

**Finished**

**and**

**Unfinished:**

**Playreadings**

# Union House Theatre presents **Finished and Unfinished: Playreadings**

## **Idea behind the project:**

The UMSU Arts Officers and I were talking about a way to present original performance writing that was being done around campus. We knew there were really interesting people doing really interesting things but we needed an opportunity to bunch a whole lot of this activity together. Hence – a playreading festival! We wanted to open up the playwright's process for people to examine and discuss, so we decided that we would aim for works that ranged from the barely hatched concept to the well polished final draft.

We also decided that, in order for the playwrights' work to remain at the centre of the event, the readings would be very simple – no sound effects, no lighting effects, no props, costumes or 'blocking' (stage action). By presenting the plays in this way we hope that the audience will create their own 'production' in their imagination while they listen to the dialogue and stage directions.

We are lucky to have two eminent local playwrights involved in Finished and Unfinished. Angela Betzien (The Orphanage Project, The Dark Room) has been Writer-in-Residence at UHT this year, leading our innovative What in the World Writers' Group. On Wednesday night we will read a section from her play The Dark Room, and on Thursday night we will present four works which she has dramaturged along with a discussion of the process. On the Friday evening we will be joined by Melbourne writer, Ross Mueller (The Ghost Writer, Construction of the Human Heart) for a reading of a scene from his recent play Concussion twice – once in first draft form and once in its final form – followed by a talk about the process of editing your own work.

We hope you will come along to all the sessions and get involved in the discussion!

**Tom Gutteridge**  
Artistic Director  
Union House Theatre

## **Park**

**Author** Chris Summers

**Director** Xaris Miller

**Cast** Will Stanton, Ciella Williams

## **Camberwell House**

**Author** Amelia Roper

**Director** Xaris Miller

**Cast** Xaris Miller

~~Discussion~~

## **The Dark Room**

**Author** Angela Betzien

**Director** Xaris Miller

**Cast** Ciella Williams, Mattie Young

~~Discussion/drinks~~

## **Vandals in Sandals**

**Author** Paul Laverty

**Director** Matthew Ziccone

**Cast** Luke McMahon, Will Stanton, Tom Carmody, Steffi Chang,  
Alice Dawes

## **Medallion**

**Author** Jack Madin

**Director** Tom Gutteridge

**Cast** Will Stanton, Alice Dawes, Myf Clark

## **Berlin**

**Author** Matthew Ziccone

**Director** Tom Gutteridge

**Cast** Luke McMahon, Tom Carmody, Steffi Chang, Celia  
Handsombe, Jo Bowen, Bree O'Dwyer

~~Discussion/drinks~~

## **Concussion**

**Author** Ross Mueller

**Director** Tom Gutteridge

**Cast** Luke McMahon, Tom Carmody, Celia Handscombe

~~Discussion/drinks~~

## **Making Friends**

**Author** Francis Grin

**Director** Tom Gutteridge

**Cast** Jo Bowen, Steffi Chang, Matt Ziccone, Will Stanton

## **Dora's Tears**

**Author** Mathilda Lunken

**Director** Phoebe Taylor

**Cast** Sally Chadwick, Bree O'Dwyer, Celia Handscombe, Alice Dawes

## **Seconds**

**Author** Mattie Young

**Director** Phoebe Taylor

**Cast** Tom Carmody, Sally Chadwick, Celia Handscombe

## **These Franks Kill Fascists**

**Author** Eleanor Bally

**Director** Phoebe Taylor

**Cast** Sally Chadwick, Bree O'Dwyer, Alice Dawes

## **Post-Racialism and the Ginger Paradox**

**Author** Rose Johnstone

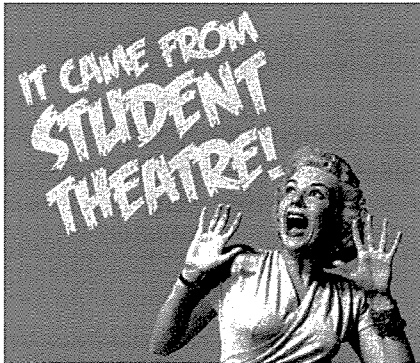
**Director** Phoebe Taylor

**Cast** Myf Clark

~~Discussion/drinks~~

**Coming Soon.....**

Join Lally Katz, Joanna Murray-Smith, Michael Veitch, Robert Reid, Thomas Henning and others in



**Thurs 15 Oct @  
6:30pm  
Union Theatre**

Cost: Gold coin donation at the door



**Fri 30 Oct @  
7:30pm  
Union Theatre**

Tickets: SU Members \$5/  
Non-Members \$7

Dust off your frock, straighten your tie and gather your friends for the party of the year as we announce the Union House Theatre and University of Melbourne's Theatre Board Awards!