

One night only immersive circus experience 'Stand Here'

Rad new Melbourne acrobatic collective *Tons of Sense* presents 'Stand Here'. The performance is an immersive circus experience held on the 23rd of February 2018 at the Testing Grounds, Melbourne. Let seven talented performers draw you into a dystopian world where everything is not what it seems. In *Stand Here* the audience is free to move around the performance space, able to interact with the cast and the set, becoming part of the show. Expect to touch, smell, taste and hear, as you are transported into the story unable to look away, unsure if you will choose to make a stand.



Figure 1 The cast of *Stand Here* posing in the Testing Grounds

The show is directed by Latonya Wigginton, a graduate of the Beijing International Art School and the National Institute of Circus Arts in Melbourne. In her words, "Stand Here is a circus show, you can expect to see flips and tricks, but we also hope that our work leaves the audience with a sense of being involved in something greater than themselves." The performance explores the bystander effect, and examines how the people around us can change how we act.

The show's eclectic cast of seven performers' backgrounds vary from dance, theatre, circus and music join together to create a show that is intersectional, and broad in scope but that also connects with audience members on an individual level.

The Testing Grounds is an experimental architecture space tucked behind the arts centre. Comprised of both indoor and outdoor spaces this unique location really allows the performers to construct an entire world for the audience to explore.

Free to the public this one night only event is not to be missed. PG+13

Links

Tons of Sense Website: <https://tonsofsense.com/>

Tons of sense Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tonsofsense/?ref=br_rs

Testing Grounds: <http://www.testing-grounds.com.au/>

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