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WELCOME

Welcome to Nottingham Playhouse for our latest production First Touch.

This was the first play that Adam commissioned as Artistic Director in 2018 Adam felt writer Nathaniel Price's unique voice. combined with his background in professional football, made him the perfect person to tell this important story.

We recognised the responsibility that comes with tackling the play's serious themes, and have spoken to psychologists, mental health professionals, survivors and campaigners. We're particularly indebted to David Lean for his generosity, support and encouragement, based on his determination that this subject matter, long hidden away, is brought into the light. After four years of development, the play is ready for the stage and is an homage to all those who have shared their stories with us.

The incredible cast and creative team have each played an essential role in bringing this world premiere to the stage. We're very proud that the vast majority of Playhouse productions are new works this year. With the effects of the pandemic, there has never been a more important time for theatre and audiences to support living writers.

In this programme, we have signposted resources that you can access if you feel impacted by the story and would like to seek advice or help.

Thank you for joining us, we hope to welcome you back to Nottingham Playhouse soon.

Alexania In

Stephanie Sirr Chief Executive **Adam Penford** Artistic Director



WRITER'S NOTE

Writer Nathaniel Price talks about the process of writing **First Touch**



I remember vividly the night I learnt of the shocking scandal that rocked football. I was sitting with my mum watching the news when the headline flashed up about the abhorrent retrospective cases of sexual abuse conducted by former coaches and scouts against young players, spanning decades. We listened to the story in stunned silence before my mum turned to me, a slight panic upon her face, and reluctantly asked whether there was anything I needed to tell her?

You see, from the age of seven, after my uncle introduced me to the beautiful game, I had one burning passion - to become a professional footballer. A shared dream amongst millions of boys and girls, but one I was determined to make a reality. That drive took me to being signed to Crystal Palace's academy, where I would spend many a day and night at the mercy of coaches the gatekeepers to a stardom and wealth very few will ever achieve. Something I longed for myself, sure. But far more than that, for my mum.

So it was one of the lowest points of my life when, following a serious injury, she sat with me to

learn that I was being released from the club I'd given my childhood to.

I could, however, feel some form of comfort the night the news story broke as I was able to reassure my mum, with all sincerity, that nothing untoward had ever happened to me. The relief in both of us was palpable. There, as they say, but for the grace of God go I.

When Adam Penford approached me with the idea to write a piece about the scandal, I jumped at the chance. I wanted to help shine a light on the atrocity, and honor the brave survivors like David Lean, who have done so much to try and ensure that nothing on such a large scale as it can ever be allowed to happen again. I hope that as well as the dark, I've managed to capture the magic, joy and love that embody childhood dreams and encapsulate that no matter how broken we may feel, there's a part of us that can never be destroyed. A part others cannot touch. And with that, no matter what, there always comes hope

IN REHEARSAL



Arthur Wilson, Chloe Oxley & Raphael Akuwudike



Nicholas Bailey & Neal Craig



Isaac McLeod & Chloe Oxley



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First Touch tackles some serious themes.

If you are affected by the subject matter in any way, below are organisations who can support you with advice and auidance.

Support for Survivors

It's estimated that one in five adults have experienced at least one form of child abuse. This can have devastating impacts on a person's life and that's where Support for Survivors step in to help.

Since 2016 they've supported adult survivors of child abuse - be it sexual, physical, incest abuse, rape or neglect. They provide award-winning peer-led community support for male and female survivors to help them become part of the mainstream world again. As a Nottinghambased charity they provide faceto-face services across the East-Midlands

They believe, they listen and they understand; because they're survivors too.

They're here to help and you can call or email us on the details helow

0115 962 2722 hello@supportforsurvivors.org

Visit supportforsurvivors.org/ for more information and resources.



Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) is the UK's leading antiracism educational charity. It was established in January 1996, thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop.

To this day SRtRC continues to utilise the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society and has also expanded into other sports. The majority of the campaign's work involves the delivery of educational workshops to young people and adults in schools, workplaces and at events held in football stadiums. In addition to the direct education of young people and adults, SRtRC produces educational resources, to challenge misconceptions, stereotypes and negative attitudes in society.

