

By Rory Nolan Directed by Lynne Parker

> Starring **Liam Carney Kwaku Fortune Kyle Hixon** and Clara Simpson

in association with **Rough Magic** 

Smock Alley Theatre 7:30 PM 6th - 21st Dec 2023 З<sub>РМ</sub> Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> + 16<sup>th</sup> Dec €26 / €23

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### **Team**

Written by Rory Nolan
Directed by Lynne Parker
Set Design by Alan Farquharson
Costume Design by LaurA Fajardo Castro
Lighting Design by Sarah Jane Shiels
Composition & Sound Design by Denis Clohessy



**Liam Carney** as Pato



**Kwaku Fortune** as Garry



**Kyle Hixon** as Cliff



**Clara Simpson** as Patty

Producer Sara Cregan
Line Producer Cally Shine, Once Off Productions
Production Manager Eamonn Fox
Stage Manager Sophie Flynn
Assistant Stage Manager Niamh Williamson
Set Construction Ste Bourke, Re-Staged
Set Carpenters Frank Commins, Fish Allen
Set Crew Hugh Roberts, Luke Powell
Scenic Artist Sandra Butler
Assistant Scenic Artists Sara Cregan, Cally Shine

Lighting Crew Eoin Lennon, Jess Fitzsimmons Kane, Grainne Earley

LX Operator Jenna Crossan

Chief LX **Alan Mooney** 

Hair & Make Up **Tee Elliott** 

Movement Consultant Philip Connaughton

Production Assistant Ilinca Luca

Transport Trevor Price, Act Now

Marketing Lisa Nally, Once Off Productions

Publicist Jenny Sharif

Promo & Production Photography Ros Kavanagh

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### **Acknowledgments**

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### Author's Note

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## **About Once Off Productions**



Once Off Productions is the trading name of independent producer Maura O'Keeffe established in 2004 to provide a structured, supportive and creative producing platform for independent performing artists making ambitious, innovative and collaborative work. Working nationally and internationally at all scales, OOP is committed to bringing performance to audiences in traditional and non-traditional locations.

Once Off is currently funded by the Arts Council under a new 'Creative Production Supports' pilot initiative. This scheme has facilitated a partnership with producer Sara Cregan, Marketing Consultant Annette Nugent and Production Managers Rob Furey and Peter Jordan as well as associate producers Cally Shine and Sadhbh Barrett Coakley and has enabled Once Off Productions to reach a wider cohort of independent artists and to provide consolidated and resourced creative production supports to the independent performing arts sector.

Once Off Productions supports and collaborates with artists and organisations across theatre, dance, opera and music including: Michael Gallen/Straymaker, Janet Moran, Dylan Coburn Gray, Laura Murphy, Eoghan Carrick, Colin Dunne, Rory Nolan, Kwaku Fortune, Christian O'Reilly, Medb Lambert & Donal Gallagher/Asylum Productions, Peter Power, Manchán Magan, Company Philip Connaughton, Tom Lane, Gill Buckle, Conor Hanratty, Tom Creed, Mel Mercier and others.

### 2023 projects include:

ARÁN AGUS IM created and performed by Manchán Magan (US and Canada Tour); THE NEXT FOUR YEARS (National Tour); GUIDING BELLS with Mel Mercier and the Irish Gamelan Orchestra (The Everyman); DWELLING by Peter Power and Leon Butler (BETA Festival); THE UNITED STATES VS ULYSSES by Colin Murphy (Pavilion Theatre and Town Hall Theatre Galway); THE WEIGHT by Luca Trufarelli (The Complex); YOU BELONG TO ME by Rory Nolan (Smock Alley Theatre); THE LOCAL by Asylum Productions (Kilkenny Arts Festival); FRUIT by LemonSoap Productions; THE HARE by Bob Kelly and Clare Monnely (CAIRDE FESTIVAL); TROJANS by Company Philip Connaughton (Cork Midsummer Festival) Master Class by Terrence McNally (Smock Alley Theatre); and DAUGHTER OF GOD by Roderick Ford (Granary Theatre)

Director Maura O'Keeffe
Senior Producer Orla Flanagan
Company Manager Catherine Finn
Associate Producer Cally Shine
Associate Producer Sadhbh Barrett Coakley
Assistant Producer Morgan Steele
Assistant Producer Michael Anthony Greene
Marketing Assistant Lisa Nally
Trainee Producer Meg Ahearne

Producing Consultant Sara Cregan

Marketing Consultant Annette Nugent

PR Consultant Jenny Sharif

# **About Smock Alley**



Smock Alley Theatre lies in an unassuming part of Dublin city. Nestled on the banks of the River Liffey it was originally built in 1662, The Theatre Royal at Smock Alley gave the world the plays of George Farquhar (The Recruiting Officer), Oliver Goldsmith (She Stoops to Conquer) and Richard Brinsley Sheridan (The Rivals). 300 people attended the theatre each night, seven days a week to be enthralled, entertained and enlightened by actors, acrobats, dancers, musicians and trapeze artists. Hundreds of candles blazed in brass chandeliers as Peg Woffington, Charles Macklin, Rachel Baptiste and even the greatest actor of his generation, David Garrick, tread the boards of one of the finest theatres in the Kingdom.

Sadly through old age, rival theatres and a number of new found structural problems, the once great theatre fell into disrepair and disfavour in the city. The great doors closed in 1787 and the building found a new lease of life as a Catholic Church from 1811 - 1989 a fate which preserved the structure and maintained its connection with the local community.

