



THEATRE  
**MOTH**

**Malthouse Theatre/Arena Theatre. CUB  
Malthouse until Sunday. Tel: 9685 5111**

This is why theatre still matters: because moments of terror and wonder fluttering around the periphery of vision sometimes deserve more sustained attention than other media can afford, and a group of motley artists sometimes fashions a lens that will sharpen our focus. *Moth* is ostensibly based on the real police shooting of a Melbourne teenager but the talent here create something far richer than “topical” theatre, tapping into repressed memories of youth. It’s a superbly performed and keenly directed reminder of the brutalities we ignore, with enough wit and compassion to lift it above the standard cautionary tale. **John Bailey**