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## **FOREWORD**

## By Kerry Michael: Artistic Director of Theatre Royal Stratford East

It's been another year of new work premiering in our beautiful Victorian theatre. For me, it's hard to choose just one or two special moments. However, I don't want to highlight the productions on our main stage but instead what's been happening in our new space, Gerry's, which is just across the square.

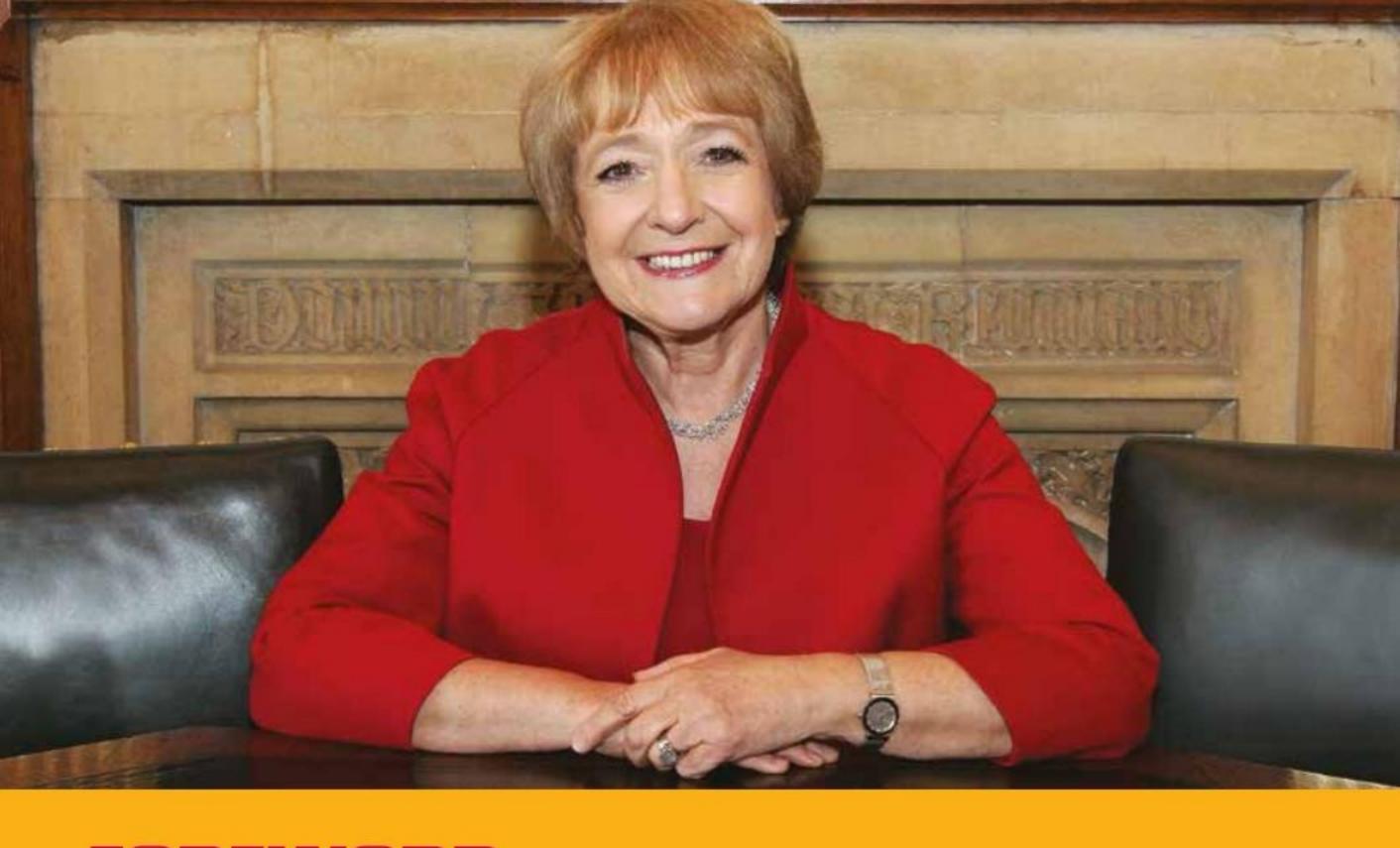
Gerry's is our 100 capacity theatre plus café and bar. Thanks to the valuable support of London Borough of Newham and Lendlease, we have been able to create a new place in Stratford. It's somewhere for the community to come and hang out, eat, drink and importantly, for us to host new companies who want rehearsal and performance space. Gerry's has quickly become a hit with regular events, parties and shows. For us, it's an important addition to our 460-seat proscenium arch theatre. The space has become a significant venue and feels like it is owned by local groups and national companies alike, all wanting to engage with our audience. It's also feeding the ambition for more venues to be created in the area.

I'm immensely proud that we still get praised by all kinds of people for how young, diverse and unpretentious our audiences are. That's because of the people who we choose to work with. It is also because the people who want to work with us are as mixed as our community. Long may we continue to forge our own brand of distinctive, popular and political new writing which attracts fresh, dynamic audiences.

Finally, none our success would be what it is if it wasn't for the unwavering support of our Board and stakeholders, as well as our talented and dedicated staff team - they are all at the heart of our success and I salute them.

I hope you continue to check out what's coming and visit us, whether it be in our main auditorium, Gerry's, our bar events or our young people's and community work inside, and outside of the building.

Kerry Michael Artistic Director



# **FOREWORD**

## By Margaret Hodge: Chair of Theatre Royal Stratford East

After a year as Chair of Theatre Royal Stratford East, I am still hugely impressed by the passion and energy of the organisation, and how much the wonderful team here achieve.

There are so many highlights; however, for me Sinbad the Sailor - which entranced my eleven grandchildren was a personal favourite. I also immensely enjoyed watching the young people who take part in the theatre's programmes perform. Helping them find their own voices and understand their place in the world is an important part of what Stratford East does.

I am also very proud that the theatre attracts a diverse and young audience unlike that found in any other UK theatre; it is superbly inclusive. For me, that is what is really distinctive about Theatre Royal Stratford East. Sadly Kerry Michael is moving on after 12 brilliant years at the helm, so we are embarking on a new phase for the Theatre. At the same time we are exploring new partnerships and new developments which could bring about radical transformation for Theatre Royal Stratford East and for what we can offer to people in Newham and beyond.

All the great work Theatre Royal Stratford East does wouldn't be possible without the continuing support of Arts Council England and the London Borough of Newham. We are also very grateful for the donations from individuals, businesses, and trust and foundations. I would particularly like to say a huge thank you to our major donors; Scrutton Estates Ltd and The Sahara Care Charitable Trust.

We are at the start of an exciting new chapter; I hope you will support us and come with us on this journey.

Rt Hon Dame Margaret Hodge MP Chair



## **FUNDING & SUPPORT**

As a charity support from individuals, trusts and foundations, and businesses is a vital cornerstone of our work.

We are 'a People's Theatre' and have been at the heart of the community in east London for over 60 years. Our supporters play an immensely valuable role in helping us make a difference to people's lives.

### YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP US:

- keep tickets affordable to local residents so everyone can enjoy our shows and we can bring together our diverse communities
- engage young people who are at risk of exclusion and help them find their own voices
- commission and develop new work, and continue to make a significant impact on British Theatre
- nurture emerging new artists and creative talent from a wide range of backgrounds

In recognition of the important and ground-breaking work we do with diverse young people, artists and audiences, we are an Arts Council England's (ACE's) National Portfolio Organisation. We also receive core funding from the London Borough of Newham (LBN). We are immensely grateful to ACE and LBN; their support is crucial to our work.

