



by Katie
Guicciardi

Pleasance Courtyard (Baby Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Wednesday 31st July – Monday 26th August 2019 (not 13th), 11:30

Inspired by true events, Katie Guicciardi's *Fox* is a sharply observed drama that explores our complex relationship with 'help' - our desire to give it and the need to seek it for ourselves - in an increasingly isolating society. This world premiere is directed by Lisa Cagnacci (Associate Artistic Director of the Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough).

Juxtaposing postpartum depression and the silent issues of motherhood with the plight of the homeless, *Fox* addresses privilege and isolation in a contemporary, urban environment. It looks at the tension between the materially disadvantaged homeless man and the new mother who views him from the loneliness of her flat, questioning how we judge ourselves, others and who we deem worthy of help. Studying the weight of responsibility of another human being in two very different ways, *Fox* is a moving and insightful first play.

Katie Guicciardi comments, I started writing the play whilst on maternity leave with my first child. One day a man arrived and sat on the wall outside my flat on a quiet street in East London. He stayed living on the wall for a month before disappearing and I began to write about the experience and the very strong, conflicting emotions it evoked in me during an already new and heightened period in my life as a new mother for the first time.

Fox explores issues surrounding class and gentrification and the experience of seeing an area change before your eyes. It also brings to light the spectrum of changes, emotions and pressures brought about during a woman's period of 'matrescence' and how, by becoming mothers, women undergo not only complex hormonal and physical changes but also emotional changes in how they perceive the world, the way the world perceives them and their whole identity and lifestyle.

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Fox</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 31 st July – Monday 26 th August (not 13 th), 11:30
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Baby Grand), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.pleasance.co.uk or 0131 556 6550. Previews: £7 Early Week: £9 (£8) Midweek: £10 (£9) Weekend: £11 (£10)
Writer/Performer	Katie Guicciardi
Director	Lisa Cagnacci
Producer	Becky Barber-Sharp and Something for the Weekend
Twitter	@WildShrews, @SFTWshow, #foxtheplay, @ThePleasance
Notes	Ages 14+

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