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In Fact, This Crease on Your Trouser is Good, Friend Presented by The Lost Clog

"In fact, this crease on your trouser is good, friend", presented by The Lost Clog is an a ca pella tour de farce. Produced and directed by Stepas Levickis and Gabrielle Zdanus, the show is a foray into the eccentric world of Lithuanian folk music, which draws on themes of war, harvest, marriage and love... as well as gate crashing owls, talking horses, OH&S seventeenth-century style and the impending demise of one's virginity.

The show is a visual juxtaposition as Lithuanian's genes have created that idiosyncratic characteristic of producing beautiful-looking women in stunning national dresses and ordinary-looking men with excellent creases on their pants.

Ten of Melbourne's least renowned singers present "In fact, this crease on your trouser is good, friend", lush harmonies, pulsing rhythms and insightful interpretations of centuries old Lithuanian folk music.

The performance consists of songs performed with the accompaniment of the "ancient Lithuanian percussive instrument", the Gatunkas, which looks suspiciously like a largerophone.

The music consists of beautiful 2 or 4 part harmonies and draws on rhythms from Pagan Lithuania. The performance also includes the singing of Lithuanian polyphonic songs which have been UNESCO Heritage Listed due their unique sound and cultural significance.

The songs are interspersed by a narrative which provides "translations" of the songs and background to the music, such as a courting song where men call women "boring like parsley and tasteless like food without salt", to which the women respond that the men will struggle to chew their crusts with no teeth.

The Lost Clog is made up entirely of 2nd or 3rd generation descendants of Lithuanian immigrants and, as such have a unique perspective of this traditional form of music. Performed with the assistance of engaging narrative, layman's translations and beautiful national costume, "In fact, this crease on your trouser is good, friend" will give the audience a left of centre insight to an ancient musical culture rarely appreciated outside of its native land.

*Opening night 2 for 1 tix

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jUDBPvBZqY>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22XJ1Wtv-6k>

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VENUE

Fringe Hub - Main Theatre, Lithuanian Club
44 Errol St
North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

DATES: 23 Sept, 30 Sept and 7 Oct
TIME: 6.30pm (50min)

TICKETS

Full: \$15
Concession: \$10
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