

Press Release  
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## One Side Lies The Sea

20 March – 30 May 2020

A co-production with Theatre by the Lake

Co-Created by Jennifer Bell

### Pentabus Announces Full Cast & Their Spring 2020 Rural Tour Dates

Jennifer Bell and Harry Humberstone will tour *One Side Lies the Sea* nationally starting with a three week run at Theatre by the Lake before embarking on a five week tour across the country visiting seven English counties.

*'Standing out in the middle of the Solway it's a different world, it's a different place to be. It takes away all your life stresses. Thinking about the tides will take you away for days. It's like pressing the restart button.'* Mark, Haaf net fisherman

We've been on a journey around rural coastal Britain and we've met some astonishing people along the way - *One Side Lies the Sea* shares their stories. Tales of hope, laughter and loss, of seas and tides, of quotas and freedom. From Newlyn to Maryport, Silloth to Hornsea, *One Side Lies the Sea* is a musical journey through the brilliant communities that inhabit our coastline.

Director, Sophie Motley, said: *'We've met so many wonderful people who live beside the sea over the past two years, and we can't wait to share their stories with you. We all listen to the shipping forecast when we can't sleep, but some people live it.'*

#### Cast

Jennifer Bell

Harry Humberstone

#### Creative Team

Co-creator, Composer and Performer: Jennifer Bell

Director: Sophie Motley

Designer & Lighting: Stephen Dodd

Co-Composer: John Holmes

Dramaturg: Andrew Sterry

Movement Director: Vicki Igbokwe

AV Design: Tom Richmond

Filmmaker: Olive Lansdell

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## CAST

JENNIFER BELL | Co-creator, Composer and Performer

Jennifer Bell is a composer, producer and performer. She creates song portraits of people, often drawn from verbatim gathered from interviews. Her practice was the focus of Michael Rosen's BBC Radio 4's Word of Mouth in 2016, following her song tour of The Houses of Parliament. She specialises in close-harmony vocal compositions, which combine storytelling with the stylistic influences of folk and jazz. Jennifer works across performance genres, as well as making musical docu-dramas for BBC Radio 4. She collaborates in the UK and internationally with singers, live artists, writers, dancers, filmmakers, academics and theatre makers, and has performed or staged work at *Social Muscle Club* at *Sophiensaele* (Germany), *Mayfest* (UK) and *Seedworks* (USA).

HARRY HUMBERSTONE | Performer

Theatre includes: *Kirk Vs Ming* (Tobacco Factory); *Muppits Die Hard*, *Goldilock*, *Stock & Three Smoking Bears* (also Tobacco Factory/UK Tour); *Rocky: A Horror Show*, *Oedipuss In Boots* (Wardrobe Theatre Bristol); *Ablutions* (Bristol Old Vic/Soho Theatre); *In A Town* (Bristol Old Vic); *Mouthpiece* (Houses of Parliament); *Refrain* (UK Tour); *The Cherry Orchard* (Bristol Old Vic/Manchester Royal Exchange). Harry is a Co-director of theatre company Bad Vs Evil and also produces, devises and compères regular alternative drag/cabaret night, The Shade Pullers & Lash Stackers Social Club.

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### **Box Office Information**

Running Time: 70/80 mins plus an interval | Recommended for ages 12+

For Full booking details for all venues – [www.pentabus.co.uk](http://www.pentabus.co.uk)

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### **One Side Lies the Sea Tour Dates**

**PREVIEW** Friday 20 March | 7.30pm | Pentabus, Bromfield Old School | Shropshire

**PREVIEW** Saturday 21 March | 7.30pm | Pentabus, Bromfield Old School | Shropshire

**PREVIEW** Friday 27 March | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

**OPENING NIGHT** Saturday 28 March | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Monday 30 March | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

**PRESS NIGHT** Tuesday 31 March | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Wednesday 1 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Thursday 2 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Friday 3 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Saturday 4 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Monday 6 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria [Post Show Discussion]  
Tuesday 7 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Wednesday 8 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Thursday 9 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Friday 10 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Saturday 11 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Monday 13 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Tuesday 14 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Wednesday 15 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Thursday 16 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Friday 17 April | 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria  
Saturday 18 April | 2pm & 7.30pm | Theatre by the Lake, Keswick | Cumbria

