



BATS Theatre 1 Kent Tce Wellington

GUANO 102

A poem by Anne-Lisa Noordover

An ode to the artists.

Living under clouds that move like race horses.

Walking amidst high rise apartments we can't afford.

This is an ode to the artists.

To a lonely trumpet tune carried through a flakey window on Wigan.

To Phantom Billstickers reminding us we walk amongst giants.

To diaries with more show dates crossed out than remaining.

To spectacular ideas discussed over tables with \$6 coffees.

To hospo paper towels taken home for pepermache.

To the 2am workers, your solace in the shadows.

To bedroom floors and drawers lined with pages, an exhibition no one sees but everyone should.

To the smiles, tears and longing painted on > \$100,000 earning patrons, who complain about \$18 tickets while leaving in olas.

To the jacket you finally managed to buy and wore to a friends gig, bear hugging them in it afterwards.

To those who carry guilt for leaving, pain for having to,

having no choice left, left bereft, bereft and bruised.

You are still an artist. Be kind to yourself.

This is an ode to the artists.

To remind you.

You belong in this wonderful city that is;

often not on your side, nor has space for you to reside. You may feel like you're walked all over,

but being the paving stones means, not only are you foundational baby,

you are not alone.

Held snug among many others right beside you.

We are the music,

the color,

the emotion,

and storytelling.

We are the dreaming.

The spaces which transcend us.

The past and the future.

The humanity,

mystery,

mayhem, madness.

And voice.

We are the window,

the gaze,

that says I see you, stay awhile.

You are seen.

You are the heart and soul of this city.

It's not your fault,

humans forget to be conscious of their own hearts beating at times.

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KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU!

Wow - 2021 is very almost done and I imagine, like all of us here at BATS, you're ready for a break. What a blimmin year! One we entered somewhat naively, hoping all this COVID stuff would be over with. We now know better.

As we look ahead to 2022 at BATS it's tricky writing something that will be relevant by the time you see this - especially when we are currently on the precipice of implementing the Traffic Light System.

So we hope this finds you well, rested and safe after Kirihimete. We hope beyond everything that we're still at orange and that COVID-19 isn't overwhelming our health systems. We hope we're able to reopen as usual. We hope we can look forward to Six Degrees Festival and Fringe Festival without too much trepidation. We hope that we can continue to bring artists and audiences together safely.

So here's to a new year and hopefully a more easeful year than we've had recently. Here's to welcoming our friends and family back to BATS!

Nā, Te whānau at BATS





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PAPER JAM

IMAGINARIES THEATRE

IAN 25-29 | 6PM |\$15/\$20

Sal is stuck in a rut.

A boring cycle of get up, go to

work, go home, go to sleep. Up, work, home, sleep. Upworkhomesleepupworkhomesle ep.

Her job is an endless sea of pointless data entry and double handling. Every day the same. Every day adulting. Every. Day.

Until her thought-to-be-long-gone childhood friend, Biscuit, shows up out of the blue.

They're unpredictable, wild and... Imaginary.

Things are going to get weird.



JAN 25-29 | 12PM & 2PM

YOU'D LOOK

JAN 25-29 | 8PM | \$15/\$20

With trouble lurking around every corner, how will Princess Ada and Prince Lysander ever have the wedding of their dreams?! When a mysterious knight appears, Ada begins to question everything she knows about true love... Inconceivable Productions presents the break-out piece from writer Brie Keatley, The Princess and the Knight. Designed to broaden horizons and tug on the heart-strings, this LGBTQIA+friendly play is sure to be a barrel of laughs fit for the whole family! Made in association with Six Degrees Festival. You'd look so pretty if you smiled,

or you wore makeup.

If you showed off your legs, or you just made more of a damn effort.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

You'd Look So Pretty If, a devised show from Stain Your Brain

Productions, set to debut this year in the 6 Degrees Festival.

This is a provocative, horrific, comedic and contemporary performance, that will leave you feeling contemplative, and ready to scream.

