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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS: RASPBERRY RIPPLE AND GEELONG ARTS CENTRE'S CREATIVE ENGINE PRESENT *RISKY BUSINESS*

Coming to Geelong Arts Centre's landmark Studio 4 at 6:00pm on 11 November, Raspberry Ripple and Geelong Arts Centre's Creative Engine are proud to introduce outstanding disabled performers to audiences of the region with *Risky Business: A little show and a big conversation*.

Diversity has become a valuable asset in the performing arts, and this 90-minute performance meets panel discussion event will see five experienced disabled artists come together to explore three sets of provocations.

Addressing questions that society is often afraid to ask, including 'Why is language so important?' and 'How can we use disability to add value to work we do in the mainstream?', the panel will put theory into action through both discussion and performances.

An important conversation to continue having, *Risky Business* puts the voices and experiences of deaf and disabled artists at the heart of the conversation, right where they should be.

The award-winning panel includes director of Raspberry Ripple, Kate Hood, singer/songwriter, Eliza Hull, poet and spoken word artist, Andy Jackson, co-CEO and founder of LOOM Arts and Management, Zoe Boesen, and NAATI certified interpreter and researcher, Kirri Dangerfield.

Together, the artists involved in *Risky Business* are delighted to take to the stage to give voice to new thinking around performance and disability, and to celebrate true diversity in Australia.

Tickets are on sale now and capacity is strictly limited. To learn more about the panel and to book, visit geelongartscentre.org.au/creative-engine/professional-development/risky-business

If you are a person with a disability or a practising independent artist and this ticket price is a barrier to you attending, please contact creativengine@geelongartscentre.org.au and we can organise a discounted ticket.

This project is supported by the City of Greater Geelong through its Creative Communities Grant Program.

Launched in October 2019, Creative Engine supports Geelong Arts Centre's strategic vision to build sustainable arts practices within regional Victoria and become 'The Creative Heart of Geelong: an artery between creative industries and community to global thinking and extraordinary experiences.'

To learn more about the Creative Engine program and current opportunities, visit geelongartscentre.org.au/creative-engine

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*“Geelong Arts Centre is committed to showcasing and celebrating true diversity, and we cannot wait for Geelong audiences to witness the incredible creative minds and performances of some of Australia’s best artists and disability advocates with **Risky Business**”.*

Quote attributable to Geelong Arts Centre Head of Programming,
Penny McCabe

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