

PRESS RELEASE
Friday 5 MAY 2017

THE ROYAL COURT THEATRE ANNOUNCES PERFORMERS FOR *MANWATCHING* BY AN ANONYMOUS WOMAN



Comedians presented in alphabetical order

Will Adamsdale, Rob Beckett, Danny Brown, Adam Buxton, Nick Frost, Phill Jupitus, Miles Jupp, Funmbi Omotayo, John-Luke Roberts, Sunil Patel, Romesh Ranganathan, Arthur Smith, Mark Thomas, Thom Tuck, Phil Wang and Liam Williams will be performing *MANWATCHING*. Written by an anonymous woman and performed by an unprepared man *MANWATCHING* is directed by Royal Court Associate Director Lucy Morrison with Lighting Design by Jamie Spirito. Like each comedian, audiences will also be unprepared, only finding out who is performing on the night itself. *MANWATCHING* runs from 10 – 20 May 2017 in the Jerwood Theatre Upstairs before going on tour to The MAC, Belfast, Latitude Festival and Roundabout @ Summerhall, Edinburgh.

There is no press night for *MANWATCHING*, press are invited in from 11 May 2017.

MANWATCHING is a funny, frank, and occasionally explicit insight into heterosexual female desire, read out by a man. The show begins with a male comedian being given a script they have never seen before. They read the script out loud, sight unseen, in front of an audience. This is a show about what one woman thinks about when she thinks about sex with men.

Commenting on the project the anonymous female writer states;

“I have been thinking about what it means to be objectified, and whether or not that is really tied to desire or power. Although men are objectified by other men, I was at a loss to think of

many examples of men being objectified by women, and the examples I could think of were quite complicated - frequently involving the man's profession rather than appearance (in Sex and the City, for example, men are usually referred to in shorthand by whatever job it is they do rather than how they look or act), or their dominance was the source of objectification. Even though many women desire men, the most basic elements of that desire seemed oddly unexplored.

So I thought, who better to give the words of a woman desiring men to, than the voice of a man, as it's so much more comfortable and familiar for us to hear about desire through the male perspective?"

MANWATCHING will also be performed by Tommy Tiernan at MAC, Belfast on 18 June 7.45pm. Further tour dates to be announced.

For biography information on all of the performers see below.

A limited number of extra tickets have been released for all performances

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/manwatching/>

Ends:-

For more information or images please contact Anoushka Warden on 0207 565 5063 / AnoushkaWarden@royalcourttheatre.com

Notes to Editors:

Press welcome from 11 May onwards.

Biographies:

The **anonymous woman**'s work includes a lot of stuff that can't be disclosed as she chooses to remain anonymous.

Lucy Morrison (Creative Director)

For the Royal Court: **Plaques & Tangles, Live Lunch Series, Who Cares, Pests, Product (& Traverse/European tour).**

Other theatre includes: **Billy the Girl, This Wide Night (Clean Break/Soho); Little on the Inside (Clean Break/Almeida/Latitude); it felt empty when the heart went at first but it is alright now (Clean Break/Arcola); Fatal Light, Doris Day (Soho).**

Lucy is Associate Director at the Royal Court.

Will Adamsdale:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/will-adamsdale/>

Rob Beckett:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/rob-beckett/>

Danny Brown:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/danny-brown/>

Adam Buxton:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/adam-buxton/>

Nick Frost:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/nick-frost/>

Phill Jupitus:

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Miles Jupp:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/miles-jupp/>

Funmbi Omotayo:

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Sunil Patel:

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Thom Tuck:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/thom-tuck/>

Arthur Smith:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/arthur-smith/>

Phil Wang:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/phil-wang/>

Liam Williams:

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/cast/liam-williams/>

Listing Information:

MANWATCHING

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Written by an anonymous woman

Performed by an unprepared man

Directed by Lucy Morrison

Jerwood Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1W 8AS

Wednesday 10 May – Saturday 20 May 2017

Monday – Saturday 8pm & 9.30pm on 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20 May

Age Guidance 15+ Contains strong language

Standard Tickets £20 (Mondays all seats £12 available from 9am online on the day of performance)

Access £15 (plus a companion at the same rate)

*ID required. All discounts subject to availability.

On tour:

The MAC, Belfast: Sunday 18 June 2017 7.45pm

<https://themaclive.com/event/manwatching-with-tommy-tiernan>

Latitude Festival: Friday 14 July 2017 7pm

<http://www.latitudefestival.com/line-up/artist/royal-court-theatre-presents-manwatching>

Roundabout @ Summerhall, Edinburgh Festival Fringe: Friday 4 – Sunday 27 August 2017 7.25pm

<https://festival17.summerhall.co.uk/event/manwatching/>

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