

## Spasm Grey Matter



### Profound questions arise as violence erupts between the nation's most volatile young men

Jack has failed his 18+: assessed 82% likely to commit murder, he has been incarcerated in a secure neuro-treatment facility in the bleakest Norfolk Fens. His only hope is Daniel, a neuro-rights activist. But, as Daniel enters Jack's dangerous world, can he even save himself? **Grey Matter** presents a dystopian near-future which will make you question whether risk-taking is inherently human, whether free will is an illusion and just how angry someone can get over a stolen Twix?

Inspired by psychologist Adrian Raine's proposal that eighteen-year-olds likely to commit violence should be detained indefinitely, **Grey Matter** is a new play which combines claustrophobic realism, black comedy and fast-paced physical theatre with the projection of specially recorded film on to the performers' bodies.

Preview performances of this incredible work attracted considerable interest and acclaim from the arts industry, including theatrical agents Hamilton Hodell. **SPASM** prides itself on technical sophistication, with the creative team including a lighting designer trained under Neil Austin at the National Theatre. Following its recent play *Immortal* at the Hammersmith Lyric, **SPASM** returns to the Edinburgh Fringe where its previous productions have been received critical acclaim.

**'Neither conventional, nor undemanding, but undeniably excellent'**

★★★★ *British Theatre Guide*

**'Twisted and terrifying'** ★★★★★ *ThreeWeeks*

**'Compelling... not to be missed'** ★★★★★ *EdFringeReview*

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#### Listings Information

Venue

C nova, venue 145, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates

21-29 Aug

Time

13:00 (1h30)

Ticket prices

£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50

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