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Lady HAHA Goes to Rehab

Rah, rah, ahahah! Rama ra-ma-ma! Gaga-oohlala! Yes, the Gaga queen of creativity and freedom speaks herself in this play. Prunus, a jaded artist goes to rehab battling his drug addiction and mental illness, and his only hope of surviving this experience is the illusion he concocts that Lady Gaga is too, in the same rehabilitation. The show aims to address the deeper issues in our society today relative to mental health, through a Queer Cabaret Comedy.

Director and Creator of the play, Bianca Gonos explains her premise for the production as 'expression through creativity, which provides an outlet to cope with mental illness'.

Other past works include 'Playground' artwork addressing child soldiers in the third world, '2020 Living Under Rocks' addressing the importance of environmentalism and 'Alarm' in the 2008 Melbourne Fringe Festival which dealt with global issues and anti-terrorist laws.

With her talents, Bianca attempts to produce a gala community theatre production and combat the negative connotations associated with mental illness through her creation of 'Lady HAHA Goes to Rehab'.

With a youthful courage Bianca is determined to ring master her local artist scene in her northern regions in coming together to create a serious comical cabaret with a seriously active underground artist community at the Irene's Warehouse artist hub (5 Pitt St, Brunswick).

Collaborating with international artists such as Jorge Leiva (composer/musician), who will perform and orchestrate an on stage band. The cast of ten are all independent performers, all taking this reflective opportunity to be a part of a theatre project that address's such an important topic such as mental illness. Relish in an entertaining night of queer, weird and wonderful theatre featuring mysterious Cabaret/Burlesque dance ensembles, mad doctor clowns, shaman ceremonies and deadly authentic Indigenous Australian songs by Ivan Brown. Accompanied by an original 'Gaga' wonder Cabaret band. So don't miss this impressive fringe premiere of Lady HAHA goes to Rehab.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lady-HAHA-Goes-to-Rehab/119846131444123>

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VENUE

Irene's Warehouse
5 Pitt St
Brunswick, Victoria 3057

DATES: 6 and 8 - 9 Oct

TIME: 8.00pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$15.00

Concession: \$10.00

Group: \$10.00

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