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A COMPELLING TALE OF SURVIVAL: *THEM* HITS GEELONG ARTS CENTRE FOR 'OUR SEASON 2022'

Running from Tuesday 2 to Saturday 6 August at Geelong Arts Centre, *THEM* tells the story of one young family as they face the decision whether to flee their war-torn city.

Omar, Leila and their young child are counting down the days. Their friends enjoy fantasies of escape and the arrival of Omar's sister brings a real chance to get out – but at what cost?

From multiple-award winning playwright Samah Sabawi, *THEM* is a compelling tale of survival, friendship, and the things we are willing to do to protect the ones we love.

Developed in consultation with people living in conflict zones and displaced by war, the play was first supported by Melbourne Theatre Company's Cybec Electric program before enjoying a sell-out extended season at the famed La Mama Theatre.

With unexpected tenderness, laughter, and song, *THEM* takes audiences into extraordinary circumstances to reveal our shared humanity in the ordinary moments that shape our lives.

Who will leave, who will stay, and what will their choices cost them?

THEM is presented by Lara Week, La Mama, and Critical Stages Touring.

Each performance runs for 80 minutes without interval.

Tickets are on sale now at geelongartscentre.org.au/our-season-2022/them

Plus, bundle and save with Geelong Arts Centre's *Ultimate Theatre Bundle*. See two highly acclaimed shows, *The Boy Who Talked to Dogs* (13-16 Jul) and *THEM* (2-6 Aug) for just \$100! Purchase at geelongartscentre.org.au/our-season-2022/ultimate-theatre-bundle

The performance held on Friday 5 August includes a post-show Q&A with the show's cast and creatives.

THEM is recommended for ages 14 years and above.

The production contains themes of war which may effect those with experience of conflict.

"It's incredibly important to Geelong Arts Centre that we tell stories that need to be told and this incredible piece of theatre, full of humanity, heart and humour could not be more relevant today."

Geelong Arts Centre Senior Producer – Programming & Creative Engine,

Penny McCabe

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SHOW FACT SHEET

VENUE, DATES & TIMES

DURATION 80 minutes, no interval

VENUE Studio 4, Geelong Arts Centre
Entry via 81 Ryrie Street, Geelong

DATES & TIMES

TUE 2 – THU 4 AUG 7:30PM
FRI 5 AUG 7:30PM (INCLUDES POST-SHOW Q&A)
SAT 6 AUG 3:30PM & 7:30PM

TICKETS & BOOKINGS

TICKET PRICES

FULL PRICE \$59
SENIOR/CONCESSION/STUDENT \$53
CHILD \$38
GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE \$50

BOOKINGS

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AVAILABLE SPOKESPEOPLE

SAMAH SABAWI Writer
BAGRYANA POPOV Director
LARA WEEK Producer, Set and Costume Designer

Talent interviews and photo opportunities may be available upon request. Contact Georgia Allen – Geelong Arts Centre Communications and Social Media Lead to discuss interview opportunities further.

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