

THE MAIDS

JEAN GENET

A LITTLE SISTER
PRODUCTION



Loyalty ♦ Betrayal ♦ Debauchery ♦ Power

The Guild Theatre, Melbourne University

In the Memory of Rob Galbraith

This adaptation of *The Maids* was a collaborative effort of the cast and director. This is Little Sisters first production, we hope you enjoy the evening and many to come.

Cast

Madame: Nick Millen
Solange: Leeor Adar
Claire: Ruby Mathers

Crew

Director: Angelique Murray
Stage Manager: Alex Norton
Assist. Stage Manager: Marcus Allingham
Lighting Design: Chris Johnson
Lighting Operation: Caitlin Young
Costume Design: Nidhi Badiger
Set Design: Alex Norton
Graphics: Emily Hughes
Chris Johnson

Directors Note

With Jean Genet's *The Maids*, one perception of this play can completely differ from the next. As an audience member, you might be very familiar with Genet's work, or you could be stumbling across it for the first time. One thing is for certain, this play is undeniably tricky. In order to unravel the knots and tangles of any possible confusion, it was suggested that a small synopsis should be included in the programme. *The Maids* however, isn't paint by numbers, and half the fun of the night is in drawing your own conclusions. Plus, how are you supposed to critique it over a post-play coffee at Brunetti's, if it's all been done for you?

No. I am going to ask a favour of you instead.

A great man once told me that when watching theatre, we need to forget our confusion, ignore our frustrations and suspend our disbelief. So I ask of you, inquisitive and thoughtful audience member, to leave your doubts at the door and just enjoy the feeling of being wrapped up in the action. Find yourself completely lost in the story.

I guarantee you won't regret it.

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