

MEDIA RELEASE

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Country Arts SA's Shows on the Road, Jally Entertainment and Mt Compass Supper Club present **ELEANOR'S STORY: AN AMERICAN GIRL IN HITLER'S GERMANY**

Sold out at the 2016 Adelaide Fringe Festival, to numerous 5-star reviews, back for a hit season at the 2017 Adelaide Fringe Festival and fresh from performing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, *Eleanor's Story* is now touring regional South Australia.

Ingrid Garner wrote and performs this adaptation of her grandmother's, Eleanor Ramrath Garner, award-winning autobiography, growing up as an American caught in World War II Berlin.

In the fall of 1939, at nine years old, Eleanor and her family left New York on the SS Hamburg bound for Germany where a new job and secure financial future awaited her father in Berlin. Half-way across the Atlantic, Hitler declared war on Poland and their return to America became impossible.

Eleanor struggles to maintain her American identity as she feels herself pulled into the turbulent life roiling around her. She fervently hopes for an Allied victory, yet for years she must try to survive the Allied bombs shattering her neighborhood.

The story of Eleanor and her family is one of excitement and adventure, but also torment and sadness.

Garner narrates as young Eleanor providing insight through the eyes of a child caught up in a bewildering time. She also plays her older brother Frank, her mother and daunting father with such skill you are never confused about who is on stage.

Yankalilla Club Fleurieu Presenter Group spokesperson Louise Allstrom said: "From Edinburgh to Adelaide where it won the hearts of audiences and rave reviews, and now to Club Fleurieu at Yankalilla. We hope you can join us for this wonderful performance. *Eleanor's Story* is a personal work told with great humanity and depth by someone very close to the subject matter."

*"Using only two chairs and a trunk, along with her own gestures and descriptive language, Garner re-creates all the places from her grandmother's childhood. Her ability to paint such a tangible and vivid picture with so few items is extraordinary." InDaily *****

*"Garner is devastatingly brilliant as she brings home the horrors of war and its effect on children. Unforgettable. Not to be missed." The Advertiser ******

Saturday October 21, 7pm

Club Fleurieu

Bookings: Club Fleurieu, 8558 2053

Handicap accessible. Bar facilities, coffee, cake and cheese platters will be available for purchase.



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