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Rhinoceros

Rhinoceros' are coming to Richmond. The only question is... do they have one horn or two? And are they African or Asian? How many horns does an Asian Rhinoceros have? Does anyone know? 5pound Theatre presents Martin Crimp's new adaptation of Eugene Ionesco's 'Rhinoceros' at The Owl and the Pussycat Gallery, Richmond.

Written in 1959 Ionesco originally penned this play as a reaction to the brutal atrocities and mindless conformity he witnessed during the Nazi occupation of WWII France. The hardening of people's souls and the absurd nature of their extreme beliefs, adopted so readily by the community around him, gave rise to this astonishing play, a corner stone of the Absurdist movement.

This translation of Rhinoceros was first produced by the English Stage Company at the Royal Court Theatre on 21 September 2007. A beautiful translation which, helps to breathe new life into Ionesco's classic script.

Swinging effortlessly between hilarity and tragedy, 'Rhinoceros' continues to be relevant today, offering a spine chillingly accurate depiction of modern society.

Rhinoceros will be 5pound Theatre's debut entry into the Melbourne Fringe festival. Venturing outside of the theatre, this production is set to be staged throughout the entire ground floor of the Owl and the Pussycat building.

Employing actors, musicians, acrobats, elaborate sets and unique costuming. This production is set to be a spectacular foray into absurdity, a massive undertaking by 5pound Theatre and a production not to be missed.

"5pound Theatre is for people who love theatre in the truest sense of the word." - Carla Sammut, The Milkbar Mag

"...to merely say engaging would be an understatement." - Mohammed Hashem, Australian Stage

"...a slick and intense effort...I look forward to seeing what they do with Ionesco's Rhinoceros at this year's Fringe." - Cameron Woodhead, The Age

<http://www.5pound.com.au/rhino.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OePb-3DvRl8>

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VENUE

The Owl and the Pussycat

34 Swan St

Richmond, Victoria 3121

DATES: 27 Sept - 8 Oct

TIME: 7.00pm (1hr40min)

TICKETS

Full: \$25.00

Concession: \$20.00

Preview: \$10.00

Group: \$15.00

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