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HiYPE PRODUCTIONS



'THE FORTY ELEPHANTS'

'What happens when you get a bunch of young girls who are fighting to survive in a man's world, struggling with everyday emotions and trying to keep face while on road?'

About HiYPE Productions

HiYPE stands for **Helping Inspire Young People Evolve** and although not every theatre production will contain issues based around young people, the company aims to provide work placements for 16 to 25yrs as part of the production team.

HiYPE Productions launched in February 2012 and is slowly making their mark amongst their peers through the work they do. With plans for a film in 2013 and another completely different stage production set for end of 2013 they are on their way to making a difference to creativity in the industry!

'Janelle, Holly, Mica, Sabrina, Dionne, Amber and Ruby are all a part of a street gang called 'The Forty Elephants'. They fight, smoke, steal & wild out whenever possible. Janelle and Holly are the main ring leaders, friends since primary school, both very self assured young women. But despite the years of their friendship, jealousy often lurks beneath the surface as they fight for more status and power on the road which leads to some very serious consequences. It's not just young men going wild on 'road', the girls are going on like the 'mans dem tryna woman up' to claim status and rep.'

"The content of this piece is very important for many young girls in society to see and no doubt will go a long way in changing lives"

Angie Le Mar

Writer, Director, Actress, Comedian 'The Brothers' 'The Real Mc Coy'

"Forty Elephants is easy to digest but also leaves that little taste of reflection and consideration on the current climate of young people and violence"

Natalie Skeete

The Charter School Behavioural Manager

"Every performance was moving and real and the show was beautifully directed"

Jayne Wisener

Actress 'Sweeney Todd' 'The Inbetweeners'

Watch the trailer here!



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Word from the directors

"'The Forty Elephants' aims to raise awareness about the seriousness behind girl gangs, whilst touching on young ethnic male achievers who are caught up in the media's continual stigma of negative stereotyping. It is a fly on the wall look at a fictional South London girl gang exploring real themes of sexual promiscuity, drugs, rape, alcoholism, violence and bullying that affect young females today. The play acts as a deterrent for young people as they may relate to the characters or situations and is an eye opener for adults who are unaware of the harsh realities of what some young females are dealing with or choosing to be a part of. We feel this issue effects us all as a society as these girls will grow up to become future mothers, teachers and carers."

Platform Theatre in Finsbury Park 4 nights ONLY!!!

December 2012

Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th & Saturday 15th
7:30pm - Tickets £10

Special Discounted Matinee performances with workshops for schools

