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Two Destination Language presents

Bottoms

Wednesday 14 May - 8.30 - 9.30pm* Thursday 15 May - 7.30 - 8.30pm

AUDIENCE NOTES |

Loud noise/music. Flashing lights. Intermittently visible buttocks. Performers consume alcohol.

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES | 12+

ACCESS |

Audio Described

British Sign Language Interpreted

Conjuring a joyous freedom, Bottoms' five dancers seek refuge from the present-day world in fragments of a wild dance forged in the Industrial Revolution. The can-can. With crisps. And cava.

NOTES

What with all the floods, fires, and wars, capitalism's advertised suggestion of a relaxing cuppa doesn't seem to be working anymore. Still, you've got to try: here we are, with the can-can, crisps and cava, gathered to defy the storms outside and work up a sweat for your entertainment.

In a landscape of velvet drapes and Victorian underskirts, *Bottoms*' five dancers conjure a refuge from the world outside in fragments of a dance forged in the Industrial Revolution.

Two centuries ago, workers broke social norms to let off steam with wild displays of physical prowess, which became the famous can-can beloved of cabarets.

Riffing on this exuberance, *Bottoms* explores the roots of the can-can to question how creativity is valued. Despite the state of the world. And despite the increasingly wild price of a pint!

A new work commissioned for DIG from the award-winning **Two Destination Language**'s Alister Lownie and Katherina Radeva, working with a team of collaborators from across the UK.

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CREDITS |

Bottoms by Two Destination Language

Katherina Radeva and Alister Lownie - concept, choreography, dramaturgy and design with

Craig Manson - **performer** Nicki Hobday - **performer** Rachel Krische - **performer** Sita Pieraccini - **performer and vocalist**

Marty Langthorne - **lighting design** Michael Picknett - **sound design and composition** Craig McNeill - **stage manager** Craig Fleming - **production manager** Rositza Radeva - **costume maker** Laïla Diallo - **choreography consultant** Vicky Ackroyd - **audio description** Jess Boyes - **company producer** Beth Chalmers - **photography and filming** Wendy Niblock - **marketing** Storytelling PR - **PR**

COMMISSIONING CREDITS |

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