



albatross



by
Pasquale M Palmieri
directed by
Izeqiel Denn McCoy

First
Read Performance
in Australia

(in English)

Sunday 7 June, 2.00pm

at
BBDO Clemenger Auditorium
NGV International
180 St Kilda Road Melbourne

"A densely written and confronting play... A distinctive voice to present quality writing that is both individual and compelling..."

Peter Krausz, Chair of the Australian Film Critics Association

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The **MELBOURNE ITALIAN FESTIVAL**,
and the **ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE**,
together with
the **NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA**
are proud to present the first Australian
"Read Performance" of **ALBATROSS**,
a contemporary play in two acts by
award winning author Pasquale M Palmieri
(in **ENGLISH**)

The aim of "Read Performances", a new
proposition in doing theatre, is to revive a
different pleasure in experiencing theatre,
through narrating, listening, and engaging
directly with the authors, directors and actors
in a more intimate way.

In a "Read Performance" the actors recite an
interpreted reading of the script, emotionally
charged, offering a new listening experience
based primarily on the verbal content of the play.
"Read Performances" may involve one or more
actors, with a limited aid of lighting, projections,
music, dance and live sound effects.

ALBATROSS, THE PLOT...

An investigation takes place in the First Act into
the idiosyncrasies, dichotomies and dreams of
human nature, the alienation affecting modern
society and the conflicts between genders, in
the search for 'the happy couple'.
Suddenly gunshots are heard, and the First Act
closes with soldiers running on stage.

The Second Act opens with a change of scene.
The Hero, Margot, Esther and Ronen wandering
about in disbelief, seem to be the only survivors
of the blitz.

Only when two unexpected characters, Guth and
Luther, walk on stage, does the mystery start to
finally unfold, before a new twist at the very end
of the play.

Albatross won the Di Cranston Award at the FAW 2007
National Literary Awards, in the category of theatre
plays, radio scripts and film screenplays.

ALBATROSS

directed by
Izeqiel Denn McCoy

lighting by
John McKissock

cast
Izeqiel Denn McCoy
Belinda Kirwan
Serge De Nardo
Nadia Andary

Nancy Finn
Milan Perkins
Gina Morley
Tom Anthony Roberts
Steven Stagg
Rob Graham

Soldier 1
Soldier 2

music by
Rob Severini
choreography/dance
Camilla van Rosendal

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TICKETS \$15
\$12 concessions
\$10 MIF, IIC & NGV
members

