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MEDIA RELEASE

**Fragmented selves connecting to infinite others on the streets of Noosa Junction –
Urban Twitters: Dis.connect.ed at Anywhere Festival 2019**

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THE SHOW

What are the consequences brought by this virtual world of experiences devoid of eye contact and touch?

How are personal relationships being redesigned and reshaped?

How are we becoming ever more disconnected simply by being more connected?

Is there still room for direct human connection?

How can minds and hearts connect/reconnect to what truly matters?

Are we becoming ever more disconnected simply by being more connected?

These are a few of the questions that inspired D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective to create *Urban Twitters: Disconnected*, a series of devised "twitter performances": 2-minute pieces on the streets of Noosa Junction - stories of love, hate, relationships, fragmented selves, connections and disconnections motivated by the life experiences of our performers, offering new perspectives on what it means to be oneself and the other in actual and cyberspace. Each play brings something unique, be it humour, depth, sophistication, repulse, mockery, fear, or a poem - all honest and deeply inspiring.

By investigating and experimenting with connection and disconnection in different shapes and forms, D.I.V.E Theatre Collective will endeavour to transform and reconfigure the perspectives on what connects human beings to Place, Others and Self. It seems a paradox that, a world of ubiquitous access to communication, information and omnipresent digital "connections", people are becoming more and more disconnected from the physical world around, the personal contact with the other, their own senses and from the very matter that makes one feel reassured and substantiated as a human being.

The chosen format works as an attempt to rebuild in actual space the experience of being oneself and other in cyberspace. The show will be developed as a collective creation by the members of D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective (Cesar Artero Genaro, Florence Teillet and Priscila Barreto Da Cunha) and performing artists invited from the community.

Urban Twitters: Disconnected will be presented as a one-off performance on the streets of Noosa Junction during Anywhere Theatre Festival in May 2019, on the 17th May at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15 for those who are attending Anywhere Festival.

This will be a wandering performance on the streets along Sunshine Beach Rd. The audience will meet the actors at the entrance of Noosa Junction Plaza, and will follow them along the sidewalk all the way to Noosa Junction Bus Station, where the show will end. Several 2-minute plays will be performed along the way in different places, including Arcadia Street.

The Noosa Junction Twilight markets will be on the same night and we believe part of the audience will be composed of passers-by that will be attending the market events. Our goal is to act as a *flash mob* through the market, entering and exiting Arcadia street for a few minutes for a few 2-minute pieces. Then the show will move on to a few more stops along Sunshine Beach Road towards the bus station.

Urban Twitters is part of a two year-long project, called *Project Dis.connect.ed*, partly funded by Noosa RADF, which include a short documentary film, a few performances in unusual locations and a full-length play, planned for 2020.

ABOUT D.I.V.E THEATRE COLLECTIVE

We are a Noosa-based theatre group who create devised performances to fit in with the language of contemporary theatre, blending physical theatre, dance, literature, visual arts, music, digital media, philosophy and other sources into a unique piece that challenges the traditional format of a theatre play.

Our performances are always a new experience for audiences and performers alike and usually take place in spaces other than a theatre. We aim to relate to our contemporary audience and discuss themes that offer new insights on our society.

For more info about our past projects and shows, contact divecollective@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/divetheatrecollective/>

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more **disconnected**

simply by being
more **connected?**

Urban Twitters: *Dis.connect.ed*

A series of "twitter" performances on the streets of Noosa Junction,
presented by D.I.V.E. Theatre Collective

When: **17th May, 2019 at 7:00pm**

Where: **Streets of Noosa Junction**
(Meet at Noosa Junction Plaza Entrance)

Tickets: **\$15**

For more information, or to buy tickets, visit:
www.anywhere.is/disconnected

