

2021 SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

MECC LINKS TO THE CLASSROOM

VIRAL

BY SHOCK THERAPY PRODUCTIONS



As society attempts to keep up with the rapidly changing and thrilling new world of social media and viral videos, how do we define our social responsibilities?

Viral is a story about Art and Zane, two boys who seek to attain internet 'fame' in order to become more popular at school and to make some money. It examines the role of social media and technology and how it impacts the way we record, communicate and think about events of racism, abuse and violence in our community. It investigates the line between disassociation and raising awareness about such events, asking the question "is it better to record these activities and post it on the Internet or step in and stop it from occurring in the first place"?

Inspired by true events that happened in our very own communities Viral uses physical theatre, multiple role-sharing, verbatim, political theatre and live music fuelled with intensity to create visceral and dynamic Theatre for Young People.

SHOW DETAILS

- Term 1, Week 6
- Wednesday, 3 March - 10.30am
- 60 minutes, no interval
- Recommended for 13 years+
- Warnings: This show contains strobe lighting effects

PRICES

Student \$20
Friend / MECC Member \$20
Concession \$20
Adult \$25

For every 10 students you will receive 1 complimentary teachers' ticket, every teacher above this threshold will be charged at \$20 each.

SUBJECT LINKS

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Competence
- Ethical Understanding
- The Arts: Drama

Drama

- Verbatim / Documentary Theatre - Transforming factual material into a form of theatre.
- Brechtian Theatre - Non-linear and fractured plots.
- Physical Theatre
- Analysing and reviewing dramatic elements and concepts.

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EXTRA LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Post Show Q&A with artists

After the performance, the audience are invited to stay and ask questions to the actors and creators of Viral, Sam Foster and Hayden Jones, about the creative process, themes of the show and dramatic conventions employed by Shock Therapy Productions.

TWO DAY RESIDENCY - SHOCK THERAPY PRODUCTIONS UP-SKILL YOUR STUDENTS!

Thursday 4 March - 10am to 5pm

Friday 5 March - 10am to 5pm

MECC Lynette Denny Space

Free for all interested community members

Two day residency including workshops and skill development activities in a range of areas, including physical theatre, characterisation, play building, improvisation, comedy and writing.

Two day residency concludes with public showing (Friday 5 March, 4pm to 5pm in the Lynette Denny Space).

TEACHING RESOURCES

A comprehensive teacher's resource kit can be found [here](#).

USEFUL LINKS/REFERENCES

Shock Therapy Productions

<https://www.shocktherapyproductions.com.au/>

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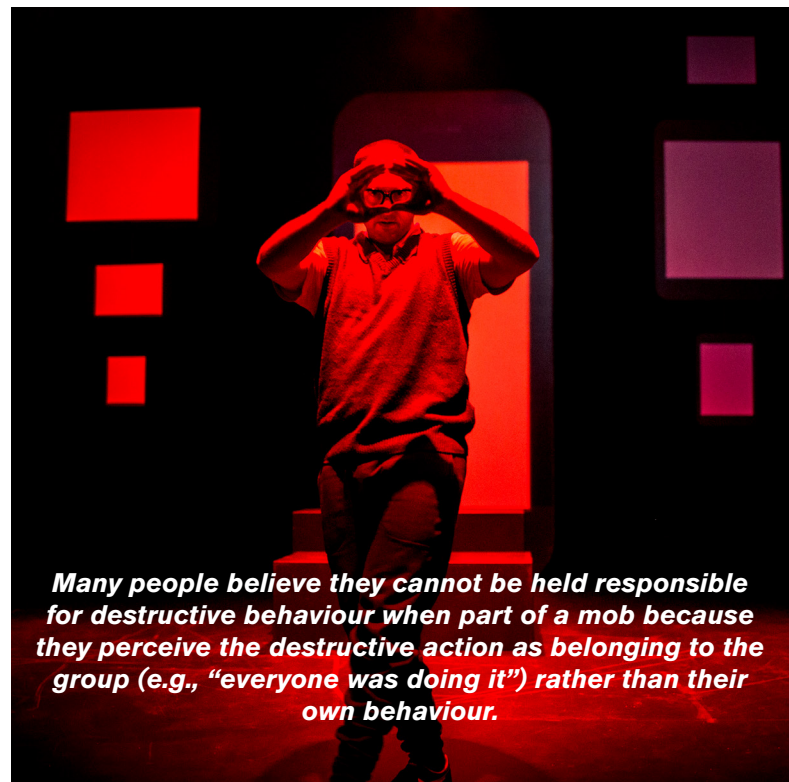
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Many people believe they cannot be held responsible for destructive behaviour when part of a mob because they perceive the destructive action as belonging to the group (e.g., "everyone was doing it") rather than their own behaviour.

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