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PROGRAMME

- Nana-Kofi Kufuor - Zoe Iqbal -
- Joe Walsh - Liberty Rep - The Film Shed -
- &
- Dare to Know Theatre's Mentees
- Noah Tomlin - Caitlin Cribbin -

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First of all thank you for attending the first iteration of Dare to Know Theatre Invites, a brand new evening of new-writing from some of our favourite local artists.

If you don't know who we are, we're Dare to Know Theatre, a theatre company from Oldham, dedicated to making work with and for our local community.

We have a wonderful evening lined up for you, so sit back, grab a drink, and enjoy the show.

Jake and Miranda DTK x



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Seven-Two Off Suit by Jake Talbot

Starring

Eleanor Prestwich as Eleanor Keller

Martin Kelly as Paul Keller

Catherine Sharp as Tracey Keller

Directed By Miranda Parker



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- **ELEANOR PRESTWICH** - Eleanor is a Falmouth Theatre Graduate, actress and model from Oldham. Eleanor has been acting in theatre and film from the age of thirteen and is now teaching at local youth theatre school; Reaction Performing Arts.
- **MARTIN KELLY** - Martin is happy to be back performing at The Grange after more than 30 years, during that time, he has been fortunate to perform on both sides of the Atlantic. Twenty-five of those years were spent performing musicals. Favourite roles include: Oliver Warbucks in Annie, Alfred Doolittle in My Fair Lady,, Curtis Jackson in Sister Act The Musical & The Blind Hermit in Young Frankenstein The Musical. Martin has also appeared on film as The Narrator in The Devil's Swindle, a 2016 short film & in various roles for Diamond Tongues, a 2015 Canadian film which performed very well at many of the international Film Festivals around the world. As well as performing in the theatre, Martin has also spent the past 20 years, as a male vocalist. In general, give him a space to perform & he's one happy guy!
- **CATHERINE SHARP** - Catherine's love of the stage began when she was aged five, after being enticed back on stage with a tube of smarties to perform her very first song and dance of 'Red Red Robin', she's been 'bobbing along' ever since! From dance shows, pantos, light opera to musicals and plays, from dancer, singer, actor to director, Catherine has managed to fulfil her love for all things theatre. Catherine is a regular with many fabulous local theatre societies such as Hallfold G&S & LOS, Curtain Theatre and many more. Catherine also runs the youth theatre, PH2Youth, for Crompton Stage Society at Playhouse 2.

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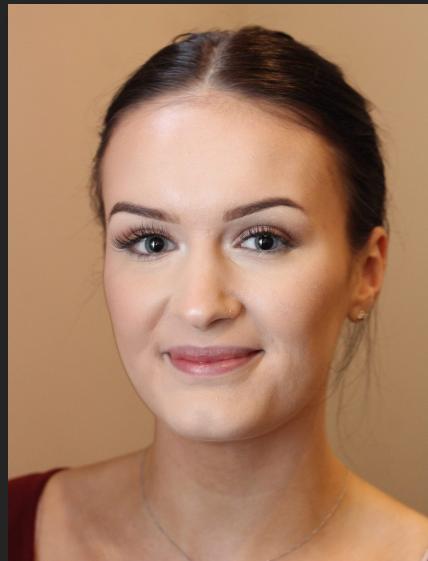
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Staring at the Sun by Noah Tomlin

Starring
Kira Richardson as Steph

Directed By Miranda Parker



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- **Noah Tomlin** - Noah Tomlin is an aspiring playwright who completed his first stage script, 'It Don't Snow Here', in 2021. Noah is excited to be working with Dare to Know Theatre and will be producing a monologue for 'Dare to Know Invites'. He particularly enjoys writing comedy and comedy-drama and hopes to complete work for both stage and TV in future.

Dare to Know Theatre are excited to be able to offer Noah support over the next year. Not only writing your first play during a pandemic, but for it to be of the quality that 'It Don't Snow Here' is, is a wonderful sign of Noah's ability. His charisma and undoubtable knowledge is something that we always endeavour to find whenever we work with someone.

- **Kira Richardson** - Kira is really excited to be part of this showcasing of new local writers and artists with such a talented team behind it. She has been acting for 11 years now, having been trained in Musical Theatre from a young age. Most recent productions include Once Upon A Time in Wigan, The Kitchen Sink and The King's Orphan. She is thrilled to be back on stage after a difficult 18 months for theatre and hope that there are more exciting events and opportunities ahead to look forward to.

