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## The Uncommon Alphabet

**On the 31st of December 2010 at 11:30pm, 1000 birds fell from the sky in Arkansas, USA. Four days later, another 500 fell in Louisiana. The world is ending. For real. And there is nothing we can do about it.**

It is the eve of the apocalypse. There are 24 human hours left of the world as we know. Some scientific number crunch told us so. There's plenty of evidence and numerous important looking charts and readings. The world is gripped by fear. Panic prevails and speaks in an uncommon alphabet. Some will pray. Others will prepare. But for what? Should you live like its the last 24 hours of your life? Will you fight for survival? Will you beg for redemption?

The Uncommon Alphabet is a devised piece exploring the hysteria and melee that stems from the impending apocalypse. Combining shadow puppetry, old fashioned clowning and physical theatre, the last twenty-four hours before all goes to black will be filled with humor, touching friendships and frightening realities. Lord of The Flies meets Children of Men and adds an ironic and satirical twist of madness that humankind faces at the prospect of the end of the world as we know it.

Bird on Fence aims to explore different forms of story telling and new and innovative ways of creating theatre that marries numerous art forms. The Uncommon Alphabet is the latest project, a piece created through play and improvisation, fusing old fashioned theatrics with the use of an overhead projector and basic animation. The possibility of the world ending much earlier than we anticipated, is offset by returning to the roots of live theatre and tricks and charms. The Uncommon Alphabet mocks us as a society thrown into panic, and as a result is a brilliantly funny show. However it retains an undertone of gravity that accompanies the reality of the impending apocalypse and the fact that the human race is not invincible.

<http://theuncommonalphabet.blogspot.com>  
<http://birdonfencetheatre.blogspot.com>

### The Uncommon Alphabet

VENUE  
3 Crowns Hotel  
365 Victoria St  
West Melbourne, VIC 3003

DATES: 28-30 Sept and 1 Oct, 8pm  
5-8 October, 8pm  
TIME: 8.00pm(60min)

TICKETS  
Full: \$18  
Concession: \$15  
Group: \$12  
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