Thursday 23 April | 7.30pm | Talbot Theatre, Whitchurch | Shropshire  
Friday 24 April | 7.30pm | Ludlow Assembly Rooms | Shropshire  
Saturday 25 April | 7.30pm | Leintwardine Centre | Herefordshire

Thursday 30 April | 7.30pm | Theatre Severn | Shropshire  
Friday 1 May | 7.30pm | SpArc, Bishops Castle | Shropshire  
Saturday 2 May | 7.30pm | Quatt Village Hall | Shropshire

Wednesday 13 May | 7.30pm | Broadbent Theatre, Wickenby | Lincolnshire  
Thursday 14 May | 7.30pm | Great Carlton Village Hall | Lincolnshire  
Friday 15 May | 7.30pm | Swayfield Village Hall | Lincolnshire  
Saturday 16 May | 8pm | Marton War Memorial Hall | Warwickshire  
Sunday 17 May | 7.30pm | Caistor Town Hall | Lincolnshire

Tuesday 19 May | 7pm | Silloth Lifeboat Station | Cumbria  
Saturday 23 May | 7.30pm | Kirkby Stephen Sports and Social Club | Cumbria  
Sunday 24 May | 7.30pm | Arnside Education Institute | Cumbria

Thursday 28 May | 7.30pm | Perranporth Memorial Hall | Cornwall  
Friday 29 May | 7.30pm | Hall for Gwinear | Cornwall  
Saturday 30 May | 7.30pm | Lustleigh Village Hall | Devon

*More dates to follow.*

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **About Pentabus:**

*'One of the most important theatre companies in the country, where it has led, other new writing theatres – such as the Royal Court – have followed'* The Telegraph

Pentabus is the nation's rural theatre company. We are the only professional theatre company in the UK whose vision is singularly rural. We tour new plays about the contemporary rural world to new

audiences in village halls, fields, festivals and theatres, telling stories with local relevance, plus national and international impact. We believe that every person living in an isolated rural community has a right to exceptional theatre. We are based on a farm in Shropshire, and to date all of our work has been made here. It then tours village halls and theatres locally and nationally. Over four and a half decades we've produced 171 new plays, reached over 550,000 audience members, won a prestigious South Bank Show award for our show about racism, a Fringe First for our play about climate change and were the first to live stream from a village hall. We have hosted a writer in residence since 2014 and they have gone on to be commissioned by the Royal Court, Birmingham Rep, Royal Welsh College, the Bush, Nottingham Playhouse and HighTide.

We are a champion for rural young people aged 16 to 25 and Pentabus Young Company is our new initiative offering workshops, masterclasses, work experience and mentorships, as well as the opportunity to join our Young Writers' Group, which has been running for five years. Previous participants of the Young Writers' Group have had their work presented at Ludlow Fringe, Latitude Festival and Hereford Courtyard. It is a springboard into further study and the arts industry, with over 50% of our Young Writers going on to be published and professional writers.

### **About Theatre by the Lake**

**Theatre by the Lake**, hailed by The Independent as 'the most beautifully located and friendly theatre in Britain', opened in 1999. It is a short stroll from Derwentwater on the edge of Keswick, amid the magnificent western fells of the Lake District, which has recently been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status. The theatre has two stages, a 400-seat Main House and 100-seat Studio, and presents up to nine of its own productions throughout the year as well as hosting a variety of festivals and visiting companies, playing to over 125,000 people per year. Led by Artistic Director Liz Stevenson and Executive Director James Cobbold, Theatre by the Lake is the only Arts Council funded producing theatre in Cumbria, generating a further £2.5m through sales and fundraising each year to support work onstage and the provision of inspiring community engagement programmes for people of all ages. For five years running it has been voted the Most Welcoming Theatre in the North West in the UK Theatre Awards. Theatre by the Lake (as Cumbria Theatre Trust) is a registered charity, number 516673.

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