

# Edinburgh Festival Fringe – Project Lolita

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Angry Bairds Productions presents

PROJECT LOLITA

Written and Directed by Sophie Foster

@ theSpace on The Mile. Venue 39

12-24 August : 21.05 (50mins)

Debuting at Edinburgh Fringe 2013, Project Lolita, a new play written and Directed by Sophie Foster, takes a satirical look at society's biggest taboo, paedophilia. Motivated by the recent surge in sex abuse allegations, the media reporting of abuse cases and the influence this has over public opinion, Project Lolita will undoubtedly challenge thoughts and attitudes.

Set in the year 2020, child pornography has become a widespread problem in Britain and the government has resorted to a zero tolerance policy in order to protect and prevent child abuse. Katie and Joe meet online, and form a friendship, which quickly develops into something deeper. So what's the problem? Joe is twenty-eight, and Katie is fourteen.

Immersed in their virtual world, Katie and Joe ignore the elephant in the room; their relationship is not as clear cut as it appears on the surface. As they dive further and deeper into their relationship, secrets gradually unfold uncovering something sinister lurking beneath their virtual world.

A writer who is not afraid to toe the line of "safe", Sophie Foster says "In writing Project Lolita I wanted to delve into the seen and unseen of a difficult taboo conversation. There is no doubt that Project Lolita will challenge audiences, but

I hope I have written a piece of theatre that audience's will not only 'enjoy' but more importantly talk about and reflect on after they leave the theatre".

Angry Bairds is a new theatre company founded by fellow City University MA graduates Sophie Foster and Nazish Khan. Sophie and Nazish set up the company in order to create theatre designed to make you feel a bit uncomfortable and sleep like you have a pea under your mattress that night.

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