

**MERRIGONG
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COMPANY**ILLAWARRA
PERFORMING
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TOWN HALL**Merrigong Theatre Company presents**

HORROR

by Jakop Ahlbom**THIS IS NOT A MOVIE!**

Genre-defying **HORROR**, the mastermind work of acclaimed physical theatre maker **Jakop Ahlbom**, will see audiences dragged into a surreal world of fright later this year, as the show embarks on a national tour which includes Illawarra Performing Arts Centre in Wollongong.

Using the kind of cinematic horror special effects that have never before been seen in theatres, Ahlbom will make audiences shudder at the seemingly impossible events unfolding before them. Greatly intrigued by such aspects of the horror genre as black humor, slapstick and the fascinatingly, terrifyingly surreal imagery, he is an undisputed expert at using cinematic editing techniques, magic tricks and physical movement in his stage work.

The artistically ground-breaking show - which unites illusion, mime, movement and music - takes place in a home haunted by a tragic family event, where a woman's vengeful spirit stalks her sister and friends in the property. In a series of flashbacks, the past gradually re-emerges, brutally confronting the surviving sister with their hidden past: the cruel parents, the crushed youth, the suppressed memories.

Jakop Ahlbom has been fascinated with the horror genre since a very young age. In his early teens he would consume any horror film he could get his hands on, gripped as he was by the absurd fantasies, the special effects, the extreme events, the dark unknown, and the adrenaline kick. His ability to transfer these ideas to stage is lauded, described by The Guardian as 'a masterclass in time-and-motion stagecraft'.

This will be the first time Ahlbom's work has been presented in Australia. Don't miss your opportunity to experience a technical tour de force of sinister humour and hardcore horror, guaranteed to entertain and petrify in equal measure.

"... a razor sharp delight, ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2" – **The Guardian UK**

"A genuinely, persistently terrifying theatre show, ★ ★ ★ ★ ★" – thestage.co.uk

Please note: *HORROR* is recommended for people over the age of 15. It is not appropriate for children.

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WHEN	5 – 8 SEPTEMBER 2018
WHERE	Illawarra Performing Arts Centre
TICKETS	\$49 - \$79
BOOKINGS	http://www.merrigong.com.au/ or (02) 4224 5999

HORROR NATIONAL DATES

Sydney (Sydney Opera House): 29 August – 2 September
Wollongong (Merrigong Theatre Company, IPAC): 5 – 8 September
Canberra (Canberra Theatre Centre): 11 – 15 September
Melbourne (Arts Centre Melbourne): 18 – 22 September
Brisbane (Brisbane Festival): 26 – 29 September

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