

## **Listings**

Theatre by the Lake, Stephen Joseph Theatre and Octagon Theatre Bolton present

### **Home I'm Darling**

By Laura Wade

Directed by Liz Stevenson

Designed by Helen Coyston

Keswick: 6 – 30 October, for performance schedule see leaflet

Sweet peas in the garden; home-made lemon curd in the kitchen; conjugal joy in the bedroom. Judy and Johnny seem to be the perfect couple – sickeningly happy, in fact. But are they living the perfect life or a perfect lie?

Laura Wade's blistering comedy takes a timely scalpel to gender roles in modern Britain through the eyes of a 21st-century couple slowly discovering that nostalgia ain't what it used to be.

Home, I'm Darling played to sell-out houses on its National Theatre/Theatr Clwyd premiere in 2018 – this regional premiere is a co-production from a new partnership formed between Stephen Joseph Theatre, Bolton's Octagon Theatre and Theatre by the Lake.

Strong language

Theatre by the Lake and Pentabus present

### **Jacaranda**

By Lorna French

Directed by Elle While

Designed by Charlie Cridlan

Keswick: 4 – 13 November, for performance schedule see leaflet

'Sometimes it feels so exposing just walking in the village. I told Jimmy to ignore it at first, he tried to, but it's isolating he said, eyes on you, not a word spoken. Even when you meet their eyes they don't look away. Like they have a right to, like you're a spectacle, an object.'

Olivia has recently moved into her great uncle's farmhouse. She's not local, but she knows her way around. Matty is a gamekeeper, but he doesn't often tell anyone. He's wary of newcomers. These unlikely strangers find themselves beside a stream on the longest night of the year.

Theatre by the Lake and Pentabus present a brilliant new drama from award-winning playwright Lorna French which explores loss, love, prejudice, race and belonging.

*Descriptions of pregnancy and child loss*