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## Spark

**“Think Insight...on steroids” says local performer Eloise Maree, about her latest venture, Spark. Facilitated by Maree in collaboration with dramaturg Katherine Feeney, four open forums are to be held upstairs at Rancho Notorious (Thousand Pound Bend’s newest space) on the 1st and 2nd of October. Each runs an hour long and are streamed live via the website. Pre and Après Wine provided: BYO thoughts and opinions.**

First performed at Brisbane’s Anywhere Theatre Festival where guest appearances were made by politicians, journalists, artists and even morticians; Spark is making its way to Melbourne for this year’s Fringe. During the weekend of Oct 1 -2, people from all walks of life are invited to take part in a forum which will discuss all from sex, to death, to politics and everything in between!

As Artistic Director of Cradle Productions [sick theatre for sick people] Eloise Maree aims to challenge people’s preconceptions of the arts and wishes to broaden its scope. Eloise directly facilitates each forum, allowing for an open and scintillating discussion, which the audience profoundly affected by the experience.

Spark marries theatre with journalism and this is achieved with long-term collaborator Katherine Feeney. Best known for her blog CityKat published online by the Brisbane Times, she joins Spark as the production’s dramaturg a second time for their Melbourne Festival Festival season.

Online contributors are encouraged, with the forum taking live questions from the website’s comment box and Twitter stream, #sparktheconvo.

Spark is a proud recipient of a City of Melbourne grant. City of Melbourne is committed to the Arts, as demonstrated by its funding of Spark as part of the 2011 Arts Grants Program.

““The best thing I’ve done in years!”” - Ainsley Sherry, Spark participant (2011)

<http://sparktheconversation.com/>  
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### Spark

VENUE  
1000 £ Bend  
361 Little Lonsdale St  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

DATES: 1-2 Oct

TIME: 6.00pm and 8.00pm (90min)

### TICKETS

Full: \$10.00  
TO BOOK visit [melbournefringe.com.au](http://melbournefringe.com.au) or call (03) 9660 9666

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