

Defibrillator & M. Green Productions present

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CAST IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Deena	TOSIN ALABI
Daniel	RAPHEL FAMOTIBE
Leon	BAYO GBADAMOSI
Patricia	SUZETTE LLEWELLYN
Meera	NEMIDE MAY

CREATIVE TEAM

Playwright	DEXTER FLANDERS
Director	JAMES HILLIER
Associate Director	DYLAN VERLEY
Associate Director Set Designer	ERIN GUAN
Lighting & Video Designer	
Sound Designer	JOSH ANIO GRIGG
Costume Designer	RENZO ALLEN
Casting Director	
Fight DirectorIntimacy Director	ROBBIE TAYLOR HUNT
Movement Director	GERRARD MARTIN
Associate Movement Director	
Production Stage Manager	
Rehearsal Stage Manager	

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer & General Manager	MITCHELL REEVE FOR M. GREEN PRODUCTIONS
Draughtsperson	AMY COOK
Lead Carpenter	JEREMIAH DUDE
	JASON BURNS & JEFFREY D'AMBROSIO
Sound Lead	REBECCA SATZBERG
Deckhand	ADAM KOOB

Run time: 90 minutes with no intermission.



A NOTE FROM THE WRITER

Foxes for me is a black love story. It captures a very specific strand of what black love can look like and the varied complexities that can present themselves when faced with a question we all face in life: Who am I?

I wanted to take a microscope to black masculinity in a way that isn't the most culturally comfortable for some in a city which, in some corners, thinks we've moved on so much from yesteryear. This play is birthed close to home and is a peek into the lives that many black men live daily in and amongst our society but wouldn't dare reveal their truest selves for fear of rejection, ridicule, and shame.

In my research I spoke to many black men in these exact – and somewhat painful – predicaments which culminates in what you are going to witness.

To be clear, the motivation for this piece is hope. A hope that I can contribute towards starting, widening and continuing conversations about what black masculinity is to many, but more importantly that these black men can one day step into their light knowing acceptance and compassion is waiting on the other side.

Dexter Flanders

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I first saw Foxes at a staged reading as part of the RADA Festival in 2018. The energy of the writing leapt off the page and the atmosphere was electric, taking your breath away.

Five years later Dexter's play is at 59E59 Theaters in New York as part of Brits Off Broadway.

The journey here has taken in an Arts Council supported R&D in 2019, cancellation due to the pandemic in 2020 along with a number of re-schedules that fell through, a run at Theatre503 in Autumn 2021, cut short again due to the pandemic, a glorious return for three sold out shows at Theatre Peckham as part of their Young, Gifted and Black Festival along with a streamed live-capture. Foxes returned in the spring of 2022 for a six week run to Seven Dials Playhouse in the heart of the West End, going on to land wins at the Black British Theatre Awards and the Off West End Awards.

The play continues to entertain as well as speak directly to the experiences of many people who have found themselves in similar circumstances. It opens a conversation about the different paths we take to find love, the compromises on that journey, and the lengths we go to in order to reach for our true identities.

We are incredibly proud to be here at 59E59 Theaters and trust you will enjoy the show.

TOSIN ALABI

(Deena



Training: American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Theater credits include **Queens Of Sheba** (Public Theater New York, Soho Theatre & UK Tour), **Foxes** (Seven Dials Playhouse, Theatre Peckham, Theatre 503), **Hear Me Now Presents: Lovesexidentityambition** (Theatre 503). Short films credits include *Stuck* (Create Next: John Boyega & Converse), *Violet* (Haute Hannah), *In Plain Sight* (Timi Oladeji).

RAPHEL FAMOTIBE

(Daniel)



Theater credits include: Richard Eyer's production of *The Snail House* (Hampstead Theatre) and *Wonderboy* (Bristol Old Vic). Television work includes *Sex Education* (Netflix), *Casualty* (BBC Studios Cymru Wales), *Millie Inbetween* (BBC), and *Guerrilla* (ABC Signature Studios). Raphel appeared in the acclaimed BAFTA winning films *Rocks and Damilola*, *Our Loved Boy*, and was lead in the BAFTA nominated and Oscar shortlisted short *Wale*.

