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# Fright or Flight

## 3 is a Crowd, Australia



"Fantastically funny and clever, idiosyncratic and unique, gorgeous." Total Theatre (UK)

"These women are strong and capable of pulling off some truly magnificent feats of strength... first class aerial choreography that will leave you spell-bound." Heckler

★★★★ "Sensitive, engrossing and quite beautiful... worth getting lost in." Adelaide Advertiser

"Absolutely bizarre, completely hilarious." **The** Guardian (UK)

Photo: Fright or Flight @ Sean Young

Inspired by the behaviour of birds, three circus performers cluck and peck their way through enthralling acts of spellbinding aerials and off-beat acrobatics to reach a heart-stopping finale. Armed with an appropriately eccentric soundtrack, *Fright or Flight* takes you on a rare journey into the coop of the chaotic, the beautiful and the enchanting.

Witness an investigation into the fight-flight-freeze response that will surprise, shock and sweeten your senses. With a strong repertoire of stunning physicality, carefully executed bottle-balancing, impossible aerials and burlesque that is both awkward and graceful, laugh along as the cast scramble about enchantingly in their rubber-glove chicken feet.

Fright or Flight is ultimately about the human experience and the vulnerability of close, intimate relationships. Quirky, endearing and beautiful, **Rockie Stone**, **Bianca Mackail** and **Casey Wood** are a breed of performers as rare as hen's teeth. Like baby birds in a nest fighting for their mother's attention, they strike out with slapstick comedy reminiscent of The Stooges, but return to themselves in moments of clarity with enchanting skill that betrays just how talented this troupe is underneath the feathers.

**3** is a **Crowd** is a new ensemble of seasoned Australian circus artists from Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. Their premiere show *Fright or Flight* gained them instant recognition winning "Best Circus/Physical Theatre" at Adelaide Fringe 2013 and a nomination for "Best Visual Theatre" in the Total Theatre Awards in Edinburgh in 2013.

Feathered with a flock of rave reviews and bending the bounds of the circus genre, *Fright or Flight* promises to have you laughing one minute and send tingles down your spine the next.

Where The Famous Spiegeltent, Festival Village in Hyde Park

Hyde Park North, corner College & Park Streets, Sydney

When 13–18 January at 5.30pm

Price \$30 General Admission

Suitable for 8+

Duration 55minutes



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