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Bathory Begins

By Gretel Vella and Emme Hoy
Produced by ATYP and Q Theatre

The girls of class 10F at Butt Road High School are convinced that their Art and Design Teacher, Mrs Bathory, is a murderer: the sadistic sixteenth-century serial killer (and probable vampire) Elrezebet Bathory.

It's pretty obvious, really. Girls have been disappearing one-by-one until only seven (yes, seven) remain. The school says it's a headlice outbreak, but the girls know it's really another murderous rampage in Bathory's endless quest for eternal youth. They prepare to take a stand and put an end to her bloodthirsty tyranny once and for all.

Then the boys from Judas Gents Show up. This isn't going to end well.

Bathory Begins is the winner of the 2017 ATYP Foundation Commission, an annual award to support the creation of works for 14-17 year-old performers.

Stage Suitability

Years 9+

Season Dates

11 — 21 September 2019

School Matinees

Wed & Fri, 12pm

Venue

Joan Sutherland
Performing Arts Centre
597 High St
Penrith

Duration

90 mins

Tickets

\$20

1 free teacher per 10 paid students

Bookings

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From the Learning Coordinator

Bathory Begins is a hilarious, pitch-black comedy from two of Australia's top up-and-coming female playwrights. It takes an unflinching look at social issues, like gender and class inequality, using comedy to help unite both characters and audience upon common ground.

Students will love Bathory Begins for its dark humour and larger-than-life characters and they'll leave the theatre with a fresh perspective on issues that are extremely relevant to their lives.

The show is essential viewing for Drama students studying Black Comedy or The Voice Of Women In Theatre, or any young person looking for a relevant, relatable theatre experience.

Creative Team

Director

Rowan Bate

Set & Costume Designer

Aleisa Jelbart

Lighting Designer

Benjamin Turner

Composer and Sound Designer

Timothy Hansen

Stage Manager and Production Manager

Sorie Bangura

Dramaturg

Jane Fitzgerald

Assistant Director

Margaret Thanos

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Curriculum Connections

Stage	Subject	Outcome
5	Drama	4.3.1 4.3.2 5.3.1 5.3.2
		English
6	Drama	P3.1 H3.4 Australian Drama and Theatre, The Voice of Women in Theatre, Black Comedy
		English

Audience Advice

Bathory Begins contains:

- Coarse Language
- Mature Themes
- Drug References
- Possible Vampires
- Probable Murder
- A Capella Singing