

#FluxTour2023

Cast & Crew

Mortal Fools' Ensemble Young Company are back on tour!

"FLUX is a big and exciting piece of theatre that presents young people's stories in their way. It's full of funny relatable characters, engaging stories, beautiful visuals, and brilliant original music and songs, all devised by our Ensemble cast and team of professional creatives. FLUX is a show about young people resisting the pressure to fit into a neat little box, and everyone learning to accept their honest, complicated selves. This is an accessible and high-quality piece of theatre showcasing the creativity and talents of young people and offers a new perspective."

Helen
Mortal Fools
Creative Producer

12 unique young voices come together on stage, to explore what it means to question your identity in a world that feels determined to put you in a box. Devised and performed by Northumberland young people living through this reality right now, join them in discovering that there is freedom in the flux - and that labels are for bottles, not people.

"I hope Flux audiences really enjoy themselves and feel motivated to talk to the young people in their lives about the themes explored in our show"

Maisie - Flux Cast Member



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

flux

"Funny,
emotional
& brave."

Flux Audience Member

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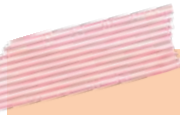
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"I have loved the process of devising Flux! I think I have developed a lot of really useful skills, like learning how to get from an idea to a script to a scene. I also feel my confidence in just letting go and going for things has increased too!"

Eloise - Flux Cast Member

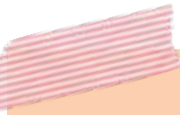
Alexx Hancock
Annalise Nicholson
Ash Morris
Armaaya Tadaa
Connor Robson
Eloise Barber

Grace Mallinson
Ilana White
Jack Houston
Maisie Saunders
Mark Gate
Neve Stuart

CAST & DEVISERS

PRODUCTION TEAM

Craig Spence
Zoe Anderson
Calum Howard
Aileen Kelly
Taylor Howie
Patricia Verity Suarez
Sheryl Jenkins
Anna Robinson



Production Manager & Lighting Designer
Project Producer
Composer, Facilitator & Sound Designer
Production Designer (2023 update)
Stage Manager & Technician
Guest Artist - Movement Director
Guest Artist - Animator
Original Production Design (2022)

PRODUCTION TEAM

Helen Ferguson
Scott Wilson
Rachael Walsh
Zoe Laming
Kate Jeffries

Creative Producer & Co-Director
Practitioner & Co-Director
Writer in the Room & Dramaturg
Practitioner & Assistant Writer and Dramaturg
Practitioner

PRACTITIONER TEAM

SUPPORT TEAM

Kiz Crosbie
Rachel Horton
Elinor Bryant
Swaddle\Creative
VonFox Promotions

Artistic Director
Audience Development & Accessibility
Marketing Assistant
Graphic Designer
Artwork Photography



ABOUT ENSEMBLE YOUNG COMPANY

Ensemble Young Company is our dedicated youth theatre group for people aged 13-19 (School Years 9+). 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.

Our Ensemble Young Company features young people from both Tyne Valley and Ashington.

Mortal Fools are the **ONLY** theatre company in the North touring youth theatre and co-creating with young people in the way that we do.

"Ensemble Young Company are a diverse, vibrant and talented group of young people who are full of energy and ideas. Across this devising process, I have seen their creativity flourish in all sorts of ways and in working alongside these young people as a freelance associate artist, my own creative practice has been inspired, challenged and pushed in new explorative directions."

Calum
Mortal Fools
Associate Artist

ABOUT MORTAL FOOLS

Mortal Fools are an award-winning theatre, drama, and creative learning charity, based in Northumberland.

We co-create dynamic, socially relevant, and high-quality performance-based work and creative projects equitably with children, young people, communities and professional practitioners.

As a theatre company, we use drama and theatre-based approaches – inter-personal by nature – to support people to build the skills and knowledge to form and maintain better relationships. We support young people to learn about themselves and then to use that knowledge to collaborate better with others, to share their stories more articulately and confidently, to problem-solve with others and to lead or teach more effectively.



"Mortal Fools' are a really exciting, collaborative organisation who think outside the box and are always seeking to do things in a different way. It is very refreshing!"

YMCA Northumberland
Lead Youth Worker

We have grown a reputation as a regional leader in co-creation practice with children and young people (CYP), supporting their engagement in cultural activity in deep, meaningful, and impactful ways, in accessible, place-based settings. Our programmes are co-designed with CYP, artists, partners, and wider audiences, in response to their needs and interests. Evidence from our work demonstrates that theatre and drama have the power to **really** change and enrich lives.

We advocate for high-quality, fun, and relevant arts experiences for the development and wellbeing of children and young people. We platform and amplify the voices of young people and support them to explore who they want to be, to find their voice, make sense of the contemporary world and scaffold towards a healthy, fruitful future.

"I've been a part of Ensemble Young Company for two years - it's been exciting to take Flux to the next level. I've enjoyed working with a great crowd of young people and guest artists; it has helped me to believe in my own abilities, to be more confident and progress as a performer."

Amaaya – Flux Cast Member



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MORTAL FOOLS' ENSEMBLE YOUNG COMPANY PRESENTS

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FOUR BITTER-SWEET FILM SHORTS ABOUT NAVIGATING THE REALITY OF MODERN WORLD FRIENDSHIP; WHAT IF GROWING UP MEANS GROWING APART?

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