

## CANADA / THEATRE



## ALL THE SEX I'VE EVER HAD

Last year Canada's **Mammalian Diving Reflex** let scissor-wielding school kids play barber to Melbourne Festival's brave audiences in *Haircuts By Children*. This time around it's seniors in the hot seat as real over-65s drawn from Melbourne's community take to the stage to reveal the high drama and low humour of a long life between the sheets in **All The Sex I've Ever Had**.

The group will divulge personal stories from firsts to lasts, life-changing lovers, forgettable duds to affairs, turbulent relationships and all manner of experiences in a revelatory show that offers the audiences an insight into the adventures and misadventures of a generation. In a culture that reserves sex for the young, this is a taboo-busting work making public the privates that rarely get their moment in the sun.

Founded in Toronto in 1993, the Company is dedicated to investigating the social sphere, always on the lookout for contradictions to whip into aesthetically scintillating experiences and

true to form, **All the Sex I've Ever Had** is an entertaining, often hilarious look into the confessions of an older and unquestionably wiser community of elders.

The show first premiered in 2012 and has had audiences in awe all over the world. Artistic Director Darren O'Donnell hopes the unique show will open up discussions about gender, celebrate openness and shed some light on a history of taboo.

The Company's work dismantles barriers between individuals of all ages, cultural, economic and social backgrounds; they collaborate with non-artists, and offer both participatory opportunities for the audience as well as the traditional option of simply watching the proceedings as they unfold.

**All The Sex I've Ever Had** is a tender encounter with real people and will have audiences laughing and crying in an intimate and rare lesson from a generation of people too often rendered invisible.

**"...this show was just one huge party...a big celebration of what it means to be human; our relationships with each other and our trials throughout."** The Brag ★★★★★

**Arts Centre Melbourne, Playhouse**

**Thu 12 – Sun 15 Oct**

**Thu – Sun 7.30pm**

**Sat also 2pm**

**2 hrs 30 mins, no interval**

**A Reserve \$69 / \$59**

**B Reserve \$59 / \$49**

**Over 60s \$30**

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