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INSIDE – A NEW PRODUCTION IN SYDNEY’S NEWEST AND POSSIBLY SMALLEST THEATRE

On Friday March 17, Ryde Youth Theatre (RYT) will open a brand new play in their brand new home at the City of Ryde’s Westward Cottage. Built sometime around the 1860s, this heritage workers’ cottage is having its basement transformed into Sydney’s newest, and possibly smallest, theatre. The new space will be called The Underground and will be Ryde Youth Theatre’s place for emerging young artists to try out their voices, test out their ideas and take supported, glorious risks.

The first play to be performed here will be Louis Regan’s *Inside*, developed as part of RYT’s Underground Playwright’s Workshop in 2016 when Louis was just seventeen and working on his HSC. Nineteen-year-old Thulitha Senevirathne directs a cast of suburban young women; Sangeetha Gowda, Isabella Dib and Elen Attard.

“This is about staying alive! If you screw up, that’s you dead, and that’s me dead. That’s the last seven years of being trapped in here amounting to nothing.”

In a small bunker, in an empty city, in a dried up world, live two sisters who have been barely looking after each other as long as they can remember. Until the day a stranger knocks at the door.

When this intruder makes them an offer that could lead to either safety or death, the sisters realise how differently they feel about one another and how hard it can be to tell the difference between protecting someone and caging them.

Inside is a play about trust, the consequences of our actions, and whether looking after someone can do more harm than good.

Inside opens on Friday March 17 at The Underground, 10 Turner St, Ryde. Tickets are \$21.50 and \$11.50 and are available from Sticky Tickets <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/50083/inside.aspx>

Inside includes some coarse language and is not suitable for young people under the age of 13.

Performance dates and times:

Friday 17 March	7.30pm
Saturday 18 March	6pm and 9pm
Sunday 19 March	4pm and 7pm
Friday 24 March	7.30pm
Saturday 25 March	6pm and 9pm
Sunday 26 March	5pm

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