

Jagged Fence Productions and Danielle Tarento present

Three Sisters

by **ANTON CHEKHOV** in a new version by **ANYA REISS**

Director **RUSSELL BOLAM**

Set & Costume Designer **ANTHONY LAMBLE**

Lighting Designer **HOWARD HUDSON**

Sound Designer **MAX PAPPENHEIM**

Reworked for the 21st century by Anya Reiss, (winner, Most Promising Playwright at the Evening Standard Awards and Critics Circle Awards 2010) this searing new version of Chekhov's most haunting masterpiece reunites the team behind 2012's critically acclaimed, sell-out hit, *The Seagull* and is co-produced by the award winning producer of last year's smash hit, *Titanic*.

Three Sisters will run for a 5-week season at Southwark Playhouse, from Thursday 3 April - Saturday 3 May.

Press night is Tuesday 8 April at 8.00pm.

"You won't be here. Not in thirty years. You'll have had a stroke, or I'll have shot you. It'll be one or the other."

Three sisters. Three thousand miles from home. Overworked Olga, wild Masha and idealistic Irina dream of returning. Living in a world of deceit, desire and hard drinking it's difficult but is there something else holding them back?

Cast to be announced.

Anya Reiss (Writer) wrote her first play when she was 14 and then became a member of the Royal Court Theatre's Young Writers' Programme. For the stage, she most recently adapted Chekhov's *The Seagull* for Southwark Playhouse and *Forty-Five Minutes*, which played at the National Theatre's 2013 Connections Festival. Prior to that she wrote *The Acid Test*, which opened at the Royal Court in May 2011 and received rave reviews. Her debut play, *Spur of the Moment*, (written when she was 17) opened at the Royal Court in July 2010, for which she won the Most Promising Playwright Award at the 2010 Evening Standard Awards and the 2010 Critics' Circle Awards and Best New Play at the 2010 TMA Awards.

Russell Bolam (Director) recently directed critically acclaimed productions of *The Merry Wives Of Windsor* at the Ivan Vasov, National Theatre of Bulgaria and Anya Reiss' version of *The Seagull* and the world premiere of Philip Ridley's *Shivered*, both at Southwark Playhouse. *The Seagull* was long-listed for Best Off-West End Production at the Whatsonstage Awards and for Best Actor and Best Actress at the Off West End Awards. *Shivered* was nominated for Best Off-West End Production at the Whatsonstage Awards and for Best Production, Best New Play, Best Actor and Best Director at the Off West End Awards.

Jagged Fence (Producer) was founded in 2006 by Artistic Director Emily Dobbs and has produced critically acclaimed work across London, at regional festivals and venues, and in New York. Theatre includes: *The Love Girl And The Innocent*, *The Seagull*, *The Only True History Of Lizzie Finn*, *Antigone*, *The Hostage* (Southwark Playhouse); *Cornelius* (New York transfer to 59E59 Theater); *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *As You Like It*, *Gotcha*, *Stars In The Morning Skies* (Riverside Studios); *Dusa Fish Stas & Vi*, *Love On The Dole*, *Ours* (Finborough); *Can't Stand Up For Falling Down* (Arcola).

Danielle Tarento (Producer/Casting Director) was named Best Producer at the 2012 Off West End Awards. She has produced *Titanic*, *Victor/Victoria*, *Mack & Mabel*, *Parade and Company* at Southwark Playhouse; *Taboo* (Brixton Clubhouse); *The Pitchfork Disney* (Arcola); *Burlesque*, *Drowning on Dry Land* (Jermyn Street); *Noël and Gertie* (Cockpit). She is co-founder of the Menier Chocolate Factory and co-produced all in-house shows 2004 - 2006, including *Sunday In The Park With George*, which received a West End transfer and five Olivier awards.

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Press for *The Seagull*
at Southwark Playhouse

"Fresh, colloquial, sexy and downright perceptive" *The Telegraph* ★★★★★

"In a year of remarkable Chekhov revivals, this *Seagull* flies with the best"
The Guardian ★★★★★

"As emotionally honest and heartfelt a production as the author could have hoped" *The Times* ★★★★★

"An unmissable occasion" *The Observer*
Listings info

Three Sisters

Southwark Playhouse
77-85 Newington Causeway
London SE1 6BD

Box Office: 020 7407 0234
www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk

Nearest Tubes: Elephant and Castle and Borough

Thursday 3 April - Saturday 3 May

Monday - Saturday at 8.00pm
Saturday matinee at 3.30pm

Press night: Tuesday 8 April at 8.00pm

Tickets: £18.00, concessions £16.00
Previews (3 - 7 April) all seats £10

