



# THE GAIETY

Welcome to Short Attention Span Theatre at the Ayr Gaiety. This show features six short plays written especially for it, all on the theme of Secrets. We're delighted to be performing at this famous theatre again. This is the last time we'll be here in 2024, but we will be back again in 2025. If you enjoy the show we hope you return and you bring a friend with you. Thanks to Vince, Nicola, Laura, Rachel, Rhianna and all the staff at the Gaiety. Plays in running order.

**Umm Kulthum** by Martin Foreman. Directed by Kay Marquis.

Cast: Megan Smith & Chalkie Whyte

A woman invites a stranger into her flat. Why does she have carpet on her walls and ceiling? What has he never heard of? And what, or who, is Umm Kulthum?

**Arabella** by Jennifer MacRae. Directed by Kay Marquis.

Cast: Sarah C Meikle & Marnie Thomson

It is 1806 and the Napoleonic War is raging. Arabella Rose, the wife of a wealthy sugar plantation owner dies in mysterious circumstances and when rumours of an affair swirl round the village, the finger of blame points to a young, black slave brought from Demerara to work at Bayfield House on Nigg Bay. Can she survive the accusations? Will the truth ever be discovered? Based on a true story, Arabella is a gripping drama about wealth, privilege and deception.

**Nifty** by Adam McNelis. Directed by Shamama Fatima.

Cast: Megan Smith & Grant McDonald

He wears the gear, he owns the vinyl, he saw the next big band a year before EVERYONE else. A trend-setter with a sought-out opinion on all things music, clobber, and general gallusness - nothing could take him down...

**Haud Yer Wheest!** by Gail Winters. Directed by Shamama Fatima.

Cast: Marnie Thomson, Chalkie Whyte & James Keenan

We seek her here, we seek her there, we seek oor mammy everywhere. Join Calum, Sharon and Dunky as they try to put aside their sibling rivalry and find their missing mammy.

**Who Cares Wins** by Alistair Maxwell. Directed by Isi Nimmo.

Cast: Elaine Blair & Gillean Young

Caring for Mrs. Jones is tough, caring for Mrs. Jones is even tougher. Quick to anger, quicker to rage, and then there's the little matter of the mysterious potion cabinet she keeps in her living room...

**When the Lever Breaks** by Chris Patrick. Directed by David Hewitson.

Cast: Sarah C Meikle, Grant McDonald & James Keenan

Two criminals on death row await their punishment. However, when the executioner's equipment fails, it may mean the two unlikely companions live to see another day. It's amazing the friends you can make waiting for death.