



Press Release

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Cabaret on a Sinking Ship *(A workshop production)*

A new provocative and satirical cabaret-style play opens at Brighton's Nightingale Theatre between 26th September and 4th October 2009, during the Labour Party Conference.

In the cast are: Catherine Cusack, Richard Attlee, Amy Noble, Kate Dyson and George Williams. Director is BAFTA award-winning Vincent O'Connell. Musical Director is Edana Minghella.

Seven award-winning and new writers along with composer and jazz singer Edana Minghella have come together for the first time to collaborate on this piece, under the guidance of O'Connell.

"We have devised an innovative way of working with each other as writers, which in turn has created an innovative work" says Vincent O'Connell, Director. "It is both a serious piece of theatre, and a scathingly satirical entertainment".

Cabaret on a Sinking Ship uses a rousing blend of politics, satire, song, sex and laughter to capture the spirit of the 'naughty noughties', much in the same way cabaret artists of the 1930's responded to their broken society. Part cabaret, part musical theatre, part straight theatre, *Cabaret on a Sinking Ship* entertainingly explores the darkness behind the cabaret glitter.

The opening of the play coincides with and celebrates a ten-year partnership between New Writing South and the Nightingale Theatre that has nurtured new dramatists and given birth to dozens of new plays.

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Notes to editors:

- New Writing South is a literary development agency, working with writers to encourage a creative writing economy in the south east. www.newwritingsouth.com
- The Nightingale Theatre, under the patronage of Steven Berkoff, is dedicated to supporting the creation of new theatre and dance and to the ongoing development of artists. www.nightingaletheatre.co.uk
- ***Cabaret on a Sinking Ship*** is Directed by: **Vincent O'Connell**, Produced by: **Chris Taylor**, Musical Director: **Edana Minghella**. Written by: **Kefi Chadwick, Suhayla El-Bushra, Vincent O'Connell, Melissa Perkins, Mike Sells, Chris Taylor and Judy Upton**. On development, it is intended for a national tour followed by a residency in London.

Performance dates:

Saturday 26 September	7pm
Sunday 27 September	7pm
Monday 28 September	7pm
Tuesday 29 September	7pm (Industry Night)
Wednesday 30 September	7pm
Thursday 1 October	7pm
Friday 2 October	7pm
Saturday 3 October	7pm & 10pm
Sunday 4 October	4pm

Tickets: £10. (£8.50 concessions.) Brighton Dome Box Office: 01273 700747 or online: www.newwritingsouth.com

Venue: Nightingale Theatre, 29 Surrey Street, Brighton, BN1 3PA (Opposite Brighton station)