

Company of Rogues (Australia)
Morgan Stern
 by **Gina Schien**



Part ghost, part protector, The Gent is 221 years old and has been assigned to the other side of the planet to minister to Morgan, a young modern Sydneysider living with Schizophrenia

Shifting between families, centuries and hemispheres, **Morgan Stern** is an enthralling and ultimately uplifting one-man play exploring relationships, mental ill health and the search for internal peace. Its setting is a barely understood realm – the human mind. It is deeply informed by the experience of AWGIE (Australian Writers' Guild) award-winning playwright **Gina Schien's** own brother.

A moving monologue, directed by **Goldele Rayment, Morgan Stern** commands the audience's attention throughout as the English Georgian gentleman slowly recovers heartbreaking memories of his daughter, whom he committed to the infamous Bethlem insane asylum. With these come a growing realisation that he must make amends and try to save Morgan from the same fate as his daughter.

Director **Goldele Rayment** said: 'This is a powerful piece of storytelling about two families in different centuries, cultures and countries who share the same search for release from the turmoil of life. It's a play with a sense of Gothic tragedy but which is filled with compassion in its approach to Schizophrenia – an illness that remains feared and misunderstood.'

Places, people and stories crystallise and dissolve throughout the performance, and the image of a one-eyed ornamental goldfish will come back to haunt you. **Morgan Stern** has particular power and resonance because many of the team from **Company of Rogues** have an interest in mental ill health through their personal or professional lives.

'A troubling, beautiful, uplifting ninety minutes that will leave you breathless' *Lisa Thatcher, Critic*

'Exceptional performance' *Sydney Morning Herald*

Listings Information

Venue C primo, Lodge N° 1, Hill Street, EH2 3JP, venue 41
 Dates 6-28 Aug (not 14)
 Time 18:45 (1h15)
 Ticket prices £9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50
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