Now, 350 years after it was first built, the theatre has been carefully and lovingly restored to become Dublin's Oldest Newest Theatre. It is once again a bustling hub of theatre, song, dance, art and creativity.

Within the walls of the new Smock Alley you will find two theatres, a unique Banquet Hall, space for creativity, and programmes for artist development. The theatre is now a vital resource within the ecology of Irish theatre, supporting artists, companies and festivals. Through our Scene & Heard festival of new work and supportive development programmes we are often the first professional engagement for young theatre artists. We are creating a self-sustaining loop where work on the stage inspires development, rehearsal, creativity, connections, and support that foster the talent and skills that will once again feed back onto the stage.

'I just adore it as a theatre, the tickets are always affordable and just the experience of being in that building is magical even before the show begins'

Director Patrick Sutton
Director of Programming & Finance Lucy Ryan
General Manager Paul Clune
Technical Manager Dave Halpin
Box Office & Marketing Manager Osgar Dukes
Event Manager Sarah O'Neill
Front of House Manager Ashlynn O'Neill
Box Office Emily Fox, Ashleigh Dorrell, Ois O'Donoghue
FOH Staff Rob Downes, Josh Dorrell, Emma O'Neill, James Hudson,

Carla Caffrey, Sodiq Ajibola Abiola, Lewis Harris

Ella Mooney, Roisin Toal, Anna McLoughlin, Joe Jennings, Niall Hassett, Anna Buchmueller, Michael Lucey, Diego Nava Salazar,

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Fiona Ni Mhaile

Mark Lambert

Smock Alley Theatre wish to acknowledge the support of A&L Goodbody throughout the year.

# **About Rough Magic**



Rough Magic is a national, independent theatre company, delivering a comprehensive programme of new Irish writing, reimagined classics, and contemporary international plays, to audiences across Ireland and beyond. Our work is expansive, playful and whatever its form, focused on the moment. Rough Magic provides an unexpected angle to the mainstream and an anchor to the emerging generation.

Over four decades, Rough Magic has established itself as a creative entity and a valued institution; operating as an ensemble across the spectrum of scale and style, offering fresh perspectives and engaging audiences with the qualities that define us - wit, subversion, intellectual rigour, and free artistic expression. Since its foundation in 1984, Rough Magic has produced 139 shows, including 43 World premieres and 26 Irish premieres.

The company is an industry pioneer in artist development, notably through our SEEDS programme for emerging artists, through which many leading theatre makers were introduced to the industry. We believe in showcasing and platforming theatre practitioners at all stages, supporting them to take artistic risks.

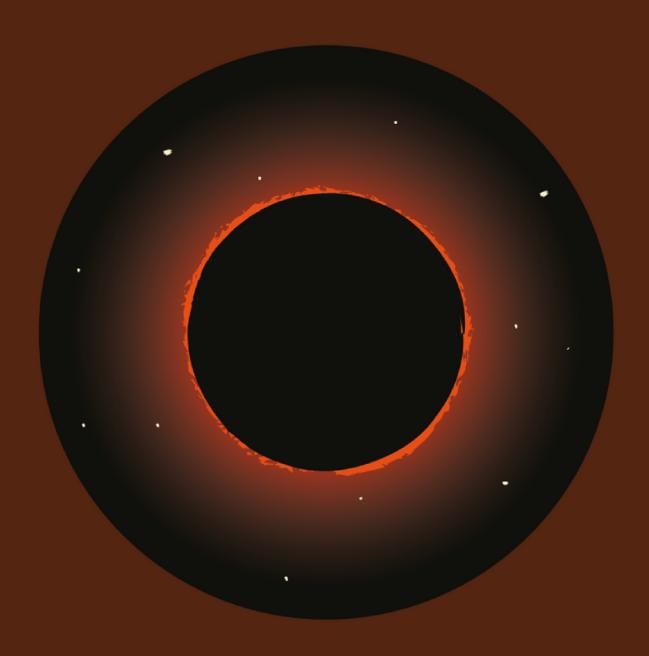
In 2021 the company launched COMPASS, folding play development and support for theatre artists into the company's core programme. Under COMPASS we have established partnerships with leading theatres in Limerick, Waterford and Cork to produce a series of major new commissions as we approach our 40th Anniversary. The Loved Ones by Erica Murray was the first of these commissions to come to the stage, in a co-production with The Gate Theatre, Dublin, supported by our partners at LimeTree I Belltable, Limerick as part of Dublin Theatre Festival 2023.

Awards include: a record number of four Irish Times Theatre Awards for Best Production (Copenhagen, Improbable Frequency, The Taming of the Shrew, Don Carlos); London Time Out Award; two Edinburgh Fringe First Awards and the Irish Times Theatre Award for Best Ensemble for A Midsummer Night's Dream. Most recently Rough Magic's production of Solar Bones won Best Actor for Stanley Townsend and Best Director for Lynne Parker at the Irish Times Theatre Awards.

Rough Magic is proudly supported by the Arts Council.

Rough Magic
Artistic Director Lynne Parker
General Manager Gemma Reeves
Producer Sara Cregan
Associate Director Ronan Phelan
Literary Manager Karin McCully
Bookkeeper Seerish Sanassy

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A Rough Magic and Abbey Theatre co-production

# Children of the Sun

Written by **Hilary Fannin after Gorky**Directed by **Lynne Parker** 

13 April - 11 May 2024