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All-autistic theatre ensemble Company AT set to expand

Following a smash hit premiere season of its original play *Impersonal Space* in October 2017, Adelaide's only all-autistic theatre ensemble – Company AT – is set to expand its programs in August.

Company AT currently offers theatre workshops for adults, and for children aged 8 – 12 years through the 'Where It's AT' program. Following a successful grant application to Arts South Australia's Richard Llewellyn Deaf and Disability Arts (RLDDA) program, Company AT will offer a new theatre workshop program for 13 – 17 year olds on the autism spectrum called 'AT This Place'.

Company AT Artistic Director Julian Jaensch says, "This is a really important step forward for Company AT because now we will have a complete pathway of development for autistic actors and performers."

Ashton Proosdy was a member of the Where It's AT program for several years until he reached his teens. Ashton says, "When I turned 13 I felt I was too old for Where It's AT but there wasn't another theatre program that I could join. I want to keep learning about acting and eventually be in a big production with Company AT."

AT This Place will commence in the first week of August 2018 in the Holdfast Bay area. People wishing to enquire about joining AT This Place can contact Julian Jaensch on 8422 6511.

FURTHER INFORMATION

About Company AT

Company AT is an innovative South Australian theatre ensemble producing work informed by the experience of autism. Company AT has been working in partnership with Tutti Arts since 2012.

Company AT's production *Impersonal Space* was lauded as "[a] hugely entertaining, thought provoking and richly rewarding theatrical experience" (David O'Brien, *The Barefoot Review*).

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Above: Mikhael Crossfield, Kaila Pole and Michael Need appear in Company AT's *Impersonal Space*, October 2017.
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