## The Promise of a Garden (Internal draft)



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Nature has been a faithful companion in lockdown. In moorland, wood and pasture, in parks, allotments and back gardens, it nourished us through difficult times. Seeing wild flowers emerge in the most unusual of places across our city has given us moments of joy.

In **The Promise Of A Garden** the Quarry Theatre at Leeds Playhouse will be transformed into a magical garden where a company of older performers will share stories, visions and dreams of what has been - and what might happen tomorrow.

Blending performance, dance, music, film and photography this is a moment for Leeds to remember and gather strength to move past the pandemic

Produced at Leeds Playhouse in a co-production with The Performance Ensemble, Leeds Older People's Forum and Leeds 2023

**Book Now -** 0113 213 7700 – <u>info@leedsplayhouse.org.uk</u> Leeds Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7UP

August 18th-21st at 7.00pm and August 19th & 21st at 1.00pm

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## CAN YOU HELP US MAKE OUR GARDEN GROW?

Our Garden will be made up of flowers contributed by the people of Leeds

**The 5000 Flowers Project** is an invitation to create a flower for the beautiful garden we are making this summer - a garden that will bloom and grow with the individuality and imagination of each unique flower created.

You may love working with wool or scraps of material and intricate sewing, with glitter or sequins. You might be inspired by paint and paper, coloured tissue paper or papier-mâché – we invite you to imagine the flower you will delight in creating, the flower you want to see this summer, a flower you can share with others in our magical garden.

Your flower might be real, a gift from your garden to ours, or it might be made of fabric, paper, steel or light or be a photograph of your favourite bloom. There might be knitting, ceramics and embroidery alongside pots of bulbs and roses: Our Garden will combine the art of nature with the art of human beings.

If you would like to contribute a flower, but feel unsure of how to go about it, there will be people to help you and advise you.

Each flower we gather will be photographed and acknowledged. You might like to write a dedication on your flower. That would be a wonderful thing to do.

Everybody can get involved - In community venues, schools, colleges, day centres, care homes, neighbourhood networks, clubs or at home

**The Promise of a Garden** at Leeds Playhouse is a celebration of our green-fingered and creative city – a sharing of what nature has meant to us over this hard year and of what we mean to each other too.

## **GET INVOLVED NOW - MORE INFO.**

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