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Emily Writes' [Rants in the Dark](#)

Adapted for the stage by Mel Dodge, Lyndee-Jane Rutherford & Bevin Linkhorn

Based on the book by Emily Writes

In association with [Good Times Company](#)

Location: The Court Theatre, Addington

Rescheduled dates: 26 September – 3 October

Short show description:

Following sell-out performances across the North Island, blogger Emily Writes' best-selling book *Rants in the Dark* takes to the stage in Christchurch. Honest, authentic and laugh-out-loud funny, the play is full of the things that every parent thinks at 4 o'clock in the morning, but would rarely be brave enough to say out loud.



CANTERBURY DEBUT OF EMILY WRITES' HIT PARENTING PLAY

IN-BRIEF:

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"Sometimes it turns out the play is just as good as the book," Eleanor Wenman wrote in her Stuff review. "*Rants in the Dark* is a hilarious play for anyone, not just mothers."

Adapted for the stage by writer & performer Mel Dodge, award-winning director Lyndee-Jane Rutherford and Good Times Company producer Bevin Linkhorn, the show stars three of New Zealand's top talents: Renee Lyons (*800 Words; Filthy Rich*), Bronwyn Turei (*Go Girls*) and Amelia Reid-Meredith (*Shortland Street*).

Candid, eloquent and comic, Emily Writes shot to fame overnight after her infamous 2015 blog *I am grateful, now f*ck off*, garnered almost a million hits and 15,000 emails in less than 24 hours. Now, she's the editor of *The Spinoff Parents*, has two books and is a beloved figure in the parenting world for her relatable stories about raising her two kids.

Speaking about why she thinks her writing has become so popular, Writes says, "Parenting is tough! And it's OK to be frustrated and tired and over it – that doesn't mean you don't love your kids any less. I think there's so much pressure on mothers to be Instagram perfect and to never find parenting tough. Sometimes you just need to be reminded you're not alone and it's going to be OK."

With special group prices, *Rants in the Dark* is the perfect production to bring your friends and family to, with dinner options and Giesen wine available before the show.

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For young parents, The Court will be running a Babes in Arms matinee where audiences will have the chance to bring their young babies (12 months and under) to sit on their lap during a 2pm performance.

For Writes, she believes this production has something to offer everyone – not just mums. “I’ve had dads tell me it made them feel more connected to their partner and that they’ve felt seen. I’ve also had people who aren’t parents say it helped them to understand the parenting experience.”

She has a special place in her heart for mums, though, saying that if she could, she’d love to “give them a hug - and listen.”

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Cast

Actor	Renee Lyons
Actor	Bronwyn Turei
Actor	Amelia Reid-Meredith

Creatives

Director	Lyndee-Jane Rutherford
Producer	Bevin Linkhorn
Stage Manager	Niamh Campbell-Ward

Ticket Prices

Adult	\$40
Senior (65+)	\$38
Group (6+)	\$36
Supporter or Subscriber	\$36

Show Times

Monday & Thursday	6:30pm
Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat	7:30pm
Babes in Arms Matinee*	2pm, Saturday 3 October

*Babes in Arms Matinee

On Saturday 3 October at 2pm, there will be a Babes in Arms matinee! Perfect for new parents, you’ll have the chance to bring your young baby (12 months and under) to sit on your lap during the performance.

Please note: children over this age are not permitted. Babies must be seated on ticket-holders laps during the performance. Rants in the Dark is not suitable for toddlers or older children, as it contains strong language & adult themes.

Bookings: visit courtheatre.org.nz or call 0800 333 100 (Monday to Friday, 11am – 1pm)

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