For more information and resources and to find out how to get involved, visit theredcard.org

Triggers and Advisories

This production contains strong language, abusive behaviour, scenes of a sexual nature and child sexual abuse.

It deals with themes including racism and homophobia, and there are instances of offensive language which reflect this.

Accessible performances



Audio Described performances and Touch Tours:

A live verbal commentary providing an explanation of the visual information that blind or partially sighted people might require in order to access the show more fully, delivered to the audience member via a personal headset. Touch tours enable Blind and partially sighted people to explore the stage, set, props and costumes before seeing the show.



Captioned performances:

Provided for D/deaf, hard of hearing or deafened people. Captioning converts spoken word into text and is presented on a screen at the side of the stage. The text scrolls at the same pace as the actors speak.



British sign language interpreted performances:

Provided for people for whom British Sign Language is their first language. The interpreter usually stands on the side of the stage, lit by a single spotlight and faces the front.



Relaxed Performances

We offer performances that are more relaxed for those who benefit from a show where the loud noises are reduced, elements of surprise are kept to a minimum and moving around the auditorium is not a problem.

Dementia Friendly Performances

These performances are carefully tailored for people with dementia and their families or carers so that everyone can enjoy the wonder of theatre in an environment that is comfortable and supportive.

Upcoming Performance Dates

Identical: AD Thu 4 Aug 7pm, Sat 6 Aug 2.30pm; **BSL** Fri 5 Aug 7pm; **CAP** Sat 13 Aug 2.30pm.

The Clothes They Stood Up In: AD Thu 29 Sep 7.30pm, Sat 1 Oct 2.30pm; **BSL** Fri 30 Sep 7.30pm; **CAP** Sat 1 Oct 7.30pm.

Much Ado About Nothing: Tue 11 – Sat 15 Oct. All performances include Audio Description, Captioning and Creative Sign Language.

Ask us about the best performance and seating options.

Call Box Office on 0115 941 9419 or

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Our theatre is for everyone and our Playhouse Participation team run over 50 programmes for all ages and all abilities. Here are some of the things you can get involved in.

Young People

- Five Young Companies for ages
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- Homegrown pre-professional training for young creatives and performers aged 16 - 25
- Work experience and student placements
- National Theatre Connections

Classes and Courses

 Weekly and one-off classes in drama, dance, play reading, writing, drawing, Shakespeare, improvisation and many more.

Families

- Weekly sessions for under 5s
- Story Explorers library tours
- Little People Big Adventures story workshops in city libraries
- Family Festivals with games, activities, discos and crafting.

Schools

- The ground-breaking Primary Partners programme.
- Bespoke workshops and CPD
- Schools Trust Networks
- Insight digital resources
- Ticket deals
- Touring shows
- Schools Massive on the auditorium stage

Community

- Weekly sessions for service users
- Weekly sessions for learning disabled adults
- The Nottingham Playhouse Choir
- Shine youth theatres in 13 Nottingham locations

Find out more and book now by calling 0115 941 9419 or online at nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

Bursaries and access

Every programme is fully accessible and has bursary places available.

IN REHEARSAL



Jeff James, Director



Claire Goose



Neal Craig



Arthur Wilson



Taiden Fairall, Chloe Oxley & Raphael Akuwudike



Isaac McLeod



Raphael Akuwudike



Taiden Fairall



CAST

Raphael Akuwudike Clayton

Nicholas Bailey
Patterson

Neal CraigUncle Kevin

Taiden FairallCourtney

Claire GooseFreva

Isaac McLeodCourtney

Chloe Oxley Serena

Arthur Wilson Lafferty

FIRST TOUGH

Press Night Performance Wed 11 May, 7pm

BSL Interpreted Performance Fri 20 May, 7.30pm

Audio Described Performance

Thu 19 May, 7.30pm Sat 21 May, 2.30pm

Captioned Performance

Sat 21 May, 7.30pm

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Sat 7 - Sat 21 May 2022

CREATIVES

Nathaniel Price Writer

Jeff James Director

Charlotte Espiner Set and Costumer Designer
Hansjörg Schmidt Lighting Designer
Kieran Lucas Sound Designer
Kane Husbands Movement Director
Amanda Whittington Script Consultant
Polly Jerrold Casting Director
Salvatore Sorce Voice and Dialect Coach
Nikki Disney Dramatherapist
Jack Quarton Singing Coach
Andrew Quick Production Manager
Emilie Madison Berger

