

PRESS RELEASE

'Je Suis Dead' – Fool's Proof Theatre Spring Tour 2009

Je Suis Dead is a show about inheritance, and everything we carry with us from our families and our culture. What happens when the unknown past communicates with the present to influence change in our lives?

Three strangers are thrown together in the aftermath of a near fatal train collision. The way these survivors react to daily life after this trauma reflects how each is now forced to deal with the world: Emily, a dreamy teacher is exposed to the brutal side of life; James, the ruthless businessman is losing control; and Helen, deeply private and alone, starts to reach out and engage with the world. In their vulnerable post-crash state, unknown ancestral figures step through the veil of their once ordered lives: Charlotte, a 1920's Berlin diva; William, a turn of the century British explorer; and Mildred a 1950's housewife from the American South. Each has a story to tell from the past which reveals family secrets and intrigues that intermingle and connect together like a twisted puzzle with the changing realities of our present day characters - three people desperately clinging on to who they believe they once were.

Fool's Proof Theatre draws on the life experiences and varied cultural backgrounds of each company member to create unpretentious art with a warm heart, a mad twisted soul and quirky humour. In Je Suis Dead, they combine strong visual and highly physical theatre with the narration of a multi-layered story. They transport you fluidly between distinct places, and flash between past and present, using the clarity of their physical expression, their props and costumes, and through clear, crisp language.

Je Suis Dead is the company's second piece in a proposed trilogy about identity and the invisible ties that bind us. It is conceived and directed by Fool's Proof Theatre in collaboration with Gey Pin Ang, formerly of the Workcentre of Jerzy Grotowski and Thomas Richards in Italy.

On Fool's Proof Theatre:

"This is one to look out for, so search for them, wherever you can, and let there be no excuse for missing out if they're in your area." - Theatre in Wales

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