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## The Dollhouse

**The Dollhouse is a new adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's classic play, masterfully transposed by director Daniel Schlusser to contemporary domestic horror. Nora and Torvald are cashed up and climbing: bespoke warehouse conversion, perfect children, and a shiny new job at a major bank for Torvald. Everything that Nora could want is due for Christmas...**

Daniel Schlusser has achieved cult status with his radically contemporary interpretations of the canon as seen recently in celebrated productions of Peer Gynt and Life is a Dream. The Dollhouse is the second in a trilogy of works by Schlusser that explores the theatrical form through the lens of social ritual. In a vertiginous blend of the reality of the stage, its technics, ritual and repetition, Schlusser's The Dollhouse is a daring theatricalisation of Nora's mental landscape.

Living high on perceived capital, and ignoring the festering issues lurking beneath the smooth surface of Scandinavian design, Nora and Torvald reflect back society's ongoing obsessions with positioning and material wealth.

Hysterical about sex, money and property, subject to fierce yet mindless moralising, Nora's journey from yummy mummy to liberated woman is one of the most famous in theatre history. The Dollhouse is a classic play about the modern condition.

"Schlusser's reblending is...mischievous, beguiling and ultimately haunting" - Alison Croggon, Theatre Notes (on Peer Gynt)

"confident, exuberant and utterly, utterly dazzling" - Chris Boyd, Herald Sun (on Peer Gynt)

"It is gorgeous, masterful theatre." - Jana Perkovic, Guerilla Semiotics (on Peer Gynt)

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#### VENUE

fortyfivedownstairs  
45 Flinders Lane  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

DATES: 14-18 and 20-25 September

TIME: 8.00pm 14 - 17 Sept, 20 - 24 Sept,  
4.00pm 18 and 25 Sept (75mins)

#### TICKETS

Full: \$40

Concession: \$25

Preview: \$20

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