

GARY CLARKE COMPANY DETENTION



COMMUNITY ROADSHOWS

JOIN **GARY CLARKE COMPANY** AT A FREE COMMUNITY ROADSHOW FOR CONVERSATION, REFLECTION AND A RARE INSIGHT INTO NEW SHOW **DETENTION**.

DETENTION roadshows offer an exclusive opportunity for communities to meet **GARY CLARKE COMPANY'S** Artistic Director **GARY CLARKE** and to learn more about **DETENTION**, including the intricate creative processes behind making it, the motivation to create it and the people and elements involved. Gary shares rare access to his research and source material including choreographic notebooks and story boards. Participants will be invited to take part in group conversation, the sharing of stories and personal reflections, sensitively facilitated by **GARY CLARKE**.

DETENTION is the new dance theatre show from **GARY CLARKE COMPANY** and the sequel to multi-award winning **COAL** and critically acclaimed **WASTELAND** exploring the impact of **SECTION 28**: a piece of largely hidden legislation from Thatcher's Conservative Government in 1988, which '*prohibited the promotion of homosexuality*', forcing people from the LGBT+ community into a place of secrecy, fear and shame at a time when the country was in industrial turmoil and the gay community was being ravaged by the onslaught of AIDS.

GARY CLARKE'S powerful and personal working-class storytelling draws on public and private stories and testimonies, including a rare insight into the LGBT+ Switchboard Logbooks, combined with vivid choreography performed by a company of exceptional dancers, an evocative narrator, a local cast of LGBT+ people, striking designs in film, sound, light and costume and music tracks by the iconic band **Test Dept**.

Roadshow participants will be offered the opportunity to access discounted tickets to see **DETENTION** at their local venue.

To find out more or to book a free roadshow for your group please get in touch:

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