

Citadel Arts Group going viral from this weekend

On Sunday Citadel Arts Group is back with the first in a new series of free 10 minute plays.

Leithers One Family follows the fortunes of the Preston family with 11 plays based on chapters of the novel by William Haddow. There are pickpockets, fishwives and smugglers, plagues, war and poverty.

The first play is 'The Betrayal' by Hilary Spiers, direction and sound design by Leither Adam Tomkins.

These brand-new audio plays will be broadcast FREE on www.citadelgoesviral.com

1. THE BETRAYAL by Hilary Spiers. When Lord Logan sells the Shore to the Edinburgh baillies, it threatens the livelihood of honest tavern keepers Agnes and Richard Preston.

Spiers is an Edinburgh-based playwright and novelist. Her play *First Do No Harm* about the inception of the NHS toured the Midlands. Recently commissioned to write *Mrs Siddons*.)

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CAST: Agnes: ESTRID BARTON (*Still Game* TV, *Confessions of a Justified Sinner* Radio 4)

Richard: GREGOR DAVIDSON (Henry VIII in *Royal Fibs* BBC, Odin in R UNE II Video Game)

Baillie McTavish: ALEC WESTWOOD (*Exploring the Depths Citadel*)

Drinkers and Boatman: Sandy Jack and James Sutherland

Music: Laure Paterson

Director and Sound Designer: Adam Tomkins (award winning director and actor with 20 years' experience in theatre, film and TV)

2. THE PRECEPTORY by Susan Chaney. In a time of plague and religious dogmatism, Margery Preston seeks refuge in the Leith Preceptory but has to reckon with Canon Daumont.

3. THE SHIPS by Barbara Munro. Humble carter Thomas Preston is summoned to help track down a French spy, helped by streetwise prostitute Jean.

4. UNWELCOME VISITORS by Elaine Campbell.

Isobel Preston cannot escape her husband's past when the Thirty Years' War brings death and destruction to Leith.

5. THE GIBBET by Pamela Hanlon. When 'witches' are executed in Leith, Rab Preston and his wife Marion struggle with inner conflicts and the rising tide of fanaticism.

6. THE RACES by Alan Mountford. Lilian rejects a rich suitor for dashing Adam Preston, and they arrange a tryst at Leith Races.

7. HIGHLANDERS by Jim Brown. Ralph Preston has smuggled Jamaican rum onto Leith quayside, when his troubles start.

8. FISHWIVES by Lizzie MacLean. A plucky Newhaven fishwife helps Alex Preston escape an aggressive press gang.

9. THE BANK by John Lamb. Prosperous Alexander Preston manages the Leith bank, only to be outwitted by a clever woman.

10. ALIENS by Laure Paterson. The persecution of Italian

Leithers during WWII powerfully impacts on young Lizzie Preston and her pal Gina.

11. THE LITTLE PEARL by Rhona McAdam. Contemporary Leith may be gentrified, but it's never possible to escape your past.

The audio plays are directed by Adam Tomkins, Mark Kydd and Liz Hare with sound design by Stewart Emm, Allan Rhynas and Adam Tomkins. Music by Laure Paterson. Image by Anna Glantz.

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The novel LEITHERS ONE FAMILY by William Haddow (published 2020 by Camus Stone Press) is available on Amazon.

