

## CO-DIRECTOR & DESIGNER

### MAZZ RYAN

Mazz Ryan joined Melbourne Writers' Theatre in 2012, after travelling extensively and teaching in the UK and Vietnam. She is a playwright, director and performer whose plays and monologues have been seen in MWT productions at La Mama and Gasworks Arts Park, as well as at The Owl and Cat Theatre, Essendon Theatre and on the In-One-Act circuit. Following her role as co-director of *Six Degrees at a Hot Melbourne Market* (Gasworks, 2019), Mazz is delighted to be co-directing *The City Park Plays* with Virginia Proud. She praises the diverse team of actors for their ability to rise to the challenges of rehearsing via Zoom, noting: 'Through all of this, we have continued to bring Theatre to life, and we continue to be inspired by its power to open minds and influence change.'

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### VIRGINIA PROUD

Virginia Proud is a Melbourne-based actor, director and writer, who trained at Actors Centre Australia in Sydney. She spent ten years working in Europe, where she was a founder and Producing Artistic Director of the Budapest English Theatre, directing and developing new local writing and presenting contemporary English language playwrights to audiences in Central Europe. She produced a number of international companies in Budapest, inc. *The Metamorphosis* for Ego Actus Theatre Company (US), *Venus in Fur* for Prague Shakespeare Company (CZ/US) and *A View From The Street* for Geordie Little Music (AU/DE). Her writing credits include *Away*, *The Afflicted Trilogy*, *Pretext* and *Master of His Domain*, receiving production in Hungary, Czech Republic and Australia.

## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us to bring **The City Park Plays** to life on stage, especially: Barbara Toohey, our remarkable stage manager; Maree Collie, her wonderful assistant; John Edwards, our handy photographer; Isabella Gilbert, our helpful videographer; our team of tireless Ushers; the delightful Miao Mang Mang, for creating the Covid-safe environment that has allowed this show to exist at The MC Showroom; Charlie D. Barkle for his assistance with lighting; and Melbourne Writers' Theatre, without whose ongoing support we simply could not create new Theatre. Thanks also to Howard Fine Acting Theatre for their help and rehearsal space – and also to actor Lansy Feng, for her delicious dumplings for 'Under a Rock' cooked nightly for the characters to enjoy. And finally, **Thank You** to the very special members of our Audience. Without you there is no show. We hope you enjoyed this one, and the many to come. *Clare Mendes, Producer*



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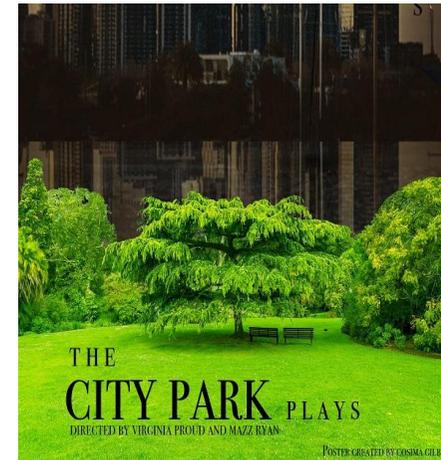
# THE CITY PARK PLAYS

## *Five Stories you Never Knew*

Penned by Playwrights who would like you to know.

Directed and Designed by Mazz Ryan & Virginia Proud

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