ARTS HOUSE

FUTURE TENSE SEASON 2010, MARCH - JULY

FUTURE TENSE

Arts House **Future Tense** embraces new and ambitious contemporary arts projects and practices. Continuing Arts House's push for bold relationships with audiences and artists **Future Tense** embraces risk taking, challenging contemporary arts practices and provocative ideas.

Throughout the Arts House program you will find works that celebrate the positive power of art in an increasingly complex global context.

Steven Richardson, Artistic Director

Australia is home to the oldest living culture on earth. Respect and engagement with this ancient culture and its contemporary lineage continues to make a unique contribution to creativity in this place and inspire our collective consciousness and understanding. Arts House acknowledges and respects the customs and traditions of Indigenous Australians and their special relationship with the land. The artists and organisers respectfully acknowledge that this program takes place on the land of the traditional owners of the Kulin Nation.



GREEN tickets are back! This season we have a limited allocation of GREEN tickets across all of our shows. All you have to do is leave your car at home and choose a planet friendly mode of transport. We will want to see your bike helmet or your public transport ticket and possibly check to see if you are perspiring! Please note it has been suggested that hot air from falsehood contributes to global warming and is likely to create bad carbon karma.

Even though the ticket is FREE you will need to book in advance. Go to artshouse.com.au and book online, then enter your emission-free mode of transport into the promo code: bike, walk or public transport.

There are only a limited number of these tickets available, so get in quick! If you do miss out, sign up to our e-newsletter for other offers and updates.

Thank you to all the artists for supporting this initiative and congratulations in advance if you plan on helping the environment in return for FREE live art!

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Arts House is a City of Melbourne contemporary arts initiative.

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ETIQUETTE

ROTOZAZA, UK

"GRIPPING... IF THE LINE BETWEEN AUDIENCE AND PERFORMER SEEMS BLURRED, ROTOZAZA'S 'ETIQUETTE' ERASES IT ENTIRELY."

New York Times/Herald Tribune

Etiquette is a gripping, highly personal twoperson performance, where participants are both actor and audience. The concept is simple. Performed in a public space like a cafe or bar, participants choose to sit with a friend or a stranger and are instructed via headphones what to say or which deliberately positioned objects to move. Etiquette is theatre at its most raw and offers the fantasy of conversation without having to think what to say.

Audience members are required to wear headphones for the duration of the performance.

Etiquette is available in multiple languages, enquiries: 03 9322 3713.

Rotozaza Co-Director, Silvia Mercuriali will conduct Rotozaza's Theatre of Command and Response (TOCAR) workshop on February 22. This workshop will lead participants through the process used in the company's 'autoteatro' works, **Etiquette** and **Wondermart**. See artshouse.com.au for further information.

Created by: Rotozaza Co-Directors, Silvia Mercuriali and Ant Hampton Project Management: Alice Booth for ArtsAgenda, UK

Presented by Arts House

Image: Ant Hampton

VENUE

Arts House

▲ North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18 (includes coffee or drink)

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

TUE 16 MARCH-SAT 3 APRIL

Multiple performances from 11.45am till 8.45pm, see artshouse.com.au for full schedule Closed Mondays

30 minutes no interval

rotozaza.co.uk

Two participants per performance

From North Melbourne Town Hall participants will be lead to the performance location. Total duration including performance 45 minutes.













SCATTERED TACKS

SILVERTREE AND GELLMANN

"A TRULY ASTONISHING EXPERIENCE...IT'S NOT SIDESHOW SHOCK OR BIG-TOP SPECTACLE. BUT IT IS, FRANKLY, BRILLIANT."

The Age

ARTS HOUSE

SCATTERED **TACKS**

SILVERTREE AND GELLMANN Far from the sensory overload of much contemporary performance, Scattered Tacks leads audiences into an enthralling, minimalist and absurd vision of circus.

Award-winning Adelaide trio, Terri Cat Silvertree, Alex Gellmann and Skye Gellmann take us back to the pure essence of circus; behind the popcorn, frills and grand gestures.

Let yourself be enchanted by an intimate, honest and brazenly physical performance of tender moments and poignant images. This is no roaring spectacle, rather small greatness, sensational in its detail.

With unique and inventive explorations of curious props and peculiar circus skills, **Scattered Tacks** is rebellious but refined, beautiful and compelling.

Created and performed by: **Terri Cat Silvertree**, Alex Gellmann and Skye Gellmann Project Management: Seesault

Presented by Arts House

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body.

