

## Fourth Wall Theatre **Yen** by Anna Jordan



**It's shocking, it's sad, but it's what makes Yen unmissable.**

Two young brothers, Bobbie and Hench are home alone in a squalid flat in Feltham, watching porn. Their vicious dog is locked away, all they have to eat is twiglets, and a girl keeps staring up at their window. Little mention is made of the outside world, and the only way it is seen is through the TV and the PlayStation. Brutal, heart breaking, and often hilarious, **Yen** by **Anna Jordan** explores the relationship between nature and nurture, when two boys are left to fend for themselves.

Where's their Mum? Moved out with her boyfriend, Minge-face Allan. Sometimes she visits, usually with empty pockets and empty promises, but their life goes on. Then Jenny shows up. Jenny brings friendship, much needed care for their dog Taliban, but most importantly Jenny brings kindness. **Yen** is a stunning play that explores how two boys, who have been brought up in a world of violence and poverty, experience affection for the first time in their lives. How do they react to it?

**Yen** won the **Bruntwood Prize for Playwriting** in 2013. It opened at The **Royal Exchange Manchester** in February 2015 to rave reviews, and subsequently moved from Manchester to the **Royal Court** in London, and then on to New York, where Oscar nominee **Lucas Hedges** starred as Hench.

**Yen** is performed by **Fourth Wall Theatre**, part of **Durham Student Theatre**. This is Fourth Wall's fourth year at the Edinburgh Fringe, following the previous success of *Swing by Around 8*, *Small Hours* and *a year of minutes*.

**'If you want to a brilliantly executed show, go and see Yen' DST First Night**

**'Yen means longing and I will be longing to see it again... This play sums up what good theatre should be' Palatinate Review**

**'A captivating production' The Bubble**

**'10/10 would Yen again... genuinely moving... heart wrenching... mesmerising' ★★★★★ Tab**

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### Listings Information

Venue	C cubed, Brodie's Close, Lawnmarket, EH1 2PS, venue 50
Dates	2-25 Aug
Time	12:20 (1hr25)
Ticket prices	£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50
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