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Sackville Theatre Company **Uninvited** by the company



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The personal odyssey of one young migrant as he flees his war-torn home for the promise of peace abroad

Devised entirely from verbatim stories, **Sackville Theatre Company** have attempted to remain as true to the source as possible. The plot centres on 18-year-old Tariq in his pursuit of refuge, and documents the many lives he touches along the way.

By juxtaposing the protagonist's plight with the disproportionate power of the journalists, politicians, and officers who truly control his fate, the play examines the uncomfortable truths surrounding the current migrant crisis. Equally, **Uninvited** encourages the audience to reflect on the desensitisation of the Western World to reports of immense suffering. At a time when the media disseminates images of fresh atrocities daily, have the public become numb to the hardship of the 13.1 million Syrians currently in dire need of humanitarian assistance?

Tariq encounters immigration workers, politicians, smugglers on his journey – each designed with their own particular character to demonstrate both the sheer scope of the world we live in and the power of the individual to touch a thousand lives, however inadvertently, along the way.

Sackville Theatre Company employ diverse narrative techniques, telling the story through a mix of physical theatre, puppetry and the use of film and video. The company is based at Sevenoaks School and regularly brings shows to the Edinburgh Fringe. The play features both an original script written by the troupe and a brand-new score composed by a student.

However daunting it may seem, we will attempt to negotiate the unimaginable adversity faced by so many today with the recognition of our role in the tale as students ourselves. Ultimately, it is a celebration of the beauty and resilience of the human spirit as it strives for self-betterment in our fractured world.

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