



The Linlithgow Players Present



Al Fresco Theatre

THE ALLOTMENT

by

Gillian Plowman



WILD SWIM

by Martha Watson Allpress

at Bonnytoun Farm Linlithgow

Fri 3 Sept 2021 @ 6pm & Sat 4 Sept 2021 @ 2pm & 6pm

Tickets £7

from www.linlithgowplayers.org.uk or 07849448999

This is an outdoor production with 50 tickets per performance. BYO rug/chair

This amateur production of 'The Allotment' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd, on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
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Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you back to live performance in Linlithgow. Many of you will have supported us at our online production in November 2020, Armchair Theatre, which you were able to enjoy from the comfort of your living rooms. We hope this BYO 'farmchair' theatre will be a unique experience and worth the wait!

We'd like to thank our hosts Lindsay and Ben at Grow Wild, Bonnytoun and the allotment growers. They have been so welcoming and supportive of the production from our first visit back in the Spring and have gone above and beyond to accommodate us. We couldn't have done it without them. Thanks too to the Linlithgow and District Allotment Society and Narrow Boat Farm who also generously offered their sites – we were spoilt for choice but had to plump for one.

Our double bill starts with Wild Swim and will be followed by The Allotment. Running time approx. 1 hour.

First up...

Wild Swim

By Martha Watson Allpress

Directed by Thérèse Gallacher
Performed by Liz Drewett

This magical piece was one of ten winning monologues in Papatango Theatre's Isolated But Open: Voices From Across the Shutdown writing competition. Launched in March 2020, and attracting over 2000 submissions, the results were described as "representing the freshest, most vital, and most exciting voices from across the country."

Wild Swim was one of our favourite pieces. In it we meet Lauren, who has struggled to grieve following the death of her mum. It's a beautifully written piece that explores how family history, connections and internalised relationships help and sustain us in life.

Followed by...

The Allotment

By Gillian Plowman

Directed by **Liz Drewett**

Cast

Marcie	Judy Barker
Norah	Serena Jones
Belle	Sue Vizard
Lorna	Sue Spencer
Daisy Barnes	Thérèse Gallacher

Scene 1 : Morning tea break on the allotment

Scene 2: Later that same day on the allotment

This one act play has been on our to do list for a while. As we emerged with uncertainty from lockdown, it made sense for rehearsing and performing to think about an open-air production. With various locations in and around Linlithgow affording site-specific options, *The Allotment* really fitted the bill.

Four women are growing vegetables for a soup kitchen. What connects them? Then along comes Daisy to mix things up a bit - you'll find out why and how!

Al Fresco Theatre Production team:

Producer: **Liz Drewett**

Thanks to:

Thérèse Gallacher as Production Assistant

Les Fulton - rehearsal assistant and prompt

Sue Spencer and **Sue Vizard** - publicity

Our front of house team - led by **Ruth McLarty**

Francesca Smart – rotavator finder and social media

Lewis Eggeling – website

Serena Jones – ticket site

John Barker – technical advice

The Players' committee for all their support and help.

Lindsay and **Ben** because we can't thank you enough!

The Linlithgow Players is an amateur community drama group with an active membership of around 25 people. We perform in venues throughout the town and beyond and usually offer a programme of 3 productions a year (a pantomime, a full length play in the Spring and a Plays and Wine event in the Autumn). We also perform in Linlithgow Palace over the Summer at the invitation of Historic Environment Scotland. If you would like to find out more about us or are interested in joining, please have a look at our website www.linlithgowplayers.org.uk. We always welcome new members, whether your interest is in performing, directing, being part of the creative team, technical, back stage or just helping out, so contact us via the website or our Facebook page .

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