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Kiss of Death

A new screwball, rom-com, cabaret musical

Kiss Of Death is new screwball rom-com cabaret musical about office romance at a financial services company obsessed by footy tipping. Starring some of Australia's brightest TV comedy actors including Comedy Inc.'s Paul McCarthy, Emily Taheny, Scott Brennan and Lyall Brooks and inspired by 1930's Broadway comedies its world premier season at the Fringe Hub opens appropriately on Grand Final Day. Written by John Thorn, Fiona Thorn and Kate Schmitt.

Kiss Of Death is a boutique musical comedy inspired by the smart "screwball" movies of the 1930's and Broadway composers such as Frank Loesser (Guys and Dolls) and Cole Porter. Although the inspiration is from the fairly distant past the setting is totally contemporary. The action takes place in a Melbourne financial services office dominated by the footy tipping competition. The new temp Martin (Scott Brennan) isn't interested in football but falls in love with fellow worker Bree (Emily Taheny). His chances are low as Bree cant imagine hooking up with someone not into footy but through divine intervention Martin receives some help in his quest. His co-workers include a reformed problem gambler Gerry (Paul McCarthy) and his officious wife Ruth (Fiona Thorn) and the alpha male Andy (Lyall Brooks) who is also interested in Bree. Over the course of the footy season the office tipping comp and the romantic tensions heat up. Who will win and who will end up with the "Kiss Of Death".

The cast are familiar to TV comedy watchers featuring on shows such as "Comedy Inc.", "Skithouse", "Ben Elton Live" and "Jesters" as well as live comedy/cabaret shows including "Spontaneous Broadway", "Vaudeville X", "Cliff Hanger", "Pastel Vespa", "Intimate Apparel" and "Bondarama".

The writing team features John Thorn and Fiona Thorn (whose last show at the Fringe was the highly acclaimed "All Het Up") along with Kate Schmitt (librettist for the upcoming hit netball opera "Contact").

They are joined by dramaturge Michael Dalley ("Vaudeville X", "Urban Display Suite") along with choreography from the legendary Colette Mann.

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VENUE

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

DATES: 1-2 Oct and 4-8 Oct

TIME: 10.30pm, Sun 9.30pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$22

Concession: \$18

Tightarse Tuesday: \$15

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