



White Box Theatre Company and Seymour Centre present

THE CAMPAIGN

A part of the 2020 Seymour Season, in conjunction with Mardi Gras Festival

Seymour Centre and White Box Theatre will present *The Campaign*, an honest and raw retelling of the journey to repeal Australia's most archaic anti-gay legislation, from 11th to 28th February as part of the 2020 Sydney Mardi Gras Festival.

In 1988, more than 100 arrests were made at Hobart's popular Salamanca Market when the Tasmanian Gay Law Reform Group defied a ban to gather signatures on a petition to decriminalise sexual activity between consenting adult males in private.

The unprecedented and highly publicised arrests grew into Australia's largest-ever gay rights civil disobedience, which began a campaign to change the Tasmanian law – the most draconian in the Western world in terms of its penalty and, by the time of its repeal, the last of its kind in Australia.

Based on personal testimony, parliamentary transcripts, media reports and archival sources from the people involved – including Rodney Croome, Nick Toonen and Christine Milne – *The Campaign* chronicles Tasmania's journey from exclusion to inclusion, from opposition to acceptance, and from hatred to embrace.

From playwright Campion Decent (*Unholy Ghosts, Three Winters Green*), *The Campaign* won Best New Writing at the 2019 Tasmanian Theatre Awards.

As part of the season, the Seymour Centre will present a panel discussion on 19th February featuring Michael Kirby AC CMG, Rodney Croome AM and Julie McCrossin AM. Together they will discuss future battlegrounds, as well as the roles personal storytelling, strategic risk-taking and compromise play in achieving significant social and legal change. Tickets are available via the Seymour Centre website.



“- a brilliant piece of intimate and simultaneously joyful and gut-wrenching theatre” – Arts Hub

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DATES: 11th – 28th February

TIMES: Tuesday – Saturday at 7pm; Sundays at 5pm

LOCATION: The Seymour Centre, Corner City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale

BOOKINGS: <https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/the-campaign/> or (02) 9351 7940

TICKETS: Full \$45 / Concession \$35

The Campaign will show at the Seymour Centre as part of the 2020 Mardi Gras Festival. The Seymour Centre will play host to the Mardi Gras Festival Hub, a wild mix of queer performance, theatre, music dance circus and cabaret, plus thought-provoking talks, workshops and a free late-night club.

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For further information, interviews and images:

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