

A Royal Exchange Theatre
Young Company Production



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*SELLOUTS

A ROYAL EXCHANGE THEATRE YOUNG COMPANY PRODUCTION

This March, the Royal Exchange Theatre's Young Company presents **SELLOUTS**, created in response to our winter production of **SPEND SPEND SPEND**. This premiere of five new short plays - written, designed, directed and performed by the Young Company - takes you on a funny, bleak, and epic journey of what it means to live in the 21st century.

Is it legal to keep chickens in a flat? A cicada, a CEO and a woman named Carol walk into a bar... Who's laughing now? We saved 300ml of water by not producing this copy through AI. You are welcome, and we are obviously the best. Sifting through shopping lists, the junkyard, morals and extreme wealth, a series of characters, some desperate, some lucky, try to reach the top.

All performances will be captioned.



GIGADA



* CAST & CREATIVES



Living in a junkyard is a community of cicadas. These insects spend around 17 years hibernating underground before emerging to live above ground for only 4 to 6 weeks - CICADA explores how they navigate through life and the piles of rubbish that consume their existence.

WRITTEN BY
Poppy Brook
Sarah Murphy
Lizzy Rackstraw

DIRECTED BY
Jada Adewale
Ophelia Budsworth



Stig
Arty Patel (He/Him)



Scrap
Maya Minocha (She/Her)



Tinfoil
Sophia Brearley (She/Her)



Oswin
Frank Berry (He/Him)



Hunter
Verity Woodward (She/Her)



Pip
Eve Njoroge (She/Her)



Kirby & Sky God
Tom Denison (He/Him)

CICADA

TEAM BUILDING



TEAM BUILDING



Couple 1

Ava Kershaw (She/Her)



Couple 2

Mia Scott (She/Her)

WRITTEN BY

Rebecca Ashton

John Featherstone

Devon Finley-Reynolds

DIRECTED BY

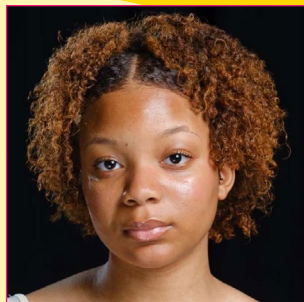
Ella Laughton

A group of office workers participate in a team-building session, where they find out who deserves the bonus prize.



Senior Best Friend 4

Max Delaney-Willis (He/Him)



Best Friend 3

Hope Onyedum (She/Her)



Apprentice

Georgia Dawn-Stryder
(They/She/He)



Facilitator

Nathaniel Lord-Vayro
(He/Him)



Facilitator Understudy

Rosa Weygang (She/Her)



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FROZEN ASSETS



WRITTEN BY
Mawda Amer
Oscar Bottley
Jack So

DIRECTED BY
Liz Bisuga

An overworked anti-hero
challenges corporate
indifference by attempting
a desperate act of rebellion
against a system that
devalues human lives.

FOR THE STARS



Louise
Iris Jones (She/Her)



Higgenbottom 2
Joseph Vause (He/Him)



Jess & Multi-role
Rachel Uyigue (She/Her)



Higgenbottom 1
Zayn Rose (He/Him)



Ash & Multi-role
Zinnia Cham (She/Her)



Sam
Toby Jess (He/Him)



Marie
Rachel Chadwick (She/Her)



Multi-role
Laila Khan (She/Her)

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SCRATCH THAT



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We follow a group of college kids who create a generative AI company with the winnings of a single lottery ticket. In their adulthood, they realise the devastating impact their company causes has on the environment.

WRITTEN BY
Essence Aikman
Saul Shlosberg
Evan Elsby

DIRECTED BY
Lyla Higgs
Hope Collins

SCRATCH THAT



Sam
Maissa Mulki (She/Her)



Aubrey & Reporter
Mimi Fraser (She/Her)



Jordan
Rasheed Saad (He/Him)



Nick
Savia Campion (She/Her)



Amos & Newsreader
Oliver Stagles (He/Him)



Alex
Rosa Weygang (She/Her)



THANK

YOU

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Carol is dead. The jury that has gathered to decide her eternal fate has only one piece of evidence to do it with: her final receipt.

WRITTEN BY

Seona McKenzie
Daisy Miles
Thembelihle Ngwenya
Rhys Ellis Wilde

DIRECTED BY

Quinn Curtis
Chiara Venetucci



Six

Amber Lawton-McNamara
(She/Her)



Seven

Crow Bateman (He/Him)



Four

David Iginla (He/Him)



Two

Emily Ash (She/Her)



Three

Fletcher Davies Rushton
(He/Him)



Nine

Ethan Nevitt (He/They)



Five

Georgia Dawn Stryder
(They/She/He)



One

Harriet Eaton (She/Her)



Eight

Sam Jamil (He/Him)

*CAST &
CREATIVES

* REHEARSAL

overworked
anti-hero..



carol
is
dead...

bonus prize...



generative
ai company...

living
in a
junkyard...



