

2010 UK National Tour

HEARING VOICES

by CLARE SUMMERSKILL

Performed by Clare Summerskill and her company ARTEMIS.

What really goes on behind the locked doors of a psychiatric hospital?

After a suicide attempt Clare Summerskill spent two months on such a ward in London. This is her personal account of life on an NHS ward, combined with testimonies she gathered from other mental health service users who were in hospital with her.

The entire script is taken directly from interviews conducted by Clare with each of the patients, combined with extracts from her own diary about her time on the ward and contributions from mental health professionals – some of whom are service-users themselves. The result is a unique and powerful piece of verbatim theatre, a courageous and extraordinary account of people's experiences behind locked doors.

This ground-breaking play reveals the views and personal histories of a group of people who are often hidden and excluded from mainstream society - and allows their voices to finally be heard.

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HEARING VOICES will be touring nationally to theatres for five weeks from the end of April to the end of May 2010. This tour has been funded by THE ARTS COUNCIL. Clare Summerskill will be appearing in the show alongside members of her theatre company, ARTEMIS. The play will be directed by Lorae Parry. The Designer is Sophia Lovell Smith and the Lighting Designer is Crin Claxton.

The script of HEARING VOICES has been published by Tollington Press (£8.99) and is available for purchase by contacting admin@claresummerskill.co.uk

www.hearingvoicesplay.co.uk

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Tour Dates 2010

Date	Town/City	Venue	Show Time	Box Office
April				
27 th	IPSWICH	Sir John Mills Theatre	7.45pm	01473 211 498
29 th	NORWICH	The Garage	7.30pm	01603 660352
May				
6 th	LEICESTER	Y Theatre	8pm	0116 255 7066
9 th	LONDON	The Cochrane - Signed Perf.	3pm	0207 269 1606
9 th	LONDON	The Cochrane	7pm.	0207 269 1606
11 th	POOLE	Lighthouse	8pm	0844 4068666
12 th	POOLE	Lighthouse	8pm	0844 4068666
19 th	CAMBRIDGE	Mumford Theatre	7.30pm	01223 352 932
25 th	WOLVERHAMPTON	Arena Theatre	7.30pm	01902 321 321
26 th	WOLVERHAMPTON	Arena Theatre	7.30pm	01902 321 321
27 th	WOLVERHAMPTON	Arena Theatre	1pm	01902 321 321
28 th	HUDDERSFIELD	Lawrence Batley Theatre	7.30pm	01484 430528
31 st	BRIGHTON	The Old Market	7.30pm	01273 736222