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MAMA NORTH PRESENTS:

# LOCKED IN

ONLINE 6.30PM NOVEMBER 18 / 50 minutes

## Four plays by acclaimed playwright Daniel Keene performed by artists in isolation

As thousands around the world continue to grapple with life in lockdown, three of Daniel Keene's rich, lyrical monologues are reimagined over Zoom. Layered together in a new adaptation by the artists, **Dog**, **Brief Darkness**, and **The Rain** offer an intimate window into the lives of those on the fringes of society. Sparse and haunting, these pieces explore the bitter reality of social isolation and the battle to stay afloat inside one's mind without the ballast of human contact.

Daniel Keene's **Ali** explores the topical discussion of refugees, asylum seekers, and the morality surrounding it. In this piece we see teachers at Ali's school deal with a crisis unlike any they've dealt with before.

On Daniel Keene:

*The most important Australian playwright in the transition between the twentieth and twenty-first centuries... (his short plays) distil great emotions and large social contexts into simple and profoundly moving pieces driven by the passions and longings of characters who on the surface can scarcely say what it is they want.*

-- **John McCallum, Belonging: Australian Playwrighting in the 20th Century**

*Daniel Keene is indisputably one of Australia's most poetic, thoughtful and probing playwrights.* – **Sydney Morning Herald**

*A playwright who has made it his life's work to champion the voices of the downtrodden, the misbegotten and the deeply marginalised* – **Time Out**



Written by **Daniel Keene**

**Dog** performed by **Columbus Lane**

**Brief Darkness** performed by **Lakshmi Ganapathy**

**The Rain** performed by **Anastasia Kouloukas**

**Ali** performed by **Morgan-Belle Holmes-Bradshaw, Emily Uwland and Zac Jansen**

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**La Mama North** is a pilot program connecting emerging artists from **La Trobe University's** theatre program with **La Mama Theatre**, Melbourne's iconic home of independent theatre.



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