

World Premiere of a new play about lost love and last chances from the creator and writer of award-winning dramas *Bad Girls*, *Footballers' Wives* and *Waterloo Road*

Big Broad Productions Limited presents

The Speed Twins

by MAUREEN CHADWICK

Director SIMON EVANS

Designer ANDREW D EDWARDS

Lighting Designer JOHANNA TOWN

Sound Designer ED LEWIS

Cast:

AMANDA BOXER

POLLY HEMINGWAY

MIA MACKIE



Simon Evans directs the world premiere of this exciting new play by Maureen Chadwick, creator and writer of award-winning dramas *Bad Girls*, *Footballers' Wives* and *Waterloo Road*.

The Speed Twins, which runs for five weeks at Riverside Studios 3 from Thursday 29 August - Saturday 28 September, is an exhilarating, intriguing and moving story about a long lost love between two women.

Press night is Tuesday 3 September at 7.45pm.

Three old women meet as strangers in a spectral version of the Gateways, the lesbian nightclub featured in the film *The Killing of Sister George*: Queenie is in complete denial of her sexuality, Ollie thinks she's died and gone to Dyke Heaven, and Shirley looks as if she hasn't aged a day since she lost the love of her life back in 1962. As the drink flows, uncomfortable truths are revealed as Queenie struggles to justify her life's choices. Torn between temptation and fear, will she have the courage to re-write history and finally be true to her heart?

The Speed Twins unleashes an explosive and darkly comic conflict of desires and challenges us all to ask fundamental questions about identity.

Amanda Boxer's recent stage roles include *Relative Values*, directed by Trevor Nunn at Bath Theatre Royal and on tour, *Long Voyage Home* at the Old Vic, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at West Yorkshire Playhouse and *The Painter* at the Arcola.

Polly Hemingway was a series regular on *Wallander* and *Cracker* and she has also recently appeared in *DCI Banks*.

Mia Mackie's recent roles include *Rookery Nook* at the Menier Chocolate Factory and *Law and Order UK* on ITV1.

Director Simon Evans is a recent graduate from the Donmar Warehouse's Resident Assistant Director scheme. His previous productions include *The Silence of the Sea* at Trafalgar Studios and *Thom Pain* at The Print Room.

Big Broad is a creatively-led theatre production company with a strong diversity agenda and a focus on new writing.

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The Speed Twins

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Thursday 29 August –
Saturday 28 September

**Press Night Tuesday
3 September at 7.45 pm**

Performances:
Tuesday - Saturday at 7.45pm
Thursday & Saturday at 3.00pm
Sunday at 5.00pm

Tickets £22.50 (£15.00 concs)
Early Bird: £17.50
2-4-1 tickets on all previews
29 August – 1 September*
*not including Saturday 31,
and subject to availability

Gala Night in support of Stonewall,
Tuesday 10 September at 7.45pm
Tickets £30.00

Joint ticket offer of £22.50 (£17.50
concs) with the screening of
The Killing of Sister George,
introduced by Amy Lamé
2.00pm Sunday 15 September

Post show talk on Sunday 8
September with novelist Maureen
Duffy in conversation with author Jill
Gardiner about the history of the
Gateways club

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