

## The Naked Truth



By Dave Simpson. Tugun Theatre Co. Gold Coast. Director: Nathan Schulz. November 9th to 25th, 2017

Tugun Theatre Company is a small but adventurous group on the southern end of the Gold Coast and their latest offering is something quite confronting.

*The Naked Truth* explores the trials and tribulations in the lives of five prospective pole dancers. The girls: Rebecca Kenny-Sumiga, Samantha McClurg, Rianna Hartley-Smith, Cecile Campbell and Kate Armon are very raw recruits but under the tutelage of Peta Simeon they blossom into quite an entertaining ensemble.

Along the way we are privy to the pressures of their lives away from the poles.

Simply staged by Nathan Schulz, the story is “up front and in-your-face” with the language and situations not usually associated with this company.

A simple scene: 3 poles secured to an empty stage, complements the exposing of the girls’ individual circumstances.

The production is well acted and suitably supported with raunchy music and appropriate lighting.

This is not everybody’s style of show but it is full of one liners and visuals to make you laugh.

*Roger McKenzie*

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