Image: Alicia Ardern

VENUE

Arts House

▼ Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

TUE 16 - SUN 21 MARCH

Tue 16 - Sat 20, 8.30pm Sun 21, 6pm

45 minutes no interval

WARNING

Full frontal nudity

scatteredtacks.skyebalance.com













RINGSIDE

MEM MORRISON COMPANY, UK

"HUMANITY, TENDERNESS, HONESTY AND INDEED UNIVERSALITY ALL INFORM RINGSIDE ALONGSIDE ONE OF THE MOST STYLISH INSTALLATIONS YOU'LL FIND ANYWHERE"

The Herald, UK



RINGSIDE

MEM MORRISON COMPANY, UK

Mem Morrison requests the pleasure of your company. Take a front row seat, join the family and meet the many potential brides at his long overdue wedding reception.

Ringside is part written, part devised and draws on a lifetime of remembered Turkish Cypriot family weddings as its foundation. Exploring issues surrounding autobiography, identity, memory, diversity, culture, censorship and perception, Ringside looks at the childhood fantasy which could so easily have become a reality.

Writer, Director and Concept: Mem Morrison

Performer: Mem Morrison

Sound and Music Composition: Andy Pink

Assistant Director: Judy Gordon Production Manager: Matt Spencer Design: Stefi Orazi

Suit Design: Threadneedlemen

Project Assistant and Stage Manager: Rose Fieber

Producer: Steph Allen for Artsadmin

Presented by Arts House

Ringside has been supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and commissioned by Spill Festival of performance. Co-commissioned by Birmingham Repertory Theatre, ICIA University of Bath and Fierce Festival with support from Nuffield Theatre and The British Council.

Image: Dan Burn-Forti

VENUE

Arts House

A North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

WED 17 - SUN 21 MARCH

Wed 17 - Fri 19, 7pm Sat 20, 2pm and 7pm Sun 21, 4pm

90 minutes no interval

Audience members are required to wear headphones for the duration of the performance

artsadmin.co.uk/memmorrison



















PROPAGANDA

ACROBAT

After years of touring their avant-garde circus company around the world these knuckle-dragging acrobats reckon they know right from wrong.

BE KIND – EAT YOUR VEGGIES – RIDE A BIKE – GARDEN NUDE

After indoctrinating their kids, they are taking the step out of their South Albury back yard into Arts House, then Europe, then the rest of the world. One show at a time. The revolution starts here.

Utilising disciplined physical skills, crude production and self-derision, acrobat has a unique and unpredictable approach to theatre.

"ACROBAT IS AN EXCEPTIONAL TROUPE, LAYERING PHYSICAL SKILLS WITH MULTIPLE IMPLICATIONS PLAYING WITH OUR EXPECTATIONS AND PUNCTURING OUR COMPLACENCY."

Hilary Crampton, The Age

Founded by Simon Yates and Jo-Ann Lancaster, acrobat has toured extensively in major arts festivals and venues throughout Europe, Britain, Ireland, Singapore, Brazil and Australia. When not touring, they live and practice in Albury, NSW.

Conceived and performed by: Simon Yates and Jo Lancaster

Also featuring: **Grover or Fidel Lancaster-Cole** Production Manager / Rigger: **Scott Grayland** / **Ryan Taplin**

Produced by: Marguerite Pepper Productions Musical Director: Tim Barrass

Presented by Arts House and acrobat

PropagandA was commissioned by HotHouse Theatre.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body.

Image: Karen Donnelly (Photograph) and Van Tah Min (Graphics)

VENUE

Arts House

▼ Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

SAT 27 MARCH - SAT 3 APRIL

Sat 27 Mar – Thu 1 Apr, 7.30pm Sun 28 Mar and Sat 3 Apr, 4pm

no performance Mon 29 Mar or Fri 2 April

60 minutes no interval

FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

contains nudity and occasional coarse language

















WONDERMART

ROTOZAZA, UK

"WONDERMART...SUCCEEDS, LIKE THE BEST OF THEATRE, IN SHINING A NEW LIGHT ON THE QUOTIDIAN OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE"

Irish Times

Wondermart takes a mischievous swipe at the dominance of supermarket culture and consumerism. This interactive audio tour takes you on a journey of rediscovery through the familiar surroundings of the supermarket. Wearing headphones and anonymous behind your trolley, you are guided around the aisles immersed in a private world, as the carefully constructed soundscape overlays a fictional world that blurs the real with the imaginary.

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Created by: Silvia Mercuriali in collaboration with Matt Rudkin and Tommaso Perego

Presented by Arts House

Image: Ant Hampton

VENUE

Any supermarket with more than 10 aisles

TICKETS

FREE.

To receive information on how to download the **Wondermart** MP3 audio tour simply purchase a ticket to any other performance in the current Arts House program.

