

Fiona Harris and Katrina Mathers in Directed by Roz Hammond



Aussie Rules is a man's world. But behind every gritty defender or star full forward there lurks a league of silent champions - the girlfriends.

The women who live their lives in a man's realm. The women who seem to only be defined by the success of their boyfriend or the success of their latest outfit. But like other women, they have dreams of their own, it just so happens that sometimes these dreams involve going to football's night of nights: The Brownlow.

Although Footballer's Wives gave us a soap-like insight into the high rolling world of professional soccer in the UK, we still know very little about the women who appear on the arms of our greatest male sporting celebrities on red carpets all around the country. So Fiona Harris and Katrina Mathers have created footy chicks Fran and Jane.

Fran and Jane are old friends and also run an image consultancy company together. Fran is a strong, intelligent and confident woman with business savvy. She is in a relationship with a two time Brownlow Medal winning footballer. They've been engaged for five years, and although she doesn't mind the game itself, she is not particularly fond of the whole Australian football culture.

Jane is shyer than Fran and somewhat less graceful. Unlike Fran, she loves Aussie footy culture as well as the game, and desperately wants what Fran has: a footy player. But not just any footy player. She wants a champion.

In the midst of some serious soul searching and some even more serious matchmaking, the two of them concoct a plan to get to the Brownlow and use the world of football to their advantage.

Fiona Harris and Katrina Mathers have an unfair advantage when it comes to the world of football, as Fiona's father Spike is the team manager for the Melbourne Football Club. The two have been friends for years and recently appeared together in ABC TV's sketch comedy show Flipside.

Fiona has been acting in theatre, film and television for years, and is no stranger to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. She co-starred in Jane Bodie's highly acclaimed Speaking in Thongs (2000) and Out Night One (2001), and last year she co-wrote and performed in The Hindsight Prophecies. She is currently writing for and performing in the new Network 10 sketch show, Skithouse.

Katrina has a wealth of stage and screen experience but her great love remains film. An award winning filmmaker, Katrina was recently announced a finalist in the world's largest short film festival, Tropfest. Other films include Crazy Richard, Ziggy's Fan and Nice Guy. Although she has twice screened as a finalist in the Comedy Festival short film competition, this will be Katrina's first live Comedy Festival appearance.



Venue:

Melbourne Town Hall

Dates:

Thursday 27th March – Saturday 19th April

Previews:

Thu 27th – Sun 30th March

Times:

Tue – Sat, 7.15pm, Sun 6.15pm

Tickets:

Full \$18.90, Concession \$14.90, Previews & Tuesdays All Tix \$12

Bookings:

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