

MEDIA RELEASE
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Just Visiting and Griffin Independent present the world premiere of

THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE

By **Vivienne Walshe**

Directed by **Francesca Smith**

'She's a bomb remember tick tick tick'.

A gutsy and poetic prayer of hope, *This is Where We Live* is the story of two unlikely soul mates desperate to escape their small-town hell. Against a backdrop of hurt and neglect, reclusive teenagers Chloe and Chris seek solace in one another and dream of escaping the savage world of the school playground and war zones at home. Written by **Vivienne Walsh**, *This is Where We Live* won the **2012 Griffin Award** and opens at the SBW Stables Theatre on 19 June as part of the Griffin Independent season 2013.

Hardened from a life filled with bullies, dead-beat boyfriends and no sense of hope, Chloe uses her sexuality as her armour and her weapon. When Chloe meets 'odd-boy' Chris, an intense connection is formed. To Chris, she is 'Chloe of the underworld', and suddenly, a different future seems possible.

Of the production, director Francesca Smith says, "What excites me as a director is that Vivienne's text allows for multiplicity of forms and performance modes. She has a truly original, authentic voice – heart-searing and powerful."

The strong cast comprises **Yalin Ozucelik** (*Henry 4, Romeo and Juliet - Bell Shakespeare, Gross und Klein - Sydney Theatre Company*) and **Ava Torch**, one of the country's most acclaimed cabaret performers, Sydney Theatre Award nominee and recipient of the Jeffrey Joynton-Smith Memorial Award.

"When I read *This is Where We Live* for the Griffin Award, it lifted off the page like a strong beautiful bird, sure of itself and so certain of where it was going that it allowed me not so much to read it but to sit back and enjoy the vision of flight it promised. This is a play that *needs* to be seen and heard. And it needs to be seen at Griffin where the boundary between the experience of the performer and the audience is blurred enough for us to see the origins of love and violence," said Griffin Artistic Director **Lee Lewis**.

This is Where We Live is a vividly drawn and poetically raw story of isolation and hope, the courage of love and a chance at a life above ground. It plays at the SBW Stables Theatre from 19 June to 13 July.

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SEASON INFORMATION

THIS IS WHERE WE LIVE

By Vivienne Walshe

SBW Stables Theatre, 10 Nimrod Street, Kings Cross

Director Francesca Smith

Designer Fiona Crombie

Lighting Designer Sian James-Holland

Composer and Sound Designer Marty Jamieson

With Yalin Ozucelik & Ava Torch

Previews **19 – 20 July**

Season **22 June – 13 July**

Monday-Saturday **7pm**

Matinee **Saturday 13 July, 2pm**

TICKETS

Bookings **02 9361 3817** or www.griffintheatre.com.au

Adult **\$35** | Concession/Preview/Matinee/Seniors/Group+8/Under30 **\$28**

\$15 Rush tickets – limited number available Monday evenings at the door. All tickets unsold one hour prior to performance are \$15 (max 2 tickets per person)

Griffin acknowledges the generosity of the Seaborn, Broughton and Walford Foundation in allowing it, since 1986, the use of the SBW Stables Theatre rent free, less outgoings.

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