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BA (Hons) Acting and Theatre-Making presents

# HOPE IS ETERNAL



Thursday 20 - Saturday 22 January 2022, 7pm  
Saturday 22 January, 2.30pm

Lawrence Hall, University of West London  
St Mary's Road, Ealing W5 5RF

Four ballads inspired by Harry Martinson's *Aniara*

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## Introductions

*Hope is Eternal* is a brand new piece of theatre, devised by the graduating class of the BA (Hons) Acting and Theatre-Making course. It is inspired by the Epic Sci-Fi poem *Aniara* by Swedish writer, Harry Martinson. The Martinson family have given special permission to work on a response to *Aniara*, for which he won the Nobel Prize for Literature.

The poem tells the story of a spaceship travelling from Earth to Mars in the near future. The ship is knocked slightly off course and the voyagers have to come to terms with a life floating aimlessly through space, never to set foot on solid ground again.

Sci-Fi as a genre is not explored in theatre anywhere near often enough - as theatre-makers, we have a responsibility to transport our audiences and to reflect life as it really is back at them. This play explores how communities cope with their realities shifting overnight, and what sacrifices they have to make in order to survive. All of us have experiences that relate to the lives of the voyagers on the spaceship *Aniara*.

**Scott Gray**  
Director

Welcome to the inaugural production from the BA Acting and Theatre-Making graduate class of 2022. This cohort in particular has borne the brunt of Covid, but has done so with forbearance, sensitivity, understanding and grace. It is perhaps no surprise that the subject matter of this production reflects upon existentialist concerns regarding our place in the world and how we make meaning from it, as well as the thematic of environmental degradation.

We are very grateful to the estate of Harry Martinson for use of his Epic science fiction poem *Aniara* as source material and the jumping-off point for tonight's devised production.

I am proud to work with students, staff and industry stakeholders who are at the forefront of a conversation concerning actor-cultivation and creativity which seeks to empower individuals to develop emotionally, intellectually and psychophysically – foregrounding the whole person, not a narrow subset of skills.

Please join us w/c Monday 9 May 2022 for our next production, a piece of new writing commissioned by the course specifically designed for this cohort

Stay safe and well.

**Alex Loveless**

Course Leader, BA (Hons) Acting and Theatre-Making



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# DNA & FRAGILE LAND

*DNA by Dennis Kelly and Fragile Land by Tanika Gupta*

**Thursday 17 – Saturday 19 February 2022, 7pm**  
**Saturday 19 February 2022, 2.30pm**

Lawrence Hall, University of West London  
St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5 5RF

*This amateur production of "DNA" is presented by  
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**Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 February 2022, 7pm**  
**Saturday 5 February 2022, 2.30pm**

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St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5 5RF

*a play by Mike Barlett*



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## Creative and Production Team

Director

**Scott Gray**

Set Designer

**Rob Miles**

Theatre Technical Manager

**Paul Comerford**

Lighting Designer

**Marcin Miloszewski**

Sound Designer

**Gavin Fernandes**

All other design and technical duties performed by the company

Content warning: Contains adult themes and language, including reference to self-harm and depiction of sexual harassment.

**In accordance with UWL Guidance for Visitors, we ask that all attendees take a Lateral Flow Test before attending and DO NOT attend if the result is positive.**

**In addition, wearing of a facemask is mandatory on UWL Campus unless exemptions apply.**

**Photography and videography is not permitted during Live Performances.**

## Cast



**Erin Buckley**  
Charlotte



**Bill McGillivray**  
Jay



**Nicole Haddon**  
Mimarobe



**Abbie Peters**  
Isagel



**Lenia Petris**  
Daphne



**Ryo De Gennaro**  
Jean



**Rosie Nash**  
Pippa



**Lara Stokes**  
Dina



**Xander Quentin Leenders**  
Blake



**Meg Kleven**  
Melia



**Rachael Kelly-Reid**  
Molly



**James Lockheart**  
Commander



**Emmanuel Verinca**  
Carlos



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