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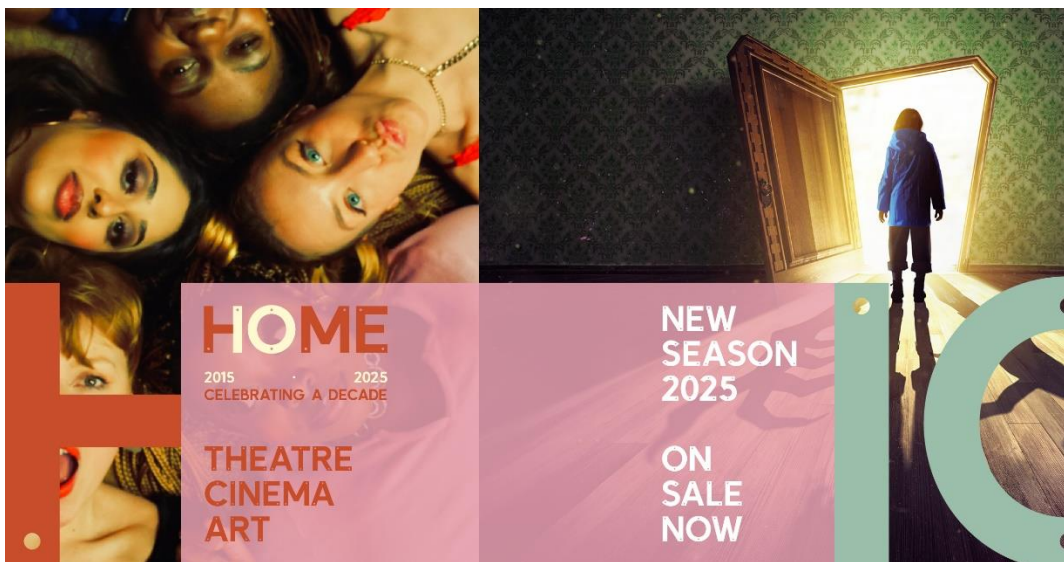
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HOME unveils an unforgettable new theatre season with global hits, heartfelt dramas, and bold new work



- The newly announced shows will take place across the 2025 theatre season at HOME which will run from Jan '25 – Jun '25.
- Upcoming performances and events include the hilarious and heart-warming drama **Kim's Convenience**, theatre legend Emma Rice's brand-new live adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's **North by Northwest**, the exhilarating, funny and provocative **Tambo and Bones**, **Coraline – A Musical** - a fantastically spooky new musical adapted from the beloved novel, **LOOKING FOR ME FRIEND: The Music of Victoria Wood** - a celebration of cherished comedy icon Victoria Wood, and Edinburgh Fringe favourite **FAMEHUNGRY**.

HOME is set to kick off 2025 with an electrifying theatre season, offering a diverse mix of world-class productions and exciting new work. Running from **Wed 8 Jan – Sat 7 Jun**, audiences can look forward to a thrilling line-up featuring a global smash hit, a riotously funny reimagining of a Hitchcock classic, and a fantastically spooky new musical based on an iconic novel. Plus, we're delighted to announce the return of **PUSH Festival**, HOME's annual celebration of North West creative talent.

HOME reaches a significant milestone in 2025, as the premier arts centre celebrates its 10-year anniversary. Since its opening in 2015, HOME has welcomed over 4 million visitors.

HOME's brand-new season launches with moving production **Mariupol Drama**, taking place between **Tue 14 Jan - Sat 18 Jan**. Directed by Ukraine artist Yevhen Tyshchuk, **Mariupol Drama** is a poignant testimony from actors who were sheltering inside the Donetsk Regional Drama Theatre in Mariupol, Ukraine during the tragic events of March 2022.

PUSH Festival takes place between **Fri 24 Jan – Sat 8 Feb**, showcasing boundary-pushing and inspiring new work from across the region. Taking over our stages, screens and spaces, this year's festival showcases over fifteen events, including **A-Hole by Nathaniel J Hall (work in progress) + Propel** – join Nathaniel as he shares a work-in-progress of his new show, delivered in his signature hilarious and heartfelt style, followed by *Propel*, a billing of top local LGBTQ+ talent from Dibby's Loud Cabaret strand, **Millennial Pink – Work in Progress by Girl Gang Manchester** – a brand-new piece of contemporary theatre exploring how 00's pop culture shaped millennial women's ideas around gender, sexuality and self-worth, and **Box of Tricks PlayMakers takeover** – bringing together Northern writers and theatre-makers to connect, collaborate and create in a series of workshops and mixers.

John Godber Company presents the gritty, emotional, and shocking **One Punch** by Jane Thornton and Martha Godber from **Wed 12 Feb – Sat 15 Feb**, telling the story of a good-night-gone-bad as two life-long friends embark on a night out in Hull with catastrophic consequences.

From **Tue 18 Feb – Thu 20 Feb**, families will be blown away by the world of Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company in a joyful retelling of the classic tale **The Three Little Pigs**.

Between **Thu 27 Feb and Fri 28 Feb**, experience the award-winning **FAMEHUNGRY** as we welcome acclaimed performance artist Louise Orwin to the stage. This Edinburgh Fringe favourite sees Orwin cosplay as a TikToker in a real-life experiment hunting for fame and fortune to consider whether performance art competes in the digital age.

On **Thu 6 Mar and Fri 7 Mar**, British stand-up comedian and writer Ivo Graham makes his debut at HOME as he invites audiences to the searingly direct, exquisitely sound-tracked story of his life in **Carousel: A Theatre Show by Ivo Graham**.

