

A Simple Space

Gravity & Other Myths, Australia

A daring acrobatic ensemble pushing the human body to its physical limits.



Photo: *A Simple Space*, Gravity & Other Myths © Chris Herzfeld

Australia's hottest acrobatic ensemble **Gravity and Other Myths** will make jaws drop and eyes pop as they bring their gravity-defying stunts and thrill-seeking exploits to Sydney with *A Simple Space*.

Audiences will get the unique chance to be truly up close and personal with the seven world-class acrobats as they show off their amazing strength and agility to the accompaniment of a live percussionist providing the dynamic musical backbone to the performance.

Unlike a traditional circus experience, *A Simple Space* is stripped back to the bare essentials. Rather than using ropes and wires, the acrobats rely purely on the strengths of the human body to achieve remarkable feats through playful partnering and teamwork.

Confined to a 6 x 4 metre performance mat, the acrobats tumble, fall and flip at terrifying heights without so much as a harness. Displaying advanced balancing, tumbling and gymnastic skills, the charismatic acrobats portray a sense of ease and simplicity alongside an astonishing level of energy and stamina.

From eyebrow-raising human pyramids, to solving Rubik's Cubes whilst balancing on one's head, this knock-out performance aims to break down traditional barriers between audience and performer. Performer **Triton Tunis-Mitchell** says the essence behind *A Simple Space* is pure honesty.

"We wanted to evoke real responses in our audiences, something visceral rather than cerebral. We've brought the audience in close to surround us and stripped back the stage. With nothing left to hide behind, our personal narratives come through naturally," says Tunis-Mitchell.

A Simple Space returns to Australia after sell out seasons in Edinburgh, Montreal, London and Copenhagen. The show was voted "Best Circus" at the 2014 Adelaide Fringe Festival and "Best Circus Weekly" at the 2013 Adelaide Fringe Festival, as well as receiving nominations for the Total Theatre & Jacksons Lane Award for Circus in Edinburgh in 2014, "Pick of the Fringe" at Adelaide Fringe 2014, "Best Circus" at Adelaide Fringe 2013.

"A total triumph." **The Guardian**

"Stripped back and raw... an awe-inspiring display of strength, skill and creativity." **The Advertiser**

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Gravity and Other Myths is a well-established and talented Australian acrobatic troupe known for their engagingly fresh and innovative performance works. Formed in 2009 in Adelaide, South Australia, the troupe intimately collaborates on every creative piece from inception to production, revealing awe inspiring physical experiments to their audiences.

A Simple Space is overwhelmingly a celebration of strength, playfulness and friendship. A family-friendly show that is both upbeat and humourous, this production is a fantastic chance to experience the exhilarating ability of world-class acrobats and the human body first hand.

Cast

- Triton Tunis-Mitchell
- Lachlan Binns
- Jascha Boyce
- Martin Schrieber
- Jacob Randell
- Rhiannon Cave-Walker
- Daniel Liddiard
- Elliot Zoerner

Where The Aurora Spiegeltent, Festival Village

When 13-25 January at 7.30pm
Sun at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
No performance on Mondays

Duration 60minutes

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General \$40 / \$36 conc
Family \$120 (2 adults, 2 children)

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