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## The American Astronaut Space is a Lonely Town

New Holland Theatre Company presents  
The American Astronaut  
The Workers Club -Crn of Brunswick St and Gertrude St, Fitzroy  
Tues 27th Sept – Sat 8th Oct@7pm  
Bookings: [www.newhollandtheatre.com](http://www.newhollandtheatre.com)  
Space is a lonely town  
New Holland Theatre Company, a new Melbourne-based not-for-profit theatre company, are thrilled to be adapting the Cory McAbee's 2001 cult classic film The American Astronaut for stage, as part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival 2011.

In a world of mud-spattered chaps and star-dusted space-helmets, interplanetary travel has become a dirty way of life. Dominated by derelicts, grease monkeys, and hard-boiled space-traders such as Samuel Curtis, humans are traded and dirty work is paid for in cats. Join us in Cory McAbee's space-cowboy sci-fi musical adapted for the stage, as we follow Curtis on his Homeric quest to provide the all-female planet of Venus with a suitable male stud, all the while dodging the grip of his enigmatic would-be killer, Professor Hess.

Adapted and Directed by James Wray, Artistic Director.  
James Wray's trademark 'controlled chaos' theatre has been on display in both Melbourne and London since 2007, when he began performing under the direction of Lyn Ellis with RMIT (then) Union Arts. Since then, James has worked with St Martin's Youth Theatre as part of the Creative Ensemble in 2008, and with KDC Theatre in London as a director in 2009, 2010 and early 2011. The American Astronaut marks James chaotic homecoming, and debut as Artistic Director of New Holland Theatre Company

"More confetti than Tom Waits!" - Theo Vern  
"James Wray is controlled chaos" - Christine Robinson

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### The American Astronaut

VENUE  
The Workers Club  
51 Brunswick St  
Fitzroy, Victoria 3065

DATES: 27 - 30 September and 1, 5 - 8 October at 7pm

TIME: 7.00pm (60min)

TICKETS  
Full: \$20.00  
Concession: \$15.00  
Group: \$15.00  
TO BOOK visit [melbournefringe.com.au](http://melbournefringe.com.au) or call (03) 9660 9666

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