National Theatre

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PRODUCTION IMAGES RELEASED FOR *THE EFFECT* AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE JAMIE LLOYD COMPANY



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The National Theatre today releases production photographs for *The Effect* by **Lucy Prebble** (*Succession*), in association with The Jamie Lloyd Company, as **Jamie Lloyd** (*Cyrano de Bergerac*) returns to the National Theatre to direct this funny and intimate examination of love and ethics.

Hearts and minds racing, Connie and Tristan are falling for each other fast. But is their sudden and intoxicating chemistry real, or a side effect of a new antidepressant? As two young volunteers in a clinical drug trial, their illicit romance poses startling dilemmas for the supervising doctors.

Paapa Essiedu (*I May Destroy You*, *The Lazarus Project*) is cast as Tristan and **Taylor Russell** (*Bones and All, Waves*) as Connie, with **Michele Austin** (*Cyrano de Bergerac*) as Dr Lorna James and **Kobna Holdbrook-Smith** (*Tina Turner: The Musical*) as Dr Toby Sealey. **Shereener Browne**, **Valentine Hanson**, **Mara Huf** and **Joseph Langdon** complete the company.

With direction by **Jamie Lloyd**, set and costume design by **Soutra Gilmour**, lighting design by **Jon Clark**, composition by **Michael 'Mikey J' Asante**, sound design by **George Dennis**, movement direction by **Sarah Golding** and **Yukiko Masui** (SAY), fight direction by **Kate Waters**, intimacy co-ordination by **Ingrid Mackinnon** and casting by **Alastair Coomer** CDG and **Chloe Blake**.

The Effect plays in the Lyttelton theatre until 7 October, with press night on 9 August.

Tickets are available from £20 and are on sale now via the National Theatre website. For further information, including details about assisted performance, please visit nationaltheatre.org.uk.

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Notes to Editor

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Images available here.

Assisted performances of *The Effect*:

Captioned: Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm, Saturday 7 October at 2.15pm

BSL Interpreted: Saturday 16 September at 2.15pm

Audio described: Thursday 24 August at 7.30pm, Saturday 23 September at 2.15pm

Chilled performance: Wednesday 4 October at 7.30pm

Audio described performances are preceded by a Touch Tour, 90 minutes before the performance start time.

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