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Live, Laugh, Love by Zoe Iqbal

Starring

Sean McGlynn as Lee

Jennifer Jordan O'Neill as Gemma

Directed By Leni Murphy





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- **Zoe Iqbal** - Writer - Actor - Mancunian. Zoe is a regular contributor to TAKE BACK THEATRE RAPID RESPONSE NIGHT. Her recent commissions include MIF - I LOVE YOU TOO, BURN BRIGHT - HEAR ME ROAR, OLDHAM COLISEUM - ADVENT PLAYS. Winner of 'ONE NIGHT IN BOLTON ' Writing competition.
- **Leni Murphy** - Leni Murphy is an actor, director and dramaturg based in Manchester. Leni is the founder and artistic director of theatre company Asphalt Roses and has a podcast called 'Audio Allegories' which is bedtime stories for adults with insomnia.
Leni's next project will be directing a brand new play in collaboration with Bluestocking Theatre Company from the pen of Victoria Tunnah called 'They Came for my Mother'.
- **Sean McGlynn** - Sean has been around on the Manchester scene for several years now. Zoe Iqbal's 'Live, Laugh, Love' will be his first performance since 2019 and he's excited to be involved in this new work. His next project is a live radio/theatre show with the Act Your Age Showcase and New Writing Festival, at Hope Mill Theatre.
- **Jennifer Jordan O'Neill** - Jenny has just recently become a mum and has been focusing on her mummy duties of late, while focusing on her music at home. Her last work was playing Amy Harwood in an episode of Doctors and Anne in Cold Call. She hasn't been on the stage for a few years and is very excited to be back! She was last seen playing Sinead in The Stars are made of Concrete with Messy Dress Productions back in 2015. She has been part of Manchester theatre for a number of years and created her own theatre company Broken Echo Theatre and produced her own production of Dave Simpson's 'The Raving Beauties', and she cannot wait to produce again.

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Common People by Caitlin Cribbin

Starring

Taylor Bowden as Libby
Sophie Heffron as Flossie

Directed By Miranda Parker



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- **Caitlin Cribbin** - Caitlin Cribbin is an aspiring writer and actor born and raised in Oldham. She has always had an interest in theatre, and has always been that annoying theatre kid (hopefully better now!). Caitlin is really looking forward to sharing her work with the public, and helping to share hers and many others experiences of a working class background.

Dare to Know Theatre are really excited to be able to support Caitlin over the next year. We've met Caitlin a few times recently, and we've always found her commitment, energy and enthusiasm for theatre, drama and the arts infectious.

- **Taylor Bowden** - Taylor has always known acting was her passion, now studying performing arts at Oldham College, she knows that stepping into another character's shoes, is the pure freedom that she thrives on. She's really proud to say that she's an actress.
- **Sophie Heffron** - Currently studying performing arts at college, Sophie has gained a lot of valuable experience and confidence, through portraying someone else, which gives her a sense of empowerment. Recent credits include; The English Game (Supporting Artist) and 'The Irregulars' (Body Double), Sophie is currently shooting a short film to be released later in the year.

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Homecoming by The Film Shed MCR

A Collaboration between
Emma Sykes & Sofi-Jo Bennett

Starring
Sofi-Jo Bennett

Directed By Emma Sykes

Special Thanks to The Oast House & Emmaus Mossley





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- **The Film Shed MCR** - The Film Shed MCR is a new, independent production company based in the North West, founded by Company Director Emma Sykes, and assisted by Associate Artist Sofi-Jo Bennett.
- A conceptual piece, 'Homecoming' offers an observation on the collective attitude to our individual lives. It aims to explore the connection between our inner and outer selves; addressing external pressures from society and the effect they have on our mental health and wellbeing.
- Sofi-Jo and Emma recently met over vodka sodas in their local, before becoming totally professional and reverting to peppermint tea (ooh err!). Both having cheerful and extremely creative dispositions, it was decided they were to make something together! With The Film Shed being in its infancy and lockdown granting more spare time, both the process and the partnership had the freedom to grow naturally and spontaneously. Both have had extensive training all over the world and continue to practice and develop independently. They both value creating work and an environment which is honest and open; prioritising truth above all.
- We are so excited and humbled to be a part of Dare To Know Theatre Invites and are so excited to share our creation with you all.

