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# **LIMBO**

## Strut & Fret, Underbelly Productions and Southbank Centre, Australia



"Thrillingly alive... A charismatic bunch of international theatre performers bring you so close to the action you can smell the sweat."

Metro

"An irresistible cocktail of circus skills, live music and sexy humour." Time Out (UK)

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After a sell-out season at Sydney Festival 2014, the ultimate otherworldly party, staged somewhere between heaven and hell, returns to the Festival Village once more with circus that's wild, wicked and out of this world.

A dirty and dangerous circus-cabaret, *LIMBO* whisks audiences into a sinister netherworld of jaw-dropping contortion, gut-churning aerial acrobatics, nail-biting stunts and staggering illusions.

Presented in a magnificent 1920s themed Spiegeltent, *LIMBO*'s stellar Australian and international cast play hard and fast. See Coney Island's fire-breathing, sword-swallowing vintage beauty **Heather Holliday**, Europe's gravity-defying Chinese pole master and beat boxer **Mikael Bres**, mind-blowing French contortionist **Aurelien Oudot**, the aerial grace of Canadian acrobat **Evelyne Allard**, alongside Australia's tap dancing sensation **Hilton Denis** and astonishing hand balancer **Danik Abishev**.

Music is a dominating force in this production, with **Sxip Shirey** from New York behind the thrilling live score of what he describes as JANK! Constantly surprising, always funky, very sexy and a little bit off-kilter, Shirey describes his sounds as "a New York brass band marching through New Orleans on its way to an all-night party in Berlin. It's brass, electronics, surprising sounds, hip-hop and club beats." Shirey's experimental sound uses found and re-imagined instruments to offer a truly dynamic experience.

Contributing to the array of musical delights are local performers **Grant Arthur** on the sousaphone and banjo, and **Mick Stuart** (Eddie Perfect's *Misanthropology, Keating The Musical*) on drums, bass and his unique creation 'The Polymba' to deliver ecstatic melodies, irreverent electro-acoustic and playful, sexy beats.

Following sell-out sessions around the world, LIMBO is poised to set Sydney on fire again.

Where The Aurora Spiegeltent, Festival Village

When Preview: 7 January at 7.30pm

Season: 8–25 January 8 January at 5.15pm & 9.45pm

Tues–Sun at 9.45pm Sat at 5.15pm & 9.45pm No performance on Mondays

Duration 70minutes no interval





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General Admission \$69 /\$62

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