

# Uneasy Dreams and Other Things

By Lori Leigh  
Directed by Sara Brodie  
produced by A Mulled Whine



Circa Two  
10 – 27 Oct  
Preview 9 Oct

Tues – Sat 7.30pm, Sun 4.30pm  
\$25 – \$35



Part of WTF! Women's Theatre Festival 2018

The *Uneasy Dream* Team has started rehearsals. Lori Leigh's fiery and electric award-winning play is headed toward dangerously high acclaim. Directed by Arts Foundation Laureate Sara Brodie (Auckland Theatre Company's *Under the Mountain*, NZ Opera), *Uneasy Dreams and Other Things* features a cast of refreshing and vibrant New Zealand talent and stunning, ambitious design in set, lighting, photography, and sound.

A premiere of Leigh's sharp script, the production also marks the Circa Theatre debut of many of its cast: Auckland-based actor Arlo Gibson thoroughly charmed Wellington audiences earlier this year in a sell-out season of *Mating in Captivity* at BATS Theatre and in NZIFF-premiered film *Mega Time Squad*. Not ready to let him go home just yet, Arlo was picked up for *Uneasy Dreams* to blow us away all over again here in the Windy City.

Now also Auckland-based, comedy queen Johanna Cosgrove remains a Wellington icon. Recently more recognisable in dressing gown, head towel and sunnies as *AUNTY*, Johanna has sold out houses all over the country with her iconic character comedy. One half of NOPE Sisters, a clothing line that donate profits to rad social causes, Cosgrove is just the fierce feminist figure *Uneasy Dreams* and WTF! need.



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Since graduating Toi Whakaari in 2016, Lydia Peckham has worked in film and voiceover both here and in LA. She may be stunning on camera, but Lydia is also a vibrant presence onstage and is set to play a magnetic and gutsy lead role as Sam in *Uneasy Dreams*.

Matthew Staijen-Leach has always been cast as about ten years his senior, with presence and talent beyond his years. For the first time since returning from London's Globe Theatre in 2014 - an opportunity he and Lydia shared - Matt has been cast in a role just five or so years his senior, as Sam's husband Greg. It couldn't be a more perfect fit.

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