

**Rabbit's Head Theatre Company**  
**The Kiss**  
 after Chekhov, adapted by the company



**Summer, 1935. Russia. The lilacs, poplars, and roses are blooming – as well as an unlikely friendship**

A witty and enticing gambol into the mysteries of the heart, **The Kiss** tells the story of two soldiers as their friendship begins break at the seams. After the unconfident, undistinguished and unloved Ryabovitch is mistakenly kissed for the first time, his entire world is transformed. While he is thrown into a magical adventure, his relationship with his friend, the overconfident and cringe-worthy Lobitko, falls under threat. As the hot summer rolls on, and Ryabovitch becomes increasingly obsessed with his mysterious kisser. How far can their friendship be pushed?

A playful mix of physical comedy, music and storytelling, this show is lively and dynamic. Underscored to classic Russian waltz and creaky, old folk songs Ryabovitch's mystery kisser is slowly revealed in an expressionistic exploration of love, friendship, dancing dresses and masses of rose petals. This show is inventive both in its moving dialogue and its clever stage design.

This is the debut fringe show from **Rabbit's Head Theatre Company**. The company was started by three friends from Warwick University and they have a commitment to making exciting, visceral and beautiful theatre. **The Kiss** had a highly well-received run at the Hen and Chicken's theatre in London at Christmas 2018. Their second show, a production of Stuart Slade's 2016 play *BU21* was performed at Warwick University in June 2019.

Previous Reviews for **Rabbit's Head Theatre:**

**'Clever... a harrowing, yet fantastic, production by Rabbit's Head'**

*The Boar*

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**Listings Information**

Venue C aquila, Roman Eagle Lodge, 2 Johnston Terrace, venue 21  
 Dates 1-10 Aug  
 Time 16:55 (Ohr45)  
 Ticket prices £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50  
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