



Thursday 20 April, 2017

***YOU'RE SUCH A LOVELY AUDIENCE* – Short plays written by young people and performed at the Ryde Park Rotunda**

*You're Such a Lovely Audience* will be Ryde Youth Theatre's fifth annual production of short plays written, directed and performed by young people. This year's theme – the iconic lyrics of rock'n'roll pioneers The Beatles – has given rise to some of RYT's most imaginative plays and inspired a new and unique theatre venue. Built in 1934 the towering brick arches of the Ryde Park Band Rotunda provide a beautiful frame for the teenage performers.

"I love the Rotunda, it's got such theatrical proportions," says RYT Artistic Director, Suzanne Hauser. "For as long as I've been working in Ryde I've wanted to stage a performance there and a show inspired by Beatles lyrics is the perfect fit".

The ten short plays were written as part of a holiday workshop in January by young people ranging in age from 12 to 21. For some of the playwrights this is the first time they've written for the stage. Some of the older writers, including Diana Morgan, a Director's Assistant at Channel Nine, and Bokkie Robertson, a student at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School, are veteran RYT playwrights.

The plays will take audiences on a magical mystery tour from Tudor England to a control room overseeing the human race, from absurdity to poetry to crushing reality, through love and heartbreak, crime and redemption, with Ryde Youth Theatre's trademark snarky sense of humour.

Audiences will visit a secret library forgotten for centuries, take a train ride into the bush without a valid ticket, be held captive with strangers and escape a brutal institution. They will pull levers that control all human choice, discover the secrets of the rocking horse people, confront two princesses contemplating the very worst of crimes and wonder how to work out if your best mate really just killed someone.

*You're Such a Lovely Audience* opens on Friday May 5 at The Ryde Park Band Rotunda, Argyle Avenue, Ryde. All tickets are \$6.50 and are available from Sticky Tickets  
[https://www.stickytickets.com.au/50759/youre\\_such\\_a\\_lovely\\_audience.aspx](https://www.stickytickets.com.au/50759/youre_such_a_lovely_audience.aspx)

*You're Such a Lovely Audience* includes some coarse language and is not suitable for young people under the age of 13.

Performance dates and times:

Friday 5 May	7.30pm
Saturday 6 May	7.30pm
Sunday 7 May	5.00pm
Friday 12 May	7.30pm
Saturday 13 May	7.30pm
Sunday 14 May	5.00pm