
RANDOM GIRLS

Riverland Youth Theatre and Vitalstatistix

Waterside Workers Hall, 11 Nile Street, Port Adelaide

Review by Rod Lewis

The extraordinary courage of five women proves as uplifting as it is entertaining in this equally extraordinary workshop piece.

The artists are real-life young mothers who share their fears, hopes and memories of being pregnant at a young age. They challenge the stereotypes of young mothers by telling us their stories, and sharing the bittersweet humour and heartfelt moments behind being a statistic.

Co directors Maude Davey and Lucien Simon use multimedia, mime, audience interaction and short scenes to unveil these women's tales in an outstanding and memorable piece of theatre.

Marisa Mastrocola, who first proposed the concept, stars with Teresa Arnold, Amanda Barton, Nat Dickerson, Alysha Herrmann and Narelle Howard. Each are as talented as they are fearless, putting themselves up for judgement before the audience.

Forget political correctness. These stories are shared without bitterness and without apology and it is damn good. This is what theatre should be about. How unfortunately that the season is so brief.

Not to be missed.