

BEAR HUG

"Blazingly funny, intensely disturbing
...a grotesquely farcical spectacle you won't forget"
THE TIMES

WHO ARE WE?

Classworks Theatre is a professional touring company producing work with a focus on new writing. Together our youth theatres and touring company have commissioned and produced theatre for 25 years providing outstanding opportunities in theatre for and with young people, and reaching new audiences.

BEAR HUG is a unique one-day 'stage direction' master-class for drama students aged 14+ available from September 2008. The play, which is a surreal dark comedy, explores the themes of generational alienation, mental health, and family relationships. The day workshop enables students to direct *Bear Hug* and the performance itself as a catalyst for discussion on the subject of the play.

Bear Hug was first produced by **The Royal Court** as part of a season of new plays by young playwrights developed by the Royal Court Young Writers Programme.

The Master-class will take the form of an intensive day in your school/college working with experienced professional artists providing the students with the opportunity to be "directors for the day." The workshop will culminate in a professional performance at your school/college and each performance will be presented in association with an after-show discussion to allow the play's themes to be explored.

WE PROVIDE:

Personnel

A fully experienced professional team of a theatre director, two actors and stage manager. Director's notebook.

Performance

Copy of the script, prior visit to discuss requirements, and a complete package of set, sound, costumes and props. Also performance opportunities for your students with the professional company.

Marketing

Marketing pack, 50 high quality posters with space for you to overprint, 250 leaflets, and programmes formatted ready for your school or college 4 weeks before the performance.

WE NEED:

Access to your studio theatre space all day and evening.

Performance space min 6m x 8m

Your students

Min 6, max 25 (for larger numbers please call to discuss)

Optional Marketing seminar available 4 weeks prior to the workshop to be charged separately.

This project is ideal for any students covering a directing module as part of their course.

if you would like to talk further about bear hug and enquire about costs, availability and booking, please contact the office

Elaine Bates, Administrator on
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Or Julia Smith on 078467 47158 up to 9.00 pm
(or email as above).



An opportunity to preview a short extract of the performance and to meet the artistic team will be available in July in the Midlands and the Eastern region. Please call or email to add your name to the invitation list or to express your interest.