

q theatre: PREHISTORIC

After sold out seasons at the Brisbane Festival and 2014 Melbourne Fringe Festival, Elbow Room's award-winning production, Prehistoric, returns for a limited season at the Meat Market Stables in North Melbourne.

This blistering punk theatre gig rips into our civil liberties, and our capacity to resist. Set in 1979 in Brisbane, Prehistoric takes us into the lives of Deb, Nick, Pete, and Rachel as they meet at a gig, start a band, and deal with the repercussions of fighting back against the system. Based on first-hand accounts of living, playing music, and making history under Queensland's notoriously corrupt and brutal Bjelke-Petersen government, Prehistoric offers an iconoclastic and hilarious take on the pivotal "punk moment" that still echoes today.

"We grew up in Brisbane in the 1990s, and experienced the social and cultural effects of the Bjelke-Petersen administration, which only ended in 1989. A number of our friends and colleagues still have scars from this period, some physical.", add Elbow Room Co-Artistic directors Marcel Dorney and Emily Tomlins. "Prehistoric's central question of how culture - what we do together - can resist the pull of authoritarian nationalism remains all too relevant. This is a story of a diverse group of dissident young people finding themselves in a fight against an ethno-centric, backward-looking nationalism, and it will resonate with many young people today."

Celebrating their 10th year in action with this season, Elbow Room are an award-winning Melbourne-based theatre company committed to the development of writing and performance making, in order to test and strengthen the relationship between art and society, and the capacity of that relationship to create change. They are renowned for their intellectual and artistic integrity and considered one of the leading independent theatre companies in Australia.

Written and directed by Marcel Dorney and with Brigid Gallacher, Grace Cummings, Sahil Saluja, and Zachary Giles Pidd performing and playing original live music throughout, Prehistoric is a gritty, intelligent, and pertinent addition to the 2018 Melbourne arts calendar.

WINNER - Best Performance (Melbourne Fringe Festival, 2014)

WINNER - Best Writing (Green Room Awards, 2015)

20 - 27 July, 2018

Tuesday - Friday 7:30pm, Sun 6:30pm

Saturday 21 July - Performance and then Elbow Room 10th Birthday Party 5pm Tickets: \$30 Full, \$25 Concession

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Meat Market (Stables) - 1 Wreckyn Street, North Melbourne www.elbowroomproductions.com