Zoe Ritchie Lighting Programmer and Assistant Lighting Designer

Helen Gaynor Company Stage Manager Elizabeth Harvey Deputy Stage Manager

Zoe Leonard

Assistant Stage Manager (Book Cover)

Post Show Discussion

Thu 19 May (after the 7.30pm show)

Online Panel Discussion

Monday16 May, 7pm See website for details





CAST

Raphael Akuwudike

Clayton



Raphael is currently in training at Drama Centre.

Theatre credits whilst training

include: Rage and The Seagull.

Theatre credits include: The Jumper Factory (Young Vic).

First Touch will be his first professional theatre job since training.

Nicholas Bailey

Patterson



Theatre credits include:

The Mousetrap (West End); The Memory of Water (Nottingham Playhouse);

Dreamgirls (West End); Jackie – The Musical (UK tour); The Invisible (Bush Theatre); Macbeth (Mercury Theatre, Colchester); Soho Streets (Soho Theatre); Mela (Leeds Playhouse/Tour); Become a Man (Hackney Empire Studio); Breakfast with Mugabe (Ustinov, Bath); A Sense of Justice (Perth Rep); Boogie Nights (UK Tour); Mother Courage and her Children (UK Tour/Spoleto Festival/West End); Dreaming (Royal Exchange/Queen's Theatre); Life is a Dream (Royal Lyceum,

Barbican, BAM, New York); Easy Access (for the boys) (Drill Hall); King Lear (Royal National Theatre); Hamlet, The Winter's Tale (Library Theatre) and Julius Caesar (Royal Exchange).

Television credits include:

Manchester Passion (BBC4); Home Again, Inside Out (BBC1); Coronation Street (ITV); Death in Paradise; EastEnders; Strangers; The Turning; Siblings; Doctors; Anubis House; Walter Tull: Forgotten Hero; Miranda; Law & Order: UK; Beautiful People; Holby City; Casualty; Heartburn Hotel; Sex 'n' Death; The Accused; Strike Force; London's Burning and The Bill.

Neal CraigUncle Kevin



Neal trained at The Manchester School of a Theatre (MMU).

Theatre credits include: Peter

Pan (Storyhouse Theatre); Peter Pan, Solace of The Road (Derby Theatre); Sherlock Holmes and The Crimson Cobbles (Chipping Norton Theatre/Salisbury Playhouse); Othello (English Theatre Hamburg); Lost Lending Library (Punchdrunk); Calculating Kindness (Undercurrent/The British Library); The Snow Queen (Theatre by the Lake); Heartbreak Hotel (The Jetty/ Zebedee Productions); Swallows & Amazons (Bristol Old Vic); Hamlet (The Watermill); Owen Wingrave (Edinburgh International Festival); Pocket Henry, Pocket Merchant, Edward III (Propeller Theatre Company); Swallows and Amazons (National Theatre/West End); Beachy Head (Analogue Theatre Company); Henry V, The Conspirators (The Orange Tree Theatre); Don't Shoot The Clowns (Fuel/Battersea Arts Centre) and Richard III, Romeo and Juliet (Oddsocks/West End).

Television and Film credits include: The Devil's Advocate (Sky); Emmerdale, Coronation Street (ITV); Raving Arizona (National Geographic); A Girls Guide To Depravity (HBO); Lost A Girl (Porcelain Films) and The Tree Inside (Sepia Films).

