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## Theatre students' play romps home to finish line

Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Emily Davison's death, the Tasmanian College of the Arts' first-year theatre students bring *Epsom Downs* to life at the Annexe Theatre, Inveresk, on Thursday, September 25-28.

*Epsom Downs* is written by one of England's most provocative playwrights, Howard Brenton, and is directed by Helen Trenos.

It's a biting and witty comedy about the English class system set at The Epsom Derby, England's premier horse race - a day when the "hoi polloi" celebrates cheek-by-jowl with the upper classes and a day when fortunes and dreams are made or lost and lives can be changed forever.

In this setting a cavalcade of characters from all walks of life cross paths, and weaving among them is the ghost of Emily Wilding Davison, the suffragette who at the 1913 Epsom Derby threw herself in front of the King's horse as an act of protest and now asks, "what did we die for?"

UTAS TCotA students invite the media to preview a top-class play performed by a cast of Launceston's finest young thoroughbreds.

Dress rehearsals take place tonight, Monday, September 23, 5-7pm and tomorrow, Tuesday, September 24, 1-4pm at The Annexe Theatre, Inveresk, Launceston.

### **EPSOM DOWNS**

**When:** September 25-28, 7pm

**Where:** Annexe Theatre, Tasmanian College of the Arts, Inveresk

**Tickets:** Students: \$10

Concession: \$10

Adult: \$15

**Ticket Booking Details:** Cultural Activities Office, Tasmanian College of the Arts, Inveresk

9am – 4pm, Monday to Thursday, 6324 4450, or email

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Door sales available 1 hour prior to any performance

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