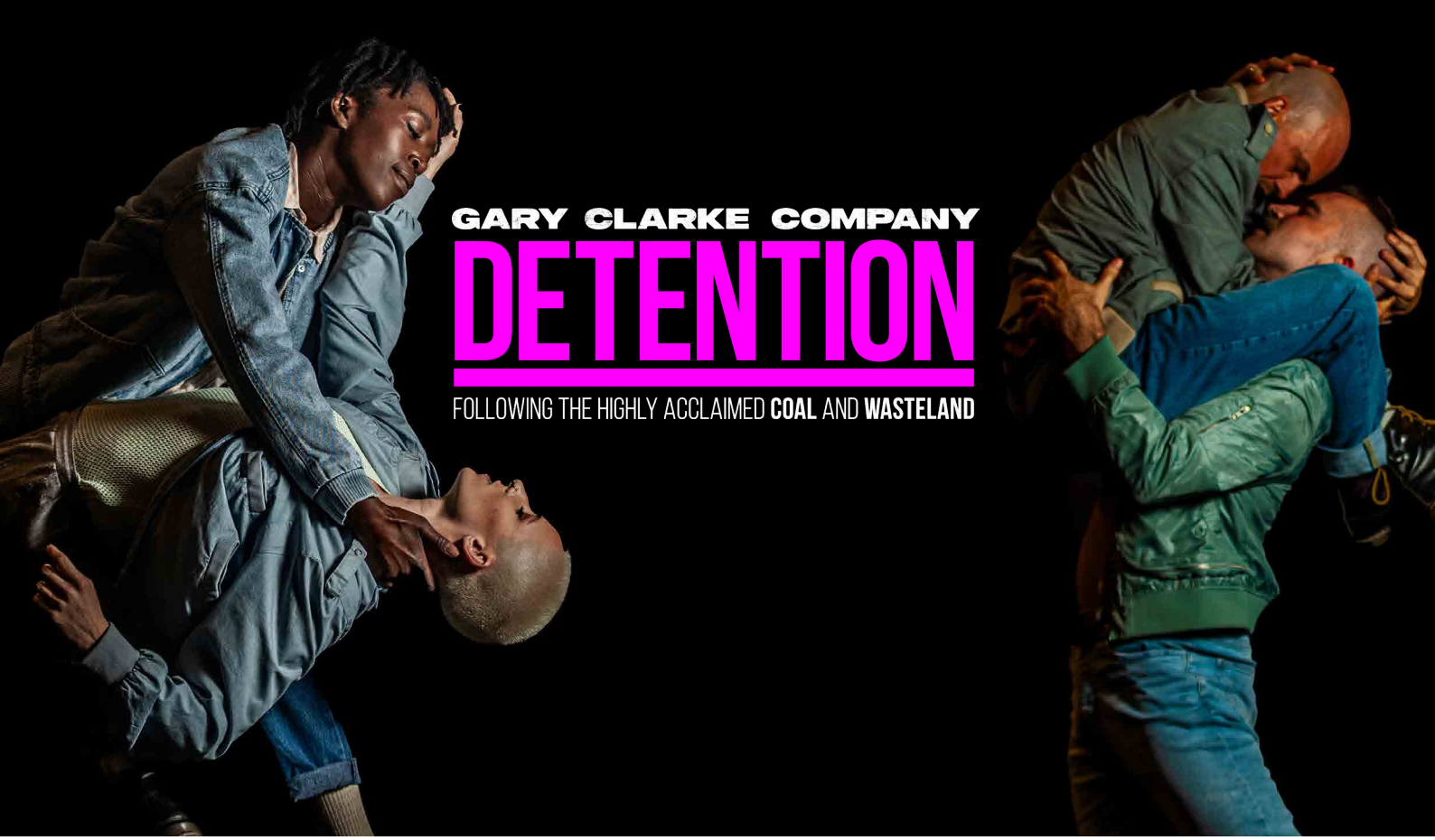

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 5 MEMBERS OF THE LGBT+ COMMUNITY TO RETELL THE STORY OF SECTION 28

- **Are you part of the LGBT+ community?**
- **Are you aged 40+?**
- **Do you remember Section 28?**
- **Would you like to join the cast of a new theatrical production?**

If you answered yes to the above, we would like to hear from you!

GARY CLARKE COMPANY is offering a unique opportunity for 5 members of the LGBT+ community to make their own contribution to **DETENTION** for its national tour in Autumn 2025.

DETENTION is the eagerly anticipated new touring show from choreographer **GARY CLARKE**, following the multi-award winning **COAL** and critically acclaimed **WASTELAND**, exploring the controversial 1988 UK Local Government Act known as Section 28 and the devastating impact it had on LGBT+ communities nationwide.

