Press Information

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Bartholomew Productions presents the World Premiere of

YEAR 10

by Simon Vinnicombe. Directed by Max Key.

Designed by Dinah England. Lighting by Prema Mehta. Sound Design by Matt Downing.

Cast includes: Gunnar Cauthery. Paul Child. Bradley Gardner. Jenny Gleave. Peter Pacey.

Karren Winchester.

"I walk to parks and stare into space...just stand there and sometimes I cry, so much that I feel I might not ever stop....I stand in the parks with all the fruit-bowls, drinking Special Brew and talking to themselves, I'm like a disappointed old man and I'm fifteen years old..."

The world premiere of a new play. In the suburbs of South London, Jack moves to a new school where he is confronted by aggression, violence and anger. He dreams that time would speed up and hurry by, but then he meets Jamie – and suddenly she makes him wish

time could just slow down and stop. An emotionally charged, bruising yet tender story of the journey of a year in the life of a fifteen year old boy.

Year 10 is playwright **Simon Vinnicombe's** first original play. He is a member of the Royal Court Young Writer's Programme.

Up-and-coming young director **Max Key's** previous credits include *Wilde Tales* (Southwark Playhouse), *The Silk Road Tales* (Shaw Theatre – British Library/BBC Proms), *Routes* (Young Vic Studio); *The Nightingale and the Rose* (BAC), *Blue/Orange, Love and Understanding* and *Corner of the Room* (Soho Theatre Studio), *The Glass Menagerie* (Young Vic Studio), *Oedipus* (Grange Court Theatre), and *La Ronde* (Edinburgh Festival). He is a member of the Young Vic Genesis Directors Project and was a recent nominee for the Jerwood Directors Award.

The cast includes **Peter Pacey** whose many credits include Pozzo in *Waiting for Godot* at the Finborough Theatre, Rufus Norris' production of *Afore Night Come* at the Young Vic, Jaques in *As You Like It* at the BAC and the West Yorkshire Playhouse, many TV appearances including playing Dennis Wheatley in *Fooling Hitler*, and the films *The Young Poisoner's Diary, The Mystery of Edwin Drood* and *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*; **Jenny Gleave** is best known for her continuing role as Tasmin Charles in Yorkshire TV's *Emmerdale*; **Karren Winchester** who has worked for Eastern Angles, Bath Theatre Royal Productions, Pentabus Theatre Company, Snap Theatre Company and been seen in many roles with Compass Theatre Company; **Gunnar Cauthery**, best known for his role as Lloyd Hunter in three series' of BBC TV's *The Demon Headmaster*, **Paul Child's** extensive credits include *Hardware*, *My Hero, Family Affairs*, *The Famous Five*, and *Original Sin*, directed by Peter Gill (Sheffield Crucicble), *Oliver!* (London Palladium) and *An Inspector Calls* (Aldwych Theatre); and **Bradley Gardner**, recently seen as Nat in Darren Murphy's *The Flats* at the Chelsea Theatre.

PRESS NIGHT: THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD 2005 AT 7.30PM PHOTOCALL: TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST 2005 AT 1.00PM-1.30PM

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Tuesday to Saturday Evenings at 7.30pm. Sunday Matinees at 3.30pm. Tickets £12, £9 concessions. Tuesday Evenings £8 all seats. Saturday evenings £12 all seats. Previews (June 21st and 22nd) £8 all seats.

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