



A MARTYR, A MOTH AND A MISSION

Brisbane Powerhouse presents

MOTH

By Arena Theatre Company

Not fitting in has never been more emotionally electric than in Arena Theatre Company's moving new production, *MOTH*, playing at Brisbane Powerhouse from **Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 August**.

Sebastian is a terminally unpopular fifteen-year-old suburban kid, with an overactive imagination and an obsession with anime and death. His only friend, Claryssa, is an emo Wiccan art-freak barely one rung higher than Sebastian on the social ladder.

What starts as just another night drinking down at the cricket nets soon gives way to an ecstatic vision that leaves Sebastian unconscious, Claryssa missing without explanation and their friendship in tatters.

The next morning, he wakes up with a mysterious moth in a jar by his bed, a burning passion to save the souls of all humankind and a desperate need to reach Claryssa. Sebastian spirals into a breathless ride of schizophrenic delusion and religious passion, living life at a feverish pitch that can only lead to tragedy. So begins the passion of Sebastian.

Mental illness; religious zeal; love. This is a highly charged, rapid-fire, funny and incredibly touching new work by writer Declan Greene, commissioned by Arena Theatre Company and The Malthouse. The Green Room Award-winning production brings together Greene's unique, incisive voice with director Chris Kohn and designer Jonathon Oxlade to create a thrilling new work for audiences 15 years old and over.

Declan Greene is a writer and theatre-maker based in Melbourne. His plays include *Rageboy*, *A Black Joy* and *MOTH*, and have been produced at The Storeroom, the Malthouse, and the Sydney Opera House among others. He has won the Monash University National Playwright's Competition (2006), the Malcolm Robertson Prize (2010), and the R.E. Ross Playwright's Development Awards (2007 and 2009).

Melbourne-based Arena Theatre Company is one of Australia's longest running producers of theatre for young people aged 5 to 25 years and their mission is to create inspiring live performances that have a genuine dialogue with young audiences.

For more information call 07 3358 8600 or go to brisbanepowerhouse.org

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Date	Wed 3 – Sat 6 Aug
Time	Wed-Fri 11am + 7pm, Sat 1pm
Venue	Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse
Tickets	Full \$28, Concession \$24, School \$20
Bookings	07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org

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