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PRESS RELEASE

BCB Productions & Network Theatre
Bloody Mary
by **Bernie C Byrnes**



Rape, burnings, beheadings and religious persecution run rife as England's first Queen Regnant tries to untangle service to God from service to the self

In this fascinating monologue, starring Network Theatre's **Susan Small**, speeches made by the current conservative government are woven through a text that explores religious extremism, absolute power, damnation and salvation through the eyes of Mary Tudor.

'Centuries have passed since the wars of religion ceased in Europe, and since men stopped dying in large numbers because of arcane theological disputes. Hence, perhaps, the incredulity and denial with which Westerners have greeted news of the theology and practices of the Islamic State. Many refuse to believe that this group is as devout as it claims to be, or as backward-looking or apocalyptic as its actions and statements suggest' *Graeme Wood*

Bloody Mary is written and directed by New Theatre Royal Portsmouth's Associate Artist in Residence **Bernie C Byrnes**. Bernie is a multi-award winning writer and director. Previous directing commissions include The Globe, the Royal Shakespeare Company and most recently Soho Theatre, Main House. Bernie is an established theatrical practitioner, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Guild of Directors. She has attracted multiple five star reviews for her shows over the past 15 years.

BCB Productions made their debut appearance at the Fringe last year with *The Dos and Don't of Online Dating*.

'To the delight of an audience that listened with rapt attention two first-rate actors delivered an entertaining and enlightening bit of theatre' *FringeReview.co.uk*

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Listings Information

Venue

C cubed, venue 50, Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Dates

4-29 Aug (not 10, 16, 23)

Time

15:00 (0h50)

Ticket prices

£7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / children £3.50-£5.50

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