

## ***Tinned Up***

Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 September  
A 53two and Manchester Actor's Platform production  
By Chris Hoyle  
Directed by Simon Naylor

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**Press Night: Tuesday 24 September, 7.30pm**

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Inspired by true stories of Salford streets affected by demolitions, the heart-warming, powerful and hilariously funny ***Tinned Up*** by Manchester playwright Chris Hoyle (*The Newspaper Boy*) will be presented on Oldham Coliseum Theatre's historic Main Stage as part of the Theatre's Main House Takeover, in a three-night run presented by 53two and Manchester Actor's Platform (MAP) Productions.

***Tinned Up*** follows the story of Shirley Parkin (Karen Henthorn) and her band of merry men and women. Shirley has lived at No.10 Brook Street all her life and has defied the council for years, refusing to move out of her modest two-up-two-down terrace. But now the clock is ticking; will she be forced to leave behind her memories and forget her past to make way for the developers? Joined by her foul-mouthed friend Beryl, unhappy single mother Joy, and Daz the local stoner, Shirley campaigns to keep the local area from the cold grasp of profit-hungry developers.

Writer Chris Hoyle and director Simon Naylor previously worked together on the critically acclaimed production of *The Newspaper Boy* at 53two as part of Queer Contact in 2018. They reunite for ***Tinned Up*** as 53two and MAP also fight to find themselves a new home in Greater Manchester.

**Director Simon Naylor commented:** *"As 53two is forced to move out of its home for a development, a play about being forced out of a home for development was an obvious choice! Tinned Up is fantastic - a beautiful piece of theatre from Chris Hoyle. I had the pleasure of directing The Newspaper Boy at 53two, which was also written by Chris, and this piece is just as good. Heartwarming, moving, powerful, relevant and hilariously funny - a classic Hoyle!"*

Oldham Coliseum Theatre's Main House Takeover brings the new and often daring work seen across the North West's independent theatre scene to Oldham's historic Main Stage. The 2019 Takeover also features a One Night-Special showcasing a double bill of the Coliseum's pick of this year's Greater Manchester Fringe Festival – ***Clouds*** by Time and Again Theatre Company and ***Men Chase Women Choose*** by People Zoo on Friday 27 September.

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### **Notes to Editor:**

***Tinned Up*** runs from Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 September 2019 at Oldham Coliseum Theatre.

Tickets can be booked on 0161 624 2829 or at [www.coliseum.org.uk](http://www.coliseum.org.uk)  
Link to production page: <http://www.coliseum.org.uk/plays/main-house-takeover-53two/>

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**Cast:**



**Karen Henthorn**  
*Shirley Parkin*

Further casting to be announced

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**Oldham Coliseum Theatre**

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The Coliseum has a rich history in Greater Manchester dating back to 1885. It provides a wide variety of distinctive theatre performances and participatory activities for people from all communities in Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond. It creates original productions each year which are presented at the Coliseum and on tour. Intrinsic to the town's on-going regeneration, the theatre works with its local communities and young people to develop creative programmes to facilitate learning, engagement and community cohesion.

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