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SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR DESPERATE TIMES

A weekend of performance lectures showcasing artists as the ultimate survivalists in these somewhat desperate times.

Right now there's a lot to be desperate about... climate change, unhinged political leaders, getting old, working too much, not working enough, extremists of all stripes, the list goes on.

What skills and training do we need to survive in this world, and who can teach us?

Artists are the ultimate survivalists, continuing through the leanest of times and thriving in the extremes of great opportunity or disaster.

Over two days, Arts House will transform into an urban survival camp, where 18 artists and creative camp-leaders will share their passion and expert skills in a unique performance-lecture series.

From the practical to the emotional, from the physical to the conceptual, Survival Skills for desperate Times will give you information and strategies on how to thrive and survive – or at least have a laugh and make some new friends – in these trying times.

Performance-lectures include:

How to...

“... keep it funny” with **Zoe Coombs Marr**

“... care for your dead” with celebrant **Victoria Spence**

“... (D)construct identity with Drag and (D) androgyny” with **Daniel Newell**

“... call them out” (dealing with white supremacists) with **Nayuka Gorrie**

“... run fast” with **David Woods**

“... make a length of rope” with **Vicki Couzens**

“... embrace a creative slump” with **Madeleine Dore**

“... crunch” (from nature strip to plate... bugs and weeds) with **Jen Rae**

Curated by Arts House Artistic Director Angharad Wynne-Jones and Melbourne Festival Artistic Associate Gideon Obarzanek.

Arts House, North - Melbourne Town Hall

Sat 7 & Sun 8 Oct

11am, 2pm & 5pm

2 hrs, no interval

\$40

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