In addition to our public funding, we also earn income from a number of sources such as tickets sales, venue hires and our bar. However, we still need to raise a significant amount of our income from other sources.

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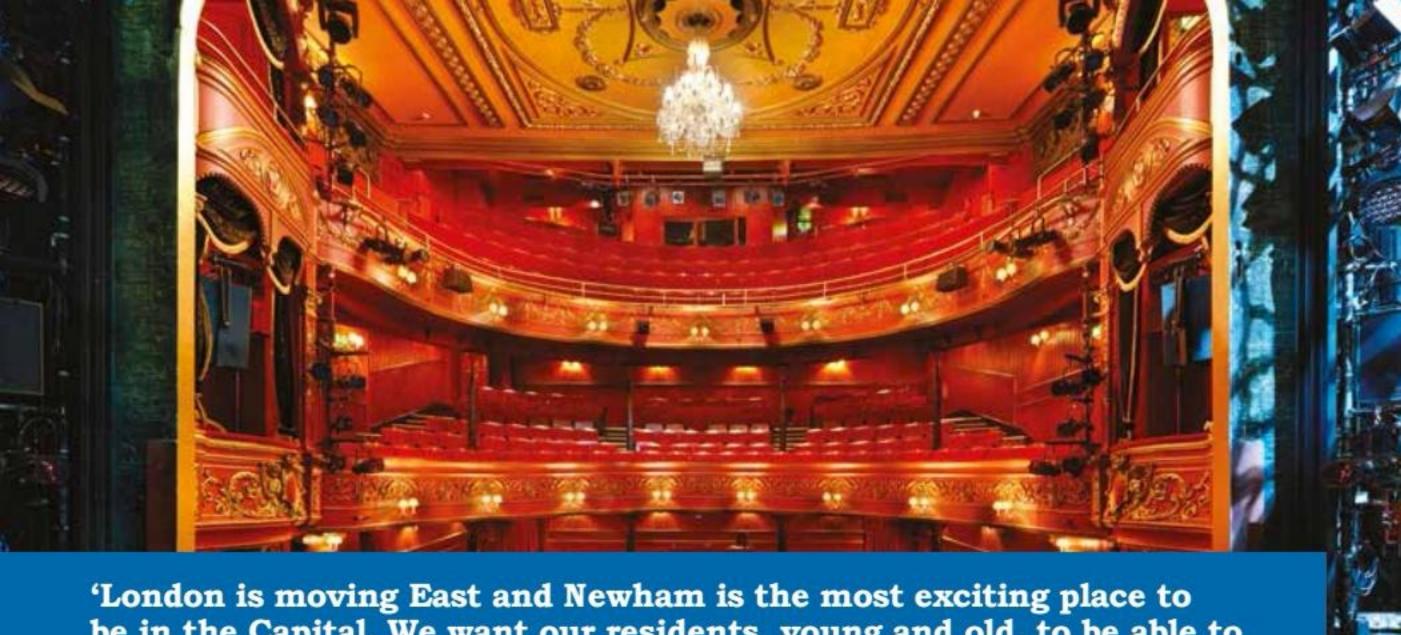
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be in the Capital. We want our residents, young and old, to be able to seize the opportunities that are coming their way and realise their own aspirations. That's why we continue to invest in our future through initiatives like the Every Child programme, supported by the Theatre Royal Stratford East, that gives young people the opportunities those in many wealthier areas take for granted. We are proud to have Theatre Royal Stratford East in Newham, playing a key role in supporting our community and engendering pride and cohesion.'

Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham

# THE VOICES OF OUR SUPPORTERS

Here's what some of our supporters have to say about why they support us.

## INDIVIDUALS

'I love Theatre Royal Stratford East; the shows are great but more than that, the atmosphere is wonderful. Such a lively and diverse audience! I give to them as they are truly a theatre at the heart of the community. I am delighted to support their work.'

Nigel Farnall

'Stratford East is the most diverse theatre I have come across in over 40 years of theatregoing. Diversity in programming and really high quality productions leads to a very diverse and appreciative audience.'

Douglas McArthur

'It is a delight to be involved with the work of Theatre Royal Stratford East. Their commitment to social mobility, equality and to providing a space for new and innovative work is as vital today as it ever was. Their community outreach work is outstanding and their commitment to young people makes me particularly proud.' Bernard Richmond

'We support Theatre Royal Stratford East because we have long established roots in the borough, we have enjoyed the performances we've seen and to give back to the community.' Barry Scrutton

### TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

'EECF's Newham Giving programme focuses on positive school holiday activities as our experience tells us these can significantly improve motivation in school, support the development of essential skills and reduce anti-social behaviour. EECF was delighted to support Theatre Royal Stratford East's Summer College in 2016 and see the impressive showcase of talent delivered by the young people.'
East End Community Foundation:
Newham Giving Fund

'We support organisations working to create genuine, long term social change. Theatre Royal Stratford East works with young people in many creative ways to do this.'

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

'Theatre Royal Stratford East has a strong Board and a well-managed, busy staff team, who passionately believe in the benefits of drama and music to the lives of young people in need of direction, emotional growth and development. We have been particularly impressed with how seriously they take the evaluation of their community engagement work. We have welcomed their interest in our other projects, and look forward to them hosting a placement for one of the students that we support.'

'We support projects that help young people manage their emotional and behavioural difficulties in a positive way and 'Theatre for Change' at Theatre Royal Stratford East has proved ideal for this. Its Pyramid of Engagement allows even the most troubled young person to 'ignite' their interest and then progress to 'taking responsibility'. Well worth supporting.'

### BUSINESSES

'We at Fresh Wharf Developments have been very happy with our association with the Theatre Royal. The theatre works so hard to engage a wide and diverse community in Stratford and beyond. We found sponsoring the concert by the Stratford East Singers to be so positive. The evening was uplifting, the singers were inspiring and full of passion and the audience was really engaged'.

Flavia Jokic, Fresh Wharf

'Galliard Homes believe that joining with and supporting local communities should be a priority. We believe that supporting the Theatre Royal Stratford East is such a priority and acknowledge the pleasure and recreational good that the theatre creates. We hope to be able to continue with this concept now and in the future.'

Madeleine Flower, Galliard Homes

'Telford Homes are delighted to have an ongoing partnership with Theatre Royal Stratford East. TRSE is an exceptional venue for people living in Stratford and beyond producing first class events with a real focus on the local community. Our staff have really engaged in the partnership and thoroughly enjoy getting together for a night out at the theatre. I am really looking forward to continuing to support the team at TRSE in the years ahead.'

Jon Di-Stefano, Telford Homes

'Unite Students was delighted to be the Student Ticket Sponsor of the Theatre Royal Stratford East for their autumn/winter season in 2016/17. The theatre does a wonderful job in engaging with the local community and young people in east London and beyond. Our sponsorship presented a unique opportunity to support an integral part of the longstanding community in Stratford and demonstrate collaboration between the theatre and the areas of the community that have been regenerated.' Caroline Hall, Unite Students



# WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

This year, we saw less young people in schools having the option of studying drama, Brexit on the horizon and the echoes of Trump's rants across the water; in the midst of this chaos, young people were struggling to find hope.

