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LA MAMA PRESENTS TELEVISION IS FURNITURE'S PRODUCTION OF THE MYTH, PROPAGANDA

AND DISASTER PROJECT

FOR THE 2023 MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL

- **2001:** Terrorists fly two planes into the Twin Towers New York. The war on terror begins.
- **2003:** Playbox stages its first production of Stephen Sewell polemic contemporary classic.
- **2016:** Robert Reid writes Heirs of America, a sequel to Sewell's play
- **2017:** Donald Trump is elected president of United States of America
- **2023:** Both plays will be performed back-to-back for the first time ever.



This year is the twentieth anniversary of Stephen Sewell's classic political thriller set post 9/11. This will coincide with the premiere production of the Robert Reid written sequel. With a shared cast, both pieces will be directed by Rob Reid and performed at the historic La Mama Courthouse Theatre for the 2023 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

Myth, Propaganda and Disaster in Nazi Germany and Contemporary America By Stephen Sewell

Someone must have been telling lies about Professor F for, without having done anything wrong, he was arrested one fine morning... A controversial Australian academic in a paranoid America. The Twin Towers have fallen and the seeds of fascism are being sewn. Professor Finch is haunted and hounded by a mysterious and violent far right wing monster that only he ever sees.

Myth, Propaganda and Disaster and the Heirs of America By Robert Reid

Someone must have disagreed with Sophie online for, without having done anything wrong, she was arrested one fine morning... An outspoken political activist and student in a conspiracy theory obsessed Australia. Sophie has attracted the attention of the alt right mob, being harassed online and in real life, even though no one else seems to believe her. Set in the same world as Sewell's play of 2003.

Both pieces play back-to-back on the weekends of Oct 14/15 and Oct 21/22.

PLUS on Saturday Oct 14, Dr Rob will present an edu-cabaret lecture 'Myth, Propaganda, Disaster and the Australian theatre with Dr Rob.' at 2pm. Dr Rob Reid, with a PhD in Australian Theatre History always delivers insightful, fun and revelatory theatre lectures.

SEASON DATES: OCT 11 - 22, 2023

Check La Mama's <u>website</u> for full dates, times & details

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