

StoryFest 26

10 new plays featuring bright young talent

8-25 July 2026

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StoryFirst Part One

This is About Tangerines by Malachy O'Callaghan

Please be a Fish by Eddie Oliver

Directed by Matt Harrison

Full show information including Visual Guide www.nyt.org.uk/storyfirst1

Team

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Lighting Designer
Lucy Adams
Associate Lighting Designer & Programmer
Shona M'gadza
Sound Designer & Programmer
Pouya Ehsaei
Associate Sound Designer
Anna Short
Puppet Design and Maker
Vic Hoover
Dramaturg
Raphael Martin
Costume Supervisor and Wardrobe Manager
Esmé Dann
Costume Supervisor and Wardrobe Manager
Ethan Bailey-Smith
Production Manager
Meg Sorohan
Company Stage Manager
Mimi Thorpe
Deputy Stage Manager
Daze Corder
Deputy Stage Manager
Alex Alexander
Deputy Stage Manager*
Gemma McDonald
Deputy Stage Manager*
Rhea Pereira
Production Technician
Simon Callahan

Production Technician

Ceri Benjamin
Assistant Stage Manager*
Pidge Durrant
Assistant Stage Managers*
Jessica Wray
Sophie Halse
Costume Assistants*
Kitty Cook
Alice Tollfree-Clapton
Wellbeing Worker
Jay Mailer

*NYT Member

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Malachy O'Callaghan (He/Him) writer of This is About Tangerines
Malachy is a writer / actor from Bristol. This is About Tangerines is inspired by his real experiences of living with OCD. His writing aims to explore connection, identity, and the complexities of everyday relationships through humour and heart. He has ambitions to develop more work for stage and screen.

Eddie Oliver (He/They) writer of Please be a Fish
Eddie is a writer, performer and director currently based in London but with a yearning for the sea. He loves dark, surreal comedy, horror, and fish, apparently. With a background in education and facilitation, he is interested in bringing untold stories to the stage with verbatim and community-based theatre.

This is About Tangerines Cast



Sam Rattue
he/him



Finlay Fairfax
he/him



Zizi Franses
she/her



Ibrahim Kanu
he/him

Please be a Fish Cast



Flo Ellis-Outhwaite
he/him



Manpreet Gehlan
he/him



Vic Hoover
they/them



Averen Turay
he/they