

THE LOWER DEPTHS -AN EAST END STORY

BY TUNDE IKOLI

A contemporary adaptation of the play by Maxim Gorky

"Roland Rees' delicate production lacerates our hearts" Birmingham Post

"Compelling viewing" Birmingham Daily News

"Superb—very, very fine performances" Kaleidoscope

All performances at 8pm

(Press Night Wed. 9 April at 7pm; Sat. Mats. 26 April & 3 May at 4pm)

Ticket Prices: Mon-Wed £3, Thurs-Fri £4.50, Sat £5.50, Mats £3.

Preview and Press Night £2.50.

Concessions (Thurs, Fri) Brent residents £4,

Schoolchildren/Students/Unemployed/Oaps £3.50.

Generous party discounts. Please telephone Box Office 01 328 8626.

Cast: Maria Charles, Ram John Holder, Joy Lemoine, Janet Palmer, Robin Summers, Colin Tarrant, Tilly Vosburgh, Rudolph Walker and Sylvester Williams

Following FOCO NOVO's recent successes of BLOODY POETRY at Hampstead Theatre, DEATHWATCH at the Young Vic and THE ASS at Riverside Studios we are delighted to be coming to the Tricycle Theatre with THE LOWER DEPTHS.

Mr Koli, an unscrupulous landlord, and his wife Doreen have converted the basement of their East End house into a 'home' for their tenants. They and their lodgers provide a provocative mixture of race, age and attitude to life; surviving on social security payments and ingeniously exploiting the 'black economy' where they can.

Melonie's a prostitute. . . Annie bakes patties. . . Rutter's unemployed but optimistic. . . Chief's a dreamer. . . . Errol a petty thief, has his eyes on Nicola, Doreen's younger sister. . . and Teacher, well Teacher likes his whisky. Into the household comes Talker, a stranger who forces them to question their past and future. . . all are affected by the consequences.

Tunde Ikoli has used Gorky's powerful story to create a poignant and humorous play for today. THE LOWER DEPTHS opened in Birmingham has toured to Cheltenham, Warwick, Crewe and Alsager, Oxford, Bretton Hall, Carlisle and Derby. THE LOWER DEPTHS will tour to Premises Arts Centre, Norwich, 8-10 May.

FOCO NOVO is a publicly funded theatre company receiving financial assistance from the Arts Council of Great Britain. The Company also receives financial assistance from several Regional Arts Associations for tours in their areas.

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