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for the Radical Reprogramming of
delinquent minds.

Welcome to the RNC
Lead by founder, Maestro Lewis, and
hidden in the beautiful Hertfordshire
countryside, the RNC takes young minds
and transforms them into upstanding
members of the community ~ simply by
using the right notes...



LEAVING DRILL BEHIND

THIS IS NOT A

DRILL

A play written by
Jeremiah Towolawi
directed by Tristan
Fynn-Aidueni
Produced by Orisun
Productions



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This is Not a Drill

The play was commissioned & produced by Orisun Productions and written by Catford-based, British-Nigerian writer, Jeremiah Towolawi. A finalist in the Edinburgh Untapped Award in February 2020, it explores themes of freedom of expression, censorship, and challenges a widely promulgated myth that violent lyrics begets violence in our communities.

Set in the dystopian near future, where young black men are 'disappeared' from the endz and detained in state-sponsored re-programming centres,
This is Not a Drill
takes a look at the demonisation of drill music and asks: can music truly be blamed for violence on our streets?



Staff



Mogali Masuku MAESTRO LEWIS

Mogali Masuku is an actor and artist who has worked with the BBC, the RSC and the Globe.

She is thrilled to be working with Orísun on Jeremiah Towolawi's shattering new theatrical offering. A trained dancer and singer, she studied acting at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.



Edwin Nwachukwu Jr GUIDE YEMI / BOLA

Born in Nigeria & raised in London, England. Edwin Nwachukwu Jr began acting in his teens. He attended the renowned Anna Sher Theatre School. After studying a Medical research degree at University College London, he went on to study at Identity School of Acting & Rose Bruford College of Theatre. He is currently building his resume in Theatre, Film & Television.



Esther Ajumobi GUIDE TAIWO / FUNMI

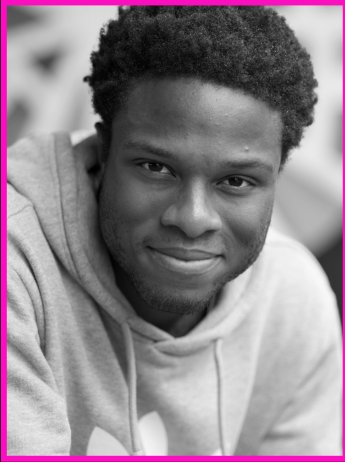
Esther Ajumobi trained at Identity Drama School and graduated at Brunel university with a BA in Modern drama studies.

She has previously performed in Sally Wyatt's *On the Borderline* (Directed by Clara Armand) at Hampstead Theatre and the West End's Bloomsbury Theatre.

This is Not a Drill is the second professional play that Esther has ever performed in.



Members



Patrick Bayele PABLO

Patrick Bayele is an actor, writer, director and poet. He trained at the Identity School of Acting and the Moscow Art Theatre School.

Alongside theatre and filmmaking, he is a facilitator of drama workshops for young people, and is a Youth Trustee of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.



Zakiyyah Deen JOY

Zakiyyah Deen is an actor and writer who has appeared in Steve McQueen's *Small Axe* and the BBC comedy *Enterprice*.

Additionally, she has written for The Guardian in collaboration with gal-dem magazine. She strives to tell stories and push boundaries in both the work she collaborates on and creates herself.



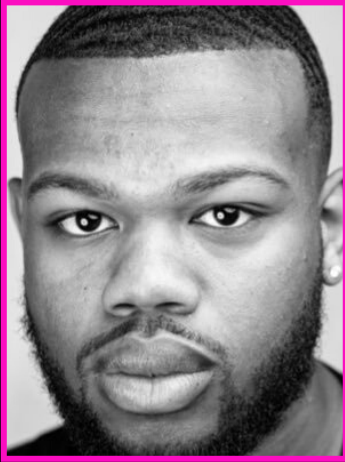
Valentine Olukoga ANDRÉ

Valentine Olukoga was awarded best actor in a leading role at the 2020 BBTA's and was nominated for the best newcomer in the BBC Audio Awards 2021.

Credits include *The Unforgotten* (ITV), *Enterprice* (BBC 3), *The Fishermen* (Trafalgar Studios), *Liberian Girl* (Royal Court), *Half of A Yellow Sun* (Radio 4).

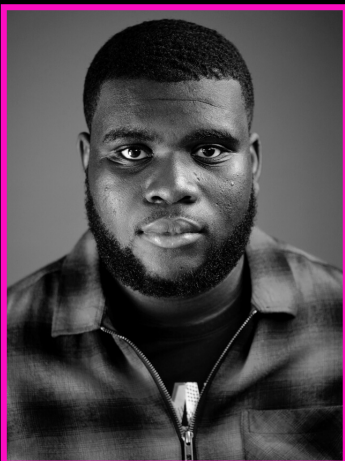


Members



Donnavan Yates ABIOLA

Donnavan Yates trained at the Inter-Mission Youth Theatre, a place for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Greater London. His stage credits include *Double Trouble* (2017), *Rise and Fall* (2018) and *Guilt Trip* (2018)



Caleb Adebisi TY

Caleb Adebisi is an actor with a wealth of experience on screen. He has featured in a number of short films including *Breadwinner* (2018), *Beat N' Delete* (2018) and *Kids* (2019). He also had a small role in Stephen Merchant's *Fighting With My Family* (2017)

On stage he has appeared in The Big House's *Bullet Tongue* (2018) as well as the initial development run of *This is Not a Drill* in 2020.



Crew

Shereener Browne	-	Executive Producer
Tobore Dafiaga	-	Co-Producer
Nathan Dampier	-	COVID Compliance
Tristan Fynn-Aiduenu	-	Director
Michael Kirkpatrick	-	Musical Consultant
Kieron Morris	-	Sound Designer
Luis Sabogal	-	Deputy Stage Manager
Shanice Sewell	-	Youth Facilitator
Jeremiah Towolawi	-	Writer / Asst. Director

Thank you to our Young
Participants for sharing their
truth

Sophia Archibald

Chloe Barriteau

MoZIAH De Roche

Iain Gordon

Rhamel Joseph-Ross

Louis Nicholson



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