

PRESS RELEASE

Award-winning British play *Old Bridge* is coming to DeLaMar Theater directly after the World Premiere in London!

An epic tale of love during the wars in former Yugoslavia.

Amsterdam-based DeLaMar Theater has entered into a partnership with Sismo Stories & Performances, a company promoting freshly written plays and bringing high-quality theatre productions from the UK to the Netherlands. The award-winning play *Old Bridge* is the first production to travel to DeLaMar thanks to this collaboration. From 21 to 30 January 2022, the original British cast will perform this epic tale of love during the wars in former Yugoslavia, directly after its world premiere in London.

[Sismo Stories & Performances](#) is a new production company bringing thrilling productions of new plays from the UK to The Netherlands. Sismo believes in theatre that centers on the writers, showcasing stories from all walks of life that speak to the here and now. This piece will be a prime example of this approach, which UK theatre is famed for. The play won the 2020 Papatango New Writing Prize and feels particularly poignant right now, as governments continue to struggle with whether and how to intervene while people's lives near and far are ravaged by war.

Old Bridge is the Winner of the 2020 Papatango New Writing Prize, the UK's biggest annual playwriting award. Since being launched by Papatango, winners have gone on to win BAFTAs and Royal National Theatre Foundation awards, and work with the Royal Shakespeare Company, National Theatre, BBC and HBO.

DeLaMar Theater is really looking forward to welcoming the British play in Amsterdam. "I am very proud to be able to present this powerful production to our audiences", says Director Andreas Fleischmann. "With *Old Bridge*, we bring the latest that London theatre has to offer."

About *Old Bridge*

'One day all you care about is music, fashion, and boys. The next day there's no food. Piece by piece your world starts to change so you change with it.'

Mostar, Yugoslavia, 1988. Mili, a boy from out of town, dives from the famous Old Bridge. Mina, a local girl, watches. As he falls, she begins falling for him.

Mostar, Bosnia, 1992. In a town of growing divisions, Mina and Mili never doubt that their future lies together. But nor can they imagine the dangers that future will bring.

This love story is a bold, fresh, and contemporary take on real events. An epic story exploring the impact of a war that Europe mostly forgot and the love and loss of those who lived through it.

The performance will be in English.

'Five stunning central performances' - ★★★★★ The Upcoming

A striking debut about love, growing up and war' ★★★★★ Evening standard

'Turns recent history into startling truth' - ★★★★★ WhatsOnStage

'Powerful and moving' - ★★★★★ The Reviews Hub

Written by Igor Memic • Directed by Selma Dimitrijevic • Cast: Saffron Coomber, Rosie Gray, Dino Kelly, Emilio Iannucci, and Susan Lawson-Reynolds • Produced by Papatango Theatre Company in association with the Bush Theatre. Transferred to the Netherlands by Sismo Stories & Performances

Tickets for *Old Bridge* can be purchased from today via <https://delamar.nl/en/shows/old-bridge/> The Dutch premiere will take place on January 23.