

Rushes

Presented by Te Papa and Movement of the Human

Created by Malia Johnston, Rowan Pierce and Eden Mulholland

Director: Malia Johnston

Composition and live music performance: Eden Mulholland

AV Design and collaboration: Rowan Pierce

Set: John Verryt

Lighting: Morgan Whitfield

23 Feb – 5 March (no show on Mon 26 Feb)

Mon – Sat 7.30pm*. Sun 4pm.

\$20 – \$42

The entirety of the Circa Theatre building

Part of the New Zealand Festival 2018



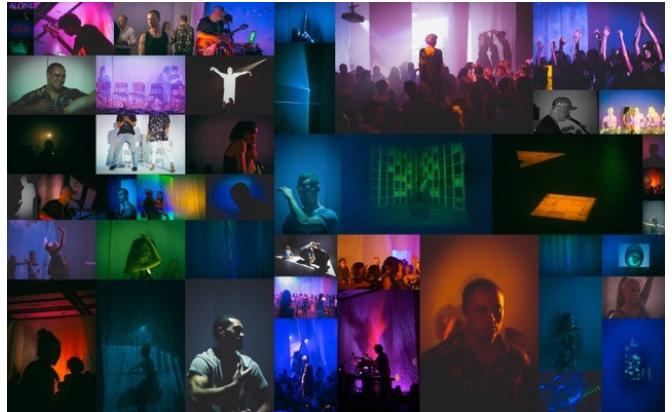
*Please note: On Friday 23 February, *Rushes* will commence at 8pm immediately following the 2018 New Zealand Festival opening night waterfront event, *Kupe*.

Rushes is a large-scale collaboration, unique in featuring more than 30 movement makers, actors and guest performers from across New Zealand.

Whilst the majority of performers are from Wellington a range of performers have travelled to the capital to join in the devising of this movement work and all are hard at work and excited by the energy that this work is generating.

Rushes celebrates performers from a diverse range of performance backgrounds and features actors, circus artists, singers, dancers and more.

In partnership with Te Papa at Circa Theatre *Rushes* is part of the 2018 New Zealand Festival and reflects the new relationship Circa and Te Papa have formed demonstrating their commitment to providing new and diverse work created by New Zealand artists.



Rushes is an immersive social event that will see Circa transformed into a gallery-like performance playground. Audiences will explore a variety of spaces and experience design, light, film, live music, and movement along the way. Dance theatre meets art gallery meets live music gig.

Rushes invites you to relax and explore, discover, observe, enjoy and ultimately engage on whatever level you choose to. Bring your camera as you are encouraged to create your own gallery of images during the show if you feel inclined.

Music in *Rushes* is live, created by the master of music for Dance, Eden Mulholland. Eden is joined by his brother Jolyon Mulholland and several of the performers from the work will perform with them also. You may be lucky enough to be in the right room at the right time when these fabulous voices take the mic!

You won't be sitting down in the theatres. It's not so much that you're watching performance, you're actually inside it. You can peruse the various spaces equally, or spend more time in one you like, it's up to you. The spaces are set out in a loop so that you can revisit spaces at will. The new Circa Bar and Café will be open throughout the performance so you can grab refreshments at any point.

Rushes is a show that you can visit a few times and see new and different things each night. No performance will be exactly the same and a new guest artist will perform with the main cast each night. The *Rushes* team invite you to stay for a drink with the cast after the show. The work is designed to provoke, refresh and energise. Put it on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

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