



## Media release

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**The Holden Street Theatres' Edinburgh Fringe Award '18, Stephen Joseph Theatre, and Tara Finney Productions present**

# Build a Rocket

Winner of the **Holden Street Theatres'** Edinburgh Fringe Award for 2018, **Build a Rocket** is a powerful, funny and uplifting one-woman show about triumph over adversity. The show plays from **12 February – 17 March** in **The Studio**, Holden Street Theatres, 34 Holden Street, Hindmarsh, as part of the 2019 Adelaide Fringe.

Written by **Christopher York**, *Build a Rocket* is the story of Yasmin (performed by **Serena Manteghi**), a bright 16-year-old from a small seaside town. In an instant, her life is turned upside down when she becomes pregnant with her son, Jack. Suddenly her Scarborough isn't sandcastles, arcades, and donkey rides. Abandoned by both the father of her child and her alcoholic mother, Yasmin faces one of life's great challenges completely alone - it's just Yasmin and Jack against the world. But can the thing which threatens to ruin her life actually be the thing which saves her?



Receiving eight four-star reviews, *Build a Rocket* has a tour de force performance from Serena Manteghi, and challenges perceptions about young motherhood in a passionate and heart-warming way.

★★★★ - The Telegraph ★★★★★ - The Scotsman ★★★★★ - FEST Mag  
★★★★★ - Edinburgh Guide

★★★★ - The Wee Review ★★★★★ - Daily Business Magazine ★★★★★  
- Yorkshire Post  
★★★★1/2 - The Theatre Twittic

A breathless, swaggering hour of female endurance and defiance - **The Telegraph**

Delivered with pedal-to-the-metal conviction - **The Scotsman**

A proper tour-de-force from a leading actor - **FEST Mag**

An exciting modern take on the kitchen sink drama - **The Edinburgh Guide**

A high-voltage performance - **The Guardian**

Compelling performance - **The Reviews Hub**

Powerfully poetic, angry, energised, enthused, fresh, vibrant, lustful, lascivious, and lustrous - **The Scarborough News**

*Build a Rocket* is directed by **Paul Robinson**, with design by **Helen Coyston**, lighting by **Ben Cowens** and composition by **Simon Slater**.

*Build a Rocket* plays; 12-17 Feb; 26 Feb - 3 Mar; 12 - 17 Mar: 6:00pm 19 - 24 Feb: 7:30pm 5 - 9 Mar: 9:00pm 13 & 23 Feb; 2-3 & 16-17 Mar: 1:30pm 24 Feb & 9 Mar: 3:00pm 7 Mar: 11:30am

Tickets are priced from \$18.00 - \$28.00 and may be purchased through FringeTix

or [www.holdenstreettheatres.com](http://www.holdenstreettheatres.com)

Companion Card holders welcome.

**Holden Street Theatres - The Studio**

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