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A Personal War **Stories of the Mumbai Terror Attacks**

The award-winning play 'A Personal War' is the personal account of 6 people who went through the horrific terror attacks in Mumbai on 26/11/08. Raw, poignant, sensitive & even funny in parts it encourages the audience to see that change is possible. Heart wrenching and real, this is a story of hope and courage even in the face of a disaster as terrible as 26/11/08.

'A Personal War' is based on TRUE accounts of seven people who went through the Tragedy that unfolded in Mumbai on 26/11/08. They were at seven different locations when terror engulfed the city with terrorist attacks at major landmarks, hotels and populated areas.

The incredible stories of the survivors will highlight human fortitude, strength and courage in the face of such meaningless destruction. We believe that survivor stories give us hope.

They were brave, strong and they learnt some valuable life lessons from these horrific acts. We should not have to go through horrors like theirs to learn some simple, invaluable life lessons.

The script is original. The cast and director have returned from the NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL where the director was awarded the award for Best Director.

The cast has also performed at THE LARGEST ARTS FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD: the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where they were nominated for the AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AWARD, THE FRINGE FIRST AWARD and awards for Best Script, Best Director and Best Play!

ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SHOW HAVE THUS FAR GONE TOWARDS THE MUMBAI POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Balancing Act Productions, the production house, has decided to donate THE ENTIRE PROCEEDS OF EVERY SINGLE SHOW at the SYDNEY FRINGE FESTIVAL and THE MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL to the MUMBAI POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

The money is set aside for funds for SAFER UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT for our policemen on duty.

"...she helps demonstrate how a person can transcend anger at the past to focus on hope for the future. Briskly paced and moving, her powerful work leaves the audience chilled, tearful and rapt." - TimeOut New York (Emily Jacobsen)

"Yesterday, I had one of the most profound moments in the theatre I have ever experienced...Yesterday was also the day that I became a better, more knowledgeable citizen of the world by seeing A Personal War." - nytheatre.com (Julie Congress)

"Incarnated by a cast of Bollywood actors, this multi-media show is so real, it leaves you shell- shocked and burnt." - CurtainUp Review

<http://www.nytheatre.com/showpage.aspx?s=10541>

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<http://newyork.timeout.com/arts-culture/upstaged-blog/108506/fringe-festival-review-a-personal-war—stories-of-the-mumbai-terror>

A Personal War

VENUE

Royal Melbourne Hotel
629 Bourke St
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

DATES: 3-6 Oct

TIME: 8.00pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$25

Concession: \$22

TO BOOK visit melbournefringe.com.au or call (03) 9660 9666

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