

TRYST TO TOUR NEW LOCKERBIE PLAY

FALKIRK'S Tryst Theatre has arranged four more performances of a controversial new play. Tryst will perform "The Lockerbie Bomber" by Kenneth N. Ross at Stirling's MacRobert Playhouse Theatre next month.

Director Alan Clark explained: "We performed the play only once in May in Falkirk Town Hall, and that was it. But afterwards we had lots of great feedback and one review saying we should do it again. The cast was keen to do more performances but we felt if we waited for opportunities to come to us, we might wait long enough.

"So the MacRobert Playhouse Theatre has been booked for two nights and we'll do two performances on both nights. It's being produced by The Nugget Theatre Company which has been formed as an *ad hoc* touring ensemble of Tryst to allow us to reach a wider audience with the play."

The six characters are played by Tryst stalwarts Jim Allan, Alan Clark, Carol Clark, Rhona Law, Craig Murray and Brian Paterson.

The bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie killed 270 people and was the worst terrorist atrocity in the UK. The play is set in the present day and looks at the bombing from three different perspectives – the victims' families, journalists investigating the case, and the UK and US security services engaged in covering up what happened.

The drama, which explores this veil of secrecy, links Grangemouth, Greenock, Glasgow and Guantanamo Bay in the gritty and fast-moving 75-minute piece.

"Twenty-four years on, Lockerbie still looms large over Scotland and there are unanswered questions over what happened that night and who is ultimately responsible for two hundred and seventy deaths. As one of the characters says: "A few people, high up in the US and UK Governments, know exactly what happened, but they're never going to tell us,"" said Alan. Tryst Chairman Frank Murray said: "Tryst members are looking forward to their first appearance in MacRobert's Playhouse Theatre after a successful premiere in Falkirk earlier this year. It is very much a thought-provoking production."

"The Lockerbie Bomber" is on at The MacRobert Playhouse Theatre, University of Stirling, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September at 7.00pm and 9.00pm both nights. Tickets, £10 and £9 (concessions), from the macrobert Box Office on 01786 466666 or at www.macrobert.org Our picture shows Brian Paterson, Carol Clark and Jim Allan in a scene from the play.

A link to a review of the May show. <http://lockerbiecase.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/review-by-vronsky-of-lockerbie-bomber.html>
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