Casting announced for THE GRIFT a new immersive experience at the historic Bethnal Green Town Hall Hotel from the creator of *Accomplice* and *Goosebumps Alive*



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THE GRIFT

AT THE TOWN HALL HOTEL A PRACTICE IN THE ART OF DECEPTION

conceived, written and directed by Tom Salamon

Casting is announced for the UK première of **The Grift,** an immersive, site-specific experience - part theatre and part game - being staged in the historic Town Hall Hotel in London's Bethnal Green.

Dropping its audience of just 50 a show into the middle of an adventure in which they are trained in the art of the con, participants will meet characters, solve clues and get a masterclass in the ways of the grifter, all in the interest pulling off one final swindle to take down a seamy criminal mastermind. They will have their intelligence tested and get trained in scams like The Pig In The Poke, The Round-The Corner, and The Money Swap...but in the end will they be sharp enough to take down an evil genius at his own game? An experience unlike anything ever performed on a stage, **The Grift** will sweep its audience into a thrilling adventure, turning everyday theatergoers into master con men. And when the show ends? They'll be released back into the world with a whole new skill set—one that can pay off for years to come.

The cast are: **Dylan Allcock** (*The Only Jew in England*, Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch), **Ged Forrest** (*Evanesce* and *Project Mayhem*, Secret Theatre), **Rachel Harper** (*The Edinburgh Test*, Missmanaged Theatre), **Laura Kirman** (Mischief Theatre's *The Play That Goes Wrong, Peter Pan Goes Wrong* and *Mischief Movie Night*, all West End), **Alastair Kirton** (Mischief Theatre's *The Play That Goes Wrong*, West End and tour, *Accomplice*, Menier Chocolate Factory, *Goosebumps Alive*, The Vaults, *The Changing Room*, Royal Court), **Daniel Millar** (Mischief Theatre's *The Play That Goes Wrong*, West End, *Goosebumps Alive*, The Vaults, Punchdrunk's *The Drowned Man* and *Against Captain's Orders*, *King Lear* and *Edward II*, National Theatre), **Kevin Moore** (*Take 2* and *Crocodiles In Cream*, both Jermyn Street Theatre, *The Resistible Rise Of Arturo Ui*, Bridewell Theatre), **Mark Oosterveen** (*Breaking the Code*, Royal Exchange Theatre, *Love's Comedy*, Orange Tree Theatre).

The Grift, conceived, written and directed by Tom Salamon - making his return to the UK after immersive successes Accomplice at the Menier Chocolate Factory and Goosebumps Alive in The Vaults at Waterloo - is produced by award-winning Danielle Tarento (*Titanic, Ragtime, Le Grand Mort, Dogfight*). It starts previewing on Tuesday 23 January, 2018 and will run to Sunday 25 March, 2018.

There are 7 press performances: Friday 26 January at 8pm, Saturday 27 January at 2pm, 5pm & 8pm, Sunday 28 January at 2pm & 5pm, Tuesday 30 January at 8pm - all reviews are strictly embargoed to 10pm on Tuesday 30 January.

The Grift premièred in the US in 2105 to rave reviews and sold-out performances in San Deigo, California, produced by La Jolla Playhouse.

LISTINGS INFO

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Town Hall Hotel Patriot Square Bethnal Green London E2 9NF

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Prices: All ticket prices includes a free cocktail during the show

Ticket only:

Previews (23 - 25 January) £32 Tuesday - Thursday at 8pm, Saturday & Sunday at 2pm £42 Friday at 8pm, Saturday art 5pm & 8pm, Sunday at 5pm £48

Regular Meal Deals:

(includes a two-course set menu meal in the Corner Restaurant) Previews (23 - 25 January) £54 Tuesday - Thursday at 8pm, Saturday & Sunday at 2pm £64 Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 8pm, £70

Premium Meal Deals

(includes a glass of champagne on arrival, a two-course set menu meal in the Corner Restaurant and a programme signed by the cast) Previews (23 - 25 January) £69 Tuesday - Thursday at 8pm, Saturday & Sunday at 2pm £79 Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 8pm, £85

Box office:

Today Tix: direct booking URL https://www.todaytix.com/shows/london/7647-the-grift All tickets must be purchased in advance. No door sales. Online booking will close 2 hours before each performance. Meal deal must be purchased a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

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