

COUNTDOWN TO NEON 2015

The countdown is on to MTC's 2015 **NEON Festival of Independent Theatre** which makes **Southbank Theatre** its home from **14 May to 25 July**.

The Festival sees **MKA: Theatre of New Writing**, **The Zoey Louise Moonbeam Dawson Shakespeare Company**, **Dirty Pretty Theatre**, **Dee & Cornelius** and **Elbow Room** each present a ten-day season of a work of their choice; the first NEON Residency as **Rawcus** embarks on the creative development of its next full-scale work; and a special closing night event presented by **The Last Tuesday Society**.

The first Sunday performance of each production will be followed by a **NEON CONVERSATION** about the work, its influences and the broader context in which it sits. During these post-show conversations, arts journalist and broadcaster **Fiona Gruber** will be joined by the theatre makers behind each production including **John Kachoyan**, **Kat Henry**, **Gary Abrahams**, **Zoey Dawson**, **Romanie Harper**, **Susie Dee**, **Patricia Cornelius** and **Emily Tomlins**; and guest panellists including **Lally Katz**, **Professor Ken Gelder** and **Clementine Ford**.

Also running throughout the eleven-week Festival, **NEON EXTRA** offers a broad range of workshops and events for theatre makers and theatre lovers, and **NEON Readings** showcase three brand new plays from local playwrights.

This year the **NEON Bar** returns with a new design and new location. Now situated inside Southbank Theatre, the bar offers a place to gather pre and post-show to soak up the festival atmosphere.

Tickets to all productions and events are on sale now. NEON productions: \$25 or \$100 for all five plays; Pimp My Play: \$20; NEON Readings: \$5. Applications for the free NEON EXTRA workshops for independent theatre makers are now open. To view the full program and to book visit mtc.com.au/neon

MKA: Theatre of New Writing

MKA's Double Feature

14 – 24 May

NEON CONVERSATION: Sunday 17 May

The Zoey Louise Moonbeam Dawson Shakespeare Company

Calamity

28 May – 7 June

NEON CONVERSATION: Sunday 31 May

Dirty Pretty Theatre

The Lonely Wolf (or an incomplete guide for the unadvanced soul)

11 – 21 June

NEON CONVERSATION: Sunday 14 June

Dee & Cornelius

SHIT

25 June – 5 July

NEON CONVERSATION: Sunday 28 June

Elbow Room

We Get It

9 – 19 July

NEON CONVERSATION: Sunday 12 July

Rawcus Residency

20 - 25 July

The Last Tuesday Society

Pimp My Play 25 July

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