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LA MAMA PRESENTS K E L L Y

"I might have stolen a horse or two...but they (the police) treated me like an animal; hunted me."- Ned Kelly.

If 2020 saw the worst societal upheaval – from the murder of George Floyd and subsequent defunding of police, to homophobia and the ADF Brereton Report betrayal, KELLY THE PLAY captures the tone of this milieu and the "new normal" that we're living in, in its full technicolour.

Written by Matthew Ryan, KELLY The Play revolves around Ned Kelly's final night before his execution. He receives an unexpected visitor – his supposed killed brother – Dan. While Dan wants forgiveness for abandoning his brother, Ned wants to settle the score for his betrayal. What ensues is a dramatic engagement between the two Australian icons on their violent past; masculinity, brotherhood and posterity for men.

"Ned's brutal clash with the police and his dark past provides an uncanny resemblance and insight into cataclysmic social shifts confronting us today. Our very idea of normal is being tested to the brim."

Directed by Subra Velayutham and Kylie Gral, with a unique vision, the role of Ned Kelly will be played by Subra, a noncaucasian actor with Sean Paisley Collins as Dan Kelly and Nicola Pohl with multiple roles as the Male Guard and other male characters, further weaving the tension and dynamics of Written by Matthew Ryan

Directed by Subra.V and Kylie Gral

Performed by Subra.V Sean Paisely Collins & Nicola Pohl

Multimedia and lighting design by Kylie Gral

Set, props and music score by Subra.V

Image by Darren Gill

SEASON 27 July - 1 August

TIMES Tue 6.30pm (preview) Wed - Sat 7.30pm

Sun 4pm

VENUE La Mama Courthouse

349 Drummond St, Carlton

LENGTH Approx. 60 minutes

race and gender between the characters.

This multi-disciplinary performance promises to be thrilling, entertaining, and will leave audiences at the edge of their seats.

TICKETS \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession

BOOKINGS 03 9347 6948 or www.lamama.com.au

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