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A.D.D. @ The Dog - Ethel Chop and Chums

Ethel Chop, Australia's favourite Polyester clad battleaxe, hosts her very own talk show! She might love plastic hall runners and eat tripe, but Ethel knows how to entertain. "It's about time audiences were wowed by someone smart and attractive. And that someone would be me," says Ethel. "If critics disagree they can get bent." A Part of the ward winning, Dog Theatre's Fringe program at the Footscray Town Hall.

The irascible Ethel Chop, best known to fans as an intolerant Polyester obsessed widow, hosts her very own talk show.

With musical accompaniment from the Ant Farm Orchestra and drink trolley assistance from hapless granddaughter Jade, octogenarian Ethel sings, jokes and charms her way through a jam packed variety hour featuring special guests each night. All on a delightfully disgusting set with sherry and custard tarts ahoj. Bonus: free pressure cushion to be won!

ETHEL CHOP

Many things concern Ethel Chop: unemployment, incorrect bus timetables and the fact that today's youth are all loopdeloo nutbags.

Ethel's wisdom and no-nonsense attitude to life means she has become Australia's best loved Octogenarian. Now a widow, her late husband Reg went to war in 1939 and came back an amputee, which Ethel believes should be a warning to anyone thinking of taking an international holiday.

Ethel puts her beauty and good health down to her love of nylon sheets:

"Oh they're beaut aren't they? Warm in winter, even warmer in summer. And if you enjoy a nylon nightie as well, it's like sleeping in a synthetic volcano. Which is of course a lot of fun!"

Ethel was born in a more innocent time.

'When I was young I didn't even know what losing your virginity meant. If someone had said hymen to me, I probably would have said "yes, and peace be with you".

Ethel would like it known that instead of wasting her pension on a professional stylist she does her own make-up and hair. Hard to believe isn't it?

"Excellent comic timing." - The Age

"Sidesplitting... Ethel Chop is hilarious." - Sunday Times

"Powell's character work is spot on." - Inpress

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uJYwf_ZtKo&NR=1

<http://www.thedogtheatre.com>

<http://www.ethelchop.com>

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VENUE

The Dog Theatre at Footscray Town Hall

Cnr Napier & Hyde St

Footscray, Victoria 3011

DATES: 21 - 24 Sept,

28 - 29 Sept

1 Oct

6 - 8 Oct

TIME: 6.45pm 21, 23 Sept, 1 Oct, 8.00pm 24, 29 Sept, 7 Oct, 9.15pm 22, 28 Sept, 6, 8 Oct (60min)

TICKETS

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