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Press Release – for immediate release

After the success of their critically acclaimed international hit *The Nature of Forgetting*, Theatre Re returns to Worthing with a 'masterpiece' (Theatre Weekly) of visual theatre about the evolution of family and life in *BIRTH*.

BIRTH is the story of Sue, Katherine and Emily; three generations of women from the same family whose stories are interconnected in ways they could never predict. This show traces their journeys of self-discovery, acceptance and hope. Theatre Re has garnered an international reputation for creating world-class, visually striking poetic theatre, and they'll be performing at the Connaught Theatre on Friday 8 October 2021, 7:30pm and Saturday 9 October 2021, 2:30pm & 7:30pm.

Established as a professional ensemble in 2011, Theatre Re uses a compelling, physical style of performance which embraces Corporeal Mime, theatre and live music. This is signature to the company and has seen them tour the world with sell-out runs in London, New York, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and South America. Indeed since 2011, Theatre Re has created and toured five productions, performed at 74 venues in 41 UK cities, and toured internationally to 15 countries.

This is a very moving piece and resonates with many as it deftly tackles the topic of baby loss during pregnancy. Such loss is experienced by a great number of parents but is rarely discussed, even considered taboo. Character Emily is eight months pregnant when she reads her grandmother's journal. As she delves into the depths of her family history, its pages unveil a legacy of courage and unconditional love. Such celebration of hope made the show an Edinburgh Fringe hit and it had sell-out runs at the 2019 London International Mime Festival and Latitude Festival.

Theatre Re's inspiration always comes from universal human challenges, and collaborations with community organisations are an essential part of the creative process. In this instance, they are drawing on a 15-month period of development, interviews they conducted with families who have experienced loss, and in partnership with UCL Neuroscience Professor, Kate Jeffery and University of Kent Lecturer, Dr. Graeme A Forbes. Throughout this 2021 tour, they will also be collaborating with charity Aching Arms whose aim is to raise awareness of the impact of pregnancy and baby loss and to bring some comfort to bereaved parents and their families.

Company director Guillaume Pige comments, '*BIRTH* is about family, memory and secrets. Throughout the development process, we unearthed the



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parallels between our own lives and the lives of our parents and grandparents. We looked at the moments that have been an important part of family life for generations but we also looked at the smaller moments, those that we tend to forget, but that meant so much at the time and helped define who we are.'

Theatre Re's BIRTH will be performed on Friday 8 October 2021, 7:30pm and Saturday 9 October 2021, 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are available from £10. For more information on this or any of the events, visit www.wtam.uk or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

★★★★★ *'Ravishingly beautiful, spellbinding piece of work, performed with panache and utter conviction'* - The Arts Desk

★★★★★ *'Truly deserved the standing ovation it got, as people were moved to tears and rendered speechless'* - Broadway Baby

★★★★★ *'Wonderfully human and tremendously moving'* - Theatre Box

★★★★★ *'Clever and beautiful... a stunning piece of theatre'* - Fringe Review

★★★★★ *'An emotional story that cries out to be heard... An absolute must-see'* - Mind the Blog

★★★★★ *'An epic dance of life's ongoing journey'* - The Scotsman

★★★★★ *'Arpeggios leap as emotions soar... A quietly charged watch'* - WhatsOnStage

★★★★★ *'A powerful, pulsating 75 minutes... BIRTH swells and subsides like a symphony'* - The Stage

★★★★★ *'Moving, painful and uplifting in equal parts, BIRTH is a sensitive and beautiful exploration of humanity's most universal experiences'* - FEST

★★★★★ *'A masterclass in physical theatre storytelling... feeling like magic to watch'* - ThreeWeeks

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#BirthTheShow

Website: theatre.co.uk/birth

Trailer: youtu.be/U_J3yfG68W0

Audience response: youtu.be/EvXb2WdBnZQ

EVENT LISTING

BIRTH, Theatre Re

Date: Friday 8 October & Saturday 9 October 2021

Time: 7:30pm (Friday), 2:30pm & 7:30pm (Saturday)

Venue: Connaught Theatre & Studio, Union Pl, Worthing BN11 1LG

Tickets: £10

Link: wtam.uk/events/birth

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