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Casting announced for *Offside*, coming to Theatre Royal Plymouth this month

Casting has been announced for *Offside*, a sporting theatrical triumph, which comes to Theatre Royal Plymouth as part of a UK tour, ahead of the 2022 Women's Euro Championship games. **The production is on in The Drum at Theatre Royal Plymouth from 29 June – 2 July 2022.**

This energetic, powerful production will feature **Elizabeth Hope** as Keeley/Lily. Elizabeth was a former Leeds United football player in her youth and an U15s and U17s player for England.

Also joining Elizabeth are **Charlotte Gosling** as Mickey/Emma, who comes fresh from a role in hugely popular BBC One series *Killing Eve* and **Amy Revell** who plays multiple roles and has a number of substantial theatre credits under her belt.

Set in 1892, 1992 and 2022, *Offside* follows four women who live, breathe and play football. Whilst each of them faces very different obstacles, the possibility that the beautiful game will change their lives - and the world - is tantalisingly close.

It is written by performance poet Hollie McNish (Ted Hughes Award for *Nobody Told Me*) and poet, playwright and performer Sabrina Mahfouz (Fringe First award for *Chef*). With punchy storytelling, lyrical poetry and dynamic physicality, *Offside* places the audiences right on the touchline of the game of a lifetime.

Caroline Bryant, director, said: *"I'm so happy to bring this play back at this time to give it a final farewell, eight years after starting the research. It's been a joyful production throughout its creation and touring."*



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“Women's football is growing in popularity, professionalism and profile which I truly celebrate.

“The women's game has political foundations and today's players can continue to build on previous generations' activism for equality. As a company, amplifying marginalised women and non-binary voices Offside is the perfect accompaniment to continue the quest for equity through the lens and power of football's rich traditions. So whether playing professionally, for fun or for the community football can bring come and support a company that continually strives for attitudes to change for women in sport and everywhere!”

Tickets for *Offside* can be booked via the [Theatre Royal Plymouth website](#).

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Brilliant and polished overlapping storytelling – Broadway Baby

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A particularly impressive feat – Morning Star

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An engaging, enthralling watch – whatsonstage

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Images can be downloaded here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzPo5u>

Watch the trailer here: https://youtube.com/watch?v=g-8DWvm_uSE

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Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

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