PHOTOS

Photography by Chris Payne



team
building



cicadas



★ REHEARSAL PHOTOS

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frozen
assets



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scratch
that



*THE CREATIVES

SET, COSTUME, LIGHTING & SOUND DESIGNED BY

Jay Hackett

Evan Jackson

Amy Kennerley

Eden Londesbrough

Olivia Taylor

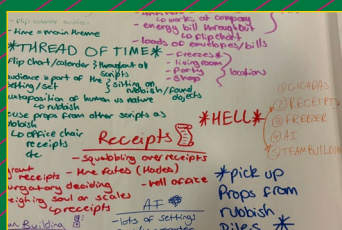
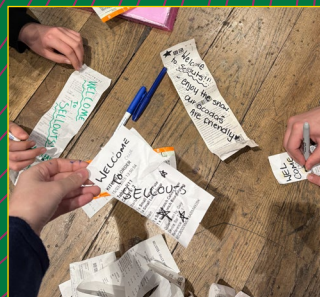
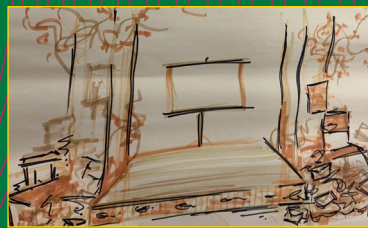
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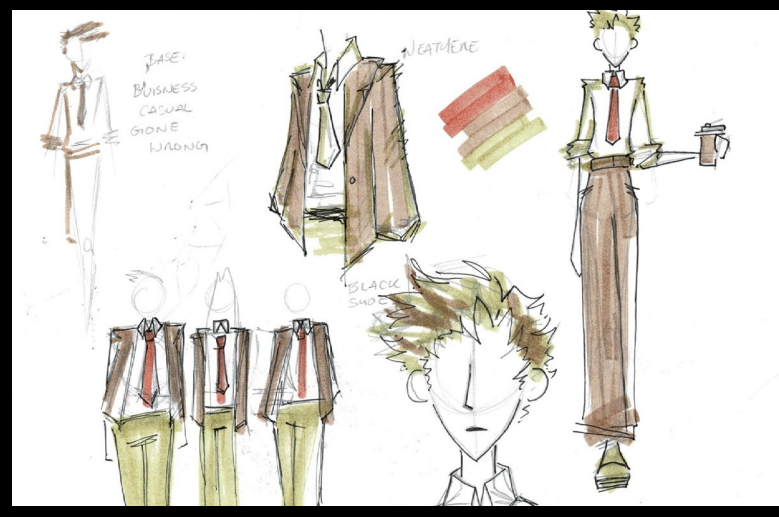
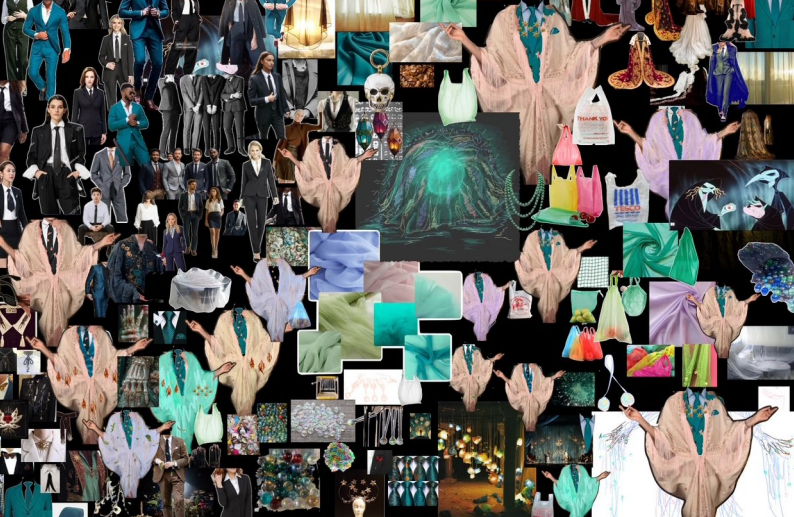
PROGRAMME & IMAGE DESIGN BY

