Busuttil, Claude Sarmiento, Morgan-Belle Holmes-Bradshaw, and Erica Vandenberg

Zoom Management by Rae Tuck

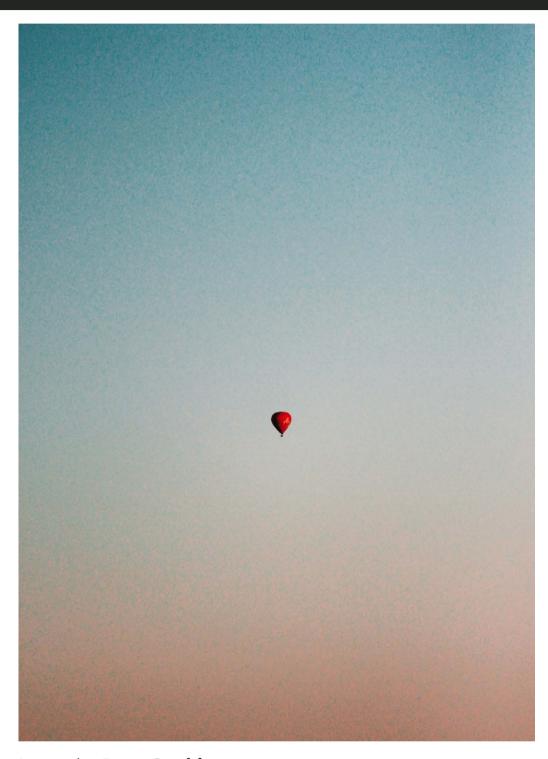


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THE ESCAPE WILL BE PERFORMED LIVE VIA ZOOM

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