Neal is also a stand-up comedian and is an associate artist and founder member of the 1623 Theatre Company.

Taiden Fairall

Courtney



Taiden is 12 years old and is from Leicester. He is training at The Television Workshop in Nottingham

where he takes part in acting workshops and film and television classes. As well as performing, Taiden's hobbies include being creative with arts and crafts, gaming, modelling and football. Taiden has previously participated in an amateur theatre production of Oliver playing a member of Fagin's Gang, modelled for The National Space Centre and Leicester Museum and participated in Kids London

Fashion Week. He is excited to be making his stage debut in First Touch. He wants to thank the TV Workshop, Jeff and Nathaniel for this fab opportunity.

Claire Goose

Freya



Theatre credits include: The Girl Who Fell (Trafalgar Studios); Holy Sh!t (Kiln Theatre); The Perfect Murder (UK Tour); When

We Were Rich (Nuffield Theatre, Southampton); Addicted to Love (Bristol Old Vic) and Hitting Home (The Man in the Moon Theatre).

Television credits include:

Silverpoint, The Coroner, Death In Paradise, New Tricks, Hustle, Waking the Dead, Casualty, EastEnders, Landmarks, Loved Up, The Good Citizen (BBC): Murdoch Mysteries (Shaftsbury Films); Lucy Man (Carnival): Dark Heart (ITV) Unforgotten (Main Street Pictures); Pat and Cabbage (Red Productions); Mount Pleasant (Sky); Undeniable (TXTV); Exile (AbbottVision/Red Production for BBC); The Bill (Talkback Thames); Perfect Day (The Millennium and the Funeral); Perfect Day (World Productions/Channel 5); Loves Lies Bleeding (Granada/ITV); Secret Smile (Granada) and Gifted (Rollem Productions/ITV).

Film credits include: Generation Z (Safari Films Ltd); Candle to Water, Bad Day (The Seventh Twelfth Collective Ltd); Friday Night In (Rumour Productions); Danny Loves Angela (Reel Stories) and Meat (Retro-Juice Productions).

Isaac McLeod

Courtney



Isaac is 12 years old, from Beeston. From a very young age, he's loved to entertain and started acting school at age 8.

He is currently a student at the Attic Theatre School, where he attends contemporary dance and musical theatre classes. His dream role would be to play Oliver in The West End. He is also a talented sportsman in a number of sports including table tennis, cross country running, badminton and football. He is thankful for the support of Amanda Grimsey and his 'Attic Family' who have been instrumental in giving him the confidence to play Courtney in First Touch which is his debut professional performance.

Chloe Oxley Serena



Chloe is an accomplished actor/musician hailing from Derbyshire.
Whilst training at The Television

Workshop Nottingham, Chloe played lead roles in their productions of *One Man Two Guvnors* (2017); *Nell Gwyn* (2018) and *Middletown* (2019). Chloe's professional credits include award winning feature film *Just Charlie* (2017).

First Touch is Chloe's stage debut.

Arthur Wilson

Lafferty



Theatre credits include: Force Majeure (Donmar Warehouse); The Tempest (AFTLS/ US Tour); She

Ventures And He Wins (Young Vic); Genesis Inc (Hampstead Theatre); Things I Know To Be *True* (Frantic Assembly/UK Tour/ Lyric Hammersmith): Persuasion (Royal Exchange); Richard II (Shakespeare's Globe); Man and Superman (National Theatre); The Comedy of Errors, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Taming of the Shrew, Twelfth Night (Propeller Theatre Company World Tour); Project Space (Secret Cinema); Peter Pan (Kensington Gardens/ US Tour); Resurrection (Oran Mor); Hard Times, If I Were You, Tom's Midnight Garden (Library Theatre Manchester); Home-Edinburgh (National Theatre of Scotland); Amid the Clouds (Tron Theatre) and The Borrowers (Citizens Theatre).

Television and Film credits include: Casualty, Call the Midwife, Sea of Souls (BBC); Law and Order (Kudos); 20 Anything (Comedy Unit); The Academy (2act) and The Victoria Project.

