What a knockout! Homegrown hit Prize Fighter returns to Queensland

Fighting is a deeply personal business. Whether you're exchanging barbs with a sibling, standing up for justice or stepping into a boxing ring, all fights have one thing in common – the strength they require. We're not just talking about throwing a punch – all real fights call upon your deepest reserves of mental fortitude. Smash-hit production *Prize Fighter* proves this sentiment in spades, heading to the <u>Logan Entertainment Centre</u> for two rounds on September 13 and 14.

Prize Fighter tells the incredible story of Isa, a young up-and-coming Congolese boxer whose career in the ring is beginning to heat up. On his road to the national title fight, he faces not only his physical boxing opponents but also his deepest personal demons from his past as a boy soldier. While this story may sound like something out of a movie, it is actually inspired by playwright Future D. Fidel's own experiences – both lived and observed. Future's debut play was originally premiered at *Brisbane Festival* back in 2015, and made such an impression that it is now embarking on a national tour.

The creative team behind *Prize Fighter* is a huge part of its success. In this latest production, original cast members (and brothers) Pacharo Mzembe and Gideon Mzembe are reunited with stage legend Margi Brown Ash to bring the script to life. Marcus Johnson, Ratidzo Mambo and Mandela Mathia complete the sterling cast, and are helmed by La Boite's passionate artistic director Todd MacDonald. *Prize Fighter's* four Helpmann Award nominations cement its status as a bold new classic that touches on real-world issues, delivered in a full-contact and fist-pumping format.

If you're ready to take on the title, you can nab tickets to the limited run of *Prize Fighter* shows through <u>Logan Entertainment Centre</u>.

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