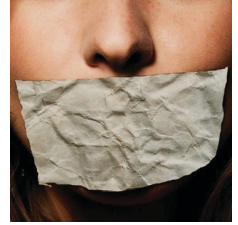


Parrot Theatre Company
Talk
 by Mark Wilson



'If I couldn't tell my story – the words I wanted to speak but they didn't want to hear – then I wouldn't speak at all'

Bethlem Royal Hospital, 1854. The Criminal Wing for the Insane. Two doctors set out to reform patient treatment. They prefer conversation over punishment; they offer care, rather than restraint. But the Commission for Lunacy has other ideas. Two patients get caught in the crossfire as their radical plans unravel. Emily, a bright and brilliant poet has been wrongly incarcerated by her husband. Richard Dadd, a talented artist, suffers from psychosis and wrestles with a history that haunts him. Both have been banished from the world.

With an incisive eye **Talk** displays the struggle to find a voice amidst the roar and clamour of madness, both from outside and within. Will talking ease their troubled minds or crack them completely?

In a time blighted by NHS cuts to mental health care, **Talk** is at once a scathing rebuke of treatment of the mentally ill in the past and a moving and thought-provoking story about how we inter-relate and connect with one another.

Parrot Theatre Company create innovative theatrical productions for those who do not traditionally have a 'voice'. They specialise in helping members of the community who are at risk of social isolation. Redefining theatre with captioning and audio description, they make theatre accessible for those with, or at risk of, hearing and sight loss. With new, experimental and radically accessible theatre they challenge stigma and limitation.

Notes to editors

Talk has been adapted to make it fully accessible to those with hearing and sight loss. The show is captioned and includes integrated audio description.

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Listings Information

Venue C cubed, Brodie's Close, Lawnmarket, EH1 2PS, venue 50
 Dates 11-17 Aug
 Time 14:30 (1hr00)
 Ticket prices £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50
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