CREATIVES

Nathaniel Price

Writer

Nathaniel was a talented sportsman and former Bobby Charlton Soccer School winner, who represented Crystal Palace FC at youth level before his career was cut short by a serious injury.

After a degree in Sports Science, and a stint at The FA, Nathaniel decided to pursue a love for storytelling, studying for an MA in Screenwriting at the world renowned National Film & Television School where he was a David Lean Scholar.

Nathaniel's early writing successes include: The Break and Five by Five (BBC); Baller, Walter T Flint (BBC Radio 4).

Television credits include: *Tin* Star (Sky); Noughts & Crosses, The Outlaws (BBC).

He is currently working on a number of original television commissions and adaptations for the screen.

Nathaniel is a graduate of both the BBC Drama Writer's course and the Channel 4 Screenwriting course and was selected for the 2017 BBC New Talent Hotlist.

First Touch is Nathaniel's first full length play.

Jeff James

Director

Jeff James is a theatre director and writer

Director credits include:

Persuasion (Manchester Royal Exchange/Rose Theatre Kingston/Alexandra Palace Theatre/Oxford Playhouse); Noah and the Peacock (Nottingham Playhouse); La Musica (Young Vic); One for the Road, Victoria Station (Young Vic/Print Room) and Stink Foot (The Yard Theatre).

Writing credits include: an adaptation of Jane Austen's Persuasion (with James Yeatman); Noah and the Peacock, a lockdown Zoom play for young people (Nottingham Playhouse) and Stink Foot, a new version of Philoctetes by Sophocles.

Dramaturgy credits include: *Richard II* (Almeida Theatre).

Jeff was associate director on Ivo van Hove's English language productions from 2014-2017, including A View from the Bridge, Hedda Gabler, Lazarus and The Crucible.

Charlotte Espiner

Designer

Charlotte studied Set & Costume Design at the Motley Theatre Design School in 2011. Since then she has worked extensively as a Designer in theatre and film across various disciplines, including new writing, devised work, dance, opera and musicals. Her designs have appeared at many venues in the UK and abroad. Before working in theatre and film, she gained an undergraduate degree in Classics at King's College, Cambridge, and completed an Art Foundation at Bristol School of Art.

Theatre Design credits include: Electric Rosary (Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester): Civilisation (New Diorama/HOMF/ Staatsschauspiel Dresden), Error Error Error (Marlowe Theatre/ Royal Shakespeare Company): Heart of Hammersmith (Lyric Hammersmith); Let Loose (English National Ballet/The Unicorn); Grimm Tales (Online/The Unicorn); The Merchant of Venice, The Winter's Tale (Sainsbury Theatre, LAMDA); The Changeling (GBS Theatre/RADA): Civilisation (Underbelly, Edinburgh); The Highs and Lows of Owning Your Own Home (ACUD, Berlin); Pufferfish (The Cage, VAULT Festival); Lands (Bush Studio); Parents' Evening (Jermyn Street Theatre); A Play About My Dad (Jermyn Street Theatre); Acis and Galatea (St John Smith's Square); Kingdom Come (Royal Shakespeare Company); Summerfolk (Vanbrugh Theatre, RADA); Home Chat (Finborough Theatre); Adler&Gibb (Summerhall, Edinburgh/The Unicorn/The Lowry/Kirk Douglas Theatre, LA); It is Easy to be Dead (Olivier Award nomination - Finborough Theatre/Trafalgar Studios); All or Nothing, The Musical (West End/UK National Tour/Waterloo Vaults); The Revenger's Tragedy (Oval House Theatre); Mouthful (Trafalgar Studios); The Devil

to Pay on Brook Street (Handel House Museum); The Dispute (Summerhall, Edinburgh/Odeon Cinemas); The Tempest (Oval House Theatre); This Child (Bridewell Theatre); Richard II (St James' Church, Paddington); Hamlet (The Rose Theatre, Southwark) and The Provoked Wife (Greenwich Playhouse).