Theatre Royal Stratford East offers a safe place in which young people can explore difficult stories and discover who they are. Each week, over 80 young people come into our theatre - hungry to learn, eager to meet new creative friends and make their own work. We know that by being here, maybe just 2 hours each week, it impacts on their lives far beyond our walls.

## Over to parents and guardians for their words...

'It (youth theatre) gave him more confidence and a great way of him expressing himself - communication skills developed. I grew up in youth theatre and it gave me skills to which I use today, Youth Theatre is def NEEDED.'

'Youth Theatre gives my daughter a space to be free and push herself. I can't thank you enough for all the joy and confidence created in the young people.' 'Youth Theatre is a definitive positive feature in my child's development. His confidence levels and positive attitude towards learning now is phenomenal.'

'My daughter loves Youth Theatre it's the highlight of her week. Meeting new people, sharing ideas, learning from/with each other... fab.'

'I thought the theatre was really, really fun.
I liked the backstage and hearing the people rehearse. It was nice taking pictures and seeing the woman's dress. I can't wait to perform!
Jan was nice to me.'
AB

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'Our son loves coming here on Monday nights gains confidence and tries new experiences.'

'I really appreciate your update and feedback in regard to the preventative work that you are doing with the members of the theatre group. I truly hope that AG will continue to discuss her feelings and that she feels safe and confident to take appropriate steps to make wise decisions. She is as enthusiastic to attend the class and I also feel very secure that she is in a caring environment. Thank you for all the opportunity given to X and all the members.'

'I am so grateful for allowing both AB and myself I the opportunity to have a tour backstage. It was a great experience for us both and the visit left AB feeling inspired. She has stated many times that she would like to be an actress and I believe this experience has given her the confidence and motivation to help her make her dreams of becoming an actress a reality in the future. She is keen to take part in a young people's theatre workshop. Thank you!

# NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS MAY 2016

This is now an annual highlight in our programme in partnership with National Theatre. Our very own Youth Theatre Plus company performed 'Blackout' by Davey Anderson, directed by Suzann McLean.

'We're really delighted that you are working with us on this year's Connections, and very much looking forward to your festival later this spring'.

Rufus Norris. Director Designate, National Theatre

'Thank you for a truly fantastic experience.

We were so respected and well looked after,
the kids were still buzzing all day on Friday!!'
Kim, Team Leader For Drama, Shenfield High
School

'... the students had a whale of a time and that it will be a night they will never forget'.

Sir John Cass Redcoat School

'All the staff were brilliant with our students. The crew showed great patience in allowing the them to find their feet!'

Tania Ison, Lecturer In Drama, Course Leader Performing Arts From the outset, everyone was so organised, approachable, helpful and accommodating and I thought the whole day was run brilliantly. Everything felt calm and designed to do exactly what was intended to do - celebrate our young people. In the square afterwards all 'buzzing' ... just wonderful - and you and the team all helped provide those lovely memories for our school community.

## POETS' BOOK LAUNCH JULY 2016

Our spoken word young company, Poets' Platform, had an ambition to publish their own anthology of their work. With their tutor, Kat Francois guiding them through umpteen proof-reads - they created the book Fireworks in the Daytime, published by Zupakat Productions.

### REWIND

And you will find me on my birthland FastForward To find me here on homeland Russini Fisher

The book's launch gave our Young Producers an event to organise.

'I feel my confidence has increased so much over the four terms I've been here. I love it!!! Now there is an element of risk introduced like trying new things, love it. Want to stay with this theatre forever!'

'I feel much more comfortable talking to people now. I am now much more capable than I thought'. Catherine







## SUMMER COLLEGE AUGUST 2016

When schools are closed, friends are away and money is tight, it is tempting to immerse into a solitary world of screens and social media. Our Summer College provided a programme of Masterclasses, career guidance and a chance to share the seeds of ideas in a Scratch event.

'It's workshops like these that make me believe I can be a writer' Katherine

'I have loved being able to make my own work and perform.' Carlos 'I'd be been doing nothing or playing video games if I wasn't here. Everything has been perfect. Everything was fun. I enjoyed Summer College a lot.'

Jay

'Thanks so much for being so helpful, patient and supportive these past two weeks. I have really learned a lot and look forward to taking these skills forward and working with you in September.

Sarah, Summer College Young Volunteer

## TEACHERS' CLUB LAUNCH JANUARY 2017

'It is in schools and colleges that often ignites the start of a young person's creative journey with us. We are delighted to have launched the Teachers Club. This is a virtual and actual space for teachers to share practise, provide us with advice and connect more with the workings of our theatre.'

Serena B Robins, Schools Partnership Manager

'I just wanted to say a big thank you for hosting last week's East London Arts Award event. We had a good schools turnout. It is great to see your involvement and also the extensive offer you have and share this with schools. I think everyone really enjoyed the tour!

Emma Deba-Smith, A New Direction

'Actually being inside the theatre and seeing the space really engaged the students. For many of them they would not have been inside a theatre before. They were hooked on the story of the ghosts!'

Josh, Chobham Acdemy

'Can I once again thank you for your inspiring work - the other teachers and I have since used your techniques more freely and the writing results are Outstanding!

Emily, Little Thurrock School

'...thank you so much for such an incredible experience. Richard and the team were absolute dreams to work with. Both kind and adaptable and made our humble project look the best our school has ever seen. Thank you for everybody's time and energy. I hope this is a relationship we can grow between ourselves and your great theatre.'

Ahmet, Head Of Drama, School 21

'Thank you so much for supporting Mousetrap Theatre Project's visits to the performance of The Hotel Cerise.... All the schools absolutely loved it. It was the first time they returned their evaluation forms the next day! Thank you for being so generous with your time and sharing your knowledge of the production and the theatre and its iconic history and relevance to British theatre.'

Elaine Grant, Head Of Access Programmes, Mousetrap Theatre Projects

### CASE STUDIES

We never get fed up of hearing about our Alumni's achievements. Their determination and resilience have taken them to new experiences that are changing the world; and we share with pride a handful of those that have moved on this year...

'It has been amazing to be mentored by this team. I started as a teenager 2 years ago, and now a young woman with direction and purpose. Thanks for giving the nervous 19 year old a chance.'

Started in 2014 as a Community Arts Apprentice which developed into a job as Young People's Coordinator and now a Social Entrepreneur, working in her community in NW London.

'Thank you for being so kind with all for your help and support. I was offered a role as drama practitioner for the NCS The Challenge. Assisting youth theatre helped so much.'

Anyebe Godwin

Started in 2015 as a member of our Young Artists LAB now working as a professional actor and assisting our youth theatre.

'It's exciting to think that this time last year were sitting talking about our ideas with you - and now one's actually being produced! Without the Stratford East I don't know where our projects would be: you give us space, time to think and encourage us to create in a way I haven't experienced at any other theatre.'

Zoe

Started in 2015 as Young Artists' LAB member, now writing and producing plays that tour nationally.

'Thank you for all your support over the years! Like I've always said, TRSE is Home!'

Renu Mehto

Started here on work experience at the age of 15, returned to volunteer, became Assistant in our Development team and now the Development Administrator at Roundhouse.







