

# CHEER UP CARL



A dark comedy written by Louis Dickins and directed by Greg Carroll. Performed by Gabriel Egan, Maddie Roberts and Simon Chandler. Running from the 20th to the 24th of July 2022 at the La Mama Courthouse.

Carl is a man grieving the death of his dog and the deportation of his drug-trafficking ex-girlfriend. Once a successful actor on the soap opera 'Neighbours' his inability to accept criticism led him to attacking the director. He now spends his time writing poetry, getting kicked off buses and lamenting the state of his broken washing machine.

The concept of the play was to watch a miserable man, grappling with the adversity and misfortune in his life cheer up. In the company of his brother and sister in law he finds the sense of family he's always longed for.

The play explores family dynamics, unconditional love, the absurd pain of being an artist, letting go of the past and finding a sense of hope.

**Greg Carroll** Greg Carroll has worked on over 250 stage, film and television productions over the last 32 years. Recently Greg has directed The Complete Works of William Shakespeare... Abridged for a national tour of Australia, 'Squizzy', a cabaret by Barry Dickins and 'The Lover', an adaptation of the Duras novel. Other favourites include the direction of 'Jabberwocky' at the Botanical Gardens in Sydney, Barry Dickins' 'Dame Joan Green', Barry Oakley's 'Scanlan' and Anton Chekov's 'Smoking is a Health Hazard' which toured nationally with Max Gillies. As an actor he spent 4 years in the Children's drama series 'Ship to Shore', playing the role of 'Hermes Endakis'. This made him the hero of the younger set and the show has been sold to 57 countries.

**Louis Dickins** is a 27 year old Melbourne writer who's previously had three short stories published and is the writer of an independent short film currently in post-production called 'Sam and Sophie' starring among others Helen Hopkins and Syd Brisbane. 'Cheer up Carl' is his first play having had a successful reading at La Mama in 2019. Louis is also, the son of prolific playwright/ journalist Barry Dickins who had his first play produced at La Mama in 1975 and has often collaborated with Greg Carroll.

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and Simon Chandler

Stage Manager: Rebecca Madin

Produced by Louis Dickins

Image by Greg Carroll

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SEASON	20 – 24 July 2022
TIMES	Wed 6.30pm Thu - Sat 7.30pm Sun 4pm
LIVESTREAM	Fri 7.30pm
VENUE	La Mama Courthouse 349 Drummond St, Carlton VIC 3053
LENGTH	Approx. 55 minutes
TICKETS	\$30 Adult   \$20 Concession
BOOKINGS	03 9347 6948 <a href="http://www.lamama.com.au">www.lamama.com.au</a>

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