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This House is Mine



12-22 Mar, Darlinghurst, Theatre



Milk Crate Theatre celebrate 15 years of social change through theatre with a new show at the Eternity

More than 20,000 people are homeless in Sydney on any given night. It's a shocking statistic but an important one in understanding the raison d'être behind Milk Crate Theatre, which has been giving the homeless and socially marginalised a voice on stage for the last 15 years.

In *This House Is Mine*, written and produced by Maree Freeman (*Pictures of Bright Lights*) and directed by Paige Rattray, members of Milk Crate's community are given voice quite literally, as they recount their experiences directly to camera in a series of pre-recorded vox pops that illuminate and amplify the interconnected vignettes being played out by seven actors on stage.



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Almost as soon as the house lights go down, the audience is plunged into another kind of darkness as we hear the voice of Evelyn (Veronica Flynn) plead desperately with her severely depressed partner Jason (an almost catatonic Matthias Nudl) not to hurt himself again.

It's a confronting start, but it's not the only heartbreaking scenario we are to face. A few scenes later we again meet Evelyn, this time in a more benign yet no less distressing setting: dealing with her Alzheimer's-afflicted father Frank (John McDonnell) who cannot understand why his family home is being packed up and why Evelyn is not his beloved wife.

Elsewhere, we meet Brooke (Rach Williams), who has been thrown out of home by her father, Mack (Chris Barwick), leaving her mother (Fabiola Meza) behind to face Mack's violent rages alone. Brooke's girlfriend Anna (Contessa Treffone) meanwhile is a teenage tearaway whose rebellion takes on a dangerous edge as she descends into full-blown schizophrenia.

Both Flynn and Williams are enthusiastic and engaging presences on stage, and Treffone, as the only trained actress in the group, is compelling as the spinning-out-of-control Anna.

Video artist Sarah Emery's projections on Hugh O'Connor's versatile set are beautiful in their own right, and convey brilliantly the fragility of the mind that sits at the heart of the piece.

While none of what is said is particularly new or enlightening, hearing it in the person's own, often idiosyncratic, words brings the truth of what they have to say vividly to life.



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Eternity Playhouse

Address
39 *Burton Street, Darlinghurst*
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Price \$30.00 to \$45.00

Date 12-22 Mar

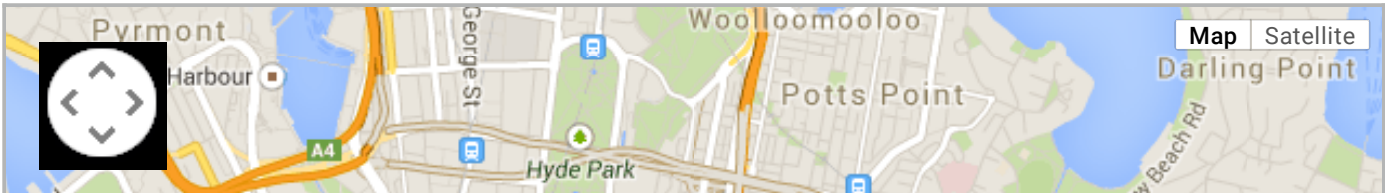
Open Wed-Sat 8pm; Sun 5pm; Wed Mar 18 1pm & 8pm

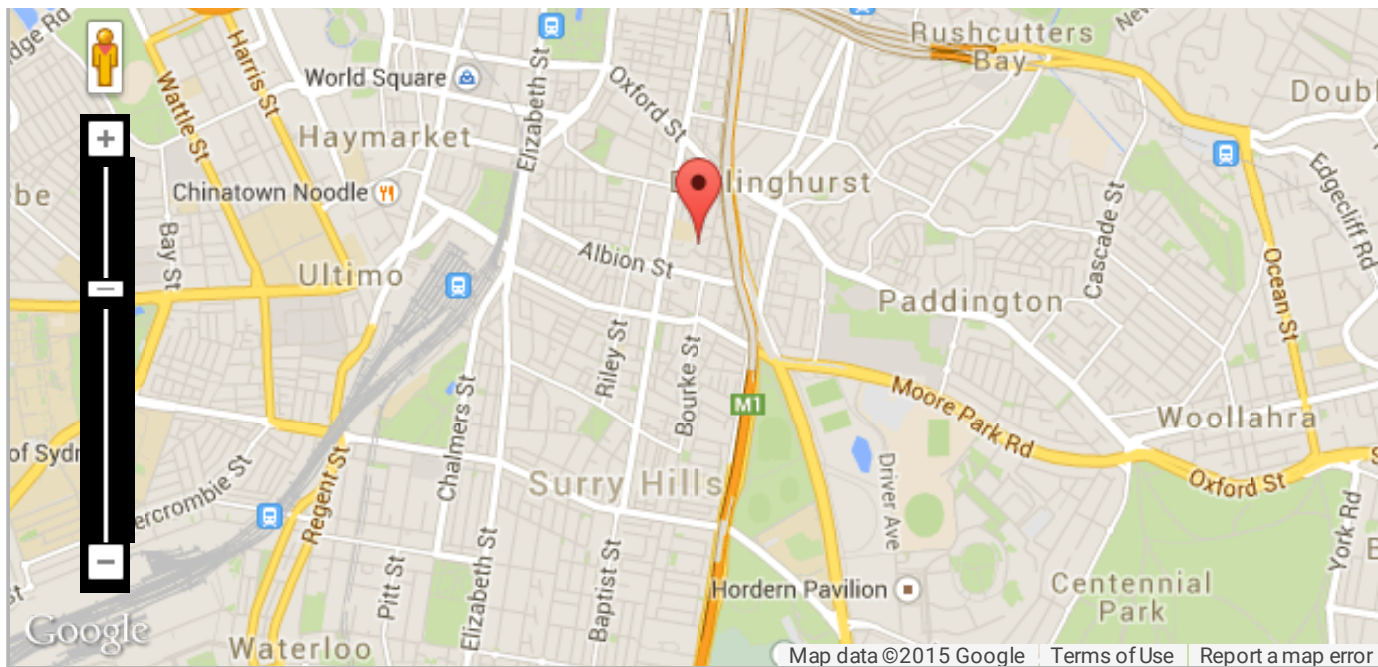
Director: Paige Rattray

Cast: Chris Barwick, Veronica Flynn, John McDonnell, Fabiola Meza, Matthew Nudl, Rachel Williams

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