**NEW STUDIO SPACE** OFFERS EVEN MORE IN OUR PROGRAMME OF WORK!

## **LABELS**

Presented by Worklight Theatre 5-30 APRIL 2016

Writer Joe Sellman-Leava

****	British Theatre Guide
****	Broadway Baby
****	Three Weeks
****	Edinburgh Evening News
***	The Scotsman
****	The List
***	Edinburgh Spotlight

'Terrific and really thoughtful' Lyn Gardner, The Guardian

'Powerful, important and funny' by Emma Thompson

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'Each play is nurtured over several months and usually through several rewrites and edits, right up until the day of the first staged reading. There is an audience Q&A with the playwright after each performance... Many of our playwrights are also actors, some appearing in their plays and some not. All of them transitioning from jobbing actors looking for work, to confident creatives offering opportunities to others.'

Rikki Beadle-Blair

# 4 NEW PLAYS IN A SECOND WEEK OF OUR NEW WRITING FESTIVAL!

## **ANGELIC TALES**

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East and Team Angelica

5-7 MAY 2016 & 25-29 OCT 2016

Writers 'Dagger Lane' by Duncan MacInnes
'I Ain't Dumb' by Thomas Wright 'Martenitsa' by
Fiona Whitelaw 'Block of Seagulls' by Sophie Olivia
'Me, Kyle & The Greeks' by Alex Theo
Directors Rikki Beadle Blair, Pooja Ghai,
Gary Beadle

Writers 'The Kumamoto Care Home Murder' by Kevin Plummer, 'Volcano' by Alexis Strum, 'Bedtime Story' by Chris Woodley, 'At the Feet of Jesus' by Adanna Oji Directors Rikki Beadle-Blair, Thomas Wright, Pamela Schermann

'The theme of the festival is Kingdom United.
Our autumn crop of Angelic Tales playwrights dive heart-first into unexplored depths of multi-culturalism in Brexit Britain'.

Rikki Beadle-Blair



## WHOSE SARI NOW?

Presented by Rasa Productions Ltd 24 NOV-17 DEC 2016

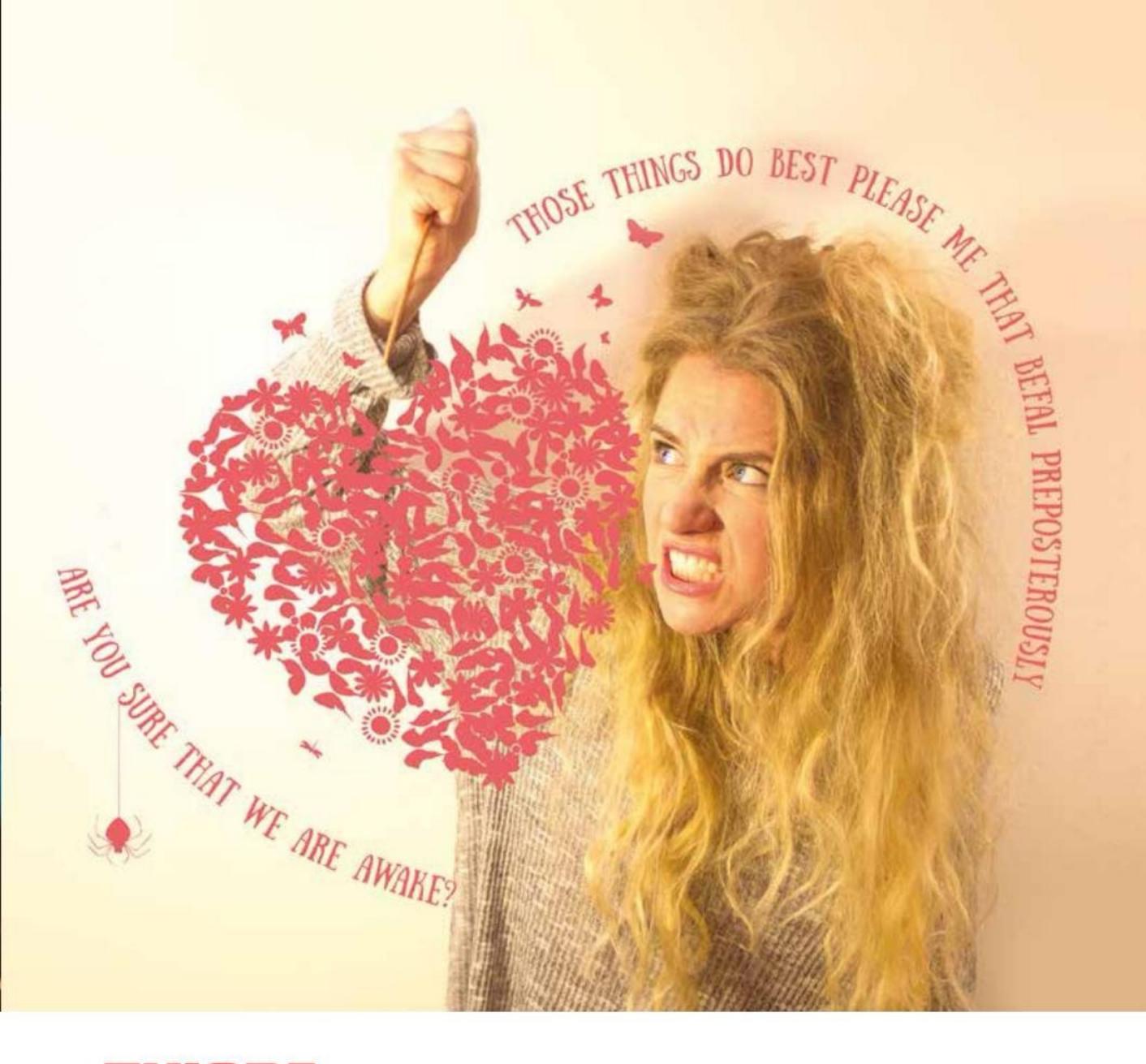
'Moorthy's narratives wind themselves irresistibly round the imagination, their evocation of pride, oppression, hierarchy and heritage at times dazzling and disturbing.'

The Times

Writer and Performer Rani Moorthy
Director Kimberley Sykes

'Each story is amazing and leaves you with a different perspective of how the sari has been perceived' London Theatre 1

'Fascinating and funny'
The Stage



## **THISBE**

Presented by Door Ajar Theatre Company 21-25 FEB 2017

Writer Samantha Sutherland
Director Roberta Zuric
Musical Director David Hewson
Producer Euan Borland
Cast Rosalind Burt, Anne-Marie Piazza,
David Osmond Samantha Sutherland,
Joey Hickman, Jennifer Wilson



'Thisbe gives an interesting view of a classic and brings it alive with a company of actor musicians who are blending comedy, music and sign language in to a very different kind of production.'

Theatreweekly.com







## LIES, LOVE AND LIFE

# THE HOUSE OF IN BETWEEN

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East 8-30 APRIL 2016



'... Thrilling and brilliantly written and produced piece of theatre... Drama, sass, and striking production, The House of in Between is a crucial and sensational show' Grumpy Gay Critic



'A story beautifully told with unabated passion where lies, love and life are taken by the scruff of the neck and given a firm shake'.

