

# MEDIA RELEASE

Melbourne  
Fringe



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## No Such Thing As Normal

**No Such Thing as Normal is a show about young people, by young people. It is performed and devised by the newly-formed Off the Wall troupe, where every member is eighteen or under. It explores the unifying factor and sole constant of youth and school through the lens of circus in a raucous and dynamic journey that explores how uniformity brings out our individuality. It is showing at the Meat Market; visit [melbournefringe.com.au](http://melbournefringe.com.au) for tickets.**

No Such Thing as Normal explores how school acts as a catalyst for the myriad changes and discoveries that young people make throughout their formative years. It shows how the forced conformity of the classroom brings out the full spectrum of personalities and emotions. Devised, produced, and performed entirely by the very people who are represented in the show, it is a unique insight into the world of teenagers.

The Off the Wall troupe is a newly-formed collective of youth coming together to share their passion for circus. All the members are seasoned performers, having performed, as part of Westside Circus' Behind the Wall youth troupe, twice before in the Melbourne Fringe, winning a highly commended, in the Moomba parade, and elsewhere. Their latest show, Lost and Found, sold out and received highly favourable critical reviews. Every member of the troupe is still at school, and the balancing act between circus on the one hand and school on the other was the inspiration for the show.

No Such Thing as Normal is an exploration into the youth of today, but more than that, it is an examination of what it means to be an individual, and how important it is to be yourself. It is a window into a world where to be upside-down is as normal as being right-way-up, where students chase teachers, and where backflips are an accepted means of transportation. It is touching and irreverent, it is elegant and chaotic, and while it is certainly not normal, it is most definitely fun.

<http://facebook.com/Off.The.Wall.Troupe>

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#### VENUE

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

DATES: 23-25 and 27-30 Sept  
TIME: 7.00pm, Sun 6.00pm (50min)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$20.00  
Concession: \$15.00  
Tightarse Tuesday: \$17.00  
Group: \$17.00  
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