We are looking for 5 members of the LGBT+ community aged 40+ (**local to each tour venue**) to take to the stage alongside our cast of exceptional performers in this bold and moving portrayal of the remarkable resilience of the individuals and organisations of the time.

The role will involve simple movements and some choreography within certain sections of the show. **GARY CLARKE COMPANY** is committed to providing opportunities to people with limited access to the arts, and therefore **no professional performance or stage experience is essential**.

Each participant will receive a food and local travel allowance to cover rehearsals and performances.

Phil and Sarah were two of the community cast for our preview of **DETENTION** at Cast Theatre, Doncaster. They said of their experiences:

"Amazing, incredible, beautiful… the wider team, particularly the dancers, were so reassuring – I felt a real part of it. The experience felt so safe and rewarding… as if I was contributing to a legacy. To anybody with the opportunity of taking part, I would say take a leap of faith and try it. This is a potentially life-changing experience. Just do it!" Phil

"Having lived through Section 28 as a teacher and being forced to live in shame and fear the very act of being in a live stage performance with an LGBT+ cast was celebratory and activist. It has the power to transform shame into pride and fear into anger. It was a truly cathartic and life changing experience." Sarah

Visit **detentiontour.co.uk** for interviews with our preview community cast, to watch the **DETENTION** trailer, to find out more about **GARY CLARKE COMPANY'S** work and much more.

Anybody interested should register to attend a taster. See page 2 for dates local to you.

The taster is a chance to meet **GARY CLARKE** and find out more about **GARY CLARKE COMPANY**, **DETENTION** and the community cast's involvement in the show. An informal gathering with refreshments and an opportunity to connect with others. Ticket deals to see the show will be made available to anyone who attends a taster.

If you'd like to find out more / register for a free taster, please get in touch:

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GARY CLARKE COMPANY welcomes expressions of interest from all genders, abilities, races, cultures, religions and backgrounds.

COMMUNITY CAST COMMITMENTS

NEWCASTLE — NORTHERN STAGE

Shows: Tue 16 & Wed 17 Sep, 7.30pm

Taster

Wed 9 Jul 7pm – 9.30pm at Northern Stage

Intensive Rehearsals

Sat 13 Sep 12pm – 6pm at Northern Stage
Sun 14 Sep 12pm – 6pm at Northern Stage
Mon 15 Sep 6pm – 10pm at Northern Stage

Shows

Show 1: Tue 16 Sep 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/ dress run and show at 7.30pm
Show 2: Wed 17 Sep 5.30pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

BLACKPOOL – THE GRAND THEATRE

Shows: Wed 8 & Thu 9 Oct, 7.30pm

Taster

Tue 2 Sep 7pm – 9.30pm at The Grand Theatre

Intensive Rehearsals

Sun 5 Oct 12pm – 6pm at The Grand Theatre
Mon 6 Oct 6pm – 10pm at The Grand Theatre
Tue 7 Oct 6pm – 10pm at The Grand Theatre

Shows

Show 1: Wed 8 Oct 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/ dress run and show at 7.30pm
Show 2: Thu 9 Oct 5.30pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

OXFORD PLAYHOUSE

Shows: Fri 26 & Sat 27 Sep, 7.30pm

Taster

Mon 16 Jun 7pm – 9.30pm at Oxford Playhouse

Intensive Rehearsals

Sun 21 Sep 10am – 4pm at Old Fire Station (Oxford)
Wed 24 Sep 6pm – 10pm at Oxford Playhouse
Thu 25 Sep 6pm – 10pm at Oxford Playhouse

Shows

Show 1: Fri 26 Sep 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/ dress run and show at 7.30pm
Show 2: Sat 27 Sep 5.30pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

BRIGHTON – CORN EXCHANGE

Shows: Tue 14 & Wed 15 Oct, 7.30pm

Taster

Thu 4 Sep 7pm – 9.30pm at Corn Exchange (Founders Room)

Intensive Rehearsals

Sat 11 Oct 10am – 4pm at Corn Exchange (Founders Room)
Sun 12 Oct 6pm – 10pm at Corn Exchange (On Stage)
Mon 13 Oct 5pm – 10pm at Venue TBC

Shows

Show 1: Tue 14 Oct 9am – end of show, rehearsals/tech/ dress run and show at 7.30pm
Show 2: Wed 15 Oct 5pm – end of show, show at 7.30pm

DETENTION is produced by **GARY CLARKE COMPANY** and co-commissioned by:

Nottingham Playhouse · CAST · Lawrence Batley Theatre Huddersfield · The Grand Theatre Blackpool · The Place

Midlands co-presenter: FABRIC

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