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An Unnamed Estate by Nana-Kofi Kufuor

Starring

Joe Walsh as Tom Mitchell

Kiara Smith as Adwoa Abdul

Directed By Miranda Parker



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- **Nana-Kofi Kufuor** - Nana-Kofi Kufuor is a 29-year-old writer of Ghanaian origin from Stockport North west England. Shortlisted in 2019 in The Theatre Uncut Political playwriting award, has worked with Northern Broadsides Theatre Company, Royal Exchange Theatre & Oldham Coliseum Theatre. His play 'My Voice was Heard But it Was Ignored' first attached with Box of Tricks Theatre then picked up by Red Ladder Theatre Company has been pushed back to 2021. Currently working with the Sky Tv Writers Room with a new project 'Shut Up and Dance'. He is also an associate artist at Oldham Coliseum Theatre.
- **Joe Walsh** - Theatre credits include Ian Curtis in New Dawn Fades, (UK Tour), Willie Mossop in Hobson's Choice (Salford Arts Theatre) Live Forever, Rachel (The Lowry). Writing credits include Frozen Peas In An Old Tin Can, which won most innovative use of space and was nominated for best newcomer at the 2019 GM Fringe Awards. Also Fossils (Kings Arms), Like Dad, Like Duck (Oldham Coliseum's Off Out competition winner). His new play; Hold Me Close, will be staged later this year.
- **Kiara Smith** - Kiara's passion for acting sparked in high school. She then went onto to fulfill her passion by attending The Royal Exchange Young Company where she has been a member for two years. Her favourite performance was Anita in West Side Story . Kiara is continuing her pursuit of an acting career, heading to LAMDA in September.

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Last One Standing by Liberty Rep

Written by and Starring

Bronte Appleby & Madeleine Healey



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- **Bronte Appleby** - Bronte Appleby is an actor and theatre maker from Manchester. She trained at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Her credits include: For The Time. Being (Aua Wirleben Theatre Festival) Body of Knowledge (Sick! Festival) her solo show Cock of the Walk (Waterside Arts, Sale) and The Suppliant Women (Royal Exchange Theatre.) She's also produced for companies such as Contact Theatre and Boundless Theatre. Bronte wants to give a massive thanks to Dare To Know Theatre for being the overall legends that they are. She is currently seeking representation.
- **Madeleine Healey** - Madeleine Healey is a Manchester based actor currently studying at Manchester School of Acting and the University of Manchester. Previous credits include The Yellow Wallpaper at Edinburgh Fringe Festival (Dram Viver, 2019) and The Suppliant Women at the Royal Exchange (2017). Madeleine and Bronte established Liberty Rep in 2019 and since then the company has gone from strength to strength. They would like to thank Dare To Know for their continued support. Madeleine is currently seeking representation.

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Morfa by Joe Walsh

Starring

Simon Naylor as Richard
Olivia Cosgrove as Alice

Directed By Joe Walsh



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Simon Naylor - Simon trained at Italia Conti on the BA (Hons) Acting course. Simon also taught at Italia Conti, writing the Foundation and Improvisation courses which still run today and left as Head of First Year and The Foundation Course. As an actor, television includes 'Brassic', 'Years and Years' (HBO), Dane Hibbs in 'Coronation Street', Corporal Johnson in 24: 'Live Another Day' and Michael Ray in 'Obsession' for SKY TV. Film credits include: BAFTA winning 'The Mark of Cain' & James Corden's 'One Chance' Theatre Credits Include: 'Macbeth' (Northern Tour), 'The Shawshank Redemption' (Wyndhams Theatre) 'Unleashed' (Hull Truck), world premiere of 'The Glasshouse' for which he was nominated for an OFFIE as 'Best Actor'.

- **Olivia Cosgrove** - Olivia began her career at 9 years old by starring as the lead role in 'Sally Lindsay's Little Cracker'. Since then, she has worked with the likes of the BBC, CBBC & The Royal Exchange on a range of projects. She is best known for her role as Alison in the CBBC show 'All At Sea'.

If you enjoyed this evening, please come and support our next show!

ONE FOR SORROW, TWO FOR JOY

By Jake Talbot

Directed by Miranda Parker

With The Oldham Collective

“ It might feel like the whole world is against you, but it's not, people aren't against you, no one wants you to crumble, no one wants you to fall through the cracks, we just want you to belong. You don't deserve to only survive, you deserve to thrive. ”



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