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MTC'S 2015 EDUCATION PRODUCTION GOES ON TOUR

MTC's 2015 Education Production, *I Call My Brothers* by **Jonas Hassen Khemiri**, begins a **two-week regional tour** today, taking world-class theatre on the road as part of MTC's *Sharing the Light* initiative, supported by Crown Resorts Foundation.

Following its successful season in the Lawler at Southbank Theatre, *I Call My Brothers* is touring **regional Victorian secondary schools** in association with Regional Arts Victoria from 4 – 15 May, before traveling to **Geelong Performing Arts Centre** on 18 May and to **Launceston College** in Tasmania on 20 May.

This tour includes MTC's **inaugural Regional Enrichment Program** of pre-show talks, post-show Q&A sessions with members of the cast and creative team, and a masterclass in non-naturalistic performance with director Nadja Kostich. The Regional Enrichment Program is available to schools taking part in the tour thanks to the generous support of an MTC donor.

MTC Executive Director Virginia Lovett said, 'It is wonderful to be able to take our work beyond Southbank Theatre and reach students in regional parts of Victoria and Tasmania. It's our mission to make great theatre and learning opportunities in the creative industries more accessible to young people across the state - so if they can't make it to us, MTC will go to them.'

I Call My Brothers is visiting schools in Woodend, Kilmore, Ballarat, Ararat, Hamilton, Yarram, Orbost, Myrteford and Echuca before a performance at Geelong Performing Arts Centre and then travelling interstate to Launceston College in Tasmania for the final part of its tour.

This tour follows the success of MTC's first-ever in-schools regional tour of its award-winning production *Yellow Moon* in 2014.

A tale of love, fantasy and reality, the brave and thought-provoking *I Call My Brothers* recreates 24 intense hours in the mind of a young Arab man following a terrorist attack in a bustling city.

In the city a bomb explodes. The shock waves spread out until everyone is on edge, waiting for the next explosion. Through this wary city Amor walks. All he has to do is act normally. But today, nothing is normal.

I Call My Brothers is an MTC Education production and is on the 2015 VCE Drama Playlist for Unit 3.

For further information about MTC Education and the *I Call My Brothers* tour visit mtc.com.au/education

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