With a cast and crew consisting of

female and non-binary folk, we've

created a performance which

objectification of femininity.

confronts the issues around the



6 P M I \$15/\$20

an adapted version of Susan's Glaspell's one act play 'Trifles', a dark comedy set in Kaitangata putting women at the centre of the true crime genre. A violent crime has occurred in the house of John and Sharon Wright, and Sharon is the main suspect. While Kaitangata locals Samantha and Angela gather Sharon's

Heartbreaker Productions present

happened, and perhaps a few truths about themselves along the way. Join us for a cuppa as the mystery unfolds.

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the truth about what really



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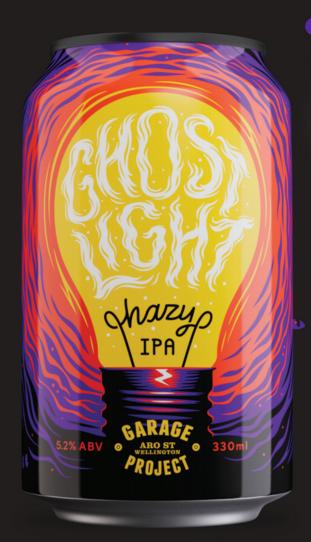
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soldier Jess's life. To escape her pain, she begins experimental virtual reality therapy where she builds a breathtaking world and slowly repairs wounds past and present as she heal her relationships, her life and herself. Small moments carry huge emotional punch in this compelling, honest, and moving story of courage and resilience. Recently discharged soldier, Jess (Harriet Prebble), returns home physically and emotionally scarred after her third tour of Afghanistan.

Six live podcast shows!





SPECIFIAL HAZE

A delicious hazy IPA brewed to support our mates at BATS Theatre

Just what's needed to raise the spirits





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THIRD PARTY A DEBUT SEASON

FEB 10-12 | 7PM | \$14/\$18

Third Party – The Debut presents the improvisational stylings of Improv Connection's most experienced performers: Ben Jardine, Jonathan Mandeno, Kathryn Fitzpatrick, Liz Butler, Max Porozny, Pája Neuhöferová, and Tristram Domican.

With credits in Maximum Benefit, Hall Monitors, The Yellow Wallpaper, Wellington Improv Troupe, and a slew of successful New Zealand Improv Festival shows, they are ready to combine forces in their premiere performance.

Directed and coached by Malcolm Morrison, Third Party is ready to deliver you engaging, dramatic, and gut-wrenchingly funny unscripted theatre the likes of which are only witnessed once—and never seen again!



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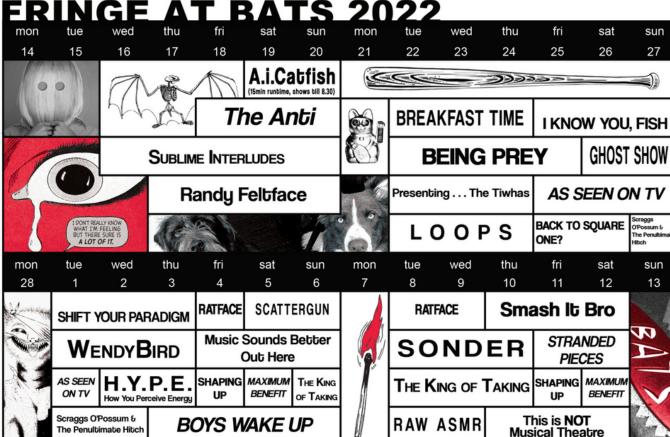
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FEBRUARY 18 — MARCH 12

FRINGE AT BATS 2022 FRINGE AT BATS 2022 FRINGE AT BATS 2022 FRINGE AT BATS 2022





5.30 in the studio

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in the stage

in the dome



FEBRUARY 18 — MARCH 12

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S U B L I M E I N T E R L U D E S

FEB 16-20 | 6.30PM | \$15/\$20

This performance is an exploration of human fears and phobias, with an effort to forge connectedness and support when we can feel extremely disconnected and lost.

