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World premiere

The Fat Girl Gets a Haircut and Other Stories

26 April – 7 May 2011

The Roundhouse has commissioned artist/director Mark Storer to create a new production inspired by and featuring a company of teenagers. The result, *The Fat Girl Gets a Haircut and Other Stories*, premieres at the Roundhouse, 26 April to 7 May.

The cast were selected through an open audition workshop in October 2009, since when they've met weekly with Storer to develop a production that sits between theatre, live art and installation. The teenagers – aged 12-15 when they started the project – weren't chosen for their acting experience, but for what each of them could bring to the group.

The Fat Girl Gets a Haircut and Other Stories explores their candid tales – on themes of love, family, sexuality and religion – revealed in 13 explicit portraits. With a live band, animation and video in a 360 degree setting, it's a vision of the world as experienced through the prism of teenage years.

A boy collects tears in carefully labelled jam jars; a girl is horrified that her best friend thinks her father is 'hot'; a young boy bricks himself up in a Lego tower; and a young girl wears her mother's shoes...

The Fat Girl Gets a Haircut and Other Stories is the largest scale work involving young people produced by the Roundhouse, and reflects the organisation's ongoing commitment to offering creative opportunities to 11-25 year olds.

Mark Storer's recent work includes the critically acclaimed *For the Best* (Unicorn Theatre, 2009; Unity Theatre Liverpool, 2010). On this production, he's collaborating with Jules Maxwell (Musical Director) and Babis Alexiadis (Animator).

Press night: Thursday 28 April, 7.30pm

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LISTINGS

Venue: Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH
Performances: Tuesday 26 April – Saturday 7 May, 7.30pm (no perfs 1 and 2 May)
Press night: Thursday 28 April, 7.30pm
Running time: 75 minutes (no interval)
Previews: 26 & 27 April
Tickets: £15
£12.50 previews and concessions
£10 groups 4+
£8 schools and groups 8+
£5 for ages 25 and under (limited to 20 per perf)
Box Office: 0844 482 8008 / www.roundhouse.org.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

About the Roundhouse

Each year the Roundhouse works with over 3,000 11-25s enabling them to realise their creative potential, and offers audiences of all ages new and extraordinary experiences in live music, circus, theatre and new media.

The Roundhouse receives funding from Arts Council England and Camden Council.