BAYO GBADAMOSI

(Leon



Bayo Gbadamosi stars as series lead Kariem in the TV adaptation of War Of The Worlds for Fox/Canal Plus opposite Gabriel Byrne and Daisy Edgar-Jones.
Bayo also stars in The Great for Hulu, which was nominated for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series at the SAG Awards 2022.
Bayo launched his career by starring in the central role in Mad About The Boy at The Bush and Young Vic Theatre directed by Ria Parry. He then went on to star in

numerous hit stage productions in London including *I See You* (Royal Court), *Gloria* (Hampstead Theatre), *Little Revolution* (Almeida), and *Barber Shop Chronicles* (National Theatre). Other screen work includes *Doctor Who* (BBC) and *This Time With Alan Partridge* (BBC).

SUZETTE LLEWELLYN

(Patricia)



Theater work includes *The Fellowship* (Hampstead Theatre), *Electric Rosary* (Manchester Royal Exchange), *Running With Lions* (Talawa), *Cat On a Hot Tin Roof* (English Touring Company/Curve Theatre/Liverpool Playhouse), *BiBi Crew Get Raunchy* (Albany, Deptford), *Chigger Foot Boys* (Tara Arts), *Mr Tiddle Tum Tums & Other Stories* (National Theatre), *The Multiple Myrtle Mysteries* (Milo Wladek Company – Dulwich), *Hell Screen* (Firehouse Creative Productions),

Half Tone (Narrator, Site Specific), Urban Afro Saxons (Talawa Theatre Company), Belle of Belfast City (Lyric), Marisol (Traverse Theatre), Whale (National Theatre), Trinidad Sisters (Tricycle), Garden Girls (Bush); A Midsummer Night's Dream, Love's Labour's Lost, Children of a Lesser God, The Comedy of Errors, and Golden Girls (all Wosley, Ipswich); and Twelfth Night (Northumberland Touring Company). Suzette toured the UK and New York, USA with her company The BiBi Crew. Film work includes The Mouse (short film), Real, Faces, Molly Moon, Bucky (short film), Manderlay, Baby Mother, Welcome to Terrordome, Best Wishes (short film), Playing Away, and Sammie and Rosie Get Laid. Television work includes Our House, Hold The Sunset, Doctors, Eastenders, Holby City, Top Boy, The Dumping Ground, The Windsors, Holby City, Fearless, Hollyoaks, The Coroner, Catastrophe, Scott & Bailey, Thirteen, Crims, Rocket's Island (seasons 2 & 3), Coronation Street, The Call Out, Lewis, West 10LND, The Bill, Casualty, Magic Grandad, Oscar Charlie, Brookside, Hope and Glory (season 3), Surgical Spirit, Sister Patching (series regular), Runaway Bay, Running Late, Desmond's, The New Statesman, Menace Unseen, Floodtide, Rockliffe's Babies, Black Silk, and Stars of the Roller State Disco.

NEMIDE MAY

(Meera



Nemide trained with Identity School of Acting and RADA's Youth Company. Stage credits include Foxes (Seven Dials Playhouse), Interruptions (Jackson's Lane), and Albatross (The Playground Theatre). Screen includes the role of Vanessa in hit comedy web-series Brothers With No Game, Doctors (BBC), and Silent Witness (S13 BBC). Nemide also played lead Jess in Siofra Campbell's short film Refuge. Nemide is director and facilitator of Maktub Arts, providing weekly masterclasses

with industry professionals for People of Colour and those from lower income backgrounds.

DEXTER FLANDERS

(Playwright

In 2018, Foxes was a finalist for the Alfred Fagon Award for Best New Play of the Year. It received its world premiere at London's Theatre503 in 2021, transferred to Seven Dials Playhouse in 2022 in London's West End, and is published by Methuen. In 2019, Dexter was chosen to participate in the Royal Court Theatre's Introduction to Playwriting Group. In 2021, Dexter was announced as one of five recipients of a new Screenwriting Bursary from Neal Street Productions. In 2022, Dexter was chosen to participate in Hampstead Theatre's Inspire group and will write a full length play for them. Dexter is currently writing a feature film for Joi Productions and Netflix. He is also developing a TV series with Happy Prince.

