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**London Bubble's PLAY ON Festival celebrates 10 Years of
Bubble Young Theatre Makers**

It's been a decade since London Bubble's Young Theatre Makers programme first began. To celebrate this momentous anniversary, **PLAY ON Festival** takes place from Tuesday 16th November to Saturday 20th November next week. Jam-packed with FREE opportunities for 18-30* year olds to gain skills, build networks, take in some theatre and find out more about the inner workings of the industry; the festival represents everything that the Young Theatre programme stands for.

Young People's Programme Lead Marie Vickers said today:

"I can't believe it's been ten years. It went by so fast! Ten years of freeing young voices, opening industry doors, nurturing creative talent and launching theatre careers. We are so very proud of and impressed by each and every young person that has taken part."

Programmed exclusively by a company of Young Producers (mined from young theatre maker alumni) **PLAY ON** has something in it for everyone and boasts an exciting array of collaborating industry professionals. Included in the line-up is a masterclass with Philip d'Orleans on Stage Combat and a Poetry Workshop with Yomi Sode.

Of developing new writing alongside a young theatre maker, Yomi Sode said:

I'm thankful to be of support and I hope each story resonates with people in the same way it has with me."

The festival will culminate in a showcase of creative work on Saturday 20th November open to audiences of all ages 13+. This will include films produced by Young Theatre Makers during lockdown 2020 as well as thought-provoking new theatre devised and performed by talented 18-30 year olds.

Programme Producer Natalie Clarke said today:

"We are so excited to be able to celebrate the Young Theatre Makers programme in an actual theatre to an in-person audience after so long. This is a chance to bring people together and share a range of stories by young people. Everyone taking part has been working so hard on this event and we are all just buzzing."

All donations made at the festival will go towards running the Young Theatre Makers programme in 2022 and beyond. Here's to ten years more!

London Bubble Theatre Company has been animating spaces with community theatre for all, since 1972. Its Bubble Young Theatre Makers Training Programme has been asking young people what they think We Need to Act On for ten years.

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