Lyla Higgs, Quinn Curtis & Rowdah Charbak

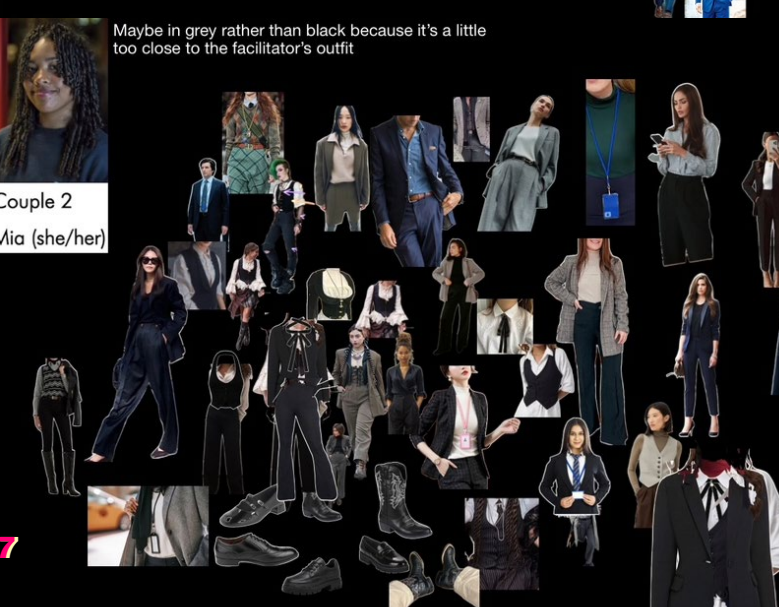
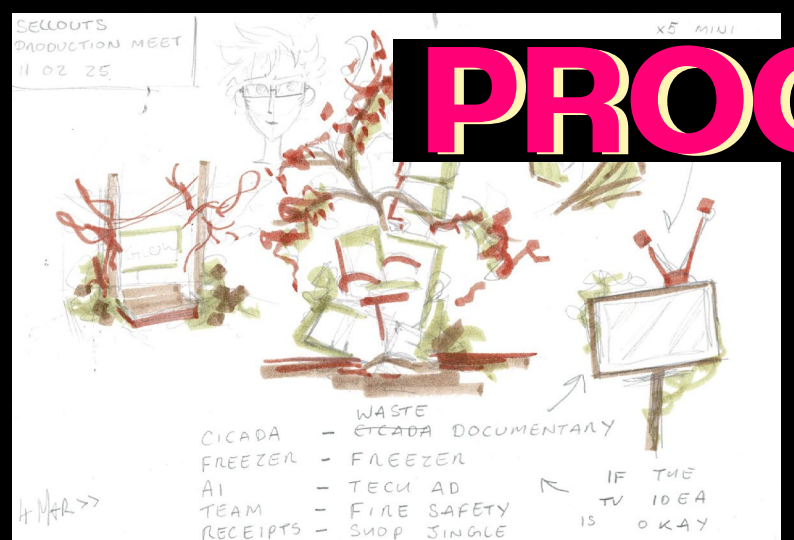
THEME COMPOSITION BY

Maissa Mulki





DESIGN



*YOUNG COMPANY TEAM

Young Company Performers Lead
Tian Glasgow

Young Company Writers Lead
Billie Collins

Young Company Makers Leads
Sara Abanur & Tori Burgess

Young Company Performers Assistants
J'melia Brathwaite & Adil Shahzad

Young Company Makers Assistant & Design Lead
Rowdah Charbak

Young Company Writers Assistant
Linnae Abraham

Children & Young People Producer
Scarlett Spiro-Beazley

Young People Coordinator
Oceana Julie Cage Nzene

Access Workers
Vicky Binns & Kate Oakes

Stage Manager
Catherine Farish

Production Manager
Sean Pritchard

Sound Technician
Max Schule

Lighting Technician
Matt Webster

Head of Costume
Tracy Dunk

Rehearsal & Production Photography
Chris Payne

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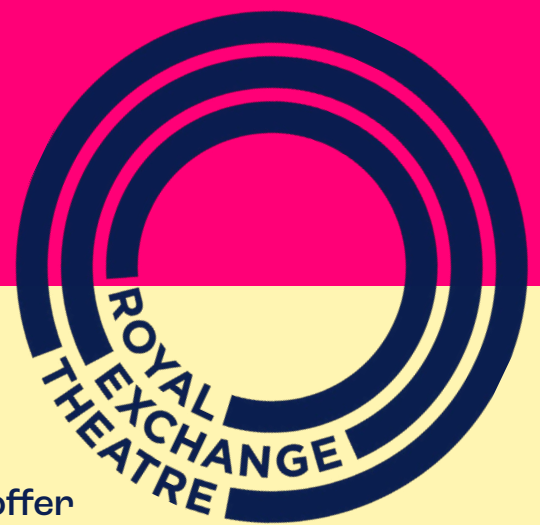
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