

A Little Piece: MFF

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Tipsy Teacup's very original and adorable puppet show, *A Little Piece*, is a reminder of another important part of not only the Fringe, but any Arts festival, and that is that wherever there are grown-up punters looking for events that entertain and challenge, so too do they often have little ones toddling behind them.

A Little Piece caters to an audience of four at a time, and I saw my show (they do ten x ten minute shows a night at the Lithuanian Club) with another grown-up. Inside a little cubby we were told the tale of Harry the Hedgehog, a puppet that is trying to find his place in a world of lost bits and bobs behind a series of doors beautifully designed by Ben Landau. The thing about the show is its equal accessibility to adults with a good sense of child's play, especially important since a lot of the doors are numbered in double digits, which the audience are required to interact with, something that might be a little difficult with smaller children.

Sam Hill and Rennie Watson have inventive and fluid puppeteering, with Hill giving voice as both narrator and Harry, a sometimes difficult task when there are audiences rushing in and out of the Lithuanian Club's other venues, with the occasional bleed of music coming through the auditorium. But the very aspect of the setting makes up for these distractions, since you are inside Harry's little world, being asked to participate and interact with the performers, making it a fun experience all round.

Special mention should also be given to the sound which was done by Kirri Buchler, which wove itself into the background. Also, the handmade aspect of the piece where audience members are invited to sit on chairs provided between shows and talk to the performers. A fun little piece for all ages.

A Little Piece: Lithuanian Club

Tipsy Teacup Productions

**Venue: Fringe Hub - Upstairs Foyer, Lithuanian Club
44 Errol St North Melbourne**

Transport: Tram 57, Stop: 12

Melways: 2A J10

Time: Mon-Sat 6.30pm-10.10pm, Sun 5.30pm-9.10pm, every 20min (15min). Excluding 7:30pm - 7:50pm

Tickets:

Full Price: \$ 10.00

Tuesday: \$ 5.00

Website: tipsyteacup.com.au

Other: Max of 4 audience members at a time

Show takes place in an enclosed space

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