

Noémie Huttner-Koros & Melbourne Fringe present

# **Mother of Compost**



**October 2 – 8, 2023**

# Creative Team

**Performer/Writer** (Mother of Compost) – **Noémie Huttner-Koros** (they/them)

**Director/Devisor** (Dirt Dad) – **Andrew Sutherland** (he/they)

**Producer/Dramaturg** (Slug Drop) – **Sam Nerida** (they/them)

**Sound Designer and Performer** (Sonic Doula) – **Lyndon Blue** (they/them)

**AV Designer/Videographer** (Butt Moth Baby) – **Edwin Sitt** (he/him)

**Lighting Designer** (Glow Worm) – **Jasmine Lifford** (she/they)

**Set and Costume Designer** (Jim's Mowing) – **Molly Werner** (she/her)

**Stage Manager** (Mucus Rope) – **Jemma Law** (she/they)

**Sound Recordist** (Big Krill) – **Josten Myburgh** (he/him)

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## Organisations and Campaigns To Support

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

Disrupt Burrup Hub

Beyond Coal

Black Rainbow

Climate Justice Union

Country Needs People

Environs Kimberley

Front Line Action on Coal

Lock the Gate

Pay The Rent

Raise the Age

Say No To Scarborough Gas

School Strike 4 Climate

Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network

Save the Martuwarra

Sisters Inside

Tipping Point Australia

Wisdom in Your Life

### **Some resources to cope with climate anxiety & grief are:**

Psychology For A Safe Climate

Climate Wellbeing Network

Work That Reconnects

And as always, you can contact Lifeline at any time of day or night on 13 11 14 and Beyond Blue (online).





The quote about evolutionary biologist Joan Roughgarden comes from *The Queer Art of Failure* by Jack Halberstam. Tyson Yunkaporta's book is called *Sand Talk: How Indigenous Thinking Can Save The World*. The story about Honi and the gardener featured on the podcast Jewish Ancestral Healing.

## A Note From Noémie

*Mother of Compost...* I first wrote the name down on a scrap of brown paper bag at the craft table on my 23rd birthday. I decorated it with star stickers and old yarn and then adorned myself with my old-new badge. She is within me and around me. Mother moves in between the cracks of our uncertainties and rage. Mother is my wish and prayer. Mother is hope and despair. Thank you for coming and sitting with these ideas with us. I hope we continue to be each other's families well into the future, as the water laps, the seasons change and our children's children and their children play together in the too-hot sunshine.



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This show was first created and performed on Whadjuk Noongar boodja. The Melbourne Fringe season is being performed on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people. We pay deep respects to Elders past and present, to future leaders, to those who have cared for this country since time immemorial. We encourage you all to support First Nations-led calls for justice, healing and sovereignty all over this continent and commit to paying reparations. Find out more at [paytherent.net.au](http://paytherent.net.au).



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