

q feature: WE WERE THERE

Tilted Projects proudly presents,
as a part of the 2018 Midsumma Festival
We Were There

Conceived and developed by Dirk Hoult and Gavin Roach

Days of interviews, months of development, years in the making, Tilted Projects brings Melbourne audiences a powerful new piece of verbatim theatre, *We Were There*. Performed by four talented female actors, this premiere work gives a voice to 15 different real life women. Who were there.

Telling Australian stories by Australian women, *We Were There* offers a unique perspective of HIV and AIDS. It explores the real lives and untold stories of the sisters, mothers, wives, friends, volunteers, and medical professionals who cared for those living with HIV and AIDS in the 80s and 90s. With humour and heart, *We Were There* celebrates the achievements and sacrifices of these women, and remembers those left behind.

"We Were There was born out of a desire to tell Australian stories that rarely get told.", explain Dirk Hoult and Gavin Roach from Tilted Projects. *"So often stories from the HIV and AIDS crisis in Australia focus on a male gaze and we felt that this was an opportunity to shine a light on a part of the community that have seemed to have been forgotten. It's a humorous and surprising trip down memory lane for audiences, with stories that are still relevant today."*

Created in 2016 by VCA Graduates and theatre-collaborators Dirk Hoult and Gavin Roach, Tilted Projects is committed to developing obscured and untold queer stories into works that reflect our contemporary cultural landscape. The work is community focused and shines a light on the lives of everyday Australians through a tilted lens. Their inaugural production, *We Were There*, is truly one not to be missed.

Directed by Dirk Hoult and Gavin Roach ~ Dramaturgy by Alyson Campbell ~ Set Design by Alex Hiller ~ Sound Design by Connor Ross ~ Lighting Design by Jason Bovaird ~ Performed by Perri Cummings, Olivia Monticciolo, Leah Baulch and Naomi Rukavina

23 January to 4 February, 2018

Tues - Sat 8pm, Sat 4pm, Sun 6pm (no show 26 Jan) Preview shows 23 and 24 January, 8pm

Tickets: \$49 Full, \$39 Preview, Concession and Grps 4+

Bookings: 03 8290 7000 and online at www.tiltedprojects.com/shows Chapel Off Chapel: 12 Little Chapel Street, Prahran www.tiltedprojects.com

