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Blast Theory and the Royal Exchange Theatre present

MY NECK OF THE WOODS

The Royal Exchange Theatre

St Ann's Square, Manchester

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Manchester teenagers are set to tell their own real-life stories via live transmissions from the streets of the city.

Part documentary, part performance, part live-stream online video experience, MY NECK OF THE WOODS is presented by Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre and internationally renowned interactive artists Blast Theory.

The Royal Exchange's Truth about Youth programme, which sets out to challenge and change negative perceptions of young people, has become even more ambitious in its third year with this new online event which sees young people walking through their neighbourhoods in Manchester, filming themselves as they go with cutting edge live-streaming video kit.

They will be pointing out sites of particular significance and telling the personal stories which link them to these locations; they will be discussing topics which interest them; and they will be asking the online audience a series of questions... "How do I find my voice?", "How do you start off on the right foot?", "How do I become a sustainable adult?"...

To take part, viewers will go online and choose who to walk with. They can drop into a café, a kitchen or the



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local pond – listen in and, if they get curious, join in the conversation. No two conversations will be the same, and what the young performers say will depend on what the online audience ask.

A group of six young performers have been working with a team of artists from Blast Theory to develop the project idea, identify locations which mean something to them, and learn about the complexities of performing live to an online audience. Working alongside them, a team of young technicians have been helping to build the online web interface and learning how to use the technical equipment for the final live event.

Fiona Gasper (Executive Director, Royal Exchange Theatre) said: "The Royal Exchange Theatre are delighted to be working in partnership with Blast Theory on this project, and we hope that MY NECK OF THE WOODS will provide an opportunity for online audiences and the young performers to connect with each other on a new and intimate level – breaking down barriers and creating space for dialogue and discussion across the generations and between communities."

The public will have the chance to be part of MY NECK OF THE WOODS on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 September from 5.30pm to 7.30pm – either playing live in the Great Hall foyer space of the Royal Exchange on a special bank of computer monitors or playing online at www.myneckofthewoods.co.uk.TNT



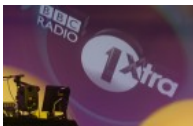
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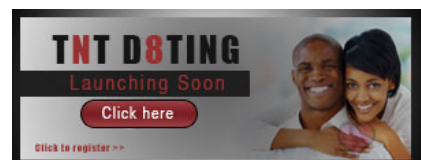
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