



GARY CLARKE COMPANY DETENTION



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 5 MEMBERS OF THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY TO RETELL THE STORY OF SECTION 28

- Are you part of the LGBT+ community?
- Are you aged 40+?
- Do you remember Section 28?
- Would you like to join the cast of a new theatrical production?

If you answered yes to the above, we would like to hear from you!

GARY CLARKE COMPANY is offering a unique opportunity for 5 members of the LGBT+ community to make their own contribution to **DETENTION** for its World Premiere and national tour in Spring 2025.

DETENTION is the eagerly anticipated new touring show from choreographer **GARY CLARKE**, and the sequel to the multi-award winning **COAL** and critically acclaimed **WASTELAND**, exploring the controversial 1988 UK Local Government Act known as Section 28 and the devastating impact it had on LGBT+ communities nationwide.

We are looking for 5 members of the LGBT+ community aged 40+ (**local to each tour venue**) to take to the stage alongside our cast of exceptional performers in this bold and moving portrayal of the remarkable resilience of the individuals and organisations of the time.

The role will involve simple movements and some choreography within certain sections of the show. **GARY CLARKE COMPANY** is committed to providing opportunities to people with limited access to the arts, and therefore **no professional performance or stage experience is essential**.

Each participant will receive a food and local travel allowance to cover rehearsals and performances.

Phil Quinn and Sarah Squires, were two of the community cast for our preview of **DETENTION** at Cast Theatre, Doncaster. They said of their experiences:

"Amazing, incredible, beautiful... the wider team, particularly the dancers, were so reassuring – I felt a real part of it. The experience felt so safe and rewarding... as if I was contributing to a legacy. To anybody with the opportunity of taking part, I would say take a leap of faith and try it. This is a potentially life-changing experience. Just do it!" Phil Quinn

"Having lived through Section 28 as a teacher and being forced to live in shame and fear the very act of being in a live stage performance with an LGBT+ cast was celebratory and activist. It has the power to transform shame into pride and fear into anger. It was a truly cathartic and life changing experience." Sarah Squires

Visit detentiontour.co.uk for interviews with our preview community cast, to watch the **DETENTION** show, to find out more about **GARY CLARKE COMPANY'S** work and much more.

Anybody interested should register to attend a taster. See page 2 for dates local to you.

The taster is a chance to meet **GARY CLARKE** and find out more about **GARY CLARKE COMPANY**, **DETENTION** and the community cast's involvement in the show. An informal gathering with refreshments and an opportunity to connect with others. Ticket deals to see the show will be made available to anyone who attends a taster.

If you'd like to find out more / register for a free taster, please get in touch:
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GARY CLARKE COMPANY welcomes expressions of interest from all genders, ages, abilities, races, cultures, religions and backgrounds.

COMMUNITY CAST COMMITMENTS

NOTTINGHAM – PLAYHOUSE

Shows: Thu 8 & Fri 9 May, 8pm

Taster

Thu 27 Mar 7pm – 9.30pm at *FABRIC* (Nottingham)

Intensive rehearsals

Sun 4 May 12pm – 6pm at *FABRIC* (Nottingham)

Mon 5 May 12pm – 6pm at *FABRIC* (Nottingham)

Shows

Show 1: Thu 8 May 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/
dress run and show at 8pm

Show 2: Fri 9 May 5.30pm – end of show, show at 8pm

SALFORD QUAYS – THE LOWRY

Shows: Wed 14 & Thu 15 May, 8pm

Taster

Wed 2 Apr 7pm – 9.30pm at *The Lowry*

Intensive rehearsals

Sun 11 May 12pm – 6pm at *The Lowry*

Mon 12 May 6pm – 10pm at *The Lowry*

Tue 13 May 6pm – 10pm at *The Lowry*

Shows

Show 1: Wed 14 May 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/
dress run and show at 8pm

Show 2: Thu 15 May 5.30pm – end of show, show at 8pm

HUDDERSFIELD – LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE

Shows: Wed 21 & Thu 22 May, 7.30pm

Taster

Wed 9 Apr 7pm – 9.30pm at *Lawrence Batley Theatre*

Intensive rehearsals

Sun 18 May 12pm – 6pm at *Lawrence Batley Theatre*

Mon 19 May 6pm – 10pm at *Lawrence Batley Theatre*

Tue 20 May 6pm – 10pm at *Lawrence Batley Theatre*

Shows

Show 1: Wed 21 May 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/
dress run and show at 7.30pm

Show 2: Thu 22 May 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

LONDON – THE PLACE

Shows: Tue 3, Wed 4, Thu 5, Fri 6 & Sat 7 June, 7.30pm

Taster

Thu 24 Apr 7pm – 9.30pm at *The Place*

Intensive rehearsals

Sat 31 May 12pm – 6pm at *The Place*

Sun 1 June 12pm – 6pm at *The Place*

Mon 2 June 6pm – 10pm at *The Place*

Shows

Show 1: Tue 3 June 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/
dress run & show at 7.30pm

Show 2: Wed 4 June 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

Show 3: Thu 5 June 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

Show 4: Fri 6 June 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

Show 5: Sat 7 June 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

DETENTION is produced by **GARY CLARKE COMPANY**
and co-commissioned by:

Midlands co-presenter:

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**Nottingham
Playhouse**

CAST

**LAWRENCE BATLEY
THEATRE
HUDDERSFIELD**

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THE PLACE



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