



Victorian College of the Arts  
**Media Release 2008**  
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VCA DRAMA presents:

**Dramas of Dreams and War**  
**Company 2008 Actors**  
**Thursday 21 – Thursday 28 August**

**CROSSFIRE** by Michael Azama

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**LIFE IS A DREAM** by Pedro Calderón  
translation by Beatrix Christian

Another season of remarkable theatre from the talented and bold VCA Drama Graduating Actors Company 2008.

*Crossfire* is a fresh new look at War and its legacy, recently written by French dramatist, Michael Azama. This collage of stories and characters in the war zone is a tender, terrifying and timeless look at humanity, with humour, song, outrage and passion. Director **Mark Bromilow** is renowned for the strong visuality of his theatre. *Crossfire* is not to be missed.

The opportunity to see *Life is a Dream* by Calderón de la Barca is rare indeed. This drama of love, terror and imprisonment is one of the most influential plays of all times and is still as fresh, strange and as wonderful as when it was written almost 400 years ago. Pirandello, Genet and David Lynch owe their dues to this play, but it is unsurpassable. Director **Daniel Schlusser** brings his exciting theatrical sensibility to present this truly unique piece of theatre magic. Daniel directed the VCA's 2007 hit *A Dollhouse* and we are delighted he has agreed to return.

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#### **CROSSFIRE**

by Michael Azama ~ directed by Mark Bromilow

**Venue:** Space 28

**Dates/times:** Thursday 21 – Saturday 23; Tuesday 26 – Saturday 30 August at 8pm

Sunday 24 at 5pm ~ Wednesday 27 at 2pm

#### **LIFE IS A DREAM**

by Pedro Calderón ~ translation by Beatrix Christian

Directed by Daniel Schlusser

**Venue:** PS1

**Dates/times:** Thursday 21 – Saturday 23; Tuesday 26 – Saturday 30 August at 7.30pm

Sunday 24 and Thursday 28 at 2pm

**Cost:** \$20 Full / \$12 Concession

**Bookings:** [vca-drama@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vca-drama@unimelb.edu.au)

**Location:** VCA Drama, 28 Dodds Street, Southbank

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