

Spora Stories presents

PANDORA'S BOX

by Ade Solanke

Nominated
Best New Play
OffWestEnd Awards

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2014 Nigeria Prize
for Literature
Nigeria LNG

UK TOUR

Sept-Oct 2014

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Love Loyalty Betrayal

"Breathtakingly candid...another strong female presence" *The Guardian*

"All parents agonise about education. For Black and Diaspora parents, race and culture make the decision-making even more complex" *Diane Abbott MP*

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Written by Ade Solanke

Directed by Shade Oladiti

Co-produced by Jon Harris

After sell-out shows at Arcola in 2012, the award-winning tragicomedy about families, betrayal, choices and love, returns for a UK tour. Suitable for all the family.

"You think England is hard? Compared to Nigeria? My dear, you haven't seen anything yet!"

On holiday with her streetwise son in Lagos, a British-Nigerian mother is in turmoil. Should she leave her only child in a strict Lagos boarding school, or return him to the battlefields of inner London?

"There are no 'Black' people in Africa. Let him experience that for a change."

A family spanning three generations and two continents meet in Lagos for the first time in over thirty years. But the joy of reunion also unleashes long-suppressed truths. An exuberant and thought-provoking mix of comedy, tragedy and family drama, Pandora's Box reveals the heartbreak behind the difficult choices some parents must make - and the price their children pay.

Free family creative workshops & discussions about heritage and identity with Diane Abbott MP, Prof. Osita Okagbue (Goldsmiths, University of London) and Richard Taylor OBE (Damilola Taylor Trust).

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'Honest, simple ...
enthralling'
Public Reviews

'Firecracker theatre ...
touching ...hilarious'
The Stage

Tickets from £8.00

Fri 12th Sept - Liverpool, The Black-E
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Sat 13th Sept - Salford Quays, The Lowry
0843 208 6010 www.thelowry.com

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020 8807 6680 www.millfieldtheatre.co.uk

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**3 generations
2 continents
1 front room**



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