JAMES HILLIER

(Director

James trained at RADA and is artistic director of Defibrillator which he established in 2011.

Credits include Foxes (Theatre 503, Theatre Peckham, Seven Dials Playhouse), Sunnymead Court (Tristan Bates, Arcola, Theatr Clwyd, The Dukes Lancaster, Theatre Royal Bath), Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell (The Coach and Horses), Not Talking (Arcola Theatre; Nominated for Best Director OFFIE Awards 2018), A Lie of the Mind (Southwark Playhouse), Speech&Debate (Trafalgar Studios), Insignificance (Langham, New York), The Armour (Winner Best Guest Experience Le Miami Rebel Awards), The Hotel Plays (Langham, London), Hard Feelings (Finborough Theatre), The Hotel Plays (Grange, London). Other directing work includes The Life (Central School of Speech & Drama), How to Make a Good First Impression - Part 1 (short film; Winner Mofilm Shorts Award Tribeca).

DYLAN VERLEY

(Associate Director)

Dylan is a producer, director, writer, and experimental creative. Producer credits: NO I.D (Royal Court Theatre & The Vaults), Along the Coast (Piece of Cake Productions), Sundown Kiki (assistant producer, Young Vic Theatre). Director credits: Foxes (associate director, Brits Off Broadway, 59E59 Theaters), Foxes (assistant director, Seven Dials Playhouse). Writer credits: Islands (Talawa Young People Theatre, TYPT), Road Safety (Barnet Council), Ice Blunts (Young Vic Theatre, Writer in Residence). Acting credits: The Route (The Bush Theatre), Order Up (Royal Central School of Speech and Drama). Production credits: The Cher Show (ROYO, UK Tour), Johannes Radebe: Freedom (ROYO, UK Tour), Johannes Radebe Freedom: Unleashed (ROYO, UK Tour).

ERIN GUAN

(Set Designer)

Erin Guan is a London-based scenographer and interactive installation artist from China. She has a strong interest in interdisciplinary theater and performance making and she works across installations, plays, musicals, dance, digital theater, and devised theater. Her work spans across intercultural performances and minority voices, and her digital artwork specializes in augmented reality and virtual reality experiences. Erin's VR installation Chamber404 is exhibited in Ars Electronica 2020 x Interactive Architecture Lab, Camden People's Theatre, Vault Festival 2022, VA Lab Taipei, Peckham Digital 2023. Erin's recent theater projects include The Apology (Arcola Theatre), A Gig for Ghost (Soho Theatre Upstairs), Pressure Drop (Immediate Theatre Educational Tour), immersive technology promenade performance Unchain Me (Brighton Festival), Prayer for the Hungry Ghost (Barbican Open Lab), Symbiont (The Vault), Foxes (Theatre 503), Tokyo Rose (UK Tour), immersive game theater Talk, and The House Never Wins (Kill The Cat Theatre); Freedom Hi, Asian Pirate Musical (PaperGang Theatre); and web design for audio tour The Letters Project (Gate Theatre). Her recent TV work include East Mode S2 with Nigel Ng (Comedy Central x Channel 5).

WILL MONKS

(Lighting & Video Designer)

Will is a Leicester-based artist; he trained at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. Recent theater work includes *The MP, Aunty Mandy & Me, Far Gone* (National Tours); *Petula* (National Theatre Wales), *Foxes* (Theatre 503, Seven Dials Playhouse; nominated for Best Lighting Designer and finalist for Best Video Designer, Offie Awards), *Open Mic* (English Touring Theatre/Soho Theatre), *I Stand For What I Stand On* (National Tour), *The Great Big Story Mix Up* (Digital), *Sunnymead Court* (The Actors Centre and Digital, nominated for 4 Offie Awards); *I, Cinna (The Poet)* (Unicorn Theatre; Winner of Theatre for Young People 12+ OnComm Award); *Ali & Dahlia* (Pleasance London; nominated for Best Video Designer, Offie Award), *Trojan Horse* (UK tour, Edinburgh; winner of Fringe First and Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Awards); *The Snow Queen, Pinocchio* (Old Rep Theatre); *The Dark Room* (Theatre503; nominated for Best Lighting Designer, Offie Award), *Who Cares* (winner of Sit-Up Award), *We Live By The Sea* (nominated for Best Ensemble and Best Production, Offie Awards), *This Is Where We Live* (international tours), *The Benidorm Elvis Fiesta* (Benidorm Palace), *Chilcot* (The Lowry, Battersea Arts Centre).

