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Things That Give a Hot Feeling Brought to you by Daily Debutante

A family stands in the front yard of their childhood house, reunited to scatter the ashes of their dead father. They have come not to mourn the dead, but to share their urgent desires with the living. This is a darkly funny story of gender confusion, hapless aspiration and brutal truths. 22-year old writer and actor Chloe Martin fearlessly looks at the ties that bind family together, and the selfish impulses that pull them apart.

This is Martin's second Fringe production, following her compelling festival debut last year. Her one-woman show 'Appeal' was an eerie tale of accidental murder and dark impulses, a production that marked her as a bold and precocious dramatic talent.

Now, with 'Things That Give A Hot Feeling', Martin is writing for a small group of young actors, creating a family fraying at the edges. 'It's really exciting having other performers to rehearse and experiment with,' Martin says.

'A one-woman show is necessarily more disciplined and controlled, and I'm looking forward to this show being freer, more dangerous and less predictable.'

The play will explore issues of gender. The eldest son in the family has spent the past few years living as a woman, and now returns to his family less sure than ever about how to define his own gender.

'I think there's a tendency in theatre and film to look at issues of gender in a really tokenistic way, as if they only apply to transgender people, who are depicted as either bold and brash or tragic,' Martin says.

'I'm interested in how gender defines everyone,' she says. 'And how few people feel they have agency in how their gender defines them.'

Martin cites the films of Almodóvar as a major influence, as well as the casual cruelty of Martin McDonagh, and the familial tension of Patrick White.

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VENUE

Fringe Hub - Errol's Cafe Upstairs
69-71 Errol St
North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

DATES: 23-25, 27-30 Sept and 1-2, 4-8 Oct
TIME: 8.30pm, Sun 7.30pm (60min)

TICKETS

Full: \$20
Concession: \$15
Tightarse Tuesday: \$10
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