



Hitler's Tasters

Greenside (Infirmary Street), 6 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT

Friday 2nd – Saturday 24th August 2019 (not 11th or 18th), 18:35

Based on true events, a group of conscripted young women put their lives on the line three times a day, every day, for Adolf Hitler. A dark comedy that explores the way girls navigated sexuality, friendship and patriotism during the Third Reich, it also considers how power can corrupt, leaving children in the firing line.

An anachronistic retelling of a historical footnote, *Hitler's Tasters* is about what girls chat about, even as they wait to see if they will survive another meal. They gossip and dream, they question and dance; they want to love, laugh, and above all, they want to survive. A coming-of-age story about being girls as society begins to consider you women, it is also a story of complacency, acquiescence and the banality of evil and its insipience.

The story begs the question, why did Hitler use young German women? When a dictator runs out of people to hate and starts turning on his own, *Hitler's Tasters* explores the women who were the crowning glory and future of the Reich and how they came to be placed directly between authority and danger.

Director Sarah Norris comments, *Not only does Hitler's Tasters break many "traditional" playwrighting rules, it challenges the audience to fall in love with four young girls enchanted by arguably one of the most despicable leaders in history. Part of the genius of Michelle's play is in the anachronisms, blending elements of today's world in a story set against the backdrop of the 1940s. There is no hiding from the fact that history repeats itself. Our girls are holding phones, taking selfies, dancing to Madonna. We recognise these girls from our own lives - struggling to make sense of the world, and regurgitating ideas without understanding them. In no way is the breaking of rules meant to isolate, but rather, the artistic liberties taken are meant to humanise a time and place that seems so long ago, yet are incredibly urgent and of the moment.*

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Hitler's Tasters</i>
Performance Dates	Friday 2 nd – Saturday 24 th August (not 11 th or 18 th), 18:35
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Greenside (Infirmary Street), 6 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LT
Box Office	Tickets are available from greensidevenue.co.uk or 0131 557 2124. Previews: £8 (£6) Normal: £11 (£8)
Writer	Michelle Kholos Brooks
Director	Sarah Norris
Choreographer	Ashlee Wasmund
Lighting Designer and Production Manager	Christina Tang
Production Stage Manager	Courtney Knysch
Producer	New Light Theater Project
Liesel	Hallie Griffin
Hilda	MaryKatherine Kopp
Anna	Kaitlin Paige Longoria
Margot	Hannah Mae Sturges
Hilda/Margot Understudy	Autumn Craven
Liesel/Anna Understudy	Helen Miller
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