

## Media Release



**Fusing text, film, song, choreography and kinetic sculpture, *Urchin* is a darkly comic dissection of the culture of fear.**

**20 – 29 May, the Arts Centre, Fairfax Studio**

Written and Directed by **Christopher Brown & Rhian Hinkley**  
Featuring **Christopher Brown, Merfyn Owen, David Tredinnick**  
Set Design **Mark Cuthbertson**  
Choreographer **Luke George**  
Lighting Design **Jenny Hector**  
Projection **Rhian Hinkley**:  
Composition/Sound Design **Jethro Woodward**  
Costume Design **Shio Otani**

### **What if there was a way to protect yourself from fear?**

When brothers Damien and Martin, two small-time entrepreneurs, import a device that claims to be a vaccine for fear, it threatens to subvert the status quo. They and ex-motivational speaker Warren whom they employ to help them 'shift the units', are affected by the device in ways they neither foresee nor understand.

Through these three men and a healthy dose of humour from the dark side, *Urchin* explores the politics of fear as spawned by consumerism, desire and survival. Thrust into the sublimely terrifying world of their subconscious, can they use the Urchin to harness the power of their fears, or will it ultimately destroy them?

The world of the Urchin is one driven by the latest media-ordained threat-of-the-moment, where the unifying doctrine of civilisation is that survival necessitates a constant state of apprehension. Is fear really the glue that binds us together? Without it, would society collapse or has our primal *need* to be scared been hijacked?

*Urchin* is a hybrid theatrical work by Encyclopaedia of Animals, a new theatre company that includes some of the most talented practitioners in writing, filmmaking, choreography, music, design and performance working in Melbourne today.

#### **LISTINGS**

FULL TILT at the Arts Centre & Encyclopaedia of Animals present  
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the Arts Centre, Fairfax Studio  
20 – 29 May, Tues – Sat, 7.30pm

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