

ON STAGE

Monday, March 14

■ *Arts Centre Fairfax Studio.*
Cruel and Tender, until April 23. Cost: \$46.80/\$37 plus booking fee; 6.30pm. Bookings: 1300 136 100.

■ *North Melbourne Arts House, North Melbourne.*

Aether, until March 27. Cost: \$22/\$15; 7pm. Bookings: 9685 5111.

Tuesday, March 15

■ *The Store Room, Fitzroy North.*
The Yellow Wallpaper, starring Anita Hegg, until April 3. Cost: \$25/\$18; 8pm. Bookings: 9486 5651 or www.thestoreroom.com.au

Wednesday, March 16

■ *Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield.*
Tempest on the Yarra, performed by Petty Traffickers, until March 27. Cost: \$20/\$15. BYO picnic, pillow. Bookings: 9885 7242.

Thursday, March 17

■ *Arts Centre Playhouse.*
Cyrano de Bergerac, starring David Wenham and Asher Keddie, until April 2. Cost: \$46.80/\$37 plus booking fee; 8pm. Bookings: 1300 136 100.

■ *Wesley College, city.*

Jean Anouilh's *Antigone*, performed by Adamson Theatre group, until March 19. Cost: \$15/\$10; 7.45pm. Inquiries: Brett Fairbank 9522 2412.

Friday, March 18

■ *Malthouse Theatre, Southbank.*
The Big Con by Max Gillies, until April 3. Cost: \$41.50/\$32; 8pm. Bookings: 9685 5111.

■ *State Theatre, city.*

La Sylphide by the Australian Ballet, until March 30. Cost: \$29-\$95; 7.30pm. Bookings: 1300 136 166.

Sunday, March 20

■ *Gertrude's, Fitzroy.*
Date Anyone Dot Com, until April 16. Cost: \$18/\$14; 8pm. Bookings: 9429 3992.

Chaotic messages unfold

DANCE

Maria Bervanakis

THE onslaught of communications and the way people choose to deal with them is the focus of a new dance production called *Aether*.

Choreographer Lucy Guerin, a graduate of the Centre for Performing Arts in Adelaide, has created an intricate and chaotic piece using modern dance, projected images and an electronic soundscape.

Scottish sound designer Gerald Mair has produced the score for the 50-minute work with costumes by Paula Levis and lighting by Keith Tucker.

It features five of Melbourne's most accomplished dancers: Anthony Hamilton, Kyle Kremerskothen, Kirstie McCracken, Byron Perry and Lee Serle.

Guerin said she based the piece on her own experience.

"I find it is increasingly difficult to deal with information I get on a daily basis from TV, the computer and the telephone," Guerin said.

"The idea is that in our contemporary society we have to select the information we absorb and block out and that is very much what defines the person we are."

Aether is showing at the North Melbourne Town Hall until March 27. Preview tonight at 7pm for \$10 and then showing Tuesdays to Thursdays at 7pm, Fridays at 9pm, Saturdays at 7pm and Sundays at 2pm for \$22 or \$15 concession. \$1 from every ticket sold will be donated to the Wilderness Society. Bookings: 9685 5111.



Anthony Hamilton and Byron Perry perform.

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