

L A M A M A P R E S E N T S
C A C T U S

A candid, hilarious and unnerving coming of age story for our times, and for all ages.



"Everyone knows that friendships made in bathrooms are ones that last for life."

Cactus is a brutally funny and heartbreakingly honest new play by one of the country's most exciting new playwrights, Madelaine Nunn.

Exploring the power of friendship and unspoken female truths, **Cactus** reminds us of the excitement and confusion of being confronted by the adult world.

Cactus follows Abbie and her best friend Pb as they navigate the last tumultuous year of high school. It's going well. I mean, they're still virgins, but it's going well. Milestones are being met. Exams are drawing near. Freedom is on the horizon. Then a niggling complaint brings unexpected news that turns Abbie's life upside down. How had it come to this? Can she still share this with her best friend? And what will it mean for the future she hadn't even imagined yet?

Winner of the ATYP Rebel Wilson Theatre maker Scholarship and shortlisted for the Rodney Seaborn Playwrights Award, **Cactus** was inspired by the beauty and ferocity of female friendship alongside the taboos and shame that start in adolescence and continue to confront women throughout their lives.

"I'm constantly in awe of the unwavering strength and resilience young women possess", says Nunn. *"I wanted to authentically capture the comedy and the chaos in the fraught transition from girlhood to whatever is meant to come after that."* Nunn has quickly gained a reputation for creating quietly clever original work that isn't afraid to take risks.

With nuanced direction from Katie Cawthorne (*Hell's Canyon*, *The Three Graces*) and a cracking all-female creative team including recent graduate actors Ayesha Harris-Westman and Lucy Roseen, **Cactus** is full of insight and humour.

"Is sharp as a razor, very witty, very funny and beautifully directed with much visual humour. Madelaine Nunn— is a natural comedienne." Stage Whispers

CACTUS opens on 24th of June and runs until the 4th July. Don't miss out!

Written by **Madelaine Nunn**

Directed by **Katie Cawthorne**

Performed by: **Ayesha Harris-Westman, Lucy Rossen**

Costume/ Set Design by **Brynna Lowen**

Lighting Design: **Rachel Lee**

Sound Design: **Daniella Esposito**

Stage Manager **Claudia Howarth**

Produced by **Madelaine Nunn**

Image by: **Darren Gill**

SEASON 23 June - 4 July

TIMES Wed (preview) 6.30pm
Thu (opening) 7.30pm
Fri, Sat 7.30pm
Sun 4pm

VENUE La Mama Courthouse,
349 Drummond St, Carlton

LENGTH Approx. 75 minutes

TICKETS \$30 Adult | \$20 Concession

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