JOSH ANIO GRIGG

(Sound Designer)

Josh mainly works in the medium of sound, but also includes other new media practices as well as arts facilitation ideas into his projects. In 2008 he completed a Drama, Theatre and Performance degree at Roehampton University of Surrey. He has designed and performed sound in many spaces in London including the National Theatre, Jermyn Street Theatre, and Yard Theatre as well as creating and performing sound in festivals across Europe under a variety of names.

NADINE RENNIE CDG

(Casting Director)

Nadine was in-house casting director at Soho Theatre for over fifteen years, working on new plays by writers including Dennis Kelly, Bryony Lavery, Arinzé Kene, Roy Williams, Philip Ridley, Laura Wade, Hassan Abdulrazzak, Pheobe Waller-Bridge, and Oladipo Agboluaje. Since going freelance in January 2019, Nadine has worked for theaters across London and the UK including Arcola Theatre, Orange Tree Theatre, Sheffield Crucible, Leeds Playhouse, Paines Plough, Fuel Theatre, National Theatre of Wales, Northern Stage, Pleasance Theatre London, Almeida, Lyric, Hampstead, and Minack theaters. Nadine also continues to cast on a regular basis for Soho Theatre. Recent and upcoming work includes He Said She Said (Synergy Theatre Project & Kiln Theatre), Es & Flo (WMC & Kiln Theatre), Leaves of Glass (Park Theatre, Lidless Theatre), Agatha (Theatre 503), Further Than The Furthest Thing (Minack Theatre, Cornwall). TV work includes BAFTA-winning CBBC series Dixi, casting the first three seasons. Nadine is a member of the Casting Directors Guild and currently sits on the Committee.

ESME COOPER

(Fight Director)

Esme Cooper is a critically acclaimed fight coordinator, training with East 15 Acting and Stage Combat. Since then she has worked on the following theater shows: Crooks 1926 (Colab Theatre), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Iris Theatre), Money Heist the Immersive Experience (Bearded Kitten and Netflix), and For King and Country 1944 (Parabolic Theatre). Esme has also worked on the feature film The Manor (Ridder productions) and short film Cyanide: Trial 22 (John Ferrer).

ROBBIE TAYLOR HUNT

(Intimacy Director)

Robbie is an intimacy director & coordinator, and theater director. He trained with Intimacy for Stage and Screen and is now their training coordinator. His theatrical intimacy credits include: *Everything After* (& Theatre, Auckland), *Celestial Nobodies* (BATS, Wellington), *HOLE* (co-ID, Circa Theatre, Wellington), *Guys and Dolls* (Gyphon Theatre, Wellington), and *Rotterdam* (LAMDA). For screen, he has intimacy coordinated on projects for Netflix, Channel4, ITV, and Apple TV, as well as on feature films and short films. He also runs intro workshops on intimacy at drama schools (LAMDA, RADA, Mountview), universities (Victoria University Wellington, Carnegie Mellon University, Cambridge University), and for theater companies. He's passionate about representations of queer intimacy and supporting LGBTQIA+ artists when working on intimate content.

