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## UTAS theatre students rise to the challenge of 20 plays in 21 days

It's *20AD - The Beginning of the End* for third-year UTAS Bachelor of Contemporary Arts (Theatre) students as they present their 2012 student-directed festival running from 2-23 June.

Student spokesperson Bec Howard said that the students would present 20 one-act plays over 21 days, involving student directors, actors and backstage technical crew from all three year groups, and set designers from the School of Architecture and Design.

*"The name 20AD – The beginning of the end is from the Mayan prediction that the world would end this year,"* she said.

*"In our final year of our degree, we have grown from novice theatre practitioners into strong, independent, creative and passionate artists.*

*"Participating in the student directed festival is the crowning feather in our caps of achievements.*

*"We're taking the skills and knowledge learned in preceding years to deliver 20 unique and challenging plays over three short weeks."*

Students are mentored throughout the festival by head of theatre Peter Hammond, lecturers Robert Lewis and Helen Trenos, and CentrStage's 2012 Country Club Award winner Catherine Studley.

**Students are available for interview on Mondays 1pm-4pm and Wednesdays 10am-12pm. Contact Bec Howard, email [rfhoward@utas.edu.au](mailto:rfhoward@utas.edu.au)**



**20AD – The Beginning of the End**

**The 2012 Student Directed Festival  
(Twenty one-act plays in twenty-one days)**

- WHO:** Third-year students majoring in Theatre in the Bachelor of Contemporary Arts
- WHAT:** The Mayans predicted that the world would end this year. “20AD – The Beginning of the End” is a festival of twenty (20) one-act plays directed by the Third Year students.
- WHEN:** The festival runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> June (Season dates attached). All performances commence at 7pm.
- WHERE:** The Annexe Theatre at the Inveresk Cultural Precinct, Invermay, Launceston.
- COST:** Per Showing: \$15 Adult, \$12 Student/Concession *OR*  
Season Pass: \$60 Adult, \$48 Student/Concession
- BOOKINGS:** (03) 6324 4450 Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm

**Student-Directed Festival 2012**

All performances start at 7pm, Annexe Theatre, Inveresk - Adults \$15,  
Students \$12

<p><b>Season 1</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> June</p>	<p><i>The Begotten</i> – Written by Ron Kelly, directed by <b>Tom Smith</b></p> <p><i>They Will be Grateful</i> – Written by Huzir Sulaiman, directed by <b>Shan Shan</b></p> <p><i>Behind Closed Doors</i> – Written and directed by <b>Bec Reedman</b></p> <p><i>Pepperoni Apocalypse</i> – Written by Jonathan Dorf, directed By <b>Jack Facer</b></p>
<p><b>Season 2</b> 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Marble Arch</i> – Written by John Mortimer, directed by <b>Justin Groves</b></p> <p><i>Joy</i> – Written by Scott McAteer, directed by <b>Bec Howard</b></p> <p><i>Anxious But Not Alarmed</i> – Written by Scott McAteer, directed by <b>Sally Plowright</b></p>
<p><b>Season 3</b> 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Forbidden Tongues Whispered in a Night</i> – Written by Stephen Carleton, directed by <b>Alarna Hingston</b></p>

	<p><i>The Author's Voice</i> – Written by Richard Greenberg, directed by <b>Victoria Bhojwani</b></p> <p><i>The Lover</i> – Written by Harold Pinter, directed by <b>Mitch Langley</b></p>
<p><b>Season 4</b> 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>The New Mrs. Jones</i> – Written by James Armstrong, directed by <b>Bart Matthey</b></p> <p><i>Badly Drawn</i> – Written by Alan Robinson, directed by <b>Erin Bouckley</b></p> <p><i>The Flats</i> – Written by Georgia Keighery, directed by <b>Brittany Walker</b></p> <p><i>The Good Doctor</i> – Written by Simon Niel, directed by <b>Jesse McCormack</b></p>
<p><b>Season 5</b> 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Kitchen</i> – Written by Van Badham, directed by <b>Dylan Saville</b></p> <p><i>Mocktail</i> – Written and Directed by <b>Zahnia Kentish</b></p> <p><i>The Fag</i> – Written by Lally Katz, Directed by <b>Dan Brasher</b></p>
<p><b>Season 6</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> June</p>	<p><i>Bang, You're Dead!</i> – Written by Paul Reakes, directed by <b>Troy Ridgway</b>.</p> <p><i>Thirst</i> – Written by Eugene O'Neill, directed by <b>James Harrison</b></p> <p><i>Thirty Minutes to Charlie</i> – Written by Nick Zagone, directed by <b>Sam Parry</b></p>

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