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[Brainstorm](#)

Created by Ned Glasier, Emily Lim and Company Three

Directed and devised by Rachel Sears and The Court Youth Company

Dates: 10 – 14 December 2019

Location: Rangi Ruru Merivale Lane Theatre

Performed by: The Court Youth Company

Short show description:

Combining the research of neuroscientists and our performers' own stories, *Brainstorm* explores the chaotic brain chemistry operating inside the adolescent mind. Semi-scripted and semi-devised, this innovative and profound show offers up a chance to experience what it is to be a young person – in all its frustrating, exhilarating and painful glory.

TAKING SCIENCE TO THE STAGE IN BRAINSTORM

Across five nights this December, 19 young performers will be explaining the science of growing up when they take the stage to perform ground-breaking play, *Brainstorm*.

Combining the research of neuroscientists and the performers' own life experiences, *Brainstorm* is an intimate piece of theatre that contextualizes the science operating inside young people's brains.

"A lot of the research on the adolescent brain is written for parents," explains director and deviser Rachel Sears. "It's directed at 'understanding your teen' and answering questions like 'why won't they get out of bed' and we really wanted to reclaim that research. This is about young people, so why can't young people present it and understand it themselves?"

This is the final production for the 2019 Court Youth Company, showcasing the talents of 19 performers aged 17 – 21 who have spent the year honing their theatrical abilities at The Court Theatre.

Speaking about what makes *Brainstorm* special, performer and deviser Josiah Morgan says, "You see a lot of fully scripted shows and a lot of fully devised shows, but not many that combines both. People will have to see *Brainstorm* to experience that!"

"What we've been creating is completely different," agrees fellow performer and deviser Stella Cheersmith. "Unlike fully scripted shows, it feels like there's a lot more input from everyone individually in *Brainstorm*."

With its innovative concept, this special piece of theatre offers up the rare chance to step inside the mind of not just one young person, but 19.

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“It’s focused on a particular time in your life when you’re going through a lot,” explains Sears. “I think that audience members will enjoy experiencing the stories of the young people in our company.”

[Brainstorm runs from 10 – 14 December 2019. You can find out more and book now here.](#)

Performers/Devisors

Abby Burkin
James Caughley
Stella Cheersmith
Kaitlyn Cooper
Haydon Dickie
Felix Elliott
Jorja Farrant
Lillian Fata
Sarah Lawrence
Luka Malthus
Anita Mapukata
Josiah Morgan
Sam Scott
Anaru Shadbolt
Isayah Snow
Freddy Thornton
Richard Townsend
Travis Woffenden

Creatives

Director/Devisor	Rachel Sears
Assistant Director/Devisor	Paris Thornley
Sound Designer	William Burns
Lighting Designer/Production Mentor	Giles Tanner
Devisor	Quinn Kueppers

Ticket Prices

Adult	\$22
Student	\$15

Show Times

- Tuesday – Saturday 7:00pm

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