

Hello People Who Have Come to See This Show

The Princess and the Pea (in its original version) is a VERY odd story.

A girl turns up on a stormy night claiming to be a princess and the Queen tests whether or not she really IS a princess by seeing if she is delicate enough to feel a pea through ONE HUNDRED mattresses. And when it turns out she is, she's allowed to marry the prince!

WHAT!!!???!!?? - imagine your playwright and director pals here chuckling at the silliness of that.

In fact, imagine your playwright and director pals here chuckling at the silliness of a LOT of fairy tales. There are an awful lot of princesses that seem to get into an awful lot of scrapes (or fall asleep) who need rescuing (or waking up) by handsome princes.

Now, we don't know about you, but we've rarely met a princess (or little girl) who couldn't sort themselves out. And we don't meet a lot of people just hanging about waiting to be rescued.

So, when we were asked by Polka Theatre to make a new play, we decided to tell the REAL story of the Princess and the Pea - a story where the Princess is completely capable of looking after herself - because she's strong and brave and capable and can have her OWN adventures. (Though also quite enjoys having adventures with other people too.)

It's really important to us that EVERYONE has a voice in telling their own story. So that's what we've worked really hard to do with

The PEA and The Princess. We hope you enjoy it. And we hope that you'll go home and write your own story too.

Enjoy the show

Rachel (writer) and Jemma (director)

The PEA-ple







Mohamed Manso Bangura
The Prince



Emily Jane Kerr
The Queen

Director Jemma Last

Writer Rachel Barnett-Jones

Composer & Lyricist Holly Mallett

Set and Costume Designer TK Hay

Lighting Designer Sherry Coenen
Sound Designer Yvonne Gilbert

Puppet Designer & Maker Maia Kirkman-Richards

Animator Conor McMullin

Musical Director & Vocal Coach Lauren Dyer

Voiceover Artist John Last

Stage Manager Alexandra Bradford

Assistant Stage Manager Meg Le Marchant

Production Manager Jordan Harris

Illustrator Nathan Reed

Set Construction Mark Bramfitt/ Basement94

For Polka

Head of Production Adam Crosthwaite

Technical Manager Peter Hatherall

Theatre Technician Fergus O'Loan

Wardrobe Manager Annie James

Senior Producer Kate Bradshaw

Artistic Director Helen Matravers

Assistant Producer Abigayle Bartley

Associate Director Roman Stefanski

Birkbeck Resident Assistant Director Eddie H-M

WCA Production Placement Sasha Morant

Special thanks to Paul Mooney and Poppy Last









Access

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- Captioned: Saturday 8
 Relaxed: Sunday 9 March March 11am
- 15 March 2pm
- 2pm
- Audio described: Saturday BSL Interpreted: Sunday 16 March 2pm

Duration

Approximately 55 minutes

Please note no photography or recording is permitted during the performance.