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## Close To You

Dark, whackadoo, character-building wit

**Karen Carpenter's mother scrubbed keyholes. Meg's mother vacuumed a bird cage non-stop with Karen Carpenter singing in the background. Karen died in a closet. Meg has a skeleton in her closet. Close To You, written and performed by Meg Pee, is the comedic exploration of how Karen Carpenter subliminally affected her life from childhood to now. You can catch Meg with special guest; Dan Violato on drums at Cape Live Upstairs on Brunswick Street.**

Close to you is an autobiographical character-based story, set in Meg's sterile suburban childhood house and her cat sprayed adult share house.

The show primarily explores how the domestic realm defines us. The concept of 'home' holds an ideal of people feeling safe and being their true selves. This can become a paradox in a share house - which so often becomes a public space for expression, assertion, unspoken rage and passive aggressive object placement - Meg used to have to shower alongside 2 naked barbies in a birdcage.

Meg is able to successfully link all characters in her show back to Karen Carpenter's music in some way.

The worlds Meg creates on stage are familiar, surreal and dark; where boundaries become skewed and anything is possible.

On top of all the subtext, Meg isn't shy to indulge in the odd gag, pun, extreme word play, singing and ridiculous movement. Meg seeks the stage to play and involve as many people as she can in her madness.

Dan Violato provides a live percussion / vocal soundtrack. Meg Pee takes on the role of narrator whilst morphing into characters along the way.

Meg stems from a poetry / spoken word background. She is fascinated by human behavior and social / political motivation. She holds a keen eye on people's characteristics, voices and quirks. From her close observations of people she encounters daily, Meg carefully constructs characters that balance precariously between the believable and the utterly absurd.

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### Close To You

#### VENUE

Cape Live, Upstairs  
298 Brunswick St  
Fitzroy, Victoria 3065

DATES: 29 Sept - 2 Oct  
and 6th - 8th Oct

TIME: 8.30pm (50min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$15.00

Concession: \$12.00

Preview: \$10.00

Group: \$10.00

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