The Pool Game

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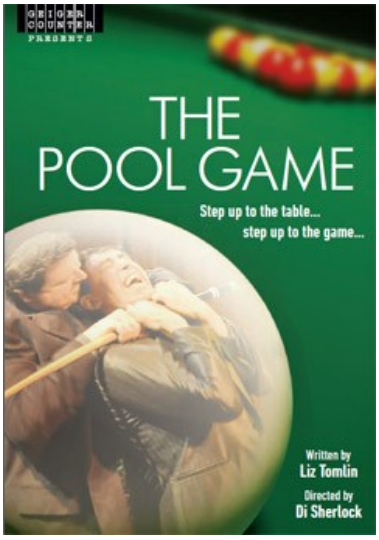

'You don't know what it is that you're charged with, so how can you claim to know that you're innocent?'

Condemned to an absurd trial played out on a pool table, Josef K must play the game of his life. Inspired by Kafka's The Trial, The Pool Game questions the notion of justice in a world where the rules are manipulated to make sure the winner always stays on. Darkly comic and unashamedly political The Pool Game playfully invites the audience to participate – as a jury whose ultimate verdict may change everything or nothing at all.

'Step up to the table… step up to the game…'

'A fascinating evening. Kafka's work is certainly very suggestive about the causes of modern anxiety and guilt, and about the way the threat to all gets translated into hostility between individuals. Your play developed that dimension of power "play" in ingenious ways.' (Audience feedback, work-in-progress sharing)

'Extremely engaging and thought provoking' (Audience feedback, work-in-progress sharing)

Written by established Writer / Producer **Liz Tomlin (/staff/profiles/drama/tomlin-liz.aspx)** (previously Co-Artistic Director of Point Blank), Tomlin continues to build her reputation with audiences and critics with this latest offering, directed by Di Sherlock, who recently received critical acclaim for The World's Wife. This is a must-see show.

'quality theatre……totally compelling' (Independent on Sunday on Tomlin's Operation Wonderland)

'Liz Tomlin's script is pacey and incisive, executed with a flair and energy that keeps every ear and eye in the audience pricked and peeled.' (Bristol Observer on Nothing to Declare)

'Di Sherlock's witty, fleet-footed production' (Michael Coveney on The World's Wife)

'..under Di Sherlock's direction, it seduces with a riot of vivid imagery and a firework display of virtuoso acting' (The Times on The World's Wife)

Tour dates

Thursday 7 June, 8pm
Buckley Lecture Theatre, University of Huddersfield
Tickets: £5

- **Book your tickets here (http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3481478195)**

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 June, 8pm
Sheffield Cathedral
Tickets: £10 (£8)

- **Book your tickets here (http://www.sheffieldcathedral.org/shop/tickets-events-concerts-exhibitions-sheffield.php)** or call the box office on 0114 275 3434

Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 June, 8pm
Senate House, University of London, Malet Street/Russell Square
Tickets: £14 (£10)

- Click to book tickets for **Monday (http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3495327619)** or **Tuesday (http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3495387799)**

Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June, 8pm
Holbeck Underground Ballroom (HUB), Leeds
Tickets: £10 (£8)

- Click to book tickets for **Thursday (http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3495359715)** or **Friday (http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3495431931)**

Saturday 30 June, 6.30pm
Barnsley Civic
Tickets: £5 (£3)

- **Book your tickets here (http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk/)** or call the box office on 01226 327 000

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