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### HALF MOON THEATRE ANNOUNCES HALF MOON AT HOME, OFFERING FAMILIES FREE ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S THEATRE ONLINE

During this unprecedented time which has seen the closure of theatres, cinemas and schools, **Half Moon Theatre** in Limehouse, East London, has launched **Half Moon Theatre at Home**, offering families around the world free access to children's theatre online.

Every Wednesday a new production for young people will be made available online at [www.halfmoon.org.uk/live](http://www.halfmoon.org.uk/live), alongside access to backstage interviews, production photos and information about how the shows were created.

Already available to watch are the award-nominated ***Boys Don't***, a Half Moon Presents and Papertale production for **ages 8-12** and adults, plus our co-production with Tangled Feet of ***Butterflies***, for **ages 3-8**.

Productions for young to be made available in the future include the award-winning ***What Once Was Ours***, a co-production with Zest Theatre for **ages 12+ and adults**, from 8 April, plus our co-production with Tangled Feet of ***Need a Little Help*** for **ages 2-7**, from 15 April, with further titles to be announced.

**Chris Elwell**, Director of Half Moon, commented: "During this incredibly difficult time, we are delighted to be able to bring exciting and adventurous children's theatre to households right across the world. Technology can bring the cultural and creative world inside your home and we look forward to seeing how Half Moon Theatre at Home delights the community and provides a chance to continue to explore new horizons. I would like to thank the many theatre companies who have been so supportive of this new initiative, allowing audiences to enjoy theatre for young people whilst we're currently closed to the public."

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

For more information, please visit <https://www.halfmoon.org.uk/live>

A selection of production images from the Half Mon At Home season can be downloaded from Dropbox: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/oov74n41mc78fud/AADHNRIaHXHqcNRIUaWs5vxaa?dl=0>

For further information or to arrange interviews please contact Stephen Beeny via [stephen@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:stephen@halfmoon.org.uk)

**Boys Don't** | Ages 8-12 and adults | Available now

What's a boy to do? From the playground to the classroom, from home to the uncharted waters of online, boys learn that displaying their feelings is a no-no. But what happens to emotion that can't be let out? *Boys Don't* was nominated for Best Production for Young People aged 8+ at the Off West End Awards 2017.

A Half Moon Presents and Papertale production in association with Apples and Snakes (South East). This production was filmed and edited by Brighton Metropolitan College in partnership with Brighton Dome during the Brighton Festival.

**Butterflies** | Ages 3-8 | Available now

An uplifting tale of friendship and courage as three friends embark on an adventure to chase their butterflies away. Based on research into children's anxiety, *Butterflies* will whisk you away on a journey of

what makes you anxious and what we can do to understand, accept or overcome these feelings. A Tangled Feet and Half Moon co-production.

**Need a Little Help** | Ages 2-7 | Available to watch from 15 April

Based on the experiences of young carers, this moving and uplifting show explores what it means to look after someone else when you are young. In a playful and immersive space, the young audience help the performers look after each other, stepping into the shoes of young carers. A Tangled Feet and Half Moon co-production.

**What Once Was Ours** | Ages 12+ and adults | Available to watch from 8 April

An immersive show about identity and belonging. Katie and Callum couldn't be any more distant and disconnected: different heritage, different cities, different opportunities. Except there is one thing they'll always have in common: Dad. What happens when Callum suddenly turns up in desperate need of help?

*What Once Was Ours* won Best Production for Young People Aged 13+ at the 2018 Offies, the Off West End Theatre Awards. A Zest Theatre and Half Moon co-production.

## **FURTHER DETAILS**

### **ABOUT HALF MOON**

Half Moon is the UK's leading small-scale young people's venue and touring company. It is a local organisation with a national remit, committed to supporting artists and young people at every stage of their creative development. Working from our base in East London, we specialise in new writing and artform development, acting as a gateway organisation that provides pathways for progression and experimentation. Our wide-ranging programme reaches around 50,000 annually and engages those who are often excluded from arts activity. Our activity includes a season of professional plays for young audiences, national touring productions and an extensive creative learning programme, including seven youth theatres. Half Moon is a National Portfolio Organisation of Arts Council England and receives regular funding from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Half Moon's digital archive is available at [www.stagesofhalfmoon.org.uk](http://www.stagesofhalfmoon.org.uk)

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