

## MEDIA RELEASE

# You Took the Stars

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Starring **John Shearman** (*War Horse*), **Kasia Kaczmarek** (*Wentworth*), and **Matt Furlani**.

**7pm (6pm Sun), 19 - 16 September. No show Mon 22 & Wed 24.**

When VCA Writing graduate **Cat Commander** wrote a 3-minute play about two people eating ice cream for **Red Stitch Actors Theatre** in early 2014, she didn't expect to still be writing about those characters four months later. But she couldn't let the story of Maisie and Paul go, and her simple playlet has grown far beyond its original production into a 50 minute three-hander with musical underscore.

Cat's biting funny dialogue blends fiction and reality, weaving together episodes of a beautifully dysfunctional relationship with stories of Fitzroy life, all held together by a singing, guitar-playing Monkey who navigates the audience around the orbit of Maisie and Paul.

Led by Red Stitch graduate director **Alice Darling** (*Like a Fishbone* - MKA) with set design by **Yvette Turnbull**, the show features the Richard Pratt Award-winning **John Shearman** fresh from his nationwide tour inside a horse's head on *War Horse*, **Kasia Kaczmarek** who was recently released after two seasons on **Foxtel's** *Wentworth*, and six-string sensation **Matt Furlani**.

**Fire Curtain Co.** is the brainchild of Cat Commander and Kasia Kaczmarek who met while studying Acting at VCA. The company encourages the development of new work and offers writers the opportunity to get audience feedback at every stage of script development through a variety of interactive performance nights.

*"Cat is a unique writer. There is virtuosity and simplicity in the way Cat is able to capture the concerns of contemporary Australia while creating a delicate intersection of action and language."* - **Raimondo Cortese**, **Ranters Theatre**

### VENUE

Meet on the steps outside North Melbourne Town Hall  
521 Queensberry St, North Melbourne, Victoria

**DATES:** 19 - 26 Sept. No show Mon 22 and Wed 24

**TIME:** 7.00pm. Sun 6.00pm (50 mins)

**TICKETS:** Full \$18. Concession \$15. Groups (4+) \$15. Tightarse Tuesday \$11.

### BOOKINGS

Online: [firecurtainco.com](http://firecurtainco.com)

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By Cat Commander

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