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The Penny -Toy Man Presented by The Laudanum Project

This latest blood soaked offering from Melbourne's Laudanum Project is a grotesque and fetid tale of human wretchedness set in 1884 in London's East End. Melodrama, comedy and horror collide head on as pitch black storytelling and a darkly beautiful musical score combine to assault the senses. Join Alphonse Cheese-Probert & Heapus Maximus at The Lithuanian Club, North Melbourne and witness the unspeakable malevolence that is The Penny-Toy Man.

With their motto, 'To Educate and Inform' held aloft like a shimmering banner of undying courage and hope, Alphonse Cheese-Probert and Heapus Maximus of the ever shadowy Laudanum Project will be unleashing their latest and most sanguinary delight, The Penny-Toy Man, at the 2011 Melbourne Fringe Festival.

The Laudanum Project's critically acclaimed one act play takes the audience on a chilling and unsettling journey into London's wretched East End. The year is 1884 and the snipes of Spitalfields are disappearing one by one. Soon, the blood is running in rivers as the gates of Hell slowly begin to creak open.

As Alphonse Cheese-Probert gleefully recounts the horrendous tale of The Penny-Toy Man his grim poetry and twisted songs are underscored by the fiendishly talented Heapus Maximus. Additionally, weaving in and out of this carefully stitched together tapestry of word and music is a sound scape comprising of subliminal rumbles, whining drones, Satanic choirs and children speaking in reverse.

Combining a seamless blend of pitch black humour, Victorian melodrama, powerfully intricate storytelling and a score and sound design that could induce a fever dream, The Penny-Toy Man is a theatrical oddity unlike anything else you've witnessed.

"... a story so awful and odorous it causes gas lamps to sputter and die. It has to be heard to be believed." - Liza Dezfouli - Inpress

"The Penny-Toy Man is quite the genre-bender. It's a little bit horror, a little bit musical and a little bit comedy. (Okay, it's a lot horror)" - Simonne Michelle-Wells - Australian Stage Online

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The Penny -Toy Man

VENUE

Fringe Hub - The Loft, Lithuanian Club

44 Errol St

North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

DATES: 1-8 Oct

TIME: 9.15pm, Sun 8.15pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$20.00

Concession: \$16.00

Tightarse Tuesday: \$13.00

Group: \$16.00

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