

MEDIA RELEASE

Melbourne
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Freefall

Contemporary circus theatre show, Freefall, was one of the hottest tickets at this years's Adelaide Fringe; a totally sold-out season, rave reviews and catching the eye of Melbourne Fringe producers who enticed them across the border with the Tour Ready prize. Freefall dives into the concept of fear and social inhibition but it is the members of company Gravity & Other Myths that are the powerhouse behind this progressive and honest experience.

"It's rare in the Australian circus scene for seven acrobats to get the opportunity to work together consistently over an extended period of time" says company member Triton Tunis-Mitchell, "but this strong bond shows in the types of group skills we can create and of course the on-stage energy that you can only get with seven bodies flipping and flying within inches of each other".

The troupe started training with together as youth around six years ago at Adelaide's Cirkidz Youth Circus. Unlike Melbourne, which has a very strong circus scene and pathway for aspiring acrobats, Adelaide lacks the infrastructure for adult circus artists and usually sees its hopefuls leave town or slip into mainstream, non-circus life.

Fortunately this group of artists felt it had more to do, more to say, and a strength in numbers to support each other through the literal ups and downs of circus life. They committed to training and rehearsing for the show that would become Freefall. Instead of looking outward to directors, producers and technicians for help these young acrobats turned inward, using personal aesthetics and stories to create a show that was honest and reflective of their time together. From all reviews this honesty and bond shows on stage in both their outstanding group movements, and their ownership of the performance material.

Freefall premiered in late 2009 for TheatreWorks in St Kilda before being redeveloped for numerous seasons across Australia. It won the 2010 Adelaide Fringe Award for Best Circus ahead of well-loved Victorian companies This Side Up and Circus Tricktease.

"This is one of my shows of the year, hands down!" - Festival Freak

"These guys and gals fly through the air, slide along the floor, flip across the stage and shake it all out better than anything you will see on TV!" - Fringe Benefits

"Funny, skilful, smart, daring and creative. ****1/2" - YaniBlog

<http://www.gravityandothermyths.com.au/>

<http://youtu.be/y5QjnpnQqUM>

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VENUE

Fringe Hub - Arts House, Meat Market
5 Blackwood St
North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

DATES: 1-2 and 4-8 Oct

TIME: 8.00pm, Sun 7.00pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$25

Concession: \$18

Tigtarse Tuesday: \$15

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