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GUERILLA SABBATH

as a part of midsumma 2021



"We're not gods."

"- Not yet."

In a universe beside our own, a coven of transcendent, time travelling witches wage war to restore forgotten queer histories. But having recently lost two of their own, the coven is in dire need of replacements, a privilege granted by law to their two youngest initiates.

As they desperately seek to maintain balance within their ranks and focus on the larger task at hand, the coven starts to fracture as tempers flare, threatening to destroy the delicate fabric of their existence and mission. Questions begin to rise about the privilege of their power, the power of their history, and the morality of their neutrality in remembering and archiving those erased by time.

An epic lyrical and theatrical exploration of these forgotten histories, *Guerilla Sabbath* is a fantastical reimagining of what they might have looked and sounded like. It is both a reclamation of the narrative that's been lost, and an aggressive exposé on the fallacy of the one we've been given.

As a beneficiary of the stART Grant Program, *Guerilla Sabbath* underwent development at Playlab Theatre in 2020, and will debut as the new play by Orloff Family Trust recipient William Hinz. Premiering in La Mama's Courthouse Theatre as a part of Midsumma Festival and featuring an ensemble of some of Melbourne's most exciting breakout performers, the piece is a call to arms for the ongoing discussions around whose stories we tell, who tells them, and how ready we are to listen.

'[Hinz's words] break like a wave over the audience, leaving them sitting in reflective, grieving silence' – **TheatreHaus**

Written By: William Hinz

Directed by: **George Lazaris**

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Produced by: **Ryan Stewart**

Performed by:

Milo Hartill, Henry Kelly, Erin Pattison, Michelle Perera, Hannah Sims and Nikki Viveca

Assistant Direction and Dramaturgy by:

Meta Cohen

Production Design by:

Thomas Bevans

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Phoebe Taylor

SEASON 27 April - 2 May, 2021

TIMES Tues 6.30pm; Thu & Sat 7.30pm; Sun 4pm

LENGTH Approx. 115 minutes

VENUE La Mama Courthouse, 349 Drummond St, Carlton

TICKETS \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession

BOOKINGS 03 9347 6948 or <u>www.lamama.com.au</u>



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