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Squaring the Wheel how to complicate easy things

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A ingenious family show by Jens Altheimer at The Space, Prahran

Circus, clowning, puppetry and music: When an eccentric misfit stumbles into a strange world of transforming and delightfully unpractical contraptions, everything turns into a challenging and surprising discovery.

A quirky and heart warming story of a search for friendship and finding one's place.

Integrated in the Melbourne Fringe Festival, Jens Altheimer aka Leo Cartouche presents the premier of "Squaring the Wheel...how to complicate easy things..."

Clown meets contraptions: When an eccentric misfit stumbles into a strange world of unpredictable constructions, everything turns into a challenging and surprising discovery. Everyday objects transform into unusual juggling and manipulation props, into puppets and improbable music instruments or they are reassembled to delightfully unpractical machines.

A vacuum cleaner and ironing board 'helping' a man with his hat? A broom finding itself performing in a band? Records playing without a record player? Eggs walking?

These and other life's great mysteries are revealed in a cheeky and ingenious family show full of circus skills.

Clown, physical theatre, puppetry, music, audience participation and magic are the other components to tell this quirky and heart warming story of a search for friendship and finding one's place.

And this is how it all came together: Jens Altheimer, clown and circus performer trained at the Lecoq School in Paris, invited Australian Nic von der Borch, former special effect builder of Circus Oz and the Philippe Genty Company, to join him in Portugal to develop and build unusual and humorous contraptions, that would have some strange, non- practical and poetic touch to them.

With the relocation of Jens to Australia, these constructions made their way across several oceans to be the backbone of his new clown show, that was devised and rehearsed with the friendly support of Circus Oz at their Melbourne facilities.

The result can be seen at The Space, Prahran for 8 performances.

"..not only did he do a wonderful job keeping the audience entertained....but his own act was nothing short of brilliant" - the artshub

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VENUE

The Space Dance and Arts Centre
318 Chapel St
Prahran, Victoria 3181

DATES: 29-30 Sept, 1-2 Oct and 6-9 Oct
TIME: 5.00pm, Sat and Sun 1.00pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$15

Concession: \$13

Group: \$11

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