



The Blue Room and The Duck House present  
**The Swallow-Tailed Coat**

*In the hallway the roof is leaking.  
 The boots are breaking up.  
 The phone is disconnecting.  
 The silence is deafening.*

***The Swallow-Tailed Coat*** is The Duck House's new dark comedy in which nobody says what they really mean and everyone has something to lose, premiering at **The Blue Room, 18 March – 4 April**.

Three women (Gita Bezard, Alissa Claessens and Fran Middleton) are waiting in a hallway, their usual place of business. But today something is different. Someone has been there before them.

A swallow-tailed coat, unwanted and alluring, interrupts their rigid routine and places the secrecy of the hallway under threat. They know it doesn't belong, but the mischief of the coat gets the better of them.

"People invest so much in material possessions," says director Kathryn Osborne. "We are so wrapped up in the things we own and buy, that sometimes we lose the ability to communicate on a deeper level with the people we care about."

Emerging theatre ensemble The Duck House is comprised of Edith Cowan Contemporary Performance graduates. In 2008 they achieved great success with *Oscar* at The Rechabites' Hall, and *The Oresteia* at The Blue Room, which The West Australian described as "wildly inventive", devised by a team with "terrific chemistry".

Osborne promises the company's latest devised work, ***The Swallow-Tailed Coat***, will be full of laughter and intrigue, "exposing how people behave when their attachments become their identity". When they lose themselves amongst their obsessions, how can they possibly move on?

Come on a journey through blank stares and stormy weather, anonymous phone calls and objectophilia, with awkward conversation and playful choreography at every twist and turn.

## **The Swallow-Tailed Coat**

Devised and performed by Gita Bezard, Alissa Claessens and Fran Middleton  
 Directed by Kathryn Osborne  
 Dramaturgy by Emily Taylor

**Preview** Wednesday 18 March

**Season** Thursday 19 March - Saturday 4 April

**Meet the Artists** Tuesday 24 March

The Blue Room Studio, 53 James St Northbridge

6.30pm Tuesday - Saturday, plus 9.15pm Friday & Saturday

Tickets: \$22 / \$15 concession. Blue Room members \$18 / \$12 conc.

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