MP3 players maybe supplied on request. For further information please call 03 9322 3713 or see artshouse.com.au

30 minutes no interval

rotozaza.co.uk













COLLECTING FIREWORKS

HELEN COLE, UK

"ALL THE ENERGY GETS SUCKED INTO THAT FINAL MOMENT AND AFTER ALL THE LAUGHTER AND THE CHAOS AND THE CRAZINESS AND THE BEAUTY, EVERYTHING JUST VANISHES LIKE A STAR IMPLODING."

Memory 5, London, September 2009



COLLECTING FIREWORKS

HELEN COLE, UK

"...FIREWORKS IS RELAXING,
THOUGHT PROVOKING,
BEAUTIFUL AND SIMPLE. IT
MADE ME REMEMBER ALL THE
DETAILED EXPERIENCES I DIDN'T
KNOW I HAD FORGOTTEN"

Participant, London

Collecting Fireworks is a unique performance archive in the making. You are invited to add your own voice to this wonderful international collection. First you will enter an intimate one-on-one installation in which the remarkable stories of strangers are whispered to you in the darkness. Then you will be invited to donate memories of your own and become part of this act of mass remembrance. As a contributor to the collection, your anonymous memories will continue to re-emerge again and again.

Director: Helen Cole

Technical Consultant: Alex Bradley

Presented by Arts House

Collecting Fireworks was commissioned by New Theatre Architects. Funded by Arts Council England. A Daphne/ Inbetween Time Productions Project

Image: Tamsin Drury

VENUE

Arts House ♠ North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

\$15

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

WED 17 - FRI 19 MARCH

Wed 17 – Fri 19, 6pm, 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.45pm, 8.15pm, 8.45pm, 9.30pm, 10pm

One participant at a time

20 minutes no interval

WARNING

Infrequent coarse language

inbetweentime.co.uk













STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

2010 NEXT WAVE FESTIVAL

Structural Integrity is a large-scale exhibition and cultural exchange initiative, and a keynote project in the 2010 Next Wave Festival. **Structural Integrity** will bring together six Australian and five Asian Artist Run Initiatives to explore independent and emerging arts culture across the region. As the first ever showcase of emerging arts practice from Asia in the Next Wave Festival, **Structural Integrity** will highlight the shared, as well as distinctive characteristics of grassroots artistic culture across the region. The exhibition will provide a snapshot view of emerging arts practice in today's rapidly changing artistic and geo-cultural context.

Also at Arts House during Next Wave is 'PrivateDances' – an immersive and celebratory event exploring intimate encounters with dance. Meanwhile, Mogo Zoo the creative team behind 'The Tent', will continue their investigation of space and theatre with 'Hole in the Wall'. See nextwave.org.au for further information.

Arts House is proud to continue its partnership with Next Wave in supporting the next generation of Australia's artists and audiences

For Structural Integrity Next Wave is proud to present new work, developed on-site, by Art Center Ongoing (Tokyo); Boxcopy Contemporary Art Space (Brisbane); FELTSpace (Adelaide); House of Natural Fiber (Jogyakarta); Locksmith Project Space (Sydney); Post Museum (Singapore); Six a Artist Run Initiative (Hobart): TUTOK (Manila): Vitamin Creative Space (Guangzhou); West Space (Melbourne); and Y3K (Melbourne).

Presented by Next Wave in association with Arts House

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body. Structural Integrity was developed in the CultureLAB.

Image: Mashiro Wada - 'Golden Week' (2008) for Art Center Ongoing (Tokyo)

VENUE

Arts House

▼ Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne

TICKETS FREE

FRI 14 - SUN 30 MAY

Fri 14 – Sat 29, 12pm – 8pm Sun 30, 12pm – 5pm

nextwave.org.au

























BROMANCE

ALISDAIR MACINDOE

Bromance (n. informal) A close but nonsexual relationship between two men.

[c21: a blend of bro(ther) + romance]

Inspired by their personal stories and experiences of brotherhood, choreographers Alisdair Macindoe and Adam Synnott explore the complex and intimate relationships that exist between men.

Bromance is a revealing new dance work that looks at the memories and influences of having a brother, and the profound affect it has on young men entering adulthood.

Choreography: Alisdair Macindoe and Adam Synnott

Director: Alisdair Macindoe

Performed by: Alisdair Macindoe, Jay Robinson,

Lee Serle and Adam Synnott
Sound Design: Alisdair Macindoe
Video Effect Designer: Adam Synnott
Producer: Lucy Guerin Inc
Production Management: Bluebottle

Presented by Arts House. **Bromance** is part of the 2010 Next Wave Festival.

Bromance was co-commissioned by Next Wave, Lucy Guerin Inc and Performance Space.

This project has been assisted by Arts Victoria and the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body.

