

LA MAMA PRESENTS
YELLINGBO
 A NEW DRAMA BY TEE O'NEILL



Performance run at La Mama, March 9-20 .

La Mama Theatre is pleased to present Yellingbo, an ingenious, darkly witty drama from acclaimed local playwright, Tee O'Neill, (BARASSI The Stage Show) exploring the limits of Australians' generosity in the context of today's refugee crisis. Set in an ordinary Australian living room, where all appears normal...until it isn't, Yellingbo builds towards an explosive ending which leaves us asking:

When it's time to put our human values into action, whose lives do we save? Do we only protect our immediate family? What if family turns out not to be family...?

With twists and turns that will keep you riveted, **Yellingbo** is inspired by the playwright's experience working and living with 32 asylum seekers. It is particularly timely in Melbourne - and Carlton - after recent attention drawn to the refugees held in Swanston St's Park Hotel, a site of ongoing contention, as pressure mounts on the federal government for the detainees' resettlement.

Directed by Karen Berger (Bowerbird Theatre), **Yellingbo** features an impressive ensemble comprised of Jude Beaumont (Click Bait), Fiona Macleod (Offspring) and Jeremy Stanford (Priscilla, Queen of the Desert and Jack Irish).

The playwright, director and cast are all available for media interviews.

Directed by Karen Berger
 Written by Tee O'Neill
 Designed by Gina Gascoigne
 Image by Katharina Rapp



SEASON 9 - 20 March
TIMES Wed 6.30pm
 Thu - Sat 7.30pm
 Sun 4pm
VENUE La Mama HQ, 205 Faraday Street, Carlton
LENGTH Approx. 60 minutes
TICKETS \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession
BOOKINGS 03 9347 6948 or www.lamama.com.au

 Presented with closed captioning

'Yellingbo is a powerful, edge of your seat drama dealing compassionately with the complex issues surrounding seeking asylum.' - Clare Morton, Chairperson, Refugee Legal

'O'Neill is one of the brightest lights in new Australian drama.' - David Williamson, Don's Party, Gallipoli