

# World premiere of a monstrous new comedy based on the classic ape story from Daniel Clarkson, Olivier Award nominated co-creator of the global smash hit, Potted Potter

Ever since Fay Wray first charmed the great gorilla in the original 1933 film, King Kong has been a byword for epic cinema, challenging successive filmmakers to outdo the last with bigger and better special effects to impress and terrify audiences in equal measure.

Now a new comic theatrical staging of the story takes a very different approach, as you'd expect from writer Daniel Clarkson (co-creator of worldwide hit *Potted Potter*) and director Owen Lewis, who between them have three Olivier Award nominations.

With just 5 actors and no high-tech wizardry, Kong will come to new life for theatre audiences in the atmospheric surroundings of The Vaults tunnels underneath London's Waterloo Station.

Follow our intrepid cast as they journey to uncharted waters in search of the Eighth Wonder of the World – a gorilla so enormous he instils fear in all who set eyes on him. As hunter becomes the hunted, our story takes us to the iconic skyline of New York City and one burning question must be answered: just how many bananas should we order in?

**King Kong** will terrorise The Vaults this summer from Thursday 22 June – Sunday 27 August.

Press are invited to attend any show from Friday 30 June with reviews embargoed to 10pm on Tuesday 4 July - Independence Day!

Cast to be announced.

Writer Daniel Clarkson said: "As a self-confessed cinephile I'm a huge fan of the original 1933 classic *King Kong*, and have wanted for some time to reimagine it in all its glory as a spoof comedy for the stage. This has proved to be a fantastic challenge, perhaps even trickier than when I crammed all 7 Harry Potter books into 70 minutes for *Potted Potter*! That show has travelled the world including West End and New York runs, and I hope that we can have a similarly exciting future for this production after its humble beginnings this summer at The Vaults. We recently workshopped the script with the incredibly talented director Owen Lewis, and our brilliant cast - based on what we saw there, I think that audiences are in for something really special when we unleash this beast in June!"

Creative team:  
Director Owen Lewis  
Set Designer Simon Scullion  
Costume and Prop Designer Sophia Simensky  
Lighting Designer Tim Mascal  
Sound Designer Sam Clarkson



Press praise for *Potted Potter*  
co-created by Daniel Clarkson

**"Casts the perfect spell  
over the audience"**  
New York Times

**"A fabulously funny parody.  
Will tickle the funny bone  
of every age group"**  
Daily Telegraph

**"Gloriously irreverent.  
A very lovable romp"**  
Time Out

# KING KONG

A comedy by Daniel Clarkson

22 June – 27 August

## THE VAULTS THEATRE

Launcelot Street

London

SE1 7AD

Schedule until 23 July:

Tuesday to Saturday, 7.30pm

Saturday matinees at 4.00pm

Sundays at 3.00pm & 6.30pm

First matinee 1 July 4.00pm

Schedule from 25 July:

Tuesday to Saturday, 7.30pm

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday,  
4.00pm

Tickets prices via show website

**[www.KingKongComedy.com](http://www.KingKongComedy.com)**

Phone bookings via See Tickets

0871 220 0260 (calls cost 13p per  
minute plus your operator's access  
charge).

General Admission:

£25 (previews £15)

Front Rows Cabaret Tables: £35

(previews £25) Ticket prices include a  
programme worth £5

Running time: 80 minutes (approx)

Social:

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By Underground / Train / Foot

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