Image: Alisdair Macindoe

VENUE

Arts House ▼ Meat Market 5 Blackwood Street North Melbourne

TICKETS Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3715

WED 26 - SUN 30 MAY

Wed 26 – Sat 29, 8.30pm Sun 30, 5.30pm

45 minutes no interval

WARNINGS

Strobe lighting, on stage smoke effects

nextwave.org.au

















THE FOLDING WIFE

BY PASCHAL DAANTOS BERRY AN URBAN THEATRE PROJECTS PRODUCTION

"THIS LOVINGLY REALISED AND BEAUTIFULLY PERFORMED WORK ESCAPES ITS OWN CULTURAL LIMITATIONS OF DI ACE"

The Sydney Morning Herald



THE **FOLDING** WIFE

BY PASCHAI DAANTOS BERRY AN URBAN THEATRE PROJECTS PRODUCTION

Alone, equipped only with anecdotes, Grace breathes life into the two women of her family who have lead her to the Australian landscape.

The Folding Wife contrasts the iconic imagery of a fierce, impenetrable Australian landscape with that of the resilient Filipina. Three generations of women shared a goal: to leave the poverty and uncertainty of their homeland for the promises of the First World. Grace is a young Filipina woman laying her family to rest, packing them up in little boxes. There is Clara, the grand matriarch who remembers the opulent Philippines of the Spanish era, who finds comfort in an impeccable breeding. Her daughter Dolores is a disappointment, having given birth to Grace after a scandalous affair.

Writer Paschal Daantos Berry creates a series of narrative fragments drawing on the selected memories of Grace. In the folds and creases of her possessions, in the images and anecdotes about Clara and Dolores, she is able to unravel her own identity.

Director: Deborah Pollard Writer: Paschal Daantos Berry Performer: Valerie Berry Multimedia Artists: Datu Arellano and Teta Tulay (with Anino Shadowplay Collective) Lighting Designer: Neil Simpson

Presented by Arts House and Mobile States. **The Folding Wife** is part of the 2010 Next Wave Festival.

The Folding Wife is toured by Performing Lines for Mobile States: Touring Contemporary Performance Australia, with the support of the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and through the national performing arts touring program, Playing Australia.

Image: Heidrun Löhr

VENUE

Arts House A North Melbourne Town Hall 521 Queensberry Street North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

WED 26 - SAT 29 MAY

Wed 26 – Fri 28, 7pm Sat 29, 2pm and 7pm

70 minutes no interval

urbantheatre.com.au nextwave.org.au































HERACLES HIGH 5

A POST-PUNK
CABARET DISRUPTION
INCORPORATING
HEINER MÜLLER'S
'HERACLES 5'
A IS FOR ATLAS

Heracles, hero of antiquity, hero of heroes, the hero for our time. As our adoration reaches the stars, can the hero deliver what we ask of him?

A contemporary disruption of the Greek myth of Heracles, **Heracles High 5** dives headlong into the apathy and idolisation of the modern Australian hero culture.

In a romp of militaristic proportions, the 2010 incarnation of Heracles, accompanied by a post-punk three piece band and moderated by a variety emcee, hauls us through his sins, labours and salvation, through the interpreted Müller episode (his contemporary 'labour'), to a final station inside the action and ambition of the common citizen.

What future our idols now?

'Heracles 5' text by: **Heiner Müller**Translated from German by: **Carl Weber**Concept, disruption, and original texts: **Xan Colman** and **Gert Reifarth**With music by: **Christopher Mildren**

Presented by Arts House and A is for Atlas

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body.

Image: Brianna O'Neil

VENUE

Arts House

▼ Meat Market

5 Blackwood Street
North Melbourne

TICKETS

Full \$25 Conc \$18

BOOKINGS

artshouse.com.au or 03 9322 3713

WED 23 - SAT 26 JUNE

Wed 23 – Fri 25 June, 7.30pm Sat 26, 3pm and 7.30pm

70 minutes no interval

WARNINGS

Coarse language, violence, loud music and sound effects

aisforatlas.org.au

























ARTS HOUSE

Arts House is a City of Melbourne contemporary arts initiative. Each year Arts House presents a curated program of contemporary art featuring performances, exhibitions, live art, installations and cultural events.

Arts House operates as a multi-dimensional resource hub for artists: producing, programming, devising, supporting and funding. Work is presented across two sites: Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall and Arts House, Meat Market.

Arts House values arts and culture that help create a world where people are actively engaged, aware and empowered to participate, politically and culturally, to make positive change.

If you have access requirements please call Arts House on 03 9322 3713 well in advance of the performance and we will endeavour to meet your needs.

Disclaimer: Program details are correct at the time of printing but are subject to change where necessary and without notice. Please check the website for updates.

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