

Pandora's Box



Spora Stories presents

PANDORA'S BOX

by Ade Solanke

Directed by Shade Oladiti

Friday September 12th.

Tickets: £10 and £8 conc.

(tickets available on the door).

Performance starts: 7.30pm (duration 1.40hrs).

Doors Open 7pm

Following sell-out shows at Arcola Theatre, the acclaimed, award-winning British-African family drama, Pandora's Box, comes to Liverpool for one night only as part of its long-awaited UK tour.

This 'touching, hilarious' (The Stage) hit play has been dazzling audiences with its 'enthraling, brilliant' (Public Reviews) story and performances.

Shortlisted for the Nigeria Prize for Literature, Africa's biggest literary award, and nominated for Best

New Play, OffWestEnd Awards, this unmissable and moving tragicomedy about families, betrayal, choices and love is a must-see. Winner Best Playwright, Nigerian Entertainment Awards and Best Playwright, Afro-Hollywood Film Awards, it's suitable for all the family. Tickets from £8. Available on the door.

"You think England is hard? Compared to Nigeria? My dear, you haven't seen anything yet!"

On holiday with her streetwise son in Nigeria, a British-Nigerian mother is in turmoil. Should she leave her only child in a strict Lagos boarding school, or return him to the battlefields of inner London?

"What do you see out of that window? People, right? Just people. Because there are no 'Black' people in Africa. Let him experience that for a change."

A family spanning three generations and two continents meets in Lagos for the first time in over thirty years. But the joy of reunion also unleashes long-suppressed truths. An exuberant and thought-provoking mix of comedy, tragedy and family drama, **Pandora's Box** reveals the heartbreak behind the difficult choices some parents must make – and the price their children pay.

Praise for Pandora's Box:

******"Honest, simple and enthralling... What makes this play incredible, is not only the humour that runs throughout, but the real life portrayal of relationships... absolutely brilliant"*

- Public Reviews

**** "Solanke's writing is nothing short of magnificent, skillfully expounding the different perspectives of the Diaspora with sensitivity and humour"*

- Afridiziak Theatre News

"A lively soap opera of family dramas and bubbling resentments which touch on issues of identity, heritage, mothering and the motherland... Pandora's Box buzzes with life and the tensions of real people."- Guardian

"Ade Solanke's new play is firecracker theatre, as touching as it is hilarious"

- The Stage

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