Film credits include: Stand Still (Island Pictures); The Rain Collector (Wigwam Films); Lizard Girl (BAFTA award winner - BBC); Double Take (BAFTA/Channel 4); Paper Mountains (Ruby Productions) and Mirror (Ruby Productions).

Hansjörg Schmidt Lighting Designer

Hansjörg is a lighting designer, working regularly with a group of UK based artists and theatre companies. He is also Programme Director of the MA Light in Performance at Rose Bruford College in London, and his research interests lie in the area of lighting for inter-disciplinary environments in live performance across both arts and science, and lighting as dramaturgy.

Selected Lighting Design credits include: We Are Not Finished (fevered sleep); This Is My Room, On The High Road, The Red Chair, Under Glass, Red Ladies (clod ensemble); Dido and Aeneas (Stormen, Norway); Dr Faustus, Workshop Negative (tangle); Men and Girls Dance (fevered sleep); The Glass Menagerie (Nuffield); Dusk, Above Me The Wide Blue Sky, On Ageing (fevered sleep/Young

Vic); Stink Foot (The Yard Theatre); Krapp's Last Tape (Sheffield Theatres); Zero, An Anatomy in Four Quarters (clod ensemble/ Sadlers Wells); Silver Swan (clod ensemble/Tate Modern); Kursk (Sound & Fury/Young Vic) and The Forest (fevered sleep). Also, with David Harradine: Stilled and Camera Obscura.

Other projects include: Kew Kitchens, an architectural installation at Kew Palace, The Beautiful Octopus Club, for Heart 'n Soul and the South Bank Centre and shows for Jessica Ogden and Mika Fukkai at London Fashion Week.

Kieran Lucas

Sound Designer

Kieran is a sound designer and theatre-maker.

Selected Sound and Composition credits include: SHTF

(Schauspielhaus Vienna): The Winston Machine (New Diorama); Black Love, Hungry, May Queen, Really Big & Really Loud (Paines Plough Roundabout); Deciphering (co-design with Peter Malkin, New Diorama); The Future Project (Off West-End Award Nomination for Best Sound Design - Streatham Space Project); Me For The World (Young Vic); The Rage of Narcissus (Pleasance Islington); Antigone (New Diorama); GASTRONOMIC (Shoreditch Town Hall/Norwich Theatre Royal); Found Sound (Coventry Cathedral); Companion: Moon, How We Save The World (Natural History Museum); TBCTV (Somerset House); Square Go (Paines Plough

Roundabout/59E59); The Drill (Battersea Arts Centre); A Girl In School Uniform [Walks Into A Bar] (New Diorama); My Name Is Rachel Corrie (Off West-End Award Nomination for Best Sound Design - Young Vic); The Shadow of The Future (Imperial War Museum); Big Guns (The Yard) and Under The Skin (St. Paul's Cathedral).

As Associate Sound credits include: Persuasion (Rose Theatre/Alexandra Palace/Oxford Playhouse). Kieran is a founding member of Barrel Organ, associate artist at Coney and founding member of Streatham Space Project.

Kane Husbands

Movement Director

Kane is the founder and artistic director of The PappyShow and a lecturer at Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London. His work is all about community and bringing people together to move, share practice and play. He is a facilitator, director, performer and maker specialising in movement, dance, ensemble and physical theatre. His work and research look into diversity, inclusion and difference and finding spaces where many identities thrive. An associate of the National Youth Theatre. Squint Theatre and The North Wall (Oxford). He choreographed the Welcoming Ceremonies of the London Olympics, Paralympics, and the Glasgow Commonwealth Team. His work is site-specific, on stages, screen and in the digital space.

He has worked across theatre spaces from National Theatre. Chichester Festival Theatre, Nottingham Playhouse, Sheffield Theatres, Old Vic, Midlands Arts Centre, the SCOOP Outdoor Theatre, Rose Bruford College, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of West London, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, National Youth Theatre, King Abdulaziz Centre for World Culture (Saudi Arabia), National Theatre of Scotland, Kiln Theatre and Fran Wen, among other companies and venues.

