

**New Views Festival 2023-24**  
**Rehearsed readings of shortlisted plays**  
Synopses, content and welfare support

Thursday 4 July, 11am-12.45pm

***Broken Frames, Paradise Isiodu***

Chioma and her fiancée host a dinner to celebrate her success as a newly awarded, BAFTA winning filmmaker. As the family comes together, old tensions begin to surface.

*Content: Some strong language, references to alcoholism and alcohol abuse*

*Themes: LGBTQIA+ relationships, alcoholism, family dynamics*

***Sweetness, Mirabel Yeboah***

A love story set in Hackney, touching on the importance of community and kindness, with explorations of West African mythology.

*Themes: Friendship, West African mythology, family, community*

Thursday 4 July, 5-6.30pm

***Tonight's Interview with Claire Harvey, Emma Levin***

Claire Harvey, a child of Youtube family vloggers, is now a breakout pop star! Meet Claire on tonight's episode of *The David Madison Show* for an interview like no other.

*Themes: Child-stardom, ethics of content creation, online safety, media*

*Content: Strong language, reference to stalking*

***Invitation to Pantalone's, Adeniola Adesanya***

There's been a murder! Set in the house of Lord Pantalone, a detective works hard to expose the killer before they escape. Written in the style of Commedia dell'arte, join us on a journey to uncover the murderer.

*Themes: Murder mystery, comedy, meta-theatre*

*Content: Dark comedy*

Friday 5 July, 10.30am - 12.50pm

***The Journey, Phoebe Land***

The play follows the journey of a refugee from Syria called Layla, who is fleeing both the war, and persecution for her Christian faith.

*Themes: PTSD, war, terrorism, religion, friendship and family grief*

*Content: Depictions of violence, demonstration of PTSD, bereavement*

***The Kids Are Smoking, Again, Clay Colman***

Two generations feel worlds apart but at the roots, they're both the same. Each has so much to say but is anyone really listening?

*Themes: Mental health, parent-child relationships, managing stress, impact of social media*

*Content: Use of cigarettes, infrequent use of strong language*

***Here to Help, Isobel Guyer***

Kal, like many of us, struggles to fit in. In an attempt to change her luck, she turns to AI technology for help but quickly realises everything comes at a cost.

*Themes: Impact of artificial intelligence, pressures of social media, loneliness*

*Content: Mild language*

## Welfare support links

[Click here](#) for mental health support for teens, Mind Charity

[Click here](#) for support on alcohol usage, NHS website

[Click here](#) for more information on coping with loneliness, Young Minds

[Click here](#) for information on bereavement, Mind Charity

[Click here](#) to learn more about supporting Refugees, Red Cross

[Click here](#) for support on coping with PTSD, Mind Charity

[Click here](#) to learn more about safety online, Childline

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