

UNTRAINED – Review

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Two likely lads from Dandenong with no dance experience match it with two professional dancers on the same stage...encouraging the 'pick on the geek' syndrome, the lads from Dandenong are like a car crash – you just can't look away!

An amazing collaboration of those with the skills and those without, *Untrained* is a spontaneous and intriguing piece from Lucy Guerin Inc exploring how non-dancers deal with choreographed dance steps.

Untrained is not a dance in the traditional choreographed sense, where dancers learn set movements and do the same thing every time they perform it.

Each performer responds to a list of instructions and depending on whether they have had a dance background or not, and on their physical histories their responses to the instructions are different, essential revealing their physical natures and to a degree their personalities and the way they approach their lives.



Untrained at FAC
Thursday 3 June @ 8pm

Untrained was first performed in March 2009 as part of Dance Massive in Melbourne, and has since been performed at the Sydney Opera House, Adelaide Festival and Hong Kong Festival.

With instructions such as "Melt like chocolate ice-cream", "spin around 15 times" and "Do a way-out ninja kick," written on the floor, *Untrained* is for those of us who love to see people with form and applaud those who try. *Untrained* is hilarious and will have you giggling in your seat.

Untrained is performing at the Frankston Arts Centre for one night only this Thursday 3 June at 8pm.