

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Helmsman Pete: Postcards from the Edge of the World

**This year following on from infamous productions in his home base of Melbourne, Australia's Helmsman of 'curio cabinet storytelling' Helmsman Pete embarks on an expedition to the edge featuring startling vignettes and acclaimed boot-stomp music sure to set loose the 'wild-man' from the most sober of souls...**

Postcards from the Edge of the World is a hypnotic voyage on the theatrical seas. A sailor faces his fears whilst adrift in the oceans' expanse; a mythical wanderer roams endlessly in search of lost love; and a rugged sheriff of the west faces his final 'ride back'...

All are tales from the 'postcards from the edge', delivered through the evocative and distinct power of original song and theatre that Helmsman Pete and renown company the Tar Pit is notoriously celebrated for in their southern port of Melbourne.

Written and devised in the most far-flung and rugged edges of the sun-scorched country – Tasmania, Postcards From the Edge of the World will excite your senses and tickle your bones. Informed by imagination, instinct and metaphor - often with smatterings of poetic whimsy and big 'ol buckets of atmosphere, relishing in the absurd and untried Postcards From the Edge of the World follows the highly acclaimed Next Wave 2008 project Four Rogues, and 2010 historical telling of Flinders' St station's secret past in the Beast of Hoof and Trunk.

"Eclectic, avant-garde, poetic, endlessly creative, mysterious, artistically genius, and infinitely entertaining" - The Philadelphia Examiner, US

"A rollicking ride on a leaky vessel lost in the North Sea and accompanied by madmen... Elements of Dickens, Poe, David Lynch" - The Village Festival Newspaper, Aus

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

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#### VENUE

Fringe Hub - Meeting Room - Arts House, North Melbourne Town Hall  
521 Queensberry St  
North Melbourne, Victoria

DATES: 23-25 Sept

27-30 Sept

TIME: 10.35pm, Sun 9.35pm (60min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$19

Concession: \$17

Tightarse Tuesday: \$17

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