

CLEAN BREAK AT LATITUDE

Returning to Latitude for the fifth consecutive year, Clean Break presents two new productions - a play in a prison van, and five short plays performed by Tanya Moodie.

- Performed in a prison van in the Faraway Forest, **SWEATBOX** is a new play by **Chloë Moss**, directed by **Imogen Ashby**. A small audience enters the back of a prison van – the ‘sweatbox’. Three women inside share stories of arrival and anticipation as they are transported from court to prison, from prison to prison, from prison to court.

The production features a cast of actors who studied at Clean Break before taking on professional roles for the company and elsewhere: **Carrie Rock** (Donmar Warehouse’s *Julius Caesar*), **Eddy Emenike** (*Meal Ticket* for Clean Break/Forced Entertainment at Latitude) and **Jade Small** (*Stepping Off the Edge of the World* for Clean Break at Soho Theatre and tour).

- Performed by Olivier Award nominated actor **Tanya Moodie** in the Little House, **JOANNE** is five monologues written by **Deborah Bruce**, **Theresa Ikoko**, **Laura Lomas**, **Chino Odimba** and **Ursula Rani Sarma**. It is the first production to be directed for Clean Break by its new Head of Artistic Programme **Róisín McBrinn**.

Young Joanne accessed public services from early on in her chaotic life. Her story intersects with five women whose own experiences on the frontlines of service delivery spotlight vividly the pressures on our public services - from education to policing, prison and the probation service. Affected by long hours, slashed budgets, exhaustion and disillusionment, these stories build a picture of how a young woman can slip through the cracks and how disastrous the consequences can be.

Clean Break is an acclaimed theatre company producing plays with women writers and actors at the heart of its work. Founded in 1979 by two women prisoners, the company today has an independent education programme delivering theatre opportunities to women whose lives have been affected by the criminal justice system. The company delivers a year-round programme of theatre productions, new writing projects and drama-based education from its North London studios and in women’s prisons.

Previous Clean Break productions at Latitude are *Meal Ticket* in collaboration with Forced Entertainment and *Fingertips* by Suhayla El-Bushra (2014), *Hours til Midnight* by Sonya Hale and *Little on the inside* by Alice Birch (2013), *Dream Pill* by Rebecca Prichard (2012), and *Fatal Light* by Chloë Moss and *Dancing Bears* by Sam Holcroft (2011).

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