



EAST 15 ACTING SCHOOL PRESENTS

REVOLUTION

**FROM BA WORLD PERFORMANCE
DIRECTED BY JANET STEEL & ANDREW MCPHERSON**

**9 NOVEMBER – 11 NOVEMBER 2023
CLIFFTOWN THEATRE, SOUTHEND**

Revolution returns with a brand-new double-bill of original works, asking your opinion as we explore the issues facing our society today.

TICKETS AND INFORMATION:

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BA WORLD PERFORMANCE PRESENTS

BENCHED

DIRECTED BY JANET STEEL



On the back of the Lionesses' 2022 European Championship win, a group of girls are inspired to create a football team at their university. Will they overcome society's obstacles and limitations, or will they be benched?

A story of sisterhood, sweat and sport bras.

RUNNING TIME:

Each Act is 45mins. Total run time is 1hr 45mins, including a 15min interval.

Both plays will be staged at each performance and takes place across two spaces. Those seated in the balcony will be relocated to the second space during the interval. To see the full performance of ~~THIS PLAY HAS BEEN REDACTED~~, in both spaces, a ticket to two performances on different dates will be required. There will be no post interval admittance and audience will see both **BENCHED** and ~~THIS PLAY HAS BEEN REDACTED~~ each time they attend.

CONTENT WARNINGS:

Strong Language.

This play is dedicated to Elise's Grandad Ray Garbett,
an avid Manchester City supporter who sparked her love of football and
inspired her to establish The Sirens.

JANET STEEL

Janet has worked in theatre as an actor, director, dramaturg, teacher and writing workshop leader for over forty years. After twelve years as an actress, Janet began directing in 1988 with Loose Change Theatre Company. From 2003-2017 Janet was Artistic Director of Kali Theatre company, an award-winning touring company that has been presenting new writing by South Asian women for over 25 years. Whist with Kali Janet directed over 100 readings of new plays and directed productions of Calcutta Kosher (2004 & 2012), Chaos, Paper Thin, Deadeye, Zameen, Another Paradise, Behna, Ghandi & Coconuts, Purnjanam/Born Again, Mustafa, My Daughter's Trial, The Husbands, My Big Fat Cowpat Wedding, Mustafa, Twelve and The Dishonoured.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On our first day together as a company we discussed life changing journeys we had all been on. This led onto events that made us look at ourselves, our environment and our world differently. Women's football came up early in the discussion, as many in the group were inspired and empowered by the strength of the footballers in the recent World Cup.

The company were also inspired by the close to home story of The Sirens, East 15's first female football team. I was surprised to learn that there's currently no women's football league across the UK Drama Schools, even though a male league has been in existence for 3 years. The Sirens are working hard to organise matches, build a strong team, and encourage new commers, that can carry on the struggle for equality and recognition, when they leave East 15 next summer.

It's our hope that Benched inspires current first and second year women, who enjoy team sports and football, to attend a kick about with The Sirens, and maybe even join the squad, so that the legacy of The Sirens can live on.

CREATIVE & TECHNICAL TEAM

Director	Janet Steel
Musical Directors	Max Yallop Evangeline Barnby Taya Bennet
Set & Costume Design	Ioana Curelea
Sound & Lighting Design	Steve Owens
Assistant Directors	Beatriz Alcaim Ollie Ellard
Production Manager	Steve Owens
Stage Manager & Props	Charlotte Windley
Wardrobe Supervisor	Alison Manners
Wardrobe Assistant	Andrea Wingrove-Dunn Kerry Baker-Davies
Set Construction	Carlos Moral Reis
Marketing & Graphic Design	Yasmin Parekh
Livestream Director	Marius Gherasim Sam Bellamy
Head of Course	Ramiro Silveira
Movement Tutor	Steffany George
Voice Tutor	Morag Stark

CAST

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER



**Adrian
Zadourian**

Elean Soroush



**Antrea
Lazaridou**

Erika Adamidou



Beatriz Alcaim

Alex Lopes



**Charlotte
Parke**

Freya Downs



Élise Black

Sophie Garbett



Esther Carr

Courtney Cotton



**Evangeline
Barnby**

Bella Paige



**Lauren
Russell**

Emma Taylor



**Matthew
Burdis**

Dan Hoffmann



Max Yallop

Chris King



Mukti Murton

Robin Wight



Ollie Ellard

Mark Constable



Ruby Leslie

Lucy Charlton



Taya Bennet

Jodie Finch



**Yasmin
Parekh**

Natasha Soni