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THEATRE

25 June 2018

For immediate release

*Ideation*

Written by Aaron Loeb

Directed by Dan Bain

2 June – 23 June 2018

The Pub Charity Studio at The Court Theatre

## DISPOSING BODIES IN THE STUDIO THEATRE AT THE COURT THEATRE

### IN BRIEF:

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The actors taking on the challenge include former on-screen *Shortland Street* couple Laura Hill and Roy Snow as Hannah and Brock respectively, Adam Brookfield as Ted and, making their debuts at The Court Theatre, Shaan Kesha as Sandeep and John Armstrong as Scooter.

For audiences looking for entertainment that keeps them on the edge of their seat, they'll find it in *Ideation*.

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The Forge is The Court's studio theatre and will be opening its doors to audiences for the first time this year with *Ideation* - an icy thriller that is the *Black Mirror* of contemporary theatre.

The story follows Hannah, Brock, Ted and Sandeep as they struggle to find a solution to their latest assignment: a hypothetical disease outbreak that begins to look less hypothetical and more like a plan for a future genocide.

As the tension in the room reaches boiling point, the team begin to turn on each other as they struggle to identify what it is they're being asked to do – and who knows what.

For Dan Bain, Associate Director at The Court and the director of *Ideation*, the rampant paranoia within the story is what makes it so thrilling to watch.

After reading the script last year, Bain wasn't sure if The Court would programme the show, but pushed for it to be included in the 2018 Forge season.

"Last year when I was programming I read something like twelve scripts in two days. I would read about fifteen pages of a script to see, 'is this even close to what we're looking for?' And in that time, I read *Ideation* – I read *all* of *Ideation*. It wasn't at all what we were looking for, but I had to know what happened. I didn't think we would put it on, but I kept nudging it and managed to get it programmed, which is quite exciting."

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Unlike the answer, the question audiences will be left with after seeing *Ideation* is clear - what would you do with all the bodies?

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Hannah	<a href="#">Laura Hill</a>
Brock	<a href="#">Roy Snow</a>
Ted	<a href="#">Adam Brookfield</a>
Sandeep	<a href="#">Shaan Kesha</a>
Scooter	<a href="#">John Armstrong</a>

## Creatives

Playwright	Aaron Loeb
Director	<a href="#">Dan Bain</a>
Set Designer	<a href="#">Nigel Kerr</a>
Costume Designer	<a href="#">Tina Hutchison-Thomas</a>
Head Technician	<a href="#">Giles Tanner</a>
Sound Designer	<a href="#">Thomas Harris</a>
Stage Manager/Operator	<a href="#">Jo Bunce</a>
Properties Manager	<a href="#">Christy Lassen</a>
Properties Construction	<a href="#">Nick Lowry</a>
Construction Manager	<a href="#">Bryce Goddard</a>
Production Manager	<a href="#">Flore Charbonnier</a>

## Ticket Prices

All Tickets	\$30
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## Show Times

- Monday & Thursday 7:00pm
- Tue/Wed/Fri/Sat 8:00pm

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