

PRESS RELEASE Thursday 11 August 2022

ROYAL COURT THEATRE ANNOUNCES ANNA HIMALI HOWARD AS DIRECTOR OF GRACELAND BY AVA WONG DAVIES

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023 – SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2023

- Booking for Supporters and Friends opens at 12.30pm today
- General booking opens at 12.30pm on Friday 12 August 2022



Ava Wong Davies by Niall McDiarmid

Anna Himali Howard will direct Ava Wong Davies' new play Graceland, which will run in the Royal Court Theatre Jerwood Theatre Upstairs from Thursday 9 February 2023 to Saturday 11 March 2023, with press night on Wednesday 15 February 2023, 7pm.

"There was a cliff on the horizon. I didn't know, but then again, maybe I did, and I just didn't want to look."

She meets him at an old friend's barbecue, ketchup dribbling down her chin, face ruddy from too much beer. He stands away from everyone else, beautiful and aloof. Their stories couldn't be more different, but they flirt, and then they fall in love.

Everything is perfect, until it isn't. Or maybe it never was.

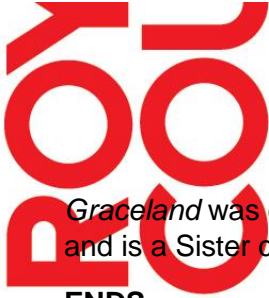
"I didn't —

I don't —

Believe in love at first sight.

But it feels like I am falling.

What else would you call that?"



Graceland was developed as part of an Introduction to Playwriting group at the Royal Court and is a Sister co-production.

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[Graceland - Royal Court \(royalcourttheatre.com\)](http://royalcourttheatre.com)

Notes to Editors:

For more information contact Ella Gold on EllaGold@royalcourttheatre.com

For images [see here](#)

Press Performance:

Wednesday 15 February 2023, 7pm.	<i>Graceland</i> by Ava Wong Davies	Jerwood Theatre Upstairs
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Biographies:

Ava Wong Davies (Writer)

Theatre includes: **Half Blue** (Audible/LAMDA); **Rime of the Second Sister** (45North); **i will still be whole (when you rip me in half)** (Bunker).

Anna Himali Howard (Director)

As director: **Orpheus** (Opera North, upcoming); **Kabul Goes Pop** (Brixton House); **I Stand for What I Stand On** (Strike a Light/GYCA); **Inside** (Orange Tree); **I Wanna Be Yours** (Bush/UK tour); **A Small Place**, **Albatross** (Gate); **BE Next** Young Company (European Theatre Festival/ Birmingham Rep), **Yours Sincerely** (Vaults Festival/Soho Theatre).

As assistant/associate director: **Small Island** (National); **Fleabag** (International tour/Soho Theatre); **Othello** (Sam Wanamaker Playhouse); **Paines Plough's Roundabout Season** (Roundabout).

As theatremaker: **Jane Anger** (Yard Theatre Live Drafts); **mahabharat/a** (Camden People's Theatre); **The Beanfield** (Breach Theatre, Edinburgh Fringe, New Diorama & UK tour).

Listings Information:

Graceland

Written by Ava Wong Davies

Directed by Anna Himali Howard

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

Thursday 09 February 2023 - Saturday 11 March 2023

Monday – Saturday 7.45pm

Thursday & Saturday matinees 3pm from Saturday 18 February 2023

Press Performance Wednesday 15 February 2023 (7pm)

Captioned performance Friday 03, Friday 10 March 2023

Relaxed Environment Saturday 11 March 2023 (3pm)

Standard Tickets £12-£25

