

Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre

MEDIA RELEASE

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Teacup in a Storm **Produced by The Q** **February 25 – 27**

“Some would say I’m an idiot, some would say I’m a saint.”

The Joan is proud to present the world premiere of **Teacup in a Storm**, a brand new work produced by **The Q**, and based on the incredible stories of carers in our community.

Carers make up one in eight Australians and account for 1.9 billion hours of unpaid work annually. Offering a window into the unseen world of crashes, laughter and carrying on, **Teacup in a Storm** draws on a series of detailed interviews with carers from the local region.

Teacup in a Storm brings together the dynamic local circus-maker, carer, teacher and artist Therese Cook, with acclaimed playwright Noëlle Janaczewska and emerging performer Marie Chanel, under the direction of award-winning artist Nick Atkins.

Much has been learnt through the creative development process for this project.

“We learnt carers are diverse, determined and creative. We learnt that there were lots of things to learn. We considered if a carer was to receive only three hours of respite a fortnight and they chose to attend our performance, what could we offer them? A documentary piece seemed to fall short of all we wanted to share. We want to offer them light and dark and we want to indulge in flights of fantasy that leap out of the suburban context. We want to bring worth and visibility to the day to day tasks that while seemingly mundane come together to form a fabric of caring which holds our entire community above water.”- Nick Atkins (Director)

Can a hills hoist become the back drop for a stand up set? Can a mop bucket become a treasure trove? Can a series of rubber gloves represent an absent community of carers quietly keeping our community together? Image-based exploration and interwoven stories will come together to create a heartfelt portrait of the gentle army of carers keeping our worlds on kilter.

The Q is The Joan’s contemporary theatre program and has evolved from the creative lineage of the **Q Theatre Company** with more than fifty years’ commitment to the production of new theatre works.

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Thursday 25 February 8pm (Opening Night)

Friday 26 February 8pm

Saturday 27 February 8pm

General Admissions \$50

Concessions \$45

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To book call our Box Office on 4723-7600 or online at www.thejoan.com.au. The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre is located at 597 High Street, Penrith. Nearby parking and public transport is available.

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Additional Online content can be found here:

<http://thejoan.com.au/whats-on/teacup-in-a-storm/>

For images visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kczzw0pzz361ysq/AAAL051qNtEuLKMgYsvULMg3a?dl=0>

SOCIAL MEDIA SHARING

Short update for Facebook:

Teacup in a Storm - the world premiere of The Q's very own brand new work based on the incredible stories of carers in our local region. At The Joan 25-27 Feb 2016. For more info and to book visit:

<http://thejoan.com.au/whats-on/teacup-in-a-storm/>

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Teacup in a Storm, our own brand new work about carers in our local region by #TheQ @_the_Joan 25-27 Feb