Boyz

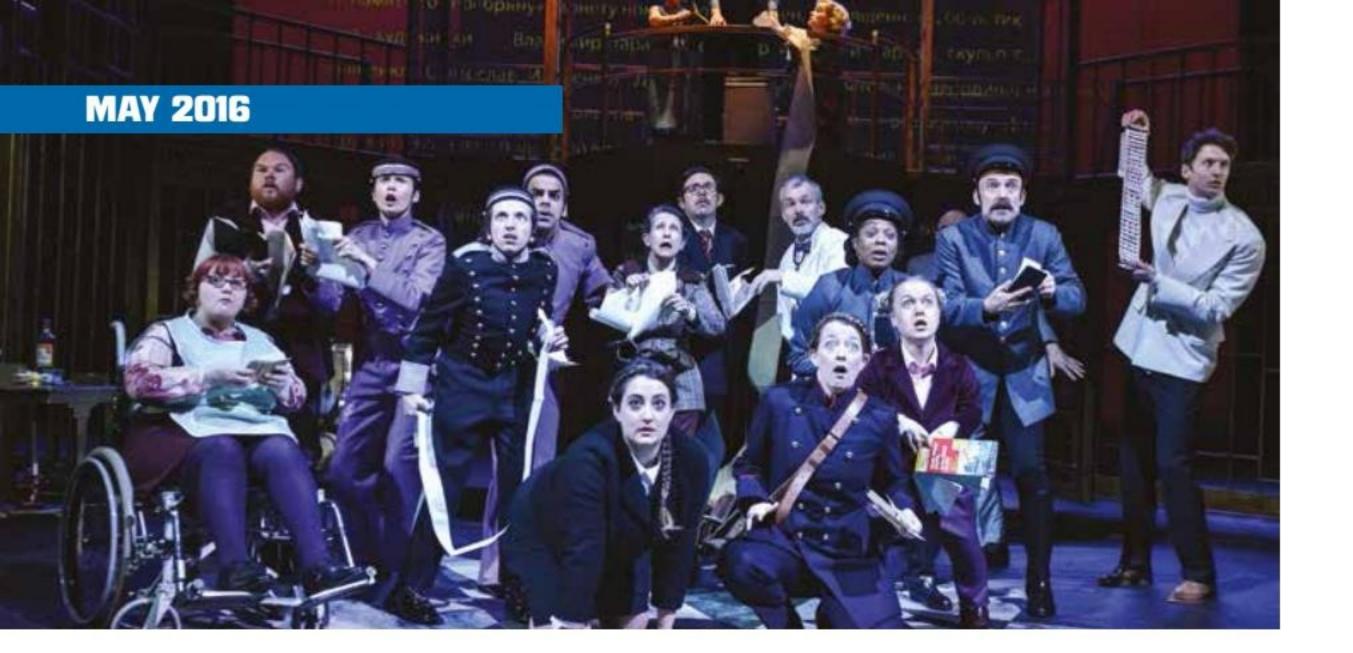
'Pooja Ghai's lively production... an exciting mainstage debut.'

British Theatre Guide

'Gary Wood sets the stage alight with star quality.'
Whatsonstage.com

'Performances by the whole cast are engaging and charismatic and the visually arresting world that director Pooja Ghai, lighting designer James Whiteside, set and costume designer Diego Pitarch and choreographer Seeta Patel create consistently engages'

The Morning Star



# RAMPS ON THE MOON INAUGRAL PRODUCTION THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

Presented by Birmingham Repertory Theatre in association with Ramps On The Moon 18-28 MAY 2016

by Nikolai Gogol, Adapted by David Harrower

Director Roxana Silbert
Associate Director Ewan Marshall
Set and Costume Designer Ti Green
Lighting Designer Chahine Yavroyan
Composers and Sound Designers
Ben and Max Ringham
Video Designer Timothy Bird

Cast Becky Barry, David Carlyle, Richard Clews, Stephen Collins, Rachel Denning, Rebekah Hinds, Daryl Jackson, Michael Keane, Ewan Marshall, Rhona Mckenzie, Francesca Mills, Robin Morrissey, Kiruna Stamell, Simon Startin, Jean St Clair, Sophie Stone, Aaron Virdee, Amanda Wright

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'Hilarious and inventive adaptation that explodes the way disability is treated in the theatre.'

The Stage



'Very funny'

Birmingham Mail

'A multilingual masterpiece'

Love Midlands Theatre

'Sparkling...smart and snappy'

Bum On A Seat Blog

'Brilliant enjoyed every second of it. We would come again if we weren't going back home tomorrow'.

**Audience Members** 



# RAMPS ON THE MOON

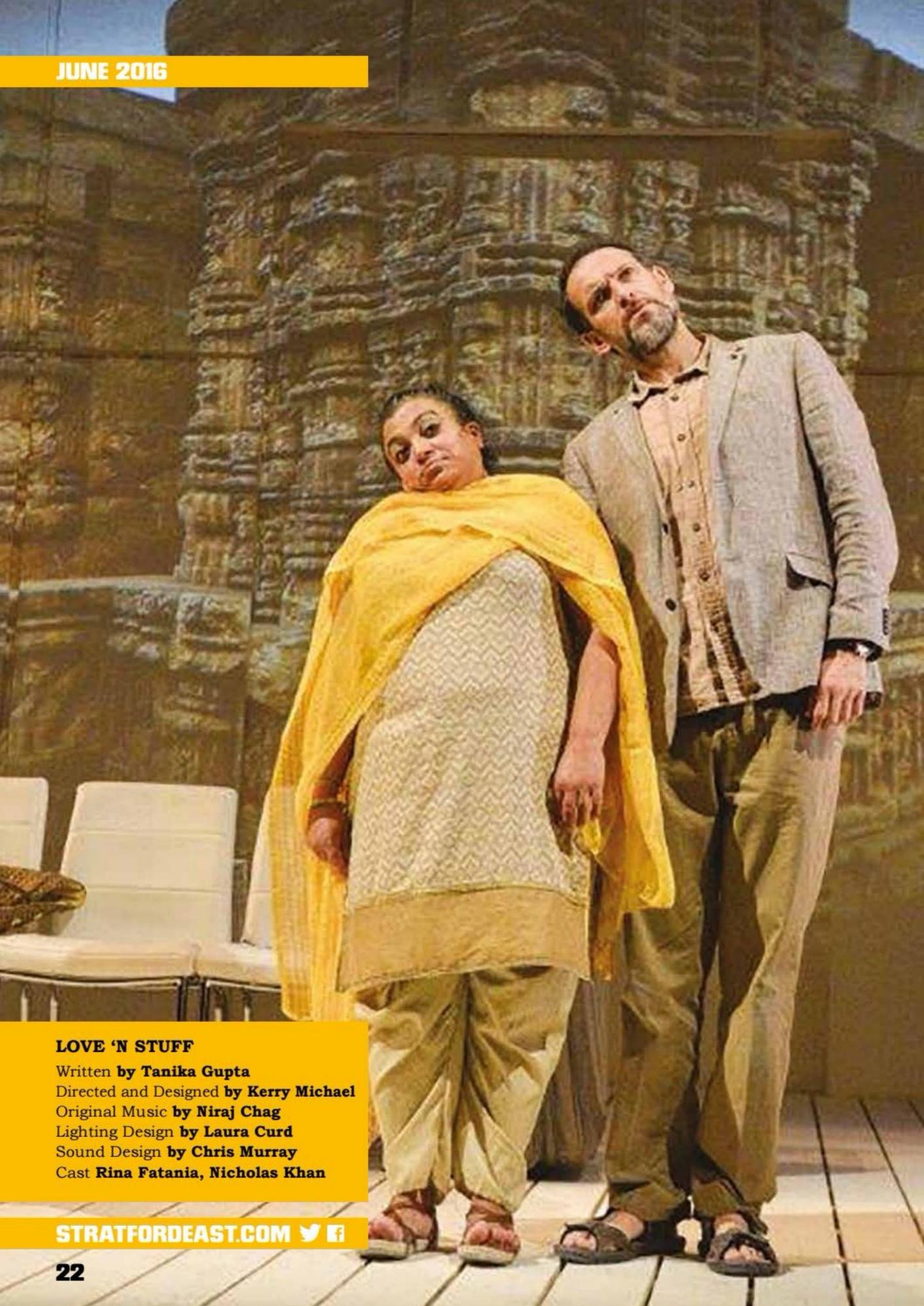
Ramps On The Moon is a ground-breaking touring project that signals a step change in disability arts provision in the UK. Bringing together seven major theatre companies, it will change the way theatre made by and for Deaf and disabled people is seen. These companies are committed to putting Deaf and disabled artists and audiences at the centre of their work; to accelerate positive change, and stimulate awareness of disability issues within arts and culture.

