

CAST & DEVISERS

Cast and Devisers:

Creative Producer & Director: Helen Ferguson
 Dramaturg & Writer in the Room: Rachael Walsh
 Alex Hancock
 Alex Wright-Jones
 Amaaya Tadaa
 Connor Robson
 Grace Mallinson (devising only)
 Jack Houston
 Joseph Waldock
 Katie Robinson
 Maisie Saunders
 Mark Gate
 Neve Stuart
 Nina Maxwell
 Paige Grant
 Vita Barwick-Plant

Cast & Crew

CREW

Artistic Director: Kiz Crosbie
 Assistant Director: Scott Parker
 Assistant Director: Scott Wilson
 Production Manager: Craig Spence
 Composer and Sound Designer: Calum Howard
 Production Designer: Anna Robinson
 Lighting Designer and Operator: Michael Gooch
 Project Producer: Zoe Anderson
 Audience Development: Rachel Horton
 BSL at Gosforth Civic Theatre: Caroline Ryan
 Graphic Designer: Swaddle//Creative

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Mortal Fools' Ensemble Young Company are BACK with a brand-new show - their first live performance since 2019!

Devised and performed by Northumberland young people, Flux is a contemporary, dynamic and poignant piece of theatre, showcasing an original soundtrack, bold set design, and the incredible talent and insights of young people.

Binary breakers, stereotype smashers, convention clingers, people pleasers, distracted dreamers, ally activists, hopeful homebodies, evolving explorers, GOAT gamers, fashionable friends, Tik-Toking trendsetters, simping stans, radical rebels, the woke, the weird...

Universally unique and all welcome here. You are one of us. We see you. Join us?

Flux is positive and empowering experience, grounded in the reality of life for young people. The show depicts the fluid nature of identity from multiple perspectives and stories, with the cast members playing a range of characters - including versions of themselves, peers, parents, and teachers.

Ensemble Young Company member Maisie (17) said:

"Working with Mortal Fools to create Flux has been really exciting - we've explored and integrated different art forms into the show and tried out lots of new techniques which has been challenging but rewarding! We've made a show that I think will be interesting and engaging to all sorts of people. Flux is energetic, mysterious, and above all brave."

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figuring it out
 and fitting in;
 what makes you, you?

flux

YMCA Northumberland
 Ashington
 11th April, 7pm

Gosforth Civic Theatre
 13 April, 7pm
 (This performance is BSL interpreted)

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Mortal Fools' Ensemble Young Company have been working on Flux since Autumn 2021.

They used our 2018 show, I Weigh script, as their inspiration starting point. However, Flux is an entirely different show, with a different feel, different characters and different focus.

ABOUT ENSEMBLE YOUNG COMPANY

Ensemble Young Company is our dedicated youth theatre group for people aged 14-19 (School Years 10+). Ensemble members work together over a prolonged time period to devise a new piece of theatre (in this case, Flux), which we then tour to our partners in the Young People's Co-Creation Exchange Network. Our Ensemble Young Company features young people from The Tyne Valley and Ashington.

Mortal Fools are the ONLY theatre company in the North-East touring youth theatre and co-creating with young people in the way that we do. We present this professional work at theatre venues and to paying public audiences. Members also have an opportunity to take part in other small-scale projects throughout the year, as well as work experience opportunities and peer-facilitation roles.

Ensemble Young Company member Mark (17) said:

"I have been a part of Mortal Fools for 5 years now and it has helped me grow! Being in front of a live audience again, after two years is daunting but exciting. Flux is all about expression and identity which I think is a perfect way for us to return to the stage as it is a strong, relatable but thoughtful show, that will hopefully touch the audience!"



The group have been working with professional artists and theatre makers across the co-creation process to craft this wonderful production!

Themes explored in Flux and during the co-creation process include:

- Evolution of identity
- Self-identifying vs how others perceive you
- Labels and stereotyping
- Being worried about what other people think about you
- Masking and conforming
- Pressure from society, school, parents and peers.
- Expressing yourself through fashion, music, art, words, actions etc
- Celebrating individualism
- Low self-esteem and confidence

ABOUT MORTAL FOOLS

Mortal Fools is a theatre, drama and creative learning company.

We specialise in co-creating theatre and creative projects with young people, offering creative opportunities to aged 7-19 years old in Northumberland.

We focus on supporting children and young people's creativity, wellbeing and self-belief using the medium of drama, a tremendous vehicle to build their confidence and skills by engaging their creativity. Based in Ashington, with a satellite base in Prudhoe, Mortal Fools run multiple youth theatre groups, a young leader's group, online group and have a wide portfolio of award-winning creative projects and events.

Mortal Fools CEO & Artistic Director Kiz Crosbie said:

"I'm proud as punch of FLUX. This dynamic, funny, and well-observed new show by our Ensemble Young Company raises questions for us all.

How do we define who we are? What's important and how we relate to one another – especially as we emerge from a pandemic? Mortal Fools is thrilled to be showcasing the talents, ideas, and energy of this group of fantastic young people."



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