



GRAEae

LIVERPOOL  
everyman  
& PLAYHOUSE

Part of  
LEADS  
YEAR OF  
CULTURE 2023



## Director's Note

Over the past year, we have been leading workshops asking, "What's good and what's hard about being young in 2023". High Times and Dirty Monsters is a response to those conversations.

Cost of living, education, housing, and wellbeing were the most pressing issues but there was also an underlying determination to play, stay creative and fight the system.

A HUGE shout out to 20 Stories High Youth Theatre, Graeae Young Company and Deaf Active whose voices were a vital part of making this show, and also a MASSIVE thanks to all the performers and amazing team involved in the process, who also brought their own lived experiences to the creation of the show.

We hope you enjoy it.

**Keith Saha**

**Writer & Director**

# Content Warning

The show is full of jokes, empowerment and feel-good moments but also explores challenging themes around ableism, homelessness, substance misuse, financial difficulties, and emotional trauma.

Contains strong language, gig-level music, flashing lights and haze.

Resources available at [20storieshigh.org.uk](http://20storieshigh.org.uk)

Age Guidance 14+

## Cast

Joséphine-Fransilja Brookman

Chandu Gopalakrishnan

Maisy Gordon

Billy Pearson

Jayden Reid

Grace Savage

## Creative & Production Team

**Writer/Director**

Keith Saha

**Assistant Director**

Sonny Nwachukwu

**& Assistant Choreographer**

**Producer**

Leanne Jones

**Assistant Producer**

Lucy Graham

**Associate Artist**

Jenny Sealey

**Dramaturg**

Nickie Miles-Wildin

**Associate Dramaturg**

Lin Coghlan

**Designer**

Miriam Nabarro

**Costume Supervisor**

Shellby Hamer & Jacquie Davies

**Video Designer**

Ben Glover

**Lighting Designer**

Tony Gayle

**Sound Designer**

Rajiv Pattani

**Choreographer**

Chris Fonseca

**Composer**

Grace Savage

<b>BSL Consultant</b>	Daryl Jackson
<b>Audio Description Consultant</b>	Mandy Redvers-Rowe
<b>Artist Wellbeing Practitioner</b>	Lou Platt
<b>Artistic Support</b>	Julia Samuels
<b>Company Stage Manager</b>	Gemma Scott
<b>Technical Stage Manager</b>	Jordan Barnes
<b>Production Manager</b>	Mike Dunn
<b>Access Worker</b>	Donna Coleman
<b>BSL Interpreters</b>	Jude Mahon Pierce Starre Katie Godfrey
<b>Access Manager</b>	Vicky Berry
<b>Artwork</b>	Joe Harper
<b>Participation Leads</b>	Lucy Graham, Jodi-Alissa Bickerton, Mette Tofte Philipsen, Roxy Moores
<b>Community Engagement Associates</b>	Helena Ascough, Sarah Hailstones, Jimmy Justice, Joe Taylor, Bradley Thompson, Abby Melia, Leonisha Barley
<b>For 20 Stories High</b>	Alina Burwitz, Natasha Patel, Amy Thompson, Ameera Conrad, Leonisha Barley, Laura Hall, Roxanne Daykin-Moores, Nathan Powell
<b>Graeae</b>	Kevin Walsh, Charlotte McCabe, Lizzy Luxford, Hetty Hodgson
<b>Liverpool Everyman &amp; Playhouse</b>	Mark Da Vanzo, Michelle Cailleux, Ashlie Nelson, Sarah Ogle, Gemma Murrell, Hayley Lindley-Thornhill, Brendan Douglas, Olivia Carroll, Chun-Mei Wang, Moira Callaghan, Helen Webster, Kieran Sing, Helen Griffiths
<b>LEEDS 2023</b>	Kully Thurai, Tom Curteis, Chris Ansell

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## **You can make more work like this possible!**

There are two ways which you can support work like this to continue: Help us to build a picture of who our audience is...



Or Visit: [bit.ly/3F2r0sK](https://bit.ly/3F2r0sK) (case sensitive)

We've joined forces to create a new type of theatre that changes lives and society by giving voice to disabled young people. You can join us too. Donate today from the comfort of your theatre seat and help us create more projects like this in the future. Thank you.

Or Visit: [bit.ly/3pHfEGp](https://bit.ly/3pHfEGp) (case sensitive)



# Please stay in touch....

We are keen to connect digitally with our audiences, partners and participants. There are a whole host of ways venues and individual audience members can connect with us artistically and also engage in conversations about the show.

## Our social media handles...

@20storieshigh  
@graeaeatrecompany  
@liveeveryplay  
@LEEDS2023



#HighTimesAndDirtyMonsters

### 20 Stories High

Email: [info@20storieshigh.org.uk](mailto:info@20storieshigh.org.uk)

Phone: 0151 708 9728 | 9am - 5pm

### Graeae Theatre Company

Email: [info@graeae.org](mailto:info@graeae.org)

Phone: 020 7613 6900 | 10am - 6pm

### Liverpool Everyman & Playhouse

Email: [info@everymanplayhouse.com](mailto:info@everymanplayhouse.com)

Phone: 0151 709 4776 | 10am - 5pm

### LEEDS 2023

Email: [info@leeds2023.co.uk](mailto:info@leeds2023.co.uk)

Phone: 0113 511 2023 | 9am - 5pm



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# Signposting

Helplines and Support.

We have provided a list of helplines and signposted organisations below.

## **Guide Dogs UK**

[www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

0800 781 144

## **Royal National Institute for Deaf people (RNID)**

[www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

## **VICTA**

[www.victa.org.uk](http://www.victa.org.uk)

01908 240 831

## **Citizens Advice**

### **Food Bank support**

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

0800 144 8848

## **Scope**

[www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk)

0808 800 3333

## **Shelter**

[www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)

0808 800 4444

(emergency helpline)

## **ADHD Babes**

[www.adhdbabes.com](http://www.adhdbabes.com)

## **Samaritans**

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

116 123

## **ADHD UK**

[www.adhduk.co.uk](http://www.adhduk.co.uk)

## **The Mix**

[www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk)

0808 808 4994

## **Borderline Support UK**

[www.borderlinesupport.org.uk](http://www.borderlinesupport.org.uk)

## **Mind – Mental Health support**

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

(visit information and support, types of mental health problems)

0300 123 3393

## **Resources (Including accessible versions)**

[bit.ly/HTDM-Resources](http://bit.ly/HTDM-Resources)