

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### THE WORKS: 6 ACTORS, 2 PLAYS, 2 NIGHTS ONLY

Ever wanted to know what goes on behind the scenes of a new play? Check out *The Works* – Queensland Theatre Company’s annual program of play readings. See professional readings of Angela Betzien’s *The Dark Room* or Matthew Ryan’s *Bull* on July 2 and 3 at Bille Brown Studio.

Directed by Melanie Wild, one of the Company’s 2010 Emerging Artists, Angela Betzien’s *The Dark Room* is a haunting psychological thriller set at a run-down motel on the edge of a military town. Six unlikely characters converge - Anni, a government youth worker is accompanied by a withdrawn fourteen year-old girl, pregnant Emma awaits her husband, a drunken country cop and a teenage boy lurks on the perimeter of the motel, watching the man in room 6.

Directed by Michael Gow, Matthew Ryan’s *Bull* is a comedic and bloodthirsty exploration of love, sex and invention based on Greek mythology. Daedalus is an out-of-favour inventor, and must solve King Minos’ problem – his wife Queen Pasiphaë is in love with a bull. Solutions are thin on the ground and a mechanical animal may just be the answer King Minos is looking for...

Queensland Theatre Company Artistic Director Michael Gow says “*The Works* started in 2000 and is just one of the ways the Company is committed to developing new Australian work and our Queensland artists. Since its inception many plays developed within *The Works* have been produced professionally across Australia, and actors, directors and dramaturgs involved have also furthered their careers”.

**Cast:** Kerith Atkinson, Jason Klarwein, Nick Newth, Bryan Probets, Belinda Raisin and Melanie Zanetti.

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<b>Venue:</b>	Studio 2, Queensland Theatre Company 78 Montague Rd South Brisbane
<b>Dates:</b>	<i>Bull</i> Friday 2 July and <i>The Dark Room</i> Saturday 3 July
<b>Times:</b>	7.30pm
<b>Tickets:</b>	\$10
<b>Bookings:</b>	QTIX 136 246

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