'We are thrilled to be giving the largest award in the history of the Strategic touring fund to the 'Ramps on the Moon' project... The scale and ambition of these plans have the potential to change the lives of a generation of disabled people across the country.' Darren Henley, Chief Executive, Arts Council England

'This is an incredible funding offer which will ensure that this network of regional theatres gets to grips with embedding actors and other D/deaf and disabled creative artists into our practise.'
Sarah Holmes, Chief Executive, New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich

'Ramps on the Moon is planting the seeds of revolution within the theatre industry. It's been a fantastic year at Stratford East, with a disabled associate artist working in the building, delivering our first relaxed performance, front of house staff receiving training to improve how we welcome disabled audiences into the building and broadening the possibilities for local disabled communities to engage with the theatre.'

Kate Lovell, Agent for Change - Ramps on the Moon







# 20 CHARACTERS PLAYED BY 2 ACTORS IN RETURN OF TANIKA GUPTA'S COMEDY

# LOVE 'N STUFF

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East

**03-25 JUNE 2016** 



'Rina Fatania an energetic bundle of feisty fun' Whats On Stage

'It is warm-hearted, touching and hilarious'
British Theatre Guide

'This is a highly agreeable 75 minutes in the theatre, and has a lovely local resonance within Stratford (in a projected sequence near the conclusion a lady in my row was very excited to see her own street up on stage)...'

Whats On Stage

'This endearing double-act rom-com mixes broad physical comedy with quickfire role-swapping...'
The Times

'... far more than the sum of its parts, with the actors playing a staggering 20 characters between them. The comedy tells the story of instantly lovable couple Bindi (Rina Fatania) and Mansoor (Nicholas Khan) who have been happily married for 33 years - so when Mansoor suddenly decides to leave England and return home to India, Bindi isn't willing to let him go without a fight...'

Newham Recorder

Community Night Sponsor









# **MUSICAL THEATRE INITIATIVE**

### 3 JULY 2016

Being invited onto the Musical Theatre Workshop at Theatre Royal Stratford East was an incredible opportunity to extend my skillset and forge new collaborations... We applied for Arts Council funding to support a week of Research and Development to develop the show [Kali's Toenail'] to a full first draft stage, plus a sharing for industry guests, with the support of TRSE, and received the full grant at the beginning of this year.... Without MTW, and the support and enthusiasm of Sevan Tavoukdjian and Pooja Ghai and the rest of the team at TRSE, none of this would have been possible.'

Sonali Bhattacharyya

'TRSE's commitment to the development of new British musical theatre is second to none. The team at TRSE have given time, space, money, mentorship and love to the nurturing of my work and the work of others. They provide a home for talent for thrive in a supportive and constructively critical environment, a true hub of diversity and intersectionality, TRSE give platforms to voices that other theatres may not. TRSE are pioneers of the future of new British musical theatre.'

Graham Mercer

# THE RUDOLPH WALKER INTER SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL 3 JULY 2016

'Another great year... all because of the dream of actor and statesman, Rudolph Walker, OBE who has the unfathomable belief that young people need to be given opportunity to try something different - RWiSDA is a competition where young people write, direct and produce their own play with the help of a celebrity mentor and the opportunity to perform that short play in form of a live audience and judged by a panel for Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Script & Best Production (Play) - More to come if you want to take part for 2017 keep looking at www.rwisda.com and follow @ rudolphwalkerDA on Twitter.' Rudolph Walker Awards







## AUDIENCE HAVE THE NIGHT OF THEIR LIFE ONSTAGE AT PARADISE CLUB

# **COUNTING STARS**

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East 26 AUG-17 SEPT 2016



'This is witty, scrumptious writing, alive to the possibilities of the moment... Estella Daniels enchants us as Sophie... Lanre Malaolu is a dynamo as Abiodun'

The Times



'Inviting, gripping and heartfelt... this is an important piece of theatre'

Afridiziak.com



'Neatly-constructed two-hander that combines delicate romance with tragedy... Gupta has been appointed writer-in-residence at TRSE and this new production is a shining endorsement of her work'

The Stage

'Sen Gupta's play genuinely does that thing theatre often claims to do: opens your eyes to the situation of others you previously overlooked'

Whatsonstage.com

'An insight into the kind of life too many migrants Sponsored by are forced to endure in the United Kingdom' British Theatre Guide

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# LIFE-AFFIRMING CELEBRATION OF THE POWER OF TEENAGERS WITH A CAUSE

## **GLASGOW GIRLS**

Presented by Pachamama Productions, National Theatre of Scotland, Theatre Royal Stratford East and Regular Music in association with Citizens Theatre & Richard Jordan Productions

## 20 SEPT-01 OCT 2016



'A cracking, punchy and political piece of theatre and so SO relevant for audiences today... If you like a bloomin' good story, full of honesty, heart and passionately told, you should go and see this' West End Wilma



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The Times



'The most politically engaged and enraged British musical since Blood Brothers'

Mark Shenton, The Sunday Express



'An utter knockout... a smash-hit musical... timely and important and sensational'

Edinburghguide.com



Winner 'Off West End'
Best new Musical
Award 2013
Winner Amnesty
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Award 2016







# A TRIPLE BILL FROM OUR COMPANY IN PARTNERSHIP

## BALLET BLACK

Presented by Ballet Black
6-8 OCTOBER 2016

'A commitment to new choreography that punches above its weight'

**Evening Standard** 

'A company trail-blazing in the art form of ballet, Ballet Black have enjoyed over a decade of critical acclaim. Really helping to shatter the perception of ballet; in terms of who can dance it and who can watch it, Ballet Black add soul, strength and a unique interpretation to the genre. Presenting their latest production Triple Bill at Stratford East Theatre Royal, the effervescent dance company perform a triptych of contrasting scenes, highlighting their versatility and stamina.'

Theatre Full Stop

'Premiered at the Barbican this spring with new ballets from Pita and Marney and Hampson adding some new scenes to his 2012 'Storyville', this trio fits very well on the Theatre Royal stage.'

British Theatre Guide







## BONNIE GREER'S TIMELY NEW PLAY INSPIRED BY CHECKHOV'S 'THE CHERRY ORCHARD'

## THE HOTEL CERISE

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East 20 OCT-12 NOV 2016

\*\*\* **Evening Standard** 

"... absolutely loved the whole experience from the show to the Q&A to meeting the writer afterwards.' Audience Member

'Greer's play adds modern politics to Chekhov's 'The Cherry Orchard', following the divided, upper-class black owners of a Michigan hotel during the US election.'

