

A MIND THE GAP PRODUCTION



CONTAINED

TRUE STORIES FROM THE HEART



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THE PERFORMANCE

Testing testing, my name is Liam, testing, I am 29, testing testing and I live in Bradford, testing.

CONTAINED is a vibrant, compelling and personal show from England's largest learning disability theatre company: nine interwoven true stories about family and friendships, love and loss, the everyday and the extraordinary.

The head teacher looked at me and said "I'm afraid you have to leave this school. There is no place for you here."

Combining live performance, film, photography, music and dance, CONTAINED explores those small moments in life that suddenly become meaningful: moments that teach us about ourselves, and the world that we live in.

I left a part of me at Seacroft hospital that day.

THE PEOPLE

Created by Mind the Gap in collaboration with Alan Lyddiard (Artistic Director of the Performance Ensemble and former Artistic Director of Northern Stage) and Denis Darzacq (award winning French Photographer and Filmmaker). The cast features nine learning-disabled performers including star of ITV's Coronation Street, Liam Bairstow and composer Jez Colborne who has written original music for the show.

THE PRESS

"It forces us to rethink the dominant narratives around disability, defiantly and joyously trashing any idea of lives diminished and less fully lived and experienced."

Lyn Gardner, *The Guardian*

"Most of us live at a shallow level of communication. Contained shows us that it doesn't have to be this way; that a section of society that is all too frequently stereotyped and regarded in a derogatory fashion, can through openness and honesty, be more intelligent than the crowd."

Colin Hambrook, *Disability Arts Online*

"This show knows it's the small things that happen that tell the biggest truths. It also knows that at the end, the best theatre has you leaving slightly more human for the experience of it."

Jackie Montague, *East Anglian Daily Times*

THE TOUR

CONTAINED will be touring to the following venues in 2017:

24 - 26 January

10 & 11 March

4 - 6 May

25 May

8 & 9 June

Crossing the Line Festival, Roubaix, France

West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

Northern Stage, Newcastle upon Tyne

The Lowry, Salford

Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax

PERFORMANCE | FILM | MUSIC | DANCE

Square Chapel Arts Centre | Red Brick | £20 - £1 (Pay What You Can)

8 June 8pm

Plus post show discussion

9 June 1pm



**Integrated BSL
and Captioning**

Suitable for ages 11+



**Approx running
time: 80 mins**

Alongside the performances there will be two exciting free* events taking place at Square Chapel Arts Centre:

8 June 6pm - 6:45pm Liam Bairstow Talks Corrie

For people wanting a backstage glimpse into ITV's Coronation Street, from CONTAINED performer Liam Bairstow (Alex Warner in Corrie)

9 June 10:30am - 12pm CONTAINED: The Workshop

For artists and performers, led by Director Alan Lyddiard

*All events are free if you have purchased a ticket to CONTAINED

My Story Project Exhibition: On display at Square Chapel Arts Centre from 2 June. Stories and images of people with learning disabilities from across the UK.

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