

Director's Note

It is a sad reflection of our society that many men find it notoriously difficult to talk about how they feel. The mental health crisis amongst young men has reached epidemic proportions in the UK, with suicide rates amongst men under the age of 25 the highest rate they have ever been. But why is this the case? Why don't more men just reach out and talk?

The complex reasons why men can sometimes find it such a struggle to communicate their feelings are often unhelpfully bracketed under the term 'toxic masculinity'. But what is really going on? One reason is the complicated and under-explored relationships that can exist between young men and their fathers.

In this verbatim play, originally devised by Frantic Assembly, our all-male company explore the stories of a group of men from three English towns at the time of the Brexit referendum, and their past and present struggles with the man they call Dad.



FATHERLAND was co-created by Manchester International Festival, Frantic Assembly, The Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester, The Lyric, Hammersmith and LIFT, and first premiered at the Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester on 1st July 2017.

Cast and Characters

Character	Cast 1	Cast 2
Scott	Harry Campion	Senan Richmond
Luke	Kofi Jordon	Jack Archie
Simon	Jake Pugh	Matteo Caporusso
Karl	Christian Bludell	Giles Whorton
Graham	Alex Lafferty	Giovanni Palazzolo
Alan	Harry Fuller	Levi Goldmeier
Steve	Luca Lavagetto	Savva Lagashkin
Mel	Friso Fossen	Harry W. Freeman
Daniel	Theodoros Charalambous	Joseph Kenway
Craig	Darragh Hand	Raheim Menzies

Production and Creative Team

Director Paul Harvard Set Designer Alex Marker Costume Designer Bettina John Movement Director Kane Husbands Assistant Movement Director Tamara Hayes-Elliott **Vocal Coach** Nick Trumble **Assistant Vocal Coaches** Adam Ganne and Adam Charles Additional Musical Support Jenna Dyckhoff and Alexander Slyfield Theatre Technical Manager **Paul Comerford** Marcin Miloszewski Lighting Designer Sound Designer Gavin Fernandes Filming Corry Raymond

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