



Young Pleasance celebrate 25th anniversary with *The Trial*

Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ

Friday 5th – Sunday 14th August 2022, 15:00

2022 will see Young Pleasance (finally) celebrate its 25th anniversary! The production will mark this milestone with the ensemble's heady reinvention of Kafka's absurdist masterpiece *The Trial* - a thrilling kaleidoscope of action, where nothing is quite as it seems.

You're suddenly under arrest - no warning; no explanation. Welcome to Josef K's 21st birthday party; privacy has been abolished and Big Brother is always watching. This new production explores the desire to forge your own identity, to find somewhere to belong and to make sense of a nightmare we now all share. It is a story where pursuit, fear and surveillance haunt our dreams.

The Trial will be presented in Young Pleasance's trademark large ensemble and physical visual style. The directors and ensemble will delve into Kafka's dystopian vision of the human condition, providing their version of this classic text. Young Pleasance will explore the existential crisis of the individual battling with, and trying to escape, societal constructs.

Young Pleasance is dedicated to offering dynamic, excellent and professional theatre opportunities for young people. Since its inception in 1995 Young Pleasance has involved over 750 young people in its incredible and inspiring theatrical productions. Young Pleasance is part of Pleasance Futures, The Pleasance Theatre Trust's initiative providing a launch pad for the very best emerging talent and the brightest new ideas. With soaring ambition and a wellspring of

youthful energy, Young Pleasance is truly incubating the stars of the future, with alumni going on to work with the RSC, the Barbican, Trafalgar Studios and the Globe as well as in TV and film!

Notes to Editors

Title	<i>The Trial</i>
Performance Dates	Friday 5 th – Sunday 14 th August 2022, 15:00
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Pleasance Courtyard (Beyond), 60 Pleasance, Edinburgh, EH8 9TJ
Writers	Joanna Billington, Tim Norton
Directors	Joanna Billington, Tim Norton and Kathryn Norton-Smith
Producer	Ellie Simpson
Costume	Simone Jones and Clare Whitfield
Choreographer	Catherine Ibbotson
Company Manager	Lydia McKinley
Box Office	Tickets are available from www.pleasance.co.uk . Midweek: £12 (£11) Weekend: £13 (£12)
Age Guidance	Ages 8+
Social media	@YoungPleasance

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