

LA MAMA PRESENTS

NU DISCO

MARCH 12 - 17, 2024 AT LA MAMA HQ

A ONE-WOMAN ODYSSEY INTO THE BEATING HEART OF THE CLUB



Club rat turned researcher Ellen Marning takes us out on the town this March at La Mama HQ. Backed by a techno inspired sound design composed by award-winning musician and producer Robert Downie (Polito, Robbie Divine), Nu-Disco cracks open the culture of clubbing.

After a critically acclaimed debut at Melbourne Fringe Festival, writer and performer Ellen Marning (Surat-Suratnya, Ned Kelly: The Big Gay Musical) returns to the stage as Trinity. She's in her late 20s, horny, full of bravado, and sweating out an existential crisis to Deep Acid House. Directed by Laura McAloney, Nu-Disco is a late night fever dream exploring the highs and lows of life and love that only happen at 3am in the club.

Being long transfixed with the joyful abandon of the dancefloor, Marning took her research to the global centre of the club scene: Berlin. Offering a lifestyle where you could go clubbing after breakfast, take a disco nap, and stay out for days on end, Nu-Disco was built from audio recordings from inside the club and real life conversations with the people who frequent them. Nu-Disco is a celebration of the highs and lows of these spaces and how we reconcile our fears, joys, grievances, and rage in an ever-burning world. It asks what happens to the youth who can't imagine a future? And what refuge, if any, can the club space afford us?

"Marning delivers an enthralling performance" - My Melbourne Arts

"Robert Downie's sound design adds more fuel to the fire and is a driving force in the storytelling of the show" - Theatre Haus

"...really, really fantastic" - Praise Dionysus

For full dates, times & details see the next page or check La Mama's website









LA MAMA PRESENTS NU DISCO WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY ELLEN MARNING

Directed by Laura McAloney
Sound Design and Composition by Robert Downie
Lighting Design and Stage Management by Cole McKenna
Dance and Movement Facilitation by Arabella Frahn-Starkie
Dramaturgy by Bronte Charlotte
Produced by Ellen Marning and Kat Carrington
Image by Darren Gill

At La Mama HQ (205 Faraday Street, Carlton) Tuesday March 12 - Sunday March 17, 2024

Season (running time 70 mins)

Tuesday March 12 Preview 6.30pm

Wednesday March 13 Opening Night 6.30pm

Thursday March 14 7.30pm Friday March 15 7.30pm Saturday March 16 7.30pm Sunday March 17 4pm

Bookings: https://lamama.com.au/whats-on/summer-2024/nu-disco/

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