

# 'The Point of No Return - In Conversation' Programme

## POST-SHOW PANEL DISCUSSIONS

### **Ukraine: Then and Now**

Thursday 30th April 2015 @ 21.45, New Diorama Theatre

- How did the rapidly developing events in Kiev 2013/14 directly impact the people across Ukraine?
- What is the legacy of the Euromaidan protests for the Ukrainian people today?

BeFrank Theatre Company, their Ukrainian partners Theatre na Zhukah, and academic guest speakers invite you to join a discussion about the effects of the Euromaidan protests and subsequent Ukrainian Revolution on both Ukraine and its European neighbours. Our panel will provide a unique perspective on the revolutionary events in Ukraine, one year on.

### **Silencing the People: Freedom of Expression in a Global Society**

Wednesday 6th May @ 21.45, New Diorama Theatre

- How important is freedom of speech to democracy?
- What form did censorship take in the Ukrainian revolution, and how is it applied in the UK today?

In response to recent global events, our society has witnessed increasing restrictions on freedom of expression. Join BeFrank Theatre Company in a vital evening of debate and discussion about the future of free speech in the UK, Ukraine and across the world; a subject which is increasingly pertinent in today's politicised climate.

### **Closer to Home: How Revolutions Across the World Affect Everyone**

Thursday 14th May @ 21.45, New Diorama Theatre

- How do we, and should we, influence revolutions across the world?
- Have the events in Kiev 2013/14 and beyond impacted people in Britain?

In the light of the Euromaidan protests and other significant uprisings such as the Arab Spring, our global relationships to revolutions are increasingly important. Although events such as these may seem remote and irrelevant to British society, viewed from the safety of our screens, our world has never been smaller. Social media has connected us in unforeseen and striking ways; ways which allow localised unrest to spiral quickly into national pools of violent uprising. Join BeFrank Theatre Company and guests to discuss Britain's responses and responsibilities to other countries across the globe.

### **Electing Europe: How Joining or Withdrawing will Impact the People**

Thursday 21st May @ 21.45, New Diorama Theatre

- Is European membership worth the fight, either for or against?
- What does European identity mean to the general public?

The Euromaidan conflict arose from the people's reaction to the Ukrainian Government's decision to turn their back on Europe. A year on, the country has taken its first decisive step towards EU membership. This month's UK General Election will not only decide our government for the next five years, but could well define Britain's relationship with Europe for the next generation as our political leaders reassess our participation with the EU. Just as we have seen Ukraine seek to establish its own identity, free of external influence, this talk will ask what the impact might be on the people if Britain decides to do the same.