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THURSDAY 17TH JUNE 19.30  
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Set in a small bourgeois town suddenly beset by a mystery plague, with the dead bodies piling up at a frightening pace, how will the inhabitants of the town react to the madness? Ionesco's 'Jeux de Massacre' takes a startlingly funny look at the chaos, paranoia and insanity that the city descends into. Is it a government conspiracy? The result of squalor and unhealthy living? God's revenge? Or something else entirely...?

Eugène Ionesco was one of the foremost figures of French avant-garde theatre in the 20th century, contributing to the beginning of the Theatre of the Absurd.

Written in 1974, *Jeux de Massacre* is one of Ionesco's later plays. Ionesco uses the theme of a mysterious disease that decimates the community as a metaphor for society itself; an absurd game of death, self-deception and folly.

Given the world's current situation with the spread of COVID-19 still prevalent today, we find astonishing parallelisms with the text, and suddenly this work takes on an entire new layer.

**RUNNING TIME:**

2 hours and 30 minutes including a 15 minute interval

**RATING: 12**

Content Warning: Gunshots, Screaming

## DIRECTOR'S BIO



**Montserrat Gili**

Montserrat combined acting and directing from early on in her career. As a freelance director she has worked with East 15, Mountview Drama School, National Youth Theatre of GB and with venues like Contact Theatre in Manchester and Lyric Hammersmith in London. Between 2014 and 2018 she was Creative Director of Hope Street Ltd in Liverpool, where, as well as producing work with emerging artist, she curated two festivals of performances in unusual spaces and directed several shows in venues across the city, including the Unity theatre, the Everyman and Tate Liverpool.

# CREW

DIRECTOR  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
SET DESIGNER  
SET ASSISTANT  
LIGHTING DESIGNER  
SOUND DESIGNER  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR  
STAGE MANAGER  
COSTUME SUPERVISOR  
COSTUME DESIGNER  
COSTUME ASSISTANT  
HEAD OF COURSE  
MOVEMENT TUTOR  
VOICE TUTOR  
POSTER DESIGNER  
COREOGRAPHY (opening)

Montserrat Gili  
Emma Postings + Anais Reymond  
Carlos Morales-Reis  
Jacob Whitehorn  
Steve Owens  
Nat Speight  
Ellie Evans  
Charlotte Windley  
Ali Manners  
Alberta Jones  
Hannah Hornsby  
Simon Hunt  
Steffany George  
Morag Stark  
Caitlin Nicholas  
Lottie Grogan

# CAST

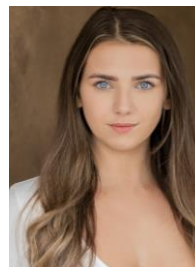
## IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER



**REANNE BLACK**  
Women 3,  
Women in  
Rags, Hazmat,  
A passer-by,  
Daughter,  
Officer, 3rd  
Character, The  
official, 5th  
Women



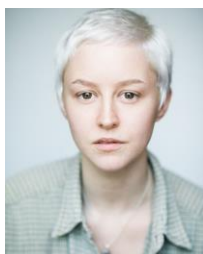
**SEBASTIAN CHAMBERS**  
2nd Man, News  
Reader,  
policeman, coffin  
bearer, 3rd man,  
Canibal,  
2nd man,  
5th man



**ELLIE EVANS**  
Housewife,  
Jeanne, Woman  
3,  
2nd character,  
3rd Doctor, 2nd  
character,  
1st woman



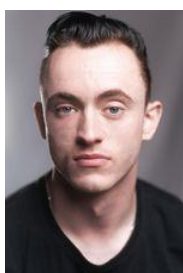
**LOTTIE GROGAN**  
1st Housewife,  
policewoman,  
passer-by,  
mother, 4th  
policewoman,  
Doctor 2,  
4th woman



**HANNAH HORNSBY**  
Housewife,  
Nurse,  
Evil Daughter in  
Law,  
Orator,  
Cannibal,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Woman



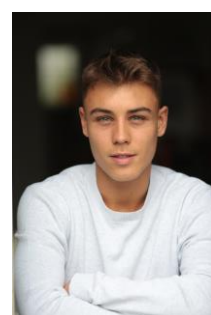
**MOLLY JAMES**  
Woman 4,  
Servant girl 2,  
Pierette, Woman  
1, Doctor 4,  
Official



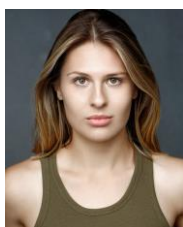
**JACK LAURENT**  
3rd Man ,  
The Master of  
the house, The  
Traveller,  
Policeman ,  
1st Doctor ,  
4th Man



**CAITLIN NICHOLAS**  
7th Housewife,  
News Reader,  
Policeman,  
Lucienne,  
Old woman in  
window, 3rd  
Character, 3rd  
Woman with  
baby,  
Killer, 7th  
Woman



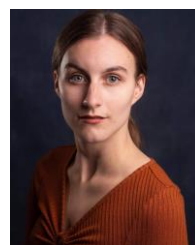
**LEWIS NOBLE**  
7th man, servant  
1, prisoner 1,  
young man,  
character 1, 5th  
doctor, mute 2,  
8th man



**EMMA POSTINGS**  
Housewife,  
Katia,  
Women 2,  
Policewomen,  
Old Women,  
5th Women



**ANAIS REYMOND**  
5th Man,  
Alexander, Maid,  
Orator 2,  
2nd woman, 8th  
woman



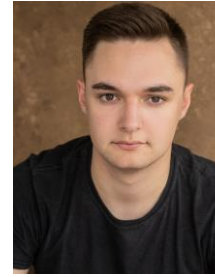
**JODIE STONE**  
2nd Housewife,  
1st Servant girl,  
Jailer,  
Serving girl, 6th  
Doctor, Rissoles  
lady,  
2nd Women,  
Hazmat



**NAT SPEIGHT**  
 2nd Man,  
 Servant,  
 Citizen 1,  
 Jean, 1st  
 Policeman,  
 2nd  
 Policeman, 1st  
 Woman, 2nd  
 Man, 3rd Man



**ANTTI TUOMINEN**  
 6th man,  
 man who gets  
 punched,  
 2nd citizen,  
 old man in the  
 window,  
 1st character, a  
 man who steals  
 a baby, 1<sup>st</sup> mute,  
 Nun



**JACOB WHITEHORN**  
 6th man,  
 hazmat,  
 Emile,  
 prisoner 2, boot  
 seller, hazmat



**MATTHEW WILKS**  
 Man 4, Half  
 dressed man,  
 Coffin bearer,  
 Jaques,  
 Hazmat,  
 Character 2,  
 Old Man, 1st  
 Man

