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The Mayhem Company presents

## **The Butterfly Club**

by Sarah May

Directed by Benjamin May

**30 September - 4 October 2008**

**PRESS NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.30PM**

*Adults? Listen to yourself, Lauren. Fuck – when did you last see an adult? A real live adult? There are no adults. All I see is grown-up kids with wrinkles wearing bad clothes.*

The Mayhem Company's latest production, *The Butterfly Club*, is being brought to Southwark Playhouse by 12 young non-professional and 6 professional actors. Written in collaboration with novelist and playwright Sarah May, *The Butterfly Club* is a dark and ultimately life-affirming response to the continuing deaths of young people in the town of Bridgend, South Wales, and elsewhere in the UK.

One winter's morning, Caitlin walks out on her mum, her home and her life... and keeps on walking until she reaches an old dance hall in the woods where she hangs herself.

As friends and family gather at the funeral they realise that Caitlin won't be the only one. Others will join the butterfly club...

Biting tragedy and dark humour combine as a cast of cocaine-taking, marriage-flunking parents and lovesick, world-weary children try to work out what it means to choose to die and what it means to choose to live...

The Mayhem Company has been devising and staging boundary-breaking productions since 2001. Its core members are young non-professional actors from the London Borough of Southwark. *The Butterfly Club* is our fourth production. Previous work includes urban fairytale, *Hamelyn Heights* (Young Vic Studio); a study of corruption in the black religious community, *100° Fahrenheit* (Southwark Playhouse); a fatal shooting in a Southwark school, *Deluxe* (Southwark Playhouse) and most recently the short *See you Tomorrow* (Southwark Playhouse), the company's response to one of our former member's decisions to join the British Army and serve in Iraq.

**For press information and reviewing tickets please contact Chris Smyrnios on 020 7407 0234 or [chris.smyrnios@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:chris.smyrnios@southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)**

## **Listings Information**

PLEASE NOTE:

OUR BOX OFFICE NUMBER HAS NOW CHANGED TO 020 7407 0234

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Southwark Playhouse  
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NEAREST TUBE: LONDON BRIDGE (NOT BOROUGH)

### **Performances**

30 September to 4 October 2008  
Tuesday to Saturday

Evening performances start at 7.30pm sharp  
2pm Matinees on 1 & 2 October

### **Box Office**

#### **Online**

[www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)  
24 HOURS

#### **By Telephone (New No.)**

**020 7407 0234**  
**Mon-Fri, 10.30-18.30**

#### **In Person**

The ticket office at Southwark Playhouse is open from 6.30pm Mon to Saturday  
(and from 1pm on matinee days)

#### **Ticket Prices**

£8, £13, £20

'Airline Style' Pricing

The earlier you book the cheaper the tickets!

#### **Concessions**

Disabled people can bring one companion free of charge

There are no other concessions