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World Premiere of Bourgeois & Maurice's *Insane Animals* to open at HOME in February 2020



Press night: Wednesday March 4 2020

For immediate release

HOME is pleased to announce the World Premiere of Bourgeois & Maurice's *Insane Animals*, a modern mythical musical rushing headlong from the dawn of civilisation to the sequined near future.

The show is produced by HOME and will open on Fri, Feb 28, 2020 and runs until Sat, Mar 14, 2020.

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Bourgeois & Maurice (George Heyworth and Liv Morris) are a musical duo whose 10-year career has built them a reputation for style as sharp as their wit. They began their career working in the bars and clubs of London, and cutting their teeth at the Edinburgh Fringe, before moving into performing regularly at Soho Theatre and touring the UK and abroad in venues from Belgrade to New York. They have performed at the Royal Opera House, Southbank Centre and Sadler's Wells. Their music explores the mundane absurdity of modern life and wraps it up neatly in a catchy pop hook. Armed with acid wit, a piano and several inches of make-up, the pair are innovative, provocative and irresistible.

Insane Animals opens with the planet in chaos and humanity hurtling towards extinction, at which moment two hyper-glam aliens arrive on earth with a simple mission: to help the human species survive. But first they just have to figure out what makes humans human...how hard can it be?

This brand-new mind-bending, time-travelling musical comedy from "modern day music hall stars" (*Guardian*) Bourgeois & Maurice is packed with songs that are satirical, sharp, side-splitting and salty, with a hero's journey that is out of this world.

This glittering production sees Bourgeois & Maurice joined by a phenomenal cast of actor-musicians for a queer unravelling of past and present, fact and fiction, life and death.

The play is the result of HOME's pioneering T1 Commission, an unrivalled opportunity for mid-career theatre makers to make a new piece of work for the main stage. This unique commission included a bespoke, two-year residency with training, shadowing opportunities, practical R&D and mentoring from HOME's creative team alongside a team of international industry professionals.

The show is directed by the multi-award nominated Phillip McMahon, Lyric Hammersmith Associate and one half of pop culture renegades THISISPOPBABY. The artistic team is completed by musical director Victoria Falconer, lighting designer Sinead McKenna and costume designer Julian Smith.

Quotes from the press:

"It's hard to think of any other act delivering such clever, funny and sharp material" – **Time Out**

"Like something out of mars attacks! by way of east London nightlife, B&M have worked their way up from the capital's alt-cabaret scene to become modern day music hall stars" – **The Guardian**



Listings information

HOME
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Tickets cost £15-£29/concs and £10 previews available. To book, visit homemcr.org or call 0161 200 1500. Early bird ticket deals apply.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Images and video can be provided on request.

For more information, contact Kat Harrison-Dibbits, Head of Communications at HOME, on 0161 606 0176 or email kat.harrison-dibbits@homemcr.org.

About HOME

HOME is Manchester's centre for international contemporary culture. Since opening in May 2015, HOME has welcomed over two million visitors to its two theatres, five cinemas, art gallery, book shop and restaurants. HOME works with international and UK artists to produce extraordinary theatrical experiences, producing an exciting mix of thought-provoking drama, dance and festivals, with a strong focus on international work, new commissions and talent development.

HOME's ambition is to push the boundaries of form and technology, to experiment, have fun, take risks and share great new art with the widest possible audience. The patrons of HOME are Danny Boyle, actress Suranne Jones, playwright and poet Jackie Kay MBE, artists Rosa Barba and Phil Collins, filmmaker Asif Kapadia, and actress and author Meera Syal CBE. www.homemcr.org | @HOME_mcr | Facebook HOMEemcr

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