

Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2019 – The Trial

Tieta comes home to a small, conservative Brazilian village in search of justice – the audience will be the jury.

Part stand-up, part gig, part storytelling The Trial is a dynamic and interactive piece of theatre that asks if we can reject authority in order to live and love in different ways.

Loosely based on Jorge Amado's 1970s novel *Tieta do Agreste*, this new work presented at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe by StoneCrabs Theatre, is a timely expose of today's social and political struggles of the LGBTQ+ community in Brazil and elsewhere.

At its heart is Tieta, a young person who was shunned and driven from their small town in the northeast of Brazil for being queer only to return as a trans woman asking for the townsfolk to find her justice.

Performing six different roles, playing a variety of instruments and enlisting dance, speech and song – Inês Sampaio delivers a hugely energetic performance that raises a multitude of questions about gender and sexuality.

Franko Figueiredo, the show's director who is a Brazilian based in the UK, said: "This is very much a production for the times we live in.

"The LGBTQ+ community in Brazil, and other countries, are facing growing persecution and discrimination – in some places it feels like society is moving backwards.

"The Trial digs deep into social attitudes and realities, and I

feel privileged to be working with Inês Sampaio's, with such remarkable energy, and the ability to grip the audience as she tells a compelling story while switching between half a dozen roles."

Although The Trial is a new piece of writing it is already attracting praise such as "sparkling performance, witty and subversive" Loitering in the Theatre and "a thought-provoking performance that challenges attitudes and responses to gender" Ventnor Fringe Review.

For more about StoneCrabs see <https://stonecrabs.co.uk>

- Venue: Greenside at Infirmary Street, Mint Studio (Venue 236)
- Dates: Aug 2-17
- Time: 15:00
- Duration: 50 mins
- Ticket prices: £10 full price and £5 concessions
- Box office: 0131 5572124
- Advisory: 14+

