

# East Riding Theatre

As Hull UK City of Culture 2017 sets out in its final season to ‘Tell the World’, ERT begins the autumn with the first of a trio of Hull connected plays.

ERT’s all-female Company in Residence, She Productions, kicks off with a new musical ‘It’s Different for Girls’, the powerful historical role of creative women in the North through the story of 1960’s Hull pop group, ‘Mandy and the Girlfriends’, who were one of the UK’s first girl bands to play their own instruments.

Directed by Becky Hope-Palmer, assistant director of ‘The Hypocrite’ at Hull Truck Theatre and the RSC, the show is packed with the humour and integrity anticipated from She Productions’ innovative work at the theatre.

Rebirthing 1960’s music culture through original songs, this funny and individual drama will ‘tell the world’ about Northern culture through the confidence born of Northern voices.

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The next of ERT’s trio, brings playwright Richard Bean’s work back to the region for the second time this year after the successful run of ‘The Hypocrite’ at Hull Truck Theatre. A huge hit at the Trafalgar Studios, ‘Kiss Me’ is restaged as an ERT production and directed by Matt Aston soon to be a local resident in the North. Set in 1929, ‘Kiss Me’ presents a tender and unusual love story amid the aftermath of World War 1 as two survivors attempt to rebuild their lives.

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The last in this trio of celebratory plays, takes audiences up to Bronte country where The John Godber Company revisit the terrain of ‘Wuthering Heights’ with a young, vibrant cast of recent top Northern drama school graduates. Energetic and wild, this physical production uses the ‘cream of the crop’ to ‘tell the World’ about Northern talent.

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As the trio ends, anticipation mounts at ERT in preparation for its fourth Christmas show. Having built a reputation for the increasing quality of its festive offerings, ERT is pushing the boat out this year with a stage production of truly joyous Christmas fare with its stage adaptation of ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’. Tickets are expected to fly off the shelves for a helping of this warm and familiar Christmas tale.

Tickets on sale online 14/08/17 9:00am