GERRARD MARTIN

(Movement Director)

Gerrard is a performer, choreographer, movement director, dance educator, yoga teacher and consultant. He created his company Gerrard Martin Dance (GMD) in 2011. Movement direction credits include Black Superhero (Royal Court), GHB Boy (Charing Cross Theatre), BEAM (Britten Arts), CAKE (Theatre Peckham), 60 Miles by Road or Rail (Royal & Derngate), Foxes (Theatre 503), The Frontline (CSSD), Shepard's Chameleon (Utopia Theatre), and Lady Macwata (Ghost light Theatre). As choreographer: Tate Modern, the Place, Curve Theatre, National Portrait Gallery, South Bank, British Museum, National Portrait Gallery, and The West Bengal Federation of Dance, India. As assistant choreographer: Porgy and Bess (English National Opera), One Love Musical (Birmingham Rep), & the 40th UAE Royal Anniversary Performance, Abu Dhabi (Generating Company).

ANTHEA LEWIS (Associate Movement Director)

Anthea is a producer, director, and movement artist, working as the Blulilli Projects. She recently

directed *Perhaps We Need Become Indecent*, a site-specific performance at Shoreditch Town Hall with students from the Central School of Speech and Drama. Anthea also produced and directed the short film *Through and Beyond* with filmmaker Jaha Browne. Anthea has been working as a movement consultant and director with the Young Vic, Theatre Royal Stratford East, The Place, Central School of Speech and Drama, LAMDA and East 15 Acting School. As a producer she has worked with filmmaker Baff Akoto on *UP:RISE*, Adidas x ASOS collab, and Dance Umbrella Festival.

RENZO ALLEN (Costume Designer)

Renzo is a multi-disciplinary designer from the Caribbean raised in North London. She studied Art

and Design at college and went on to study BA Theatre Design at the University of the Arts London (UAL). Renzo has been involved in a range of collaborative projects including work with students from London Contemporary Dance School, The Place Theatre, Prague Quadrennial, London fashion week 22 & 23 with The Brixton Project. Throughout her time at university, Renzo also worked on a number of student-facing events and projects which enhanced her natural leadership, creativity, and organizational skills, and strengthened her experience of the world of work and business. Renzo's roles have included set designer, creative director, digital editor, digital producer, host, UAL ambassador and mentor, events coordinator, and project manager.

JULIANNE MENASSIAN (Production Stage Manager) (she/her)

Select credits: Off Broadway: The Best We Could, Midnight at the Never Get, Unexpected Joy.

Tours: Pretty Woman the Musical, Once On This Island, Love Never Dies, Finding Neverland.
Regional: Bhangin' It, Freaky Friday (La Jolla Playhouse); Darling Grenadine (Goodspeed Musicals); Freaky Friday, Blackbeard, Girlstar (Signature Theatre); Freaky Friday (Alley Theatre, Cleveland Play House), Bad Jews (Studio Theatre). TV: Halston, Saturday in the Park.

PREECE KILLICK

(Rehearsal Stage Manager) Hailing from the Shropshire/Welsh borders, Preece trained as an actor at the Bristol Old Vic

School of Speech and Drama.

Theatre School. After 15 years of treading the boards, Preece moved into directing and stage management. Beginning work in the world of opera on productions such as *The Barber of Seville*, *La Traviata*, *The Magic Flute*, *Rigoletto*, *Carmen*, and *Madame Butterfly*, Preece returned to the theater he worked in as an actor, working on two number one tours, touring America (notching up 47 states!), and several Pantomimes and Christmas shows. In 2016 Preece directed the UK premiere of a new musical, written and devised in the Philippines, about Marco Polo. Preece joined *The Simon and Garfunkel Story* in April 2017, *The Great Gatsby Immersive* in 2019, and completed *Whodunnit 2*, *Tony! The Rock Opera*, and *Winner's Curse* at the Park Theatre, London,

during 2022 and 2023. He has also worked at Italia Conti, Mountview Academy, and Central

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Defibrillator makes provocative, thrilling, and acclaimed theatre in the UK and USA.

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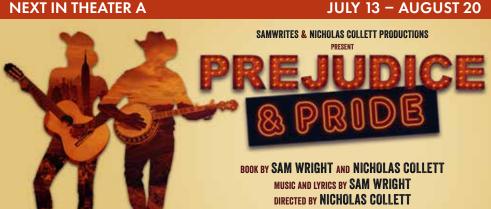
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