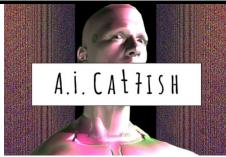
It is an acknowledgement of the highs and lows we experience as humans, the breath between fear and release.



THE ANTI

FEB 18-20 | 6PM | \$18/\$14

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A.I. CATFISH

FEB 19-20 | 5.30PM | \$18/\$14

Am I real? Are you real? How can you tell? Especially in social networks online -Maybe Artificial Intelligence is smart enough to fool you... So what happens when we're all in the metaverse and can't sure of anything anymore... A.i.Catfish is a mixed VR Show / Psvch Research - An immersive study of what it's like to meet and chat with A.i.. No participants with a history of migraines or Epilepsy. Consent to have data

recorded. R18 (no nudity or

crass content)]



BREAKFAST

FEB 22-24 | 6PM | \$15/\$20 Breakfast Time is food for



PRESENTING... THE TIWHAS

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Some ingredients just don't go well together - Breakfast Time is a multimedia project; you are invited to watch a short film, as two step siblings cook breakfast the morning after a hasty wedding.

After, you are swept into a highly abstract and analytical deconstruction of the world and characters, as breakfast is cooked once again.

thought.

Jthan Morgan fronts Wellington's new favourite drag girl group, The Tiwhas. Made up of local takatāpui performers, *The Tiwhas*, are here to slay - performing hit songs with live vocals and

choreography. A fun filled, entertaining evening of takatāpui drag excellence! All your favourite hits from the 70s til today!



BEING

FEB 22-25 | 6.30PM | \$18/\$22



FEB 22-24 | 8.30PM | \$22/\$18

about solo show watching yourself beina eaten alive.

Come along on this potentially-dangerouspossibly-moving-definitelymad romp of a show as we attempt to unpack the limits of our humanity in the face of death.

Inspired by a true blue

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result"

story.

Loops is a multi-disciplinary performance piece about the frustrations and repercussions of trying to make a career in the arts. explored through live sound & aerial art.

This is for the artists who are stuck in a loop and are not sure how to break out.



FEB 25-27 | 6PM | \$15/\$20



bathrooms, thoughts, feelings, and words that make up Genoveva: Spoiler alert: she's a fish. you'll Mavbe after this. understand why.

idioms, fish flakes, nightclub

combination of sharks,

I Know You, Fish is a dark, absurd solo comedy using AV, Epic theatre. and poetic directed language at the audience as an intentionally performative metaphor for the honest. relatable content beneath.



FEB 25-MAR 1 | 8PM | \$15/\$20

Please Laugh presents a new sketch comedy show all vour that answers questions:

- Why can't you point the boom mic upwards?
- How do I become a billionaire businessman?
- Why doesn't Mr. Potato Head have a plastic dick?

We have the answers, you got the dosh.



R E

FEB 26-27 | 8.30PM | \$22/\$18

The Rebel Alliance invites you into 95 year old Inga's living room in Denmark as she reaches out through space and time to her grandson in New Zealand.

Sometimes all you need is an old lady to set you straight.

It's theatre, but only just!



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FEB 26-27 | 6.30PM | \$20/\$15

A new queer comedy musical about the perils of love, cheap secondhand toasters. and waiting until it's too late. Guano Blurb When Fliza becomes a ghost after a fatal run-in with a toaster, she has to figure out how to confess her love to Violet, her intelligent, dreamy, and totally alive flatmate. An epic tale of gay ghost romance with the help of song, dance, and spooky new friends



SCRAGGS O'POSSUM & THE PENULTIMATE HITCH

FEB 27-MAR 2 | 8.30PM | \$15/\$20



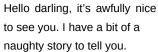
WENDYBIRD

MAR 1-3 | 8.30PM | \$20/\$15

You can't hitch 35,000km across 3 continents without having a few stories to tell.

Join Scraggs O'Possum, hitchhiking extraordinaire, as they share tales of tribulation, triumph, and allaround temerarious behaviour on the open road.

Thumbs out, baby!



Something just a little bit cheeky before you pop off to bed.

