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THE IRRESISTIBLE

YOU CAN'T HOLD ON TIGHT ENOUGH.

Perth's most exciting performance makers, Side Pony Productions and The Last Great Hunt, have come together for the first time to create an unsettling theatrical experience reminiscent of *Stranger Things* and *Twin Peaks*. Nominated for Best Play in the 2018 Helpmann Awards, *The Irresistible* will make its Victorian debut at Geelong Arts Centre, 7 to 9 November.

Created by some of Australia's most innovative theatre makers Tim Watts, Zoe Pepper and Adriane Daff; *The Irresistible* combines Tim Watts' beautiful theatrical visuals with the complex stories and characters so familiar in Zoe Pepper's body of work.

The Irresistible is an unrelenting exploration of unconscious bias and the deep, often invisible assumptions we make about one another. Told through a series of intertwining stories *The Irresistible* is cleverly layered, revealing a darkly comic reflection of our world as the story begins to fold in on itself.

The core creative team are joined by some of Australia's finest theatre artists including one of Australia's most talented, multi-award-winning composers, Ash Gibson Greig (WA), who created the haunting score, and set and costume designer, Jonathon Oxlade (SA), winner of the 2016 AACTA Award for Best Costume Design, and award-winning Lighting Designer Richard Vabre (Vic). Both bring many years of experience and a unique creative perspective to the production.

Deep in the fog it's hard to see the world clearly, you can't hold on to what you thought to be true. Haunting and mysterious *The Irresistible* will guide audiences into a deeply creepy world. The calibre of the team, the ambitious nature of the content and the bold quality of the work promise a rich new experience for Geelong audiences and a thrilling new contribution to the national theatre landscape.

"..Daff and Watts are stunning, moving easily and believably across characters..Their work as a team is superb.."

— Mariyon Slany, ArtsHub

"This show has given me so much to think about and it was an absolute pleasure to see."

— Claire Nichols, Radio National

Director Zoe Pepper
Writers Adriane Daff, Zoe Pepper and Tim Watts
Performers Adriane Daff and Tim Watts
Designer Jonathon Oxlade
Composer Ash Gibson Greig
Sound Design Phil Downing
Lighting Design Richard Vabre

Running Time: 75min.
Recommended 15+

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