The Guardian

'This is a remarkable and magnificent work, rich in detail and meaning, and - as we approach another decisive moment in the US (and therefore also global) history - it could not have been better timed, nor more aptly designed to reflect a complex and often selfcontradictory situation.'

Britishtheatre.com

'Greer is sharp in her updates and analogues' Financial Times

"... Greer manages to capture the spirit of Chekhov's original without labouring the parallels to create, if not a modern classic, then a fascinating and prescient dissection of what it is to be black and upper-class in America.' The Stage

'Set in the weeks leading up to the election, the final phase of Barack Obama's presidency, The Hotel Cerise frames a wide-ranging debate over racial politics.'

Whats On Stage



Tap dance consultant Phillip Michael Thomas

Marianna Neofitou, Gemma Salter, Gabby Wong

Cast Johnny Amobi, Michael Bertenshaw, Julian Capolei,

Rina Fatania, Ben Goffe, Alim Jayda, Josephine Melville,





# STRATFORD EAST'S LEGENDARY PANTOMIME TAKES TO THE OCEAN WAVES

# SINBAD THE SAILOR

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East

28 NOV 2016-21 JAN 2017

"...by far the best panto I have ever seen... my face was aching was smiling and laughing so much... a totally perfect Christmassy day out!"

Audience Member

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'A deliciously evil baddie, good tunes and wisecracks galore - Kerry Michael's panto is a riotous treat... my favourite panto of the season' The Times



'This year's Theatre Royal Stratford East pantomime is a treasure. It's funny, smart, accessible and big-hearted... one of the most imaginative and entertaining pantos in London' The Stage

## DIGITAL LIVE STREAM TO NEWHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND RICHARD HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE 29.12.16.

'We were really excited to be able to share the panto outside of the theatre and bring joy to children who are unwell and their families this Christmas. We are really delighted and immensely grateful that Galliard Homes extend their support and made the live stream project possible.'

Kerry Michael

'It was clearly evident that the digital live stream was able to make a real human impact on the lives of the families and children who were present.' Marcus Romer

'Having this experience meant a lot to us and to our children. As for many of our families do not have the luxury of going out to theatre and being theatre to them was inspiring... Thank you for bringing theatre to us.' Shahina Haque, Richard House Children's Hospice



Stratford East Singers - Mass Choir Abbi Asante, Abena Adofo, Althea Dove, Antoinette Thelwell Brown, Carla Lowe, Damien Bahier, Danielle Inkster, Deborah Joseph, Eileen Newman, Ella Dove, Florelle Adat, Hannah Smith, Helena Palomo Museros, Kate Fallan, Kate Hulbert, Kirsty Meehan, Laura Purling, Lauren Haidar, Marian De Marcos, Marigold Hughes, Mary Jones, Michelle Diana Lowe, Natasha 'Tarsh' Cox, Phoebe Cooke, Phyllis Grant, Sarah Jones, Sterre Ploeger, Suzanne Widdup, Tom Moore, Wenona Elie, Yvonne Brouwers

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House Harmony Annette Muhammad, Ayumi Kuroki, Barbara Wellington, Becky Eva, Clare Montgomery, Debbie Cotman, Florenicia Dovlo, Anita Dighe, Leila Nicotera, Lorraine Barfoot, Madeliene Dioulo, Sam Cahill, Sanya Ogunlade, Susan Parsons, Tiffany Southall.

The Band Paul Raj, Marc Baptiste, Nate Albert, Dermott Freeman





# STARS OF TV'S 'THE NAKED CHOIR' WITH THEIR OWN SHOW

## AN EVENING WITH STRATFORD EAST SINGERS

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East 15 JAN 2017

'A host of talented performers hit all the right notes when they took to the stage for 'An Evening with Stratford East Singers'. Singers from three choirs, led by musical director Byron Gold, sang a medley of pop and soul classics in front of an audience of 500 people at Theatre Royal Stratford East on Sunday evening. Choirs Stratford East Singers and SES Acapella were joined by newcomer 'House Harmony', which is made up of 15 residents from Genesis, East Thames and L&Q housing assocations.'

Newham Recorder

'Team spirit and community cohesion have developed because of this and should remain!'
Choir Member

'House Harmony's performance was amazing and exceeded expectations. All of the choir members put so much hard work in and they should be really proud of what they have achieved in a short space of time. Projects like this one are fantastic at bringing communities together to have fun while building confidence and new skills.'

Lauren Picton, Volunteer Programme Manager, Genesis



#### LOTTERY FUNDED

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# EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF ROLLERCOASTER OF A MUSICAL THAT WOWED AUDIENCES OFF-BROADWAY

# THE BUBBLY BLACK GIRL SHEDS HER CHAMELEON SKIN

Presented by Theatre Royal Stratford East

#### 1 FEB-11 MARCH 2017

'..can I just say
I really enjoyed
it and the audio
description was
very good. When
booking the tickets
the reception nest
was very helpful. I
am planning to take
the group to watch
Tommy when it
comes out!"

Audience Member

'A hearty, and heart-warming bit of #BlackGirlMagic'

Time Out

'Humour vies for space with sly social commentary... grapples with what it means to be black and a woman'

**Evening Standard** 

'First-rate choreography... witty, vivacious, inventive... it's a lively show, has something to say and is excellently directed, with many witty touches, by Josette Bushell-Mingo'

The Guardian

'Child's presents a coming of age tale that relates to all no matter your race or gender' Theatrefullstop.com

'Under Josette Bushell-Mingo's skilful direction, Mykal Rand's stunning choreography and a number of lightning-quick costume changes, the cast evoke a turbulent and exciting time in US history.'

Newham Recorder

'Elicits whoops of delight from the audience'
The Reviews Hub







# THE INDUSTRY SHOWCASE FOR ACTORS AT STRATFORD EAST

### MONOLOGUE SLAM UK

Presented by Triforce Creative Network and Theatre Royal Stratford East 25 APRIL 2016 / 20 JUNE 2016 / 26 SEPT 2016 / 31 OCT 2016 / 12 DEC 2016 / 27 FEB 2017

'Theatre Royal Stratford East really is the home of MonologueSlam UK. We're incredibly happy to be in our 7th year at the venue, and in that time TRSE have helped us expand the MonologueSlam programme to other regional theatres in the UK. Their support in maintaining and expanding this initiative has been invaluable and long may it continue!' Minnie, Fraser and Jimmy, Triforce Creative Network

'I've been to MonologueSlam twice and have been amazed by the level of talent I've seen. It's a great evening and a chance to meet new actors. It's led to actors coming to meet with us and even gaining roles in some of our projects. I can't wait to go again.'