For The PappyShow Kane has directed: BOYS; Boy, Fly; Girls; Care; Shine Black; Our House and What Do You See? and continues to lead and curate The PappyShow's works and training in collaboration with the full core team.

Amanda Whittington

Script Consultant

Amanda Whittington is one of the most-performed playwrights in the UK. She's written over 30 stage plays including: Be My Baby, The Thrill of Love, Ladies Day, Atalanta Forever, Amateur Girl, Kiss Me Quickstep, Mighty Atoms, My Judy Garland Life, Satin n Steel, Bollywood Jane and more. She has credits for BBC Radio 4, with seven series of D for Dexter among them. Recent work includes the book of Fisherman's Friends: The Musical, which opened at Hall for Cornwall in October last year and tours from September 2022.

Polly Jerrold

Casting Director

Polly previously worked as the Casting Associate at the Royal Exchange Theatre for five years.

Theatre credits include: Antigone. Peter Pan, A Tale of Two Cities, Oliver Twist, To Kill A Mockingbird tour, Running Wild (Regent's Park Open Air Theatre): Chasina Hares, The Secretaries (Young Vic); Life of Pi (Sheffield Theatres/West End); Waldo's (Extraordinary Bodies/ Bristol Old Vic); Pretty Shitty Love, Milky Peaks, Celebrated Virgins, Curtain Up, For the grace of you go I (Theatr Clwyd); Shandyland (Northern Stage): One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Tribes (Sheffield Theatres); Our Lady of Kibeho, Soul, Merlin, Peter And The Starcatcher (Royal & Derngate); Two Trains Running (English Touring Theatre/Royal & Derngate); Approaching Empty (Kiln/Tamasha/ Live Theatre); The Lovely Bones (Royal & Derngate/Birmingham Rep/Northern Stage); All's Well that Ends Well (Shakespeare's Globe); The Caretaker (Bristol Old Vic); The Government Inspector, Tommy, Our Country's Good (Ramps on the Moon); The Island Nation (Arcola); Brideshead Revisited, A View from the Bridge, Sherlock (York Theatre Royal); Anita & Me, Peter Pan, Of Mice and Men, A Christmas Carol, 101 Dalmatians, What Shadows, Folk, Winnie And Wilbur, Back Down, Feed the Beast, I Knew You (Birmingham Rep); The Kitchen Sink, Educating Rita (Hull Truck Theatre) and Sweet Charity, Wit, The Ghost Train, Little Shop of Horrors (Royal Exchange Theatre).

Salvatore Sorce

Voice and Dialect Coach

Theatre credits include:

Persuasion (Rose Theatre/ Alexandra Palace); Best of Enemies (Young Vic); Vanya and Sasha and Masha and Spike (Charing Cross Theatre); Straight White Men (Southwark Playhouse); Romeo and Juliet, Eyam (Shakespeare's Globe); Goodnight Mr Tom (Duke of Yorks) and Shackleton and the Stowaway (Cervantes and Park Theatre).

Television credits include:

Desperate Measures; Devil's Advocate; When Barbara Met Alan; Grinch: The Musical; Pandora and Don't Forget the Driver.

Film credits include: A Bit of Light.

Nikki Disney

Dramatherapist

Nikki Disney is a state registered Dramatherapist, Clinical Supervisor (MA. HCPC, Badth), theatre director and yoga teacher who has worked with vulnerable groups and individuals using art for over 20 years. She has implemented and delivered safeguarding and wellbeing procedures within arts organisations, lead on access and wellbeing for The Party Somewhere Else festival and offers training to artists on the nervous system, boundaries, trauma informed approaches and wellbeing within the rehersal room. Clinically she has specialised in Child Sexual Exploitation and worked with Safe and Sound, The National Working Group, The Children's Society and CAMHS. She has supported on projects at The Royal Court, Bristol Old Vic, The Bush and Regents Park Open Air Theatre and supported BBC productions; Jamie Johnson and Floodlights.

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