

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Pirates! Puppets! Adventure!**

**'X' - Pirates. Puppets. Adventure.**

**Two of Melbourne's most exciting independent puppet and visual theatre companies, Terrible Comfort and Barking Spider Visual Theatre, come together to present a family friendly romp across the high seas. Cute, epic and hilarious, 'X' is a wild and furry adventure like you've never seen before.**

The most famous pirate in the world, Captain Honoria Whitelace (Hayley Butcher, Dash n D'bree), has long since abandoned the swashbuckling life and now spends her days at the bottom of a bottle of rum. But she cannot escape her past as her lifelong enemy Captain Steakheart (Joshua Cameron, Le Garcon Neurotique), has returned to search out the hidden treasure they lost long ago. Told from the point of view of two young urchins from the port city who, unbeknownst to everyone, hold the lost map, 'X' is a rollicking adventure with plenty of family friendly hilarity on the high seas.

The collaboration between Terrible Comfort and Barking Spider brings Robert Reid (The Joy of Text) together with Jason Lehane, reuniting the writer and director who produced the award winning Sad Bird Boy and The Scalpel Fingered Girl (winners of the Short and Sweet Best Production and Best Independent theatre company in 2005).

'X' also brings together the joyfully quirky puppet designs of Terrible Comfort's Sayraphim Lothian and the spectacular puppetry skills of Barking Spider's Penelope Bartlau. 'X' promises to be a unique experience, not to be missed.

'X' is a family friendly puppet show that uses hand and rod (Muppet style) puppets, shadow puppetry and visual theatre/object manipulation to achieve the filmic, the epic and the impossible.

"Unlike anything else you're likely to catch at this year's fringe" - Regan Brantley, Buzzcuts 2009

"Tempered by an affectionate humour and levity" - John Bailey, The Age 2010

"Barking Spider makes unforgettable worlds and stories from objects and puppets" - Anne-Marie Peard, Aussietheatre.com 2010

<http://www.terriblecomfort.com>

<http://www.barkingspidretheatre.com.au>

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**VENUE**

Fringe Hub - Son of Loft, Lithuanian Club  
44 Errol St  
North Melbourne, Victoria 3051

**DATES:** 23 Sept, 25 Sept - 30 Sept and 1 Oct - 9 Oct

**TIME:** 6.30pm, Sun 5.30pm (50min)

**TICKETS**

Full: \$20.00

Concession: \$18.00

Tightarse Tuesday: \$15.00

Group: \$15.00

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