

**Sydney Theatre Company and Seymour Centre present
A Sydney Theatre Company production**

**THE TRAGEDY OF
HAMLET: PRINCE OF SKIDMARK
A BADAPTATION OF THE BARD**

By The Listies

**Schools Days 4 – 6 Jul 2018, Previews 7 Jul 2018, Season 10 Jul 2018 – 22
Jul 2018, Seymour Centre**

After winning over everyone who came to see it in 2016, The Listies' very cheeky, very clever, utterly irreverent riff on Hamlet – made especially for children – is back for a return season at the Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre this July, followed by a tour which includes Parramatta, Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Wollongong and Belrose.

The duo are thrilled to be back, saying it was “a great opportunity for us to revisit an important work like Hamlet and put in more vomiting, fart jokes and body rolls. Which, to be frank it needed.”

The Listies, maestros of children's entertainment, have pulled apart Shakespeare's classic and glued it back together with hilarious costumes, loads of silliness and plenty of interactivity. According to The Listies, the time is right for Hamlet's return. “Shakespeare is on the way up at the moment. In 2016 no-one knew who he was. He was super niche and indie, like only hipsters “got” him. But then he went on *The Bachelor*, did *Celebrity Big Brother UK* and now he is massive on Insta. We've heard something about a Netflix special, *Love Island* and a Kombucha endorsement but his agent is being super cagey.”

Hamlet is already full of things kids love in a good story: ghosts, castles, sword fights, bodily fluids and spooky stuff. Add to the mix some supersonic gags and expertly timed stage magic unlike anything kids have seen before and you have a brilliantly disguised Shakespearean tragedy for everyone aged five and over.

Expect bonus pillow fights, pirates, ninjas, ninja pirates, aliens, ninja pirate aliens, zombies and a bunch of other hilarious stuff as The Listies take kids and their adults on a fun-filled hour of theatre. The only thing we can be sure of is that everyone dies at the end – including the audience!

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Duration 1hr (no interval)

Content warning Recommended for ages 5+

Co-creators Declan Greene, Richard Higgins & Matt Kelly. **Director** Declan Greene. **Designer** Renée Mulder. **Lighting Designer** Verity Hampson. **Composer & Sound Designer** Jed Palmer

Cast: Richard Higgins, Matt Kelly, Courtney Stewart

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Pricing and ticket information:

Single tickets: Saturday evening \$35, Adult \$35, Concession \$35, Seniors cardholder \$35, Preview \$25, Under 30 \$35

Tour Dates:

Parramatta 25-27 July

Riverside Theatre

<https://riversideparramatta.com.au/>

Canberra 3-4 August

The Playhouse, Canberra Theatre Centre

<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/>

Wagga Wagga 7 August

Civic Centre

<https://civictheatre.com.au/>

Wollongong 10-11 August

Merrigong Theatre Company, IMB Theatre
Illawarra Performing Arts Centre

<http://merrigong.com.au/>

Belrose 17-18 August

Glen Street Theatre

<https://glenstreet.com.au>

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