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FOLLOW ME HOME

Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP)

Stories with heart, honesty and humanity.

Follow Me Home is an insightful new theatre production by awardwinning playwright Lewis Treston. Presented as a series of vignettes, the play reveals the real stories of a group of extraordinarily strong, resilient and courageous young people from across Australia.

Telling the truth, being honest and sharing your story takes guts. Real guts. How do you tell your friend she can't sleep over anymore? Can you help a parent when she's lost all hope? How can you strive for independence when the system is working against you? And what if just being honest means you're out on the street?

Inspired by the real-life stories shared by homeless young people across NSW, this thought-provoking work from Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) is a must-see for audiences aged 14 and over. Four talented young actors take on multiple roles in a fast-paced show that will leave audiences with a shift in perspective, a little more compassion and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

"It's not often you get to create a piece of theatre that offers powerful entertainment with a lingering community impact. This play tells a range of stories that are funny, heartwarming, achingly sad and gently uplifting, but it does it with a disarming honesty and lack of romance or sentiment. We had young people who have experienced homelessness join us in the rehearsal room and talk to the cast about their experiences. They spoke very openly about how what the cast can reveal and what has to be hidden deep inside. The impact of those discussions is evident in the understated performances that are delivered." Fraser Corfield, Director



Thu 5 Aug 2021 07:00 pm

Studio Theatre

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STUDIO THEATRE

Studio Premium Reserve: \$35.00 Studio A-Reserve: \$30.00 Studio A-Reserve Concession: \$25.00 Studio B-Reserve: \$25.00

*all bookings made via the website will incur a \$2 Internet Transaction Fee

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Box Office open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm 29 Campbell Street, Hobart, TAS 7000 "Follow Me Home succeeds in its intention to demystify the complexities of youth homelessness and urges the audience to question their own role in a culture that often looks beyond those who need someone to listen. ATYP has fostered a space for young voices to be heard, and young performers to showcase the strength, resilience and joy that exists within all young people." Nicole Pingon, Playwave

"The production was exemplary in its treatment of youth homelessness, opening this topic up for numerous discussions with my students. My students were so happy to participate in the live Q&A and the young actors' ability to articulate their acting processes as well as listen to how the actors approached such a taboo topic" Drama Teacher. Qld



DURATION

90mins (no interval)

PATRON ADVICE

Recommended age 14+ Contains strong language

Important notes: Follow Me Home depicts young people living with the realities of homelessness. These stories explore themes of:

- Domestic and family violence
- Physical abuse and neglect
- Drug use
- Mental Illness
- References to suicide
- References to sexual abuse

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, support is available: Lifeline 13 11 14 Lifeline is a 24/7 crisis support and suicide hotline service.

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Link2Home 1800 152 152 Link2Home is a 24/7 homelessness crisis support line.

Emergency Services

Domestic Violence Line 1800 656 463

Child Protection Helpline 13 21 11

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