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## May 2014 - Queensland Theatre Company sets up shop in the Bille Brown Studio for *A Tribute of Sorts* and *The Magic Hour*

Following the critically acclaimed season of *Macbeth* at the Playhouse, Queensland Theatre Company is setting up shop in the famed **Bille Brown Studio** to open the Off-Mainstage Program with two truly unique plays - the artful, dark and morbidly funny *A Tribute of Sorts* by **Benjamin Schostakowski** winner of four Matilda Awards in 2012 including Best New Australia Work, Best Independent Production, Best Male Actor (Dash Kruck) and Best Female Actor (Emily Burton), and *The Magic Hour*, starring Helpmann Award-winning actor and singer **Ursula Yovich** who breathes new life into the beloved fables collected by the famed Grimm brothers.

### *A Tribute of Sorts*

Misfits and batty, teen cousins Ivan and Juniper Plank are putting together a shameless variety show that hints at plenty of potential for derailment while narrating the series of events leading to the demise of 26 infants - each more weird and unfortunate than the last. Unexpectedly endearing, wickedly funny, and pithily punchy in delivery, *A Tribute of Sorts* written by Benjamin Schostakowski is a production that celebrates morbid humour, slick words, foxy timing and the art of theatre itself.

It's a madcap ride of technical cleverness that is simultaneously inventive and disturbing, starring **Emily Burton** and **Dash Kruck** in performances sure to have audiences giggling guiltily into handkerchiefs. The winner of four Matilda Awards in 2012 including Best New Australia Work, Best Independent Production, Best Male Actor (Dash Kruck) and Best Female Actor (Emily Burton), *A Tribute of Sorts* is a showcase for the talents of playwright, director and designer Benjamin Schostakowski.

### Queensland Theatre Company and Metro Arts present a Monsters Appear production

#### *A Tribute of Sorts* by Benjamin Schostakowski

WINNER OF FOUR MATILDA AWARDS 2012: BEST NEW AUSTRALIAN WORK, BEST INDEPENDENT PRODUCTION, BEST MALE ACTOR: DASH KRUCK, BEST FEMALE ACTOR: EMILY BURTON

**Dates:** 7 May to 17 May at the Bille Brown Studio, QTC

**Director and Designer:** Benjamin Schostakowski

**Lighting Designer:** Jason Glenwright

**Animation:** Pete Foley

**Cast:** Emily Burton and Dash Kruck

### *The Magic Hour*

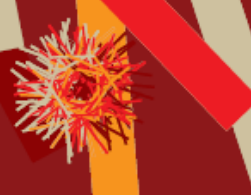
Grimm's fairy tales enters Australia's 21st century, and we remain just as enthralled as children when playwright **Vanessa Bates** presents *The Magic Hour*: a collection of dark, devilish tales where desolate, twilight Australia burns from gutters and back streets amid dark humour and soulful songs.

Star of films *Australia*, *Jindabyne* and *The Secret River*, Helpmann Award winner, singer and actress **Ursula Yovich** takes on the roles of familiar female characters, weaving a twisted and wild energy into these reworked tales from the Brothers' Grimm.

Audiences will feel the mystery and the bewitchment of this staunch stage performance, where malevolent animals creep through the forest and malicious spirits threaten to attack the human core through a manifestation of dark metaphors reflecting relevant issues in contemporary Australia. A wonderful shadowy atmosphere is carefully created through the music, versatile set designs and lighting care of **Joe Lui and Alicia Clements**, in this original production directed by **Chris Bendall**.

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Fresh from the success of her role in 2013's *Mother Courage*, Ursula Yovich is set to wow audiences yet again with this valiant one-woman comedy that presents tangled messages cloaked in intrigue and mystery faced by unyielding courage. Currently touring Australia, **The Magic Hour** is an acclaimed Australian production, and is also the swansong performance from Fremantle's Deckchair Theatre.

**Queensland Theatre Company presents *The Magic Hour* by Vanessa Bates**

**Produced and toured by Performing Lines WA**

**Dates:** 20 May to 31 May at the Bille Brown Studio, QTC  
**Director:** Chris Bendall  
**Designer:** Alicia Clements  
**Lighting Designer:** Joe Lui  
**Original Music:** Joe Lui  
**Cast:** Ursula Yovich

Tickets are available at [queenslandtheatre.com.au](http://queenslandtheatre.com.au) or by calling 136 246.