

THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE & THE THINGS WE DO DESPITE IT

Brisbane Powerhouse and Brisbane Festival 2010 present

Wretch

By Angus Cerini – A Doubletap Production

A prison visit. A swamp of memory. *Wretch*, by Angus Cerini, digs deep into the relationship between a mother and a son when it comes to the Visy Theatre at Brisbane Powerhouse from **Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 September**.

In this troubling and unsettlingly brilliant piece of performance, directed and performed by Angus Cerini and Suzie Dee, a mother visits her teenaged son at the prison where he is serving time for brutal crimes of violence.

She struggles to tell her son of the cancer that has returned to consume her, giving her only a short time to live; and he in turn has a secret that burns on his mind – he has killed another inmate. Their conversation is anything but supportive, rather revealing a relationship twisted by insult, blame and guilt. Over the course of her visit, their love is tested and nothing will stay the same.

Exploring the themes of prostitution, violence and sexuality within the relationship between a mother and son, the lines become blurred and it is hard to separate the maternal from the sexual and right from wrong. *Wretch* is subversive, complex and confronting, all wrapped up in starkly poetic text.

Angus Cerini is a writer and performer whose award-winning solo works have been performed throughout Australia and in Germany, Ireland and England. As a writer and/or performer he has worked with companies including Playbox, Melbourne Workers' Theatre, Melbourne Theatre Company, Terrapin Puppet Theatre and Arena Theatre Company.

Angus has twice been long-listed for the Australian/Vogel Literary Award for novel manuscripts and has received multiple nominations for Melbourne Green Room Awards. In 2007, *Wretch* was co-winner of the Patrick White Award and in 2009 the play won the Green Room Award for Best Design.

This production of *Wretch* features set design by Marg Horwell, sound design by Kelly Ryall and lighting design by Richard Vabre

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| Date | Tue 14 – Sat 18 Sep |
| Time | Tue-Fri 8pm, Sat 2pm & 8pm |
| Venue | Visy Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse |
| Tickets | Preview (Tue) \$28, Full \$35, Concession \$28, Group \$25 |
| Bookings | 07 3358 8600 or brisbanepowerhouse.org |

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