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## FIRE GARDENS

Compagnie Carabosse

1846: Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens are born out of earth, air and water.

2018: We add the fire.

Stonehenge. The Kremlin. A bridge in Vietnam and a former prison in Morocco. For more than 20 years French artists **Compagnie Carabosse** have been putting them all to the torch. Now Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens will be the latest venue to be transformed by these luminary alchemists into a dreamspace of mystery and revelation.

Fire is one of humanity's oldest discoveries, but the intimate experience of a naked flame has lost none of its primal charge. From the shiver of a candle to the crackle of the hearth, the call of the flame is universal. Fire Gardens blows this encounter out to gargantuan proportions, creating a sprawling space of atmospheric flame installations that arrest the eye and set the mind wandering.

Mammoth spheres of leaping flames, sculptures that flicker and dance, thousands of fiery urns that cause shadows to play – making your way through this dense and wondrous garden lit by itself is both a personal journey full of surprises and a shared experience of elemental forces in full effect.

Featuring contributions by musicians who have produced a soundtrack every bit as brilliant as the garden itself, *Fire Gardens* will light Melbourne up like never before.

The Royal Botanic Gardens will be transformed into a magical fiery landscape by the acclaimed French fire

alchemists who have surprised audiences from around the world, providing audiences with an all-encompassing experience where they can wander at their own leisure.

Melbourne Festival Artistic Director Jonathan Holloway said: 'This immersive work brings together the beauty of the Botanic Gardens with the power of fire. The feel, the smell, the space, the sound - this is a sensory experience that you will never forget. *Fire Gardens* is an absolute showstopper.'

**'The quality of the experience is ethereal and otherly; spend time outside time, looking at strange patterns of fire.'** – Metromag

Presented with Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.

Royal Botanic Gardens  
Wed 10 - Sat 13 Oct  
7.30pm, 8.30pm & 9.30pm  
All tickets \$25

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