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TEATRO LATINX PRESENT "MAN ON!"

What happens when the rules change?

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***Man On!* is a community-led theatre show featuring Perth-based Latin American performers that takes the changing rules of the Australian migration system to the soccer pitch.**

Teatro Latinx is incredibly excited to introduce its debut show *Man On!* Diving head first into the complicated rules of the migration system and dropping them smack bang into the middle of a soccer pitch, *Man On!* is a community-led theatre show featuring a talented cast of Perth-based Latin American performers that tells an incredibly unique story from their personal experiences as migrants navigating the overwhelming temporary visa system.

Migrating to Australia is a long, complicated process, and changes to the requirements for visa holders are frequent, often confusing and completely stressful. Taking place within the universally accessible 'beautiful game', *Man On!* breaks all of this down through a loveable group of recruits simply trying to go after their goals, and leaving it all on the field in the process.

The show has been passionately developed through a series of workshops, under the creative direction of performance maker Caro Duca and psychologist Jennyfer Alvarez, along with the Teatro Latinx crew. Teatro Latinx was founded in 2019, by a group of Latinx artists aiming to connect the Latin American community in Perth, uncover their collective Latinx stories, and tell them in new, unconventional ways.

Caro says of the show, "We want to have a conversation about the impact these changes have on our wellbeing. Soccer is a common denominator for most Latinx migrant communities. That's why we decided to choose it as a setting that resembles the constant changes in rules experienced by people on temporary visas."

On being a part of the workshops and show, performer Jisserly says, "The project has been a great opportunity to share life stories while we play, exercise and learn about looking after our bodies. The organisers and facilitators have made me feel part of the community and have given me tools to work as part of a team and understand different realities. *Man On!* has definitely had a positive impact on my life."

So don't just watch from the sidelines - get in the game and experience this fast-paced, shot-taking production about a team that will do whatever it takes to win the match - and gain permanent residency.

Man On! by Teatro Latinx is a part of [CAN's Lotterywest Story Street program](#), which encourages greater intercultural engagement, participation and understanding through the development of community arts projects. Lotterywest Story Street provides safe spaces for culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities to share their stories, express identity and build community connections through art. This show is also supported by City of Stirling and Assets (Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors).

A special one-off performance of *Man On!* is at 3 pm on Saturday 10 April, at Stirling Leisure Centres - Herb Graham in Mirrabooka. There will be a FIFA card line up, complimentary refreshments and a Q&A with the makers following the show. Tickets are free and available now through [Eventbrite](#) or via Teatro Latinx's facebook page [@teatrolatinx](#).

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