Aisha Walter, Shaheen Baig Casting

### PEOPLE

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Aaron Virdee ('The Government Inspector') Abhin Galeya ('The Hotel Cerise') Adam Khaliq ('I Ain't Dumb') Akash Heer ('The House of In Between') Alec Bennie ('I Ain't Dumb') Alex Chang ('Kumamoto Care...')
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Alexis Strum ('Volcano')
Alim Jayda ('Sinbad the Sailor')
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Amanda Wright ('The Government Inspector')
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Spoken Word Christian Smith Emmanuel Nwuso Gabriel Akamo Gareth Batenga Honesty Haynes-Williams Jacqui Adeniji-Williams Jayeda Hassan Jayeola Hassan Jeremiah Brown Joy Teddy-Jimoh Marvellous Fayose Michael Sookhan Mohammad Baseer Omar Bynon Promise Fayose Russeni Fisher Sam Ciavarella Shade Joseph Storm Stanley Wendy Tuffour Zahrah Sheikh

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Summer College Abigail Moselle Adam Willis-Browne Adele Marykate O'Brien Aisha Malcolm Akowa Mandoka Alex Jarrett Amir Watfa Amy Martin Anita Zhuo Anna Ultaliskvili Anton Duchen Anton McCarthy Blair Gyabaah **Bronte Cosgrave** Calum Carr Calvin Crawley Caraline Didi Carlos Antonio Byles Cassandra Fierstein Charlotte Heycock Cheyenne Russell-Downer Christos liberos Ciara Parker Daniel Bada Darcy Charles

Darnell Shakespeare Devontage Ferrol Ebony Rose Brown Elise Ward-Mollett Ellis George Faith Musasizi George Hastrup Ibrahim Kanneh Ifeyinla Fredrick Jacob Lansiquot Lloyd Jade Laura Finlay Jade Short Jannat Musazi Jasmine Elcock Jasmine Semujju Jaychelle Smith Jerome Lister Joden Joseph-Wright Joe Paisley Johnson Faniyan Joseph John Crake Joshua Adeoye Justin Morse Katrina Jovaisaite Kieran Mason Kieton Saunders-Browne Latrell Oscar-John Lauryn Reid Lia Čhen-Wilson Marcella Keating Marlon Oni Max Mckenzie Miles David Martin Milly-May Binion Myles Cameron Naomi Alade Nathaniel Turner De Carvalho Oakley Flanagan Ozioma Ihesiene Rasfan Harval Rebecca Liddell Renee Richards Robert Campbell Sarah Bodenham Scott Antwi Sean Elstone Sherrelle Murray Shevaun Stephens Shifali Dunbar Shyane Cummins-Thomas Sophia Keaveney Victoria Akinfenwa Xavier Spence Yasmin Escoffery

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Zafran Ahmed

Visiting Artists Byron Gold High Rise Theatre Jenn Nesbit Kenrick 'H20' Sandy MBE Marcus Romer Roy Alexander Weiss Shelley Williams Tom Ross-Williams Yolande Mercy

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Work Experience Students Aaliyah Charles, Langdon Academy Daniel Roger Farmhouse Dias Dos Santos, Eastlea Community School Daoud Ameen, Heartland's High School Declan Cawdron-Gray, Rokeby School Georgina Smith Ball, Havering 6th Form College Jakub Korzeniouwski, Little Ilford School Jarlo Thornton, Royal Docks Community School Maisie Wellingbrook, Cumberland School Mars Viaud, Rokeby School Megan Smith-Canty, Royal Docks Community School Natasha Clark, Anglo European School Nyah Nish, Walthamstow School for Girls Shariyaar Jahnghir, Brampton Manor Academy Sibora Coba, Forest Gate Community School

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Young Producers Darnell Shakespeare Freya Shepard Hannah Steele

Jacob Eiseman-Renyard Kieran Mason Kieran Rogers Raymond Waring Sarah Bodenham Shreya Ukil Victor Nambago

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Young Writers Alex Robinson Bethany Timpson Heather Agyepong India De Bono Jade Short Molly Caskey Rosie Nicholls

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Youth Theatre Members Abbie Sweeny Adeshina Rahaman Adrian Taylor-Morgan Aisha Malcolm Alex Uzoka Angel Leparporit Anton McCarthy Bella Penton Bianca Paraschiv Cameron Mutale Caraline Didi Carlos Antonio Byles Danae Jean-Marie Daniel Farmhouse David Lucic Diego Cervera Eboni Taylor Elvis Iwunna Emmanuel Akinbami Femi Olayanju George Asew George Hastrup Grace Penton Greise Astrauskaite Inno Makolo Jacob Lansiquot Lloyd Jamie Halliwell Jasmine Elcock Jerdane Calder Joanna Gomes Johnson Faniyan Joseph John Crake Kaine Hamilton-Mills Kamile Grenevckyte Katherine Clarke Kemi Williams Kwame Edufuah Lily Bo Mara Munteanu Max McKenzie Maya Miller Megan Beck Millie Bailey Miriam Summers Nakai Sambani Niamh Bridgstock Nnaemeka Ajuzie Pearl Chapman Roxana-Camelia Andronache Sally Mohamed Sandra Guerreiro Scott Antwi Sean Elstone Shane McGuinness Shifali Dunbar Stephany Coca Tiyana Marshal Victoria Mabatah Yvana Dzulova Zaynab Ahmed

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Youth Theatre+ Alex Uzoka Anton McCarthy Antonio Cicalesc Athanasios Tsarmpos Calum Carr Calvin Crawley Cameron Mutale Charlotte Heycock Colm Keating Darcy Charles Ellis George Faisal Dacosta George Hastrup Harry Negus-Ross Jannat Musazi Jerdane Calder Jerome Lister Maddie Lovett Millie Bailey Olivia Houghton Raphel Famctibe









### HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS

#### **OUR AUDIENCES**



We've increased customers booking tickets by a

THIRD compared to last year

70%

of our audiences come from Newham and the surrounding east London boroughs<sup>2</sup>



Our tickets cost LESS THAN HALF the London average<sup>1</sup>

35%

of our bookers came from an audience segment characterised by low levels of cultural engagement compared to a London average of 10%<sup>3</sup>

#### **OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Attendance of our young people's regular programmes increased by

15%

We gave **3,358** children the chance to see a professional production (up 24% on last year) through London Borough of Newham's **'Every Child a Theatregoer'** scheme



Our programmes are inclusive with young people identifying as:

33% IDENTIFY AS BRITISH WHITE OR EASTERN EUROPEAN WHITE

32% IDENTIFY AS BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH 11% IDENTIFY AS MIXED HERITAGE

6% IDENTIFY AS ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH 18% UNKNOWN/DID NOT DISCLOSE 4

Over half of the young people who participated came from Newham and the nearby east London boroughs

- 1. This compares our average ticket yield with that of the London Performing Arts on Audience Finder
- % tickets sold to customers living in Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking and Dagehnam; + walk up counter sales with no postcode
- 3. Audience Finder 2016-2017: 'Kaleidoscope Creativity' which comprises a mix of ages and cultural backgrounds

#### **OUR GREEN ACHIEVEMENTS**



awarded 4 stars out of 5 from Julie's Bicycle in recognition of our commitment and achievement in embedding environmental sustainability in our operations and activities



Over the last 5 years we've reduced our energy use by NEARLY 20%



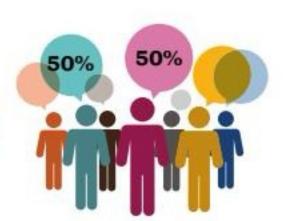
We've reduced the amount of waste we generate by **ALMOST A HALF** in the last 5 years



Shortlisted for the 2017
Creative Green Award
for Highest Achievement
for Improvement

#### **OUR TEAM**

Almost
50%
of our staff considers themselves to be people of colour



140/o
of our staff describes
themselves as having
A DISABILITY



#### **OUR MONEY**

Where our funds came from

Core Revenue Grants	47.3%
Income from Fundraising	14.7%
Other earned income	1.1%
Box Office	25.2%
Co-producers	1.6%
Merchandise	1.4%
Hire income	4.5%
Theatre Tax Credit	4.3%