The House Party explores themes of class, power and privilege in this *bracingly relevant and searingly shocking* (WhatsOnStage) twist on August Strindberg's *Miss Julie* from **Tue 25 Mar – Sat 29 Mar**, as the late 19th-century drama is spun into intense, fizzing life for today's generation.

It's The Economy, Stupid! comes to HOME between **Thu 27 Mar and Fri 28 Mar** after its sold-out, critically acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Fringe. Based on a true story of a family caught up in the 90s recession, this bold new play reveals the humanity behind economics.

Acclaimed production **Tambo and Bones** takes place from **Tue 1 Apr – Sat 5 Apr**, as the award-winning darkly comic and provocative satire on capitalism and black performance explores the commodification of the black experience through the mediums of minstrelsy, hip-hop and afro-futurism.

Global hit **Kim's Convenience** arrives in Manchester for the very first time between **Tue 8 Apr – Sat 12 Apr**. Written by Ins Choi, this hilarious and heartwarming drama about a family-run Korean store inspired the Netflix TV phenomenon. This award-winning play, championing East Asian representation, remains a reflective and universal story that resonates with audiences from any culture.

Theatre legend Emma Rice takes on film legend Alfred Hitchcock in a riotously funny reworking of the iconic **North by Northwest** from **Tue 29 Apr – Sat 10 May**, turning the original thriller on its head. Join acclaimed company Wise Children for a night of glamour, romance, jeopardy, and a liberal sprinkling of tender truths.

Audiences are invited into the warped mirror world of **Imaginary Friends** between **Thu 1 May – Sat 3 May** as award-winning writer performer Daniel Bye brings his trademark brand of hilarious and mind-bending storytelling to the stage.

A fantastically spooky new musical arrives in Manchester from **Thu 15 May – Sat 7 Jun** as the renowned and much-loved **Coraline – A Musical** comes to HOME in this beautiful, brand-new production directed by James Brining and adapted by acclaimed writer Zinnie Harris.

HER Productions remount their acclaimed and hugely popular rendition of one of Shakespeare's most polarizing comedies **The Taming of the "Shrew"** between **Tue 27 May – Sat 31 May**.

For one night only, audiences can look forward to an engaging conversation with author, scholar and meditation master Lama Jampa Thaye in **Navigating Spirituality in an Age of Doubt** on **Wed 8 Jan**, an eruptive night of live dance music as **Mr Wilson's Second Liners present Blowout** on **Thu 27 Feb**, an unforgettable night of stand-up as comedian Clayton Jones presents a host of national legends and freshest new talent in **House of Comedy** on **Fri 23 May**, and a celebration of cherished comedy icon Victoria Wood as Paulus The Cabaret Geek stars in **LOOKING FOR ME FRIEND: The Music of Victoria Wood** on **Thu 5 Jun**.

Karen O'Neill, CEO of HOME, comments: *"This season at HOME is a celebration of the power of storytelling in all its forms—bold, moving, and joyfully inventive. As we mark our 10-year anniversary in 2025, we're thrilled to present audiences with an unforgettable line-up that will leave a lasting impression and ignite meaningful conversations."*

Tickets for our new season went on sale to HOME Friends from Thu 14 Nov, and HOME Members on Thu 21 Nov, with tickets on general sale from Mon 25 Nov.

Full details of the season can be found online here: <https://homemcr.org/theatre/>

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Event listings for HOME 2025 theatre season:

THEATRE 1:

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Kim's Convenience

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North by Northwest

Tue 29 Apr – Sat 10 May

Coraline – A Musical

Thu 15 May – Sat 7 Jun

Mark Watson: Before It Overtakes Us

Thu 16 Oct

Freaky Friday

Thu 27 Nov – Wed 31 Dec

THEATRE 2:

This Kind of Black

Tue 18 Feb – Sat 22 Feb

FAMEHUNGRY

Thu 27 Feb – Fri 28 Feb

Carousel: A Theatre Show by Ivo Graham

Thu 6 Mar – Fri 7 Mar

It's The Economy, Stupid!

Thu 27 Mar - Fri 28 Mar

Derek Mitchell: Double Dutch

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Fri 23 May

The Taming of the “Shrew”

Tue 27 May – Sat 31 May

LOOKING FOR ME FRIEND: The Music of Victoria Wood

Thu 5 Jun – Fri 6 Jun (additional date added)

PUSH Festival 2025:

LUCKY TONIGHT!

Fri 24 Jan – Sat 25 Jan

PlayMakers Takeover 2025

Sat 25 Jan

PlayMakers Culture Café 2025

Sat 25 Jan

PlayMakers Accelerate Showcase

Sat 25 Jan

PlayMakers Blood Beats Social

Sat 25 Jan

PlayMakers Off Stage: Physical Play Workshop

Sat 25 Jan

Bad Science

Mon 27 Jan – Tue 28 Jan

What is Love to a Goddess – Work in Progress

Tue 28 Jan – Wed 29 Jan

Dementia Street

Wed 29 Jan – Thu 30 Jan

Unhinged

Thu 30 Jan – Fri 31 Jan

Millennial Pink – Work in Progress

Fri 31 Jan – Sat 1 Feb

Spit That Out 2025: North-West Artist Film Programme

Sat 1 Feb

Motherkind

Sat 1 Feb

Documentary 101 with Northern Heart

Sun 2 Feb

111 More Time

Mon 3 Feb

The Sustainable Travel Agency – Work in Progress

Mon 3 Feb – Sat 8 Feb

A Divine Comedy – Work in Progress

Tue 4 Feb – Wed 5 Feb

Saloon in Bloom with Night People

Wed 5 Feb – Thu 6 Feb

Four Dholis and a Divorce – Work in Progress

Fri 7 Feb – Sat 8 Feb

A-Hole by Nathaniel J Hall (Work in Progress) + Propel

Sat 8 Feb

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