People don't realise that I was so much more than Peter Pan's damsel in distress... but we'll change that.



SHIFT YOUR PARADIGM - NO CHAIRS REQUIRED

6 P M | \$15/\$20



H.Y.P.E (HOW YOU PERCEIVE ENERGY)

MAR 2-3 | 8PM | \$20/\$15

Do you want to get more out of life? Are you tired of lower back pain and poor cushion support? Well, in just one hour with me I'll teach you about a whole new way to sit. Doctors hate me, and chiropractors fear me; what I can give to you will make their jobs a thing of the past. Besides, pyramid a scheme is so bad then why is a triangle the strongest shape?

vitality sustained through physical movement? In this world, we are pursuing an emotive journey through energies created by music and physical movement. Can you see it radiating? Presented by UKU, 4 highly skilled artists collaborate and perform in a highly physical dance work created by Airu Matsuda 憧祈 松田.

Can you see the energy created by the strength and





What happens when you mix four high school lads, too much to drink, and the Rimutaka Hills?

Boys Wake Up! addresses the

40% of fatal road accidents

involving alcohol and drugs,

the high numbers of youth

toxic

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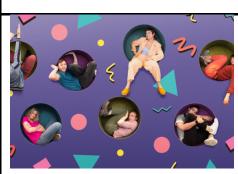
When our writer / performer Robert (Jack) McGee was nineteen, he walked up the highway, from Wellington to Auckland.

Armed with a pedal-poweredtreadmill and beautiful live music, this show captures the highs and lows of that Initially, it's a adventure. funny, personal, and uniquely New Zealand adventure story.



ATFAC

MAR 4-9 | 6PM | \$15/\$20



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MAR 4-11 | 8PM | \$20/\$15

work starring Sean and exploring duality; particularly what it means simultaneously be predator and prey, and how that duality is used for personal betterment. Every day we better ourselves: our patience, understanding, and the part of ourselves that wants to be a better person, prey's upon the corners of us that harbour prejudice, irrationality in attempts to break down that which we have been coded. consciously or otherwise. Ever been put in a corner?

An experimental solo body of

Squared off against your rival? Entangled in a love triangle? Had a rhombus time with your mates? Third Party presents Shaping Up! A fun, fast-paced improvised show where chance not only determines the shape of the stories, but the space where improvisors may perform them! Will you see a heart-breaking tale of lovers separated by a chasm, or an uncomfortable at meetina in broom cupboard?

BETTER OUTHERE

MAR 4-6 | 6 30PM | \$20/\$15



SCATTERGUN

MAR 5-6 | 6PM | \$15/\$20

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Millienial Māori.

Talking to a kehua.

Seeking transcendence.

Poetry, verbatim,

waiata.

Bless Up



TAKING-A DEVELOPMENT

MAR 6-10 | 8PM | \$18/\$14

A royal physical comedy so new it's not finished.

The King of Taking at BATS is a development season for a new work by Kallo Collective and Thom Monckton.

A petulant and childish king is presented gifts by his subjects (you) and he reacts accordingly.



MAR 5 & 12 | 8PM | \$15/\$20



Be the extra in the coffee shop, the onlooker on the

From an audience suggestion,

Max and Ben spin a unique

plots.

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person lives a life as

complex as your own."

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hahas, awws, and more!

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MAR 8-10 | 6.30PM | \$20/\$15

street.

Follow what interests you

witness everything and daily life has to offer. This is people-watching at its peak.



RAW! ASMR

MAR 8-9 | 8.30PM | \$18/\$22



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MAR 10-12 | 8.30PM | \$20/\$15

whisper Hello little peaches. Welcome back to my channel. It's Letitia Lickkit... lick it. Discover your Tingle Immunity at this new fruity bouffon comedy about ASMR by award winning actor Amy Atkins. Bouffon is the art of taking down the bastards, and this show will

sink its teeth into the bastards in ASMR and around and Mukbung YouTube culture! Bring your own Headphones and Smart Device for Guaranteed Brain Tingles.

Hey, you! It's your friendly neighbourhood Aucklander, Patrick! Listen, I want to bring a revue-style show to the festival a work in progress, if you will but I need a little bit of feedback on the content. I'm hosting a rehearsal with India and the band; please feel free to stop in and help us craft our ideas into something! If you're a musical theatre nerd, come. If you're NOT a musical theatre nerd, absolutely come.

P.S It'll be groundbreaking art.



B R



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MAR 11-12 | 6.30PM | \$20/\$15

For a devastating comedy. frightfully hilarious with twists and turns, come and experience Smash It Bro!

A show that follows two deadheat friends who shortly after entering, find themselves locked in a shed.

With nothing but time, the pair slowly unhinge and divulge into chaos.

An experimental dance

exploring work the unsteady and conflicted space we are in during this time of isolated crisis. Striving to connect the

innate and holistic efforts. Inspired by Matt Pine's relation to land in his work.

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ABOUT BATS

BATS Theatre is a not-for-profit theatre that aims to light up lives with live art. For over 30 years BATS has nourished various artistic communities, played a key role in developing new creative voices in Aotearoa, launched many successful careers, and become a second home for people on and off stage.

Join us in our mission to create safe spaces for artists and audiences to expand possibilities. BATS has always been the place to take a risk, so why not check out what's coming up... see *bats.co.nz* for more info.

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BATS Theatre is a charitable trust with mission light lives. providing donations towards resources for artists to make live art. When you make a donation to BATS you're directly helping artists.

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M O K O M O K O M A R 17-26 | 6.30 P M | \$20/\$25

How do you heal from intergenerational trauma as the result of a genocide that people refuse to acknowledge?

Asking for a friend...

Moko is stuck between a rock and a hard place. She feels that a stronger grounding in her identity will help her heal from personal trauma, but the more she learns, the more she finds there's so much more work to do.

Join Moko on her quest to discover the truth of her origin story, and help her to stay on the path to becoming the wāhine toa she was born to be.



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DOOM & BLOOM: COCKATRICE

1 8 7 P M \$15/\$20

LATE NIGHT

KNIFE FIGHT

MAR 19 | 8.30PM | \$18/\$22

Like the parents of a cockatrice the mythical creature with two distinct animals as parents -BATS' long-time comedy duo Doom & Bloom bring to life a unique hybrid of two audience members' stories.

Made up entirely on the spot, there is no telling what the power of the hybrid will be... other than unexpected, hilarious, and quite possibly touching.

Late Night Knife Fight is the monthly improv battle where three teams face off in a fight for glory, honour, and the audience's

favour. The winner returns in the

headline spot next month; the losers wail and gnash their teeth.

We bring the knives. You bring the judgement.



MAR 18 | 10 P M | \$14/\$18

All comedy, no bite.

Tiny Dog is Te Whanganui-aimprov Tara's fierce new company. Expect the unexpected with a night of fast and loose improvised comedy.

Wellington's top-of-their-game comedians at their silliest.

Fetch your tickets quick. Woof. Woof.





DR DRAMA MAKES A SHOW

MAR 29-APR 1 | TIMES VARY | \$20/\$25

When Dr Drama makes a show, expect the unconventional.

Using comedic storytelling, multimedia & dance, James Wenley unpacks masculinity, performance & whiteness.

Enrol now for an intellectually stimulating and thoroughly entertaining academic journey.



DR DRAMA MAKES A SHOW WITH YOU

MAR 30-APR 2 | TIMES VARY | \$25/\$20

Learn about the social origins of dramatic performance, browse Dr Drama's collection of theatre programmes, and collaborate with fellow audience members to create your own unique performance.

A fun and highly interactive theatre experience.



J E Z & J A C E MAR 30-APR 2 | 8PM | \$18/\$14

Toxic masculinity has never looked this hot.

Bring you Speights and your mates for this fucking banger of a show.

Jez & Jace will take you on a journey through the highs and lows of a white bogan's life.

Featuring performances from Nina Hogg, Megan Connolly and directed by Austin Harrison.

What happens when you really put your bros before your hoes? #nohomo





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