

2021 SYD FEST



MAUREEN: HARBINGER OF DEATH

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REGINALD THEATRE,
SEYMOUR CENTRE

15–21 JANUARY

70 MINS

Writer and Performer Jonny Hawkins

Co-conceiver and Director Nell Ranney

Set and Costume Design Isabel Hudson

Lighting Design Nick Schlieper

Sound Design Steve Toulmin

Production Stage Manager Lachlan Steel

ABOUT THE SHOW

A touching and real homage to older women, celebrating the indomitable voice, wisdom and unapologetic passions of dames who defy invisibility.

Framed by velvet, Jatz crackers and cigarettes, join Maureen in her bohemian living-room for a journey of exquisite storytelling brimming with acerbic life advice, spirited friends now gone and the dauntless potency of limitless imagination.

With minimal costume or props, writer and performer Jonny Hawkins transforms into Maureen before our eyes in a solo work that relishes the heroic, individual strength of female elders mostly dismissed by society.

Co-created with director Nell Ranney, and inspired by Hawkins' real-life friend, a self-described 'working class glamour queen', Maureen: Harbinger of Death redefines our concepts of older women, honours the bounties of inter-generational relationships and pays tribute to kindness, individuality and dignity.

JONNY HAWKINS & NELL RANNEY

Jonny is a writer, actor, storyteller and DJ with a big love for Sydney, elderly women, disco, queer community and the dance floor history. Jonny studied acting at WAAPA and has won numerous awards for their original works and acting, including the multi-award-winning short film Joy Boy. Jonny is founder of The Dollar Bin Darlings, Sydney's best loved DJs and party makers.

Nell is a director and producer of original and multi-disciplinary theatre. Her work supports new voices alongside the development of their expression and form. She has held artistic